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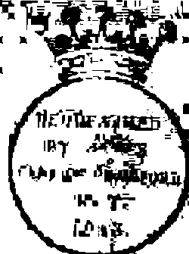
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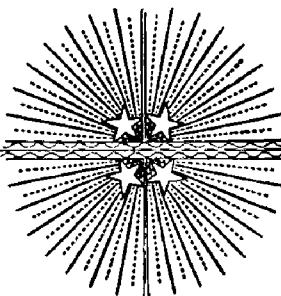
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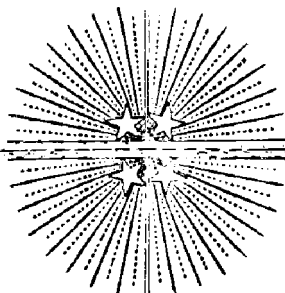
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THE annual report of the Birmingham Philatelic Society has been issued, and it is an extraordinary record of rapid and well-deserved advancement. It will prove a veritable eye-opener to many who peruse it, showing, as it does, that the Birmingham Society has now reached the foremost rank among its kind, and, indeed, left almost all other competitors far in the rear. Space prevents us giving anything which even approaches a comprehensive description of the facts therein laid before the philatelic public—anyone desirous of such must obtain the book for themselves from MR. JOHNSON, while we shall only call attention to one or two salient points. The report starts with a list of members on October 1st, 1896, and this list contains the names of one hundred and fifty-six philatelists—ninety-six of whom reside in the British Isles and sixty abroad. The membership of the Society on the same day of 1892 was 26, of 1893 was 45, of 1894 was 77, and of 1896 was 156—thus more than doubling itself in the last twelve-months, while the elections subsequent to publication of the report and the nominations already in hand bring the number well towards two hundred—a collection which includes the flower of philately at home and abroad—for hardly a name of any note is missing. The next point of importance is the Exchange packet. The advance here is more extraordinary still—nay, is actually startling. The figures are only complete as far as June, for the later packets are still in circulation. During the first six months of last year £1,370 4s. 5½d. was the total gross value of the packets sent out, and of this amount £297 11s. 9d. was kept by members. During the first six months of 1896, sheets to the value of £12,161 17s. 1½d. were cir-

culated, and stamps to the value of £2,300 were kept by members—the increase being about eightfold upon the amounts of last year. These figures are remarkable but strictly accurate, and the report sets forth five good reasons for the extraordinary success of the packets.

There are many more items embodied in the report of interest alike to member and stranger, but we shall only be able to refer to one more. The committee have made an arrangement to provide still further benefit for members by enabling them to receive current philatelic literature at a considerable reduction. *The Philatelic Chronicle*, of course, is the official journal and is sent to every member, but arrangements have been made with the proprietors of seven other magazines to supply them at a cost considerably below the ordinary rate, and members can get back their yearly subscription by the saving effected in this direction alone. Many other benefits are offered to members, duly set forth in the report, and the best thing a philatelist can do at the present time is to join the B.P.S. To the Society we offer our warmest congratulations upon its success, and more especially do we offer them to the energetic and indefatigable honorary secretary—MR. G. JOHNSON—to whose efforts so much of this success is due.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—All the new issue is now out and the provisionals exhausted. The Zanzibar provisionals are still obtainable.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. C. A. Cole, of Colechester, writes informing us of a ONE SHILLING Cape of Good Hope stamp surcharged **BRITISH—SOUTH AFRICA**. Mr. Cole received a copy on October 5th from Buluwayo.

BRITISH LEVANT.—Mr. E. W. Hounsom sends us the current 10d. English overprinted in black, "4 Piastres."

CANADA.—Mr. B. Baker, of Montreal, has sent us three distinct shades of the 8 cent Canada stamp. The first two are shades of the slate and the third the recent mauve.

8c. slate.
8c. slate blue.
8c. mauve.

CYPRUS.—The number of stamps issued of each value in the series now obsolete was as follows:—

30 paras, mauve	.. ..	187,920
½ piastre, green	.. ..	3,039,840
1 ,, carmine	.. ..	424,800
2 ,, blue..	.. ..	983,700
4 ,, olive green..	.. ..	90,000
6 ,, grey black ..	.. ..	54,000
12 ,, orange brown	.. ..	19,000

JOHORE.—Messrs. Turner and Co., Haddington, have sent us the new set issued for this State. The design is identical with the previous type except that the old rajah's head is superseded by a portrait representation of his young successor, perf. 14.

1c. green. 4c. green and red.
2c. green and blue. 5c. green and orange.
3c. green and mauve. 6c. green and yellow.
1 dollar, mauve and green.

MAURITIUS.—New values are expected from this island owing to the change of postal rate.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—A new value 15c. is said to have been issued here.

15c. green and mauve.

SEYCHELLES.—Four kinds of provisionals have been chronicled by several of our contemporaries. Of these, two only were issued on August 1st, these using up the stock of 45 cent stamps, the stock of 30 cent envelopes has also been overprinted 18 cents. These provisionals have been made to meet the new rates of postage. It may interest our readers to know that eight minutes after the Post-office was opened on August 1st an enterprising Chinaman bought up the whole stock of 36 cents.

18 CENTS overprinted on 45c., 1893 issue.
8 CENTS ,, 45c., variety.
18 CEN ,, 45c. ,,
18 CENT ,, 45c. ,,
36 CENTS ,, 45c.

TASMANIA.—It is said that the 9d. blue is now printed on paper watermarked **TAS** wide.

TRINIDAD.—Besides the values we announced a month ago there are three more of the new type in a large upright rectangle, similar in size to the top values of Bechuanaland.

5 shillings, green and vermilion.
 10 " " blue.
 £1 green and red.

TURK'S ISLANDS.—We hear rumours of changes and additions in this colony.

ZANZIBAR.—The *P. J. G. B.* chronicles the following surcharged "ZANZIBAR."

2½a. in red on 2a. black and blue (India).
 2¾a. red and blue (B.E.A.)
 5a. black and bistre (B.E.A.)

POSTCARDS.

ABYSSINIA.—Philatelists have evinced a good deal of interest in the new postcards just manufactured in France for the subjects of Menelik, the ruler of Abyssinia. In one corner of the card is the stamp with a portrait of Menelik, whose head is crowned with a tiara. It is encircled with the inscription, "Menelik Ethiopæ Imp. Rex." In one of the other corners of the card is pictured the lion of Ethiopia.

HONG KONG.—It is reported that the reply cards have been divided and surcharged 4c.—the word REPLY being obliterated by a heavy bar.
 4c. i. red and 3c. brown.

PORTUGAL.—Postcards and letter-cards with current type stamp have been issued.

Postcards—20r. lilac on buff.
 20r. + 20r. " "
 30r. brown on buff.
 30r. + 30r. " "
 Letter-cards—25r. green on buff.
 50r. blue on bluish.

SEYCHELLES.—The 30c. envelope has been overprinted 18c.

18c. on 30c.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THOSE collectors of English who have Morley's catalogue—and there should be few who have not—will be aware that in the 9d., watermark "spray," there are two sizes of the plate numeral 4 to be found. The difference is not great, but it certainly exists, and probably may be found in both the "straw" and "bistre" shades. Having been closely comparing some copies of this stamp, I find another point of difference which has not, so far as I know, been previously chronicled, viz., that on a stamp having the smaller numeral, I find that the 8-rayed stars in upper circles are also distinctly smaller,

having shorter and thinner rays. Possibly this variety may exist in company with the larger figure also.

I was somewhat elated over my discovery of "twins," in the shape of doubly impressed 1d. envelopes, as reported in our July number, but now I may take a back seat, for "triplets" have appeared: Mr. Morley informs me he has seen an envelope impressed with three 1d. stamps.

From the same source I learn that the current 6d. has the "Jubilee line" surrounding each pane: probably this will interest but few collectors, and I think with the majority that after the control letters of the ½d. and 1d. have had due attention, the further marginal varieties are of little interest or importance.

I have before me the current stamp list of the "Army and Navy Co-operative Society, Ltd.," of 105, Victoria Street, Westminster, S.W. The society evidently does a big trade in stamps, their "Department No. 18" consisting of "books, music, and stamps." The stamp list is issued three or four times a year, and the present one, dated August, is a comprehensive book of over 70 pages. The society shows its up-to-dateness in catering for present demands by quoting a larger number of varieties of unused English than they have hitherto done, and I give below a few prices, which will be interesting, coming from so recent a publication:—

(All unused unless otherwise stated).

	s.	d.
1/- oct., slightly stained, but O.G.	80 0
½d., plate 9, pair (used)	15 0
3d., " 10, pair	40 0
3d., " 17	9 0
4d., " 17 (garter)	18 0
4d., " 17 " (pair)	45 0
4d., " 18, crown, strip of 3	22 6
6d. grey, plate 18, crown, block of 4	28 0
8d. orange, imperf. "specimen"	20 0
1/- green, plate 6	18 6
1/- salmon, plate 14	6 0
10/- Maltese Cross (used)	17/-	to 22 6
10/- grey, anchor, unused "specimen"	160 0
20/- green (postally used)	6 0
£5 (postally used)	75 0
1/- "I.R. Official," 1885, used	25 0

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

EVERYBODY seems on the move just now—at least all the dealers do—or, stay, perhaps it is only those who advertise with us that find their businesses getting too big for their premises, and then the migrations come home to us more, so to speak.

Anyhow, the latest are Messrs. A. Smith and Son, who remove from Bath to London, 37, Essex Street, Strand, to be exact, and Mr. W. Ridout, who leaves his old address at 90, Strand, for Sunbury-on-Thames, where he will carry on his business as heretofore, only more so.

Messrs. A. Smith and Son signalize their change by publishing a remarkably neat little book descriptive of their famous "Rowland Hill" packet. Since the catalogue published in 1881, and unsurpassed to this day as a price list, whatever publications this firm has set its hand to is sure to be attractive and good, and the little book we mention is no exception. As regards ourselves we do not particularly want the packets, but we do find a considerable value in the book, and recommend our readers to send 6d. for it. They will not be disappointed.

We mentioned some time ago Mr. Howe's migration to Trafalgar Buildings, Charing Cross, but we repeat the information as it may have been overlooked. Mr. Howe has published an addition to his general price list, containing a fine list of obsolete stamps which he offers at cheap rates. Mr. Howe will send this upon receipt of name and address.

On September 12th was held the annual parade of Birmingham cyclists, for the purpose of a collection in aid of the local hospitals. Among the quaint costumes was one which excited general notice—being a cyclist wearing a tall comical hat. The coat, knickerbockers and hat were covered with the Bovril advertisements—a greatly enlarged pair of stamps, the current penny and half-penny, in their natural colours. The cyclist was Mr. J. A. Margoschis, of Margoschis Bros., Birmingham, and he proudly carried a banner containing that information over his head. While combining business, charity and pleasure to a happy degree, Mr. Margoschis is to be congratulated upon his effort to at least remind the public that philately is a practical factor in present-day life.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

BY PERCY T. DEAKIN.

1896. OLYMPIAN GAMES ISSUE.

I suppose the list will not be complete without making a mention of the issue that was put before the public in May of this year, during the time of the Olympian Games at Athens. They have certainly done duty on letters and packages, both at home and abroad, and are still doing so. The designs and printing are French and the perforation 14x13½. I believe they have up to the present only appeared in one colour for each value.

- 1 lepton, bistrc. Design, the Wrestlers.
- 2 lepta, rose. Design, the Wrestlers.
- 5 ,, pale violet Design, the Discobolus or (disk thrower).
- 10 ,, dull greenish gray. Same design.
- 20 ,, dull red, a large upright stamp, with the design of the Athenian vase.
- 40 ,, purple. Design like the 20l.
- 25 ,, carmine Design, a winged Victory driving a chariot.
- 60 ,, dark slate grey. Same design.
- 1 drachma, blue. Design, the ruins of the old Athenian theatre.
- 2 ,, bistre. Statue of Hermes and the infant Dionysius.
- 5 ,, blue green. Winged Victory holding the laurel wreath.
- 10 ,, pale red brown. Temples of the Acropolis at Athens.

NOTE.—There are some dangerous forgeries of the Athens prints of the 1889-91 issue which have passed through the post office. I have only seen the 20 lepta, rose, perf. 114. The chief differences that distinguish the forgeries from the genuine stamps are as follows: The shading of the face ends in a sharp point on the cheek bone, the back line of the neck is more curved outwards at the lower end, the Greek fretwork pattern at the sides of the frame are not so squarely done, and the eye, although closely imitated in line, hardly has the same expression, the stamps are rather more clearly printed than the genuine, but are very clever and close imitations.

(Owing to pressure on space part of *The Stamps of Greece and Mr. Webb's Notes on English Stamps* are unavoidably left over till next issue.)

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

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

Oct. 1. Annual General Business Meeting.

The above officers were unanimously elected for the ensuing year.

The accounts, shewing a balance of £19 11s. 5½d. in favour of the Society, were audited, approved and adopted.

The election of the following members was confirmed:—Messrs. J. Ferroni (Rep. of Colombia), R. Osborne (Spain), C. Dascalakis (Greece), D. Benjamin (China), H. Cunningham (London), E. G. Cullin (Straits), H. A. Hatton (Natal), P. Kohl (Germany), C. McNaughtan (London), J. N. Coumenos (Greece), Dr. jur. C. S. Socolis, (Greece).

The following were then unanimously elected members:—Messrs. M. Giwelb (London), C. Whitfield King (Ipswich), T. H. R. Crowle (London), Wilmot Corfield (India), J. H. Lewes (India), W. Salisbury (Birmingham), J. R. Smeaton (Birmingham), W. J. Austin (Natal), Guybon Hutson (Glasgow), F. J. Cade (Cheltenham), Mrs. Eaden (Birmingham), Miss A. Benson (Bath).

One application was refused, and several postponed through want of time to examine them.

The annexed programme was approved:—

1896. Oct. 15. Presidential Address—Mr. W. T. Wilson.

Nov. 5. Display, "Ceylon."

Nov. 19. Paper, "South Australian Officials," Mr. G. Johnson.

Dec. 3. Display, "South Australia."

Dec. 17. Display, "United States."

1897. Jan. 7. Paper, "Cape of Good Hope," Mr. G. Johnson.

Jan. 21. Display, "Postal Curiosities."

Feb. 4. Display, "Trinidad."

Feb. 18. Paper, "Mexico," Mr. W. T. Wilson.

March 4. Paper, "Used Stamps, and why I prefer to collect them," followed by a Display of his collection of West Indies, Mr. R. Hollick.

March 18. Paper, "Barbados," Mr. W. Pimm.

April 1. Paper, "Austria and Hungary," Mr. V. Lundblad.

May 6. Philatelic Display, Mr. W. B. Avery.

May 20. Paper, "Roumania," Mr. H. Edelmuller.

Oct. 7., 1897. Annual General Business Meeting.

The Report of the past Session, with Rules, balance sheets, etc., is now ready for distribution, and the Hon. Sec. will be pleased to send a copy on application if such is received early. For although we have printed 4,000, we can only send them to selected names from our lists.

List of Members from Oct. 1, 1895, to Oct. 1, 1896.

The Numbers correspond with those on their Membership Cards.

1 C. A. Smith-Ryland	12 C. J. Phillips (Hon.)
2 G. Johnson	13 J. Campbell
3 C. A. Stephenson	14 R. Peake
4 G. Bridgman	15 T. Birch
5 T. D. Dutton	16 W. T. Wilson
6 F. F. Erapson	17 W. Pimm
7 D. Ostara	18 E. C. Cooke
8 W. J. Colley	19 A. J. Foster
9 H. Le Cronier	20 D. Davis
10 R. T. Stevens	21 H. R. Bewlay
11 S. Lindhé	22 C. F. Tanner

23 J. E. Sparrow	82 A. Levy
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25 Miss J. Weston	84 P. Kiderlen
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27 R. Hollick	86 Dr. R. H. Anachoreta
28 H. L. Ewen	87 W. W. Worthington
29 H. Clark	88 A. S. Weiler
30 V. Lundblad	89 M. de Troostemburgh
31 T. Kidpath	90 T. P. Dorman
32 M. Z. Kuttner	91 C. G. Taylor
33 J. Winch	92 R. Sneath
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49 C. W. Kissinger	108 R. F. Albrecht
50 R. Hughes	109 J. A. Schiedt
51 R. H. Hunter	110 C. Fendelow
52 P. Robertson	111 C. Dascalakis
53 Dr. G. H. Hart	112 A. Norman
54 C. Manby	113 B. Oxehufvud
55 C. W. S. Kynnersley	114 C. H. Grell
56 W. G. Hawkins	115 A. K. Aftandiloff
57 F. A. Wickhart	116 Lieut. T. E. Madden
58 W. A. Woolley	117 H. C. R. Bell
59 P. T. Deakin	118 J. H. Parry
60 F. Seyde	119 J. M. Moses
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62 T. W. Goonewardene	121 A. Hogan
63 P. de la Tournière	122 Mrs. Simpson
64 E. F. Broderip	123 Major G. S. Lowe
65 Mrs. L. Rondel	124 Capt. C. L. Norris
66 W. Morley	[Newman
67 H. Hilckes	125 H. Edelmuller
68 F. J. Crick	126 F. E. Wilson
69 C. T. Boyton	127 A. E. Griffiths
70 E. Slinger	128 Sir E. Sullivan, Bart.
71 W. Vibert	129 Scheindling
72 W. G. Ward	130 W. A. Riley
73 T. J. Rowland	131 Major W. F. Anstey
74 Saml. Epstein	132 W. Leigh
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77 F. W. Heusinger	135 L. S. Charlick
78 T. D. Hume	136 J. de Le Retord
79 W. R. Joynt	137 W. A. Walker
80 F. G. Bepler	138 J. P. Way
81 P. Fabri	139 T. Torrabadella

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142 R. H. Ridout	151 H. Cunningham
143 C. Forbes	152 H. A. Hatton
144 G. Samarakoon	153 C. McNaughtan
145 H. N. Flewker	154 P. Kohl
146 M. P. Castle	155 Dr. jur. C. S. Socolis
147 J. Ferroni	156 J. N. Coumenos
148 R. Osborne	

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

Owing to a printer's mistake in our Report given in a contemporary periodical, the names of the Committee and the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer for the ensuing year were incorrectly given. This has caused them and myself considerable annoyance and entailed much extra correspondence. Will all take note that the list at the head of this month's report herewith is the correct one for the ensuing year; that the Hon. Sec. and Treasurer were unanimously re-elected and will be pleased to receive as good sheets as usual for the November packets, which will be very fine ones.

Yours faithfully,

G. JOHNSON,

Hon. Sec. & Treas. of the B.P.S. (1896-7).

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—As few members failed to send good contributions last month, the September packets contained selections worthy of inspection by members of all grades. Their value in the aggregate was upwards of £1,830. An important modification of the rules will date from October, when cash settlements will be made monthly instead of quarterly, as heretofore. Intending members can obtain full information, rules, etc., on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE NOVA SCOTIA AFFAIR.

THE question that has been most prominently before philatelists during the past few weeks is that of the NOVA SCOTIA remainders. A lot has been said about them, and more left unsaid which should have been expounded. A conspiracy of silence was kept by the parties in the best position to set the philatelic mind at rest, and the stamp-collecting public have vainly looked for guidance in the direction where information should be found. If those who could have thrown light on the matter chose to let the public grope in the dark, they must not be surprised should a tinge of suspicion be cast over them and their future influence somewhat lose its weight.

Hard things, too, have been said about the huge profit made by certain firms out of the transaction, but this is beyond the question—if a business man

charge his customers six or eight hundred per cent. profit which they perforce must accept or stay without the commodity, it is his own look out. Monopolies are always unpopular, and he goes into the matter with his eyes open. He best knows the value of his own reputation, and how far his supporters can be played with; but when the business man is also the leader of thought in his particular line it behoves him to take those of own special cult into his confidence, at least to some extent, if he attach the slightest importance to their respect.

It was announced at first that 200,000 sets of these stamps, without the 5 cent. value, had been bought by the monopolists at face value, i.e., one shilling and threepence or thereabouts per set. This, according to latest information, is incorrect, except as regards the price paid. The number of stamps was 200,000 divided as follows:—

On white paper, 1 cent.	.. ..	52,000
" " 2 cents.	.. ..	54,000
" " 10 cents.	.. ..	28,000
On yellow paper, 8½ cents.	.. ..	54,000
" " 12½ cents.	.. ..	12,000

There were thus only twelve thousand complete sets, and what are they among so many. We have not the slightest doubt that the full sets will be worth 30/- ere long, and even now we hear of them being bought by speculators at upwards of 20/- per set. The 8½ cents is the most common among the remainders, but there are blanks in many thousands of albums to be filled up, and the people who bought this stamp at 20.- and upwards cannot afford to let it run loose, hence we think that this value will get very near its old figure again before long. In fact, at current rates we distinctly recommend these stamps to our readers as an investment, believing that they will steadily advance in price—unless another "find" is made, and that is a well-nigh impossible contingency. We give this advice to our readers in good faith. Our information has come from abroad, but we have faith in its accuracy and wish to allay the natural uneasiness of those who are still hesitating about embarking in what we consider a good and safe investment.

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NOVA SCOTIA REMAINDERS.

GENUINE STAMPS.—MINT CONDITION.—ORIGINAL GUM.

	Catalogue Value.			Our lowest prices.	
	Gibbons.	Bright.	Scott.	1 set.	4 sets.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Sets of 3.—1, 2, 8½ cents, 1860-64	39 0	49 6	54 0	7 6	29 0
„ 4.—1, 2, 8½, 10 cents	45 0	58 0	62 0	10 0	36 0
„ 5.—1, 2, 8½, 10, 12½ cents	52 6	66 6	70 0	13 6	48 0
Or ,—4 each 1, 2, 8½ cents					
„ —2 only 10 cents					
„ —1 only 12½ cents					
	35/=				
			2 lots £3 8 0.		
			4 lots £6 10 0.		
			8 lots £12 10 0.		

NOTICE.—Stamps can be had in Pairs and Blocks.

Remittance must accompany all orders, which will be despatched by return of post, registered, free.

SPECIAL CHEAP LINES.

PACKETS.—200 European, all different, 10d.; 50 African, 10d.; 50 Asia, 10d.; 50 West Indian, 10d.; 50 Australian, 10d.; 50 North American, 10d.; 50 South American, 10d.; 50 Colonials, 10d.; 100 Colonials, 3/-; 50 Spain, 1/4; 40 Italy, 1/6; 40 Austria, 1/6.

The above packets are recommended for starting a collection or for completing sets.

SETS.—3 Chili Telegraphs, 4d.; 5 Guatemala, bird, 10d.; 4 Guatemala, head, 1875, 9d.; 5 Ecuador Fiscals, 4d.; 4 Labuan (Queen's head), 2, 6, 8, 10c., 8d.; 4 Tonga, 1/5; 6 Servia, 5d.; 4 Paraguay, 8d., unused 9d.; 7 Bolivia, 11d.; 5 Sarawak, 1/-; 8 Sarawak, 3/3; 5 Slam, used, 8d.; 6 ditto, 10d.; 7 Transvaal, 3/2; 4 Holkar, unused, 10d.; 10 Sweden, 3d.; 20 Cuba, 1/4; set of 6 New Jobore, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6c., 1/3.

VARIETY PACKETS.	50 varieties, all different, 1/- for 12 packets;	3/- for 50;	5/- for 100	500 varieties, all different, 5/-, 2 packets for 8/-
	100 " " 2/- " " 7/- " 50; 12/6 " 100	1000 " " 18/6, 2 " " 32/-		
	200 " " 5/- " " 17/6 " 50; 33/- " 100			
	250 " " 10/- " " 35/- " 50			<i>No reprints, fiscals or locals in these packets.</i>

No. 1. We shall have a few DEALER'S PARCELS left, containing:—
 1,000 Continentals, 8d.; 50 small envelopes for making packets, 6d. ... 1/2
 6 blank approval sheets with instructions printed ... -/3
 2 dozen stamps to sell at 3d., 6d.; 1 doz. to sell at 1d., 5d.; 1,000 mounts, 6d. ... 1/5
 100 fine Spain, 9d.; 100 Austrian Bills, 1/- ... 1/9
 clear at 3/- each parcel. **4/7**

No. 2.
 2,000 superior Continentals, 1/4; 50 small envelopes for packets, 6d. ... 1/10
 100 fine Spain, about 20 sorts, 9d.; 100 Austrian Bills, mixed, 1/-; 100 Columbus 2c., 6d. ... 2/3
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3- " " " C " 12 ...	—	—	—	20
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1d. lilac, white paper, anchor & cable, 15x15½ ...	2	6	2	6
1d. lilac, blue, ditto	2	6	2	6
3d. " blue, ditto	—	—	—	25
6d. " anchor and cable, 15x15½ ...	20	0	10	0
1d. lilac, white paper, anchor, 16 mms., 15x15½ ...	2	6	—	0
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3d. " white ditto	15	0	—	4
6d. " ditto	25	0	—	1
1d. " ditto, anchor, 18 mms., 15x15½ ...	3	6	6	6
1d. lilac, blue paper, ditto	3	6	—	2
3d. " white paper, ditto	10	0	—	4
6d. " " ditto	5	0	—	0
6d. " " ditto perf. 14 ...	100	0	—	10
3d. " blue paper, anchor, 20 mms., perf. 14 ...	40	0	—	1
6d. lilac, ditto	20	0	—	1
1d. " network corners, perf. 14 ...	5	0	5	0
1d. " small corner ornaments, wmk anchor ...	0	9	0	6
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" " 3 " 	1 0	7 6
" " 5 " 	1 6	12 0
* Bulgaria, provisional, 1 on 2 stot.	0 3	1 6
Cape of Good Hope, 1/- (anchor)	0 6	4 0
" " 5/- orange	4 0	32 0
Fiji, 1d., 2d.	1 2	8 6
Gold Coast, 2½d.	0 10	6 0
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Great Britain, 2/6	2 0	16 0
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Guatemala, 6 cents	0 8	4 0
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* " " 10 " brown	7 6	7 6
* " " 12 " black	9 0	9 0
* " " 18 " rose	13 6	13 6
Hayti, 1, 2, 5 cents, assorted	1 0	7 6
Japan, Silver Wedding, 2 sens	0 6	3 6
Labuan, 1892, engraved 6c. green	3 0	22 6
" " 1894, 1 cent	0 5	3 0
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Mexico, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c. assort'd	0 6	3 9
Montenegro, 1894, 1 nov., blue	0 3	1 9
* Nicaragua, 1869, 1 cent	0 6	4 0
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* " " 2 " 	0 10	6 0
New South Wales, 3d.	1 0	6 6
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Russian Levant, 10 kopecks	0 9	5 0

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Selangor, 3 on 5 cents, rose, used ..	1 6	11 6
* Sirmoor, elephant, 3 pics	0 6	3 0
" " " " " 	0 10	5 6
* Tonga Provl., 2½d. on 1 - green	4 0	30 0
United States, Columbus, 4 cents	1 3	10 0
" " 8 " 	2 9	20 0
" " Sherman, 8c. old type	1 6	12 0

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Borneo, old type, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents	8 0
" " 25, 50 cents	15 0
" " 25, 50 cents, 1, 2 dollars	48 0
" " 5 and 10 dollars	1 set 12 115 0
" " 1894, used, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	8 0
" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	21 0
* Bechuanaland, obsolete, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 1/-	45 0
Cochin, ½, 1, 2 putans	4 6
* East Africa, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8 annas, 1 rupee	37 0
* " " ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, 8 annas, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 rupees	180 0
Guatemala, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, 75, 100, 150, 200	66 0
* Greek, 1896, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 cents	12 0
Holkar, ¼, ½, 1, 2 annas, used	6 0
* Japan, 1896, head, 2, 5 sens.	3 6
Liberia, 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
Labuan, 1892, engraved, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40 used	42 0
" " 1894, used, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	8 0
" " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	24 0
* New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 17 cents	15 0
* Nova Scotia, 1, 2, 8½ cents	30 0
* Nicaragua, 1869, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 cents	6 6
* Nicaragua, 1878, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25	7 6
Queensland, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 1-, 5	16 6
* Sarawak, 1895, 2, 4, 6, 8	9 0
* Seychelles, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16	15 0
Sirmoor, Rajah, 3, 6 pies, 1, 2 annas, used	7 0
" " " " 3, 6 " 1, 2 " service used	7 0
" " " " 1895, 3, 6 " 1, 2 " used	7 0
* " " " " 3, 6 " 1, 2 " unused	5 6
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CHRONICLE.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Mr. Leresche has received a copy of the I.B.E.A. Coy.'s 3 anna, written across in ink $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, and initialled by postmaster, postally used.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna on 3 anna, MSS. surcharge.

JAPAN.—Messrs. G. Sender & Co., Tokio, Japan, have sent us specimens of the memorial set of stamps in honour of the two Japanese Princes who died during the late war—H.I.H. Prince Arisgawa died at Hiroshima from typhoid fever, and H.I.H. Prince Kitashirakawa, who died at Formosa from malarial fever.

2 sens, red, two varieties.

5 sens, blue, two varieties.

SIERRA LEONE.—There is now a new issue of the Grenada type in use.

1d. black and carmine.

2d. " orange.

2½d. " olive.

3d. " grey.

1/- green and black.

ST. HELENA.—Mr. W. Ditchfield informs us that several changes are in progress among the stamps of this island. The 2½d. black on blue is obsolete and another type, similar to the 6c. British Honduras has taken its place. Another correspondent sends us information of other varieties of the new issue.

1d. rose.

5d. violet.

2d. yellow.

10d. brown.

2½ blue.

TOBAGO.—M. J. A. Galbraith informs us that the 1/- orange, 1896 stamp was only on issue two days. About 360 only were issued and then the Government recalled the stamp, for what reason he does not state.

1/- orange.

ZANZIBAR.—Mr. C. A. Cole writes us under date Nov. 4th, 1896. Kindly chronicle the following received yesterday:—"Zanzibar. Additional value surcharged 'Zanzibar' 1 anna black and carmine (B.E.A.)."

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE list of officially-issued penny embossed envelopes in Messrs. Gibbons' last catalogue is much in advance of anything attempted in previous editions of their own or any other general catalogue, but it must not be taken to be anywhere near completeness. If as long a stride forward is taken in their next edition, we may see such a reference list of this most interesting branch as shall be worthy of its deserving and increasing vogue, especially if the pricing of each variety is more amply carried out. Here are some varieties I know of, which are not at present listed: (a) Die I.—or, as I prefer to say,—Type I., die No. 104, date '63, size A2, on white laid, with tongue flap and seal; (b) Type I., die 95, date '61, size B, on azure wove, flap and seal as last. This and the preceding have the stamp well embossed in bright, full colour, and the lettering is very distinct: (c) Type I., die 106, date '65, same paper and size as last, but impression in dull colour and lettering somewhat blurred and indistinct. The seal of this variety is *cracked* across in two directions. The foregoing three would fall between Gibbons' Nos. 463 and 464. As a minor variety of 464, it may be noted that impressions from a *broken* die exist (die 150, date '70), with a piece missing from outer line of frame opposite the G in "POSTAGE."

Of course, to appreciate the full charm of stamped envelopes, they should be collected *entire*, in fact, this is a *sine qua non* where official issues are concerned, as the varieties of size, shape and seal are all-important. There is no very strong argument in favour of keeping all the stamped-to-order envelopes entire, but still to my mind, if properly arranged they look better so, and are almost invariably worth more in that state, whether used or unused.

Not the least interesting event to collectors of English this month is the appearance of the fifth edition of Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen's catalogue. Having, by the kindness of the publisher, seen an early copy, I have no hesitation in saying that to the specialist in English stamps it is indispensable; and especially so to those who are putting a comprehensive collection of English into one album, as it gives complete lists of all kinds of stamps—not going into any distinctions relating purely to *entires*. A collector possessing this work will have no excuse for errors in arranging his collection, either of classification or chronology. The pricing displays great judgment, especially with regard to plate numbers, the undue inflation of some of which has been very apparent in most of the lists published during the last few years. The price of the book (2/6) is low, considering the

wide range and minute detail of its information. Mr. Ewen has removed from Swanage to 32, Palace Square, Norwood.

So the 10d. has really come out at last with the overprint of "4 piastres." I remember it to have been reported in that state two or three years since, but that must have been either a false alarm or a false *impression*—which?

What's wrong with the man or machine, or both, that makes 1d. embossed envelopes? This is the third time I have had to notice their vagaries, and it must be the last, or we shall have errors *ad nauseum*. Mr. R. Tyeth Stevens (Vice-President of the Plymouth Philatelic Society) has kindly sent me for inspection a specimen of size "A" which has (in addition to the normal stamp) *three* other perfect impressions, and parts of two more overlapping. All these five accidental impressions are inverted. The envelope passed the post in Feb. last, and, needless to say, presents a grotesque appearance.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

I AM told that one of the special postcards issued by the French Government and distributed free in Paris on the occasion of the visit of the Czar to that city, has been received in Birmingham. It bore a communication to a Birmingham gentleman from a friend in the French capital. The postcard is a very interesting one, and its issue is only another instance of the extraordinary enthusiasm aroused by the visit of the Russian monarch. On the top left hand corner of the card is a small portrait of the Czar, and in the opposite corner a photo of President Faure, whilst in the centre are the Russian and French arms with the word "*paix*" printed between them. Underneath is printed "Paris, 6 Octobre, 1896." I was rather surprised to be informed that although proper postage had been paid upon the postcard, the British officials had made an extra charge of 3d., because printed matter, other than the address, appeared upon the address side. If this is really true, it would be hard to beat as an example of official red tapeism.

Why should not the 8-cent registration stamp of Canada be worth more than its present listed price? The total number printed was but 125,000, but upon an order issued by the postmaster-general in 1878, all of the supply then on hand, numbering 75,000, was destroyed. This was done because the rate was changed and the 8-cent could no longer be put to use. As a consequence, 50,000 specimens represent the sum total of the emission. Now nearly 20 years have elapsed since the remainders were destroyed, and one can readily see that their worth is far above catalogue.

Says the *Philatelic Record*: There is quite a serious epidemic of "Secret Dots." It broke out first in a somewhat virulent form in a fortnightly paper, published for the dissemination of brotherly love, then it crossed the herring-pond, from thence it travelled to the far East, re-appearing in the shape of discoveries of secret dots in Brazilians, and now it returns to this country in the form of discoveries in Chilians. By-and-bye, we shall ask of every stamp, where is the secret dot?

The most complete philatelic library in the world is owned by Mr. Tiffany, of St. Louis, United States. The library contains 50,000 different numbers and its owner subscribes to every known stamp paper.

A Postal Romance.—The discovery of a number of mislaid newspapers at the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand, has recalled a story of a lost letter which went its rounds about forty years ago. A man who had fought at Waterloo bought his discharge immediately after the conclusion of the war, started business in London, and wrote to his sweetheart asking her to come at once and marry him. This letter was forced between the defective masonry and the woodwork of a postal-box. The woman, putting a false construction on her lover's silence, married somebody else, and the man, thinking he was jilted, remained single. In the middle of the fifties, the box referred to was removed, the letter found, and sent to its destination. Its recipient was alive and hearty, and had been a widow for years. She replied, and her long lost sweetheart, who had never changed his address, was startled to thus receive news from the love of his youth. Marriage between the long separated pair fitly concluded this romance of a lost letter.

Have you all made arrangements to see the *Advertiser* of Dec. 5th. If not—why not? Send in your advertisements if you want any and your sixpences for 12 issues if you don't. What puzzles me is why the paper is not in a state of hopeless bankruptcy. A subscriber only pays for the postage to begin with. Then he has an advertisement of 24 words, twelve books and twelve wrappers given in. It certainly must be the quantity that pays, like the old woman's apples.

One of my collector friends has sent me the following as his impression." "History informs us that it was in the year 1855 that Victoria, queen of Great Britain, first used garters, they being then of small size. During the next year, she used the medium size, but in the following year (1857), she was obliged to use the large size. Lest there might be some misapprehension, it might be well to state the garters were watermarks and were used on the fourpenny postage stamps."

Mr. R. S. Gray is "going it" again, this time it is a great prize scheme—1,000 prizes being given away to his customers during the remainder of the year. The first prize is an Imperial album, value £5, and the lowest value prize is worth 1s. Every competitor gets a prize—there are no blanks in this. I was so pleased with the Waterloo packet No. 2, that I am certainly going in for the prize competition—go and do likewise!

Appropos of the above there are offered for prizes copies of "Scuff's" Improved Illustrated Album. Who, s Scuff? Can this be an irreverent printer's way of describing the great Senf?

ARTHUR RAE: Since 1884.—P.E.P.: See advertisement in this issue.—C. JAMES (London): If you will read your *Advertiser* carefully you will see that 6d. covers both subscription and advertisement.—G. E. ADSON: The Oldenburg is undoubtedly forged—the rest probably genuine.

THE STAMPS OF GREECE.

BY PERCY T. DEAKIN.

REFERENCE LIST.

1861. PARIS PRINTS, *without numerals*.

- 1 lept., dark chocolate on cream.
- 1 " dark red brown on cream.
- 2 " olive brown on pale straw.
- 2 " yellow brown on dark straw.
- 5 " emerald green on green.
- 10 " orange red on greenish blue.
- 20 " blue on bluish.
- 40 " violet on greenish blue.
- 80 " rose red on cream.
- 80 " carmine on cream.

With large numerals.

- 10 " orange red on greenish blue.

1862. EARLY ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals*.

- 1 lept., dark chocolate on cream.
- 2 " olive brown on straw.

With numerals.

- 5 " dull green on greenish (Type I).
- 10 " dull orange on pale blue.
- 20 " pale blue on bluish.
- 40 " pale violet on greenish blue.
- 80 " dark rose on cream (rose numerals).
- 80 " " " (vermilion numerals).

1862-76. LATER ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals*

- 1 lept., grey brown on cream.
- 1 " ochre yellow on cream.
- 1 " red brown on cream.
- 1 " black brown on cream.
- 1 " (1864) pale red brown on cream.

- 1 lept., brown on cream.
- 2 " yellow ochre on cream.
- 2 " ochre brown on cream.

With numerals.

- 5 lepta, dark green (greenish) Type I.
- 5 " pale green (greenish) Type I
- 5 " green (greenish) Type II.
- 10 " orange on greenish blue.
- 10 " orange on green.
- 10 " scarlet orange on greenish blue.
- 10 " scarlet orange on lilac grey.
- 10 " orange on deep blue.
- 10 " scarlet orange on deep blue.
- 20 " blue on bluish.
- 20 " blue on sea green.
- 20 " dull dark blue on grey blue.
- 20 " pale blue on grey blue.
- 20 " pale blue (Paris) on grey blue.
- 20 " dark blue (Paris) on grey blue.
- 40 " violet on greenish blue.
- 40 " red violet on greenish blue.
- 40 " brown violet on greenish blue.
- 40 " dull violet on deep blue.
- 40 " pale lilac on green.
- 50 " brown violet on deep blue.
- 40 " olive on deep blue.
- 40 " yellow green on deep blue.
- 40 " bistre on deep blue.
- 40 " claret on pale blue.
- 40 " brownish claret on pale blue.
- 40 " claret on deep blue.
- 40 " brownish claret on deep blue.
- 40 " "Solferino" (rose to orange) on sea green (numerals in claret).
- 80 " carmine on cream.
- 80 " rose on cream.

Unofficial perforations (1862-76).

Machine perf. Pin perf.
Serrated perf. Rouletted.

1876. ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals*.

- 1 lept., bright red brown on toned.
- 1 " red brown on toned.

With numerals

- 5 " bright green on toned.
- 5 " yellow green on toned.
- 10 " orange on toned.
- 10 " orange on yellow buff
- 10 " orange red on toned.
- 20 " dark ultramarine on toned.
- 20 " deep bright blue on toned
- 20 " indigo blue on toned.
- 20 " pale purplish blue on toned
- 20 " dull blue on toned
- 40 " flesh (yellowish) on toned
- 40 " flesh (pinkish) on toned.
- 80 " bright carmine on toned.

1876. PARIS PRINTS, *without numerals.*

30 lept., olive brown on pale straw.

60 ,, dark green on green.

1876. ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals.*

30 lept., red brown on toned.

30 ,, black brown on toned.

30 ,, red brown on buff.

30 ,, grey brown on buff.

60 ,, dark green on buff.

1877. ATHENS PRINT, *with numerals.*

20 lept., indigo on dark blue.

1878. ATHENS PRINT, *without numerals.*

10 lept., orange red on toned.

1879. ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals.*

1 lept., dark red brown on yellow buff.

1 ,, grey brown on yellowish.

5 ,, green on toned.

5 ,, yellow green on toned.

10 ,, orange on toned.

10 ,, pale orange on toned.

10 ,, golden orange on toned.

20 ,, ultramarine on toned.

40 ,, pale violet on toned.

40 ,, deep violet on toned.

80 ,, carmine (doubtful issue).

1881-86. ATHENS PRINTS, *without numerals.*

1 lept., bright red brown on toned.

1 ,, grey brown on toned.

2 ,, reddish ochre on toned.

2 ,, pale drab on toned.

20 ,, deep carmine on toned.

20 ,, bright carmine on white wove.

20 ,, carmine red on toned.

20 ,, rose pink on white wove.

30 ,, deep bright blue on toned.

30 ,, pale dull blue on toned.

30 ,, deep dull blue on toned.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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

Oct 5 *Presidential address*

Messrs. T. Locyer (Birmingham) and J. Brubach (Sheffield) were elected members.

A vote of thanks was given to Mr. P. Kohl for a bound copy of his "Catalogue of the Stamps of Europe."

The regulations for carrying on the Inter-Society Exchange with the Barbados Philatelic Society were unanimously approved.

Mr. W. T. Wilson then gave a most interesting and instructive Address on Philately and the Society in general, especially touching on what to collect and what to avoid in shades and colours.

Nov. 5. Display, "Stamps of Ceylon."

The following were unanimously elected members:

—Messrs. C. F. Larmour (India), I. Knaster (Cambridge), G. H. Callf (Sussex), W. H. Maunder (Surrey), T. W. Peck (Birmingham), R. Kronman (Denmark), W. F. Harvie (London), G. Gelli (Belgium), H. F. Lowe (London), H. Buckley (Norway), H. Tebbitt (France), P. C. Bishop (London), W. J. Pattison (Newcastle-on-Tyne), U. Mangold (Germany), T. S. Parkinson (Newcastle-on-Tyne), J. A. Margoschis (Birmingham), F. J. Buckler (Birmingham).

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Wilmot Corfield for Vols. I and II. of the *Philatelic World* (bound).

It was decided to purchase a "suggestion book," in which any member may enter his suggestions and difficulties on any Philatelic subject. These will be answered by the Committee, or discussed at the next meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer was requested to complete the file of the *London Philatelist* by purchasing Vol II.

Then followed the display of "Ceylon" Most of the rare varieties were shown in profusion, many of the pence issues being handed round in large blocks, the imperfs in pairs and strips.

In connection with the above the Hon. Secretary desires to warn members against a recent fake which he has not seen mentioned in any paper. Some time since part of a proof sheet of the first issue 6d. on blue paper was found. It has no wmk., but some copies have had a star impressed in the gum. This simple expedient, combined with the irregular transparency of the centre of the stamp, and the similarity of the colour to the original 6d. on blue, has already deceived several fairly advanced collectors who have not given themselves sufficient time to examine the stamps carefully.

The November Exchange Packets have established another record, having easily beaten our own record of April last, when we circulated £3,026 1s. 2d. The totals for November were:—

Packet "A" (mixed)	£1,351	6	3½
" "B" (colonial)	1,617	0	1
" "C" (foreign)	458	4	4½

£3,426 10 9

The subjects for Dec. 3 and Jan. 21 on Programme have been transposed.

On Dec. 3rd the Display will be "Postal Curiosities."
 ,, Jan. 21st ,, ,, "South Australia."

THE INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXCHANGE.—This flourishing Society, although only a few months old, already numbers over eighty members. Mr. Lyall is to be congratulated upon the manner he has conducted the Society in order to obtain these desirable results. Rules from A. E. C. Lyall, 73, Loanhead Terrace, Aberdeen.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY—SESSION 1896-7.—President, Capt. G. H. W. Stockdale, R.E.; Vice-President, R. Tyeth Stevens; Exchange Secretary, H. Tucker, junr.; Treasurer and Hon. Secretary, W. J. W. Miller; Committee, E. Millman, W. E. Harvey, F. A. Cocks, R.N. The first ordinary meeting of the sixth session was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, Oct. 7th, at 7.30 p.m. In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair. The Hon. Secretary read letters from the following members tending their respective resignations, viz.:—Mrs. Mayne, the Very Rev. Monsgr. Bickerstaff-Drew, Miss Fowler, and Mr. E. Honeysett. All the resignations were accepted with regret. The Hon. Secretary also read a letter from Mr. A. E. L. Westaway, in which he accepted with thanks the honorary membership conferred on him at the previous meeting. A discussion then took place as to whether the displays held by the Society should be opened at an earlier hour than 7 p.m. It was decided that this arrangement should, if possible, be carried out at the next display of stamps. Mr. W. A. Walker, of Garfield House, Stoke, Devonport, was unanimously elected an ordinary member of the Society. The second ordinary meeting was held at the Society's Rooms, 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, October 21st, at 7.30 p.m. There were seven members and one visitor present—Mr. Mayne in the chair. Dr. M. H. Bulteel, of Dumford Street, Stonehouse, and Mr. W. Pryor, of 9, Westwell Street, Plymouth, were unanimously elected ordinary members of the Society. W. J. W. Miller, Hon. Sec., 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

NORTH-WESTERN STAMP EXCHANGE.—The November packet containing ten sheets valued £50 14s. 10d. was sent off 5th inst. Responsible collectors and dealers invited to join. For rules, &c., write to J. R. Leresche, 2, Mapesbury Road, Brondesbury, London, N.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The packets are showing a steady improvement now the season has commenced. The following are nominated for membership:—F. W. Service (Sunderland), E. Parry (Pontypridd), S. B. Glazebrook (Newark), W. C. Ward (Jersey), W. J. Ricks (Crowthorne), J. Atkinson (Birmingham), H. R. Harmer (London). Rules, &c., from the Secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Two "A" and two "B" packets were made up and despatched in good time on the October circuit. These four packets contained very valuable and interesting contributions at reasonable prices, and it is expected that sales will be above the average. From October cash settlements will be MONTHLY instead of QUARTERLY as heretofore. Several new members have been enrolled lately; any collectors desirous of joining can receive full information, copy of rules, &c., on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

NOTICES.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS will issue a new edition (the eleventh) of their catalogue at the end of the year. Again there will be a new departure, and the 1897 catalogue promises to be a more useful work than even its predecessor. It will be issued in three parts: Part I. containing the adhesive stamps of Great Britain and Colonies; Part II. containing the adhesive stamps of all other countries; Part III. containing entires only—envelopes, post cards, wrappers, &c. Part I. will probably be ready in January, and we shall probably have more to say about it later on.

Another new book about to see the light of day is "Postage Stamps and their Collection," by O. Firth, published under the auspices of Mr. L. Upcot Gill and the "Bazaar." The name of Mr. Gill is quite sufficient guarantee of its merit, and it will no doubt be a most valuable book for Philatelists.

Still the migrations go on. This time it is away from London. The well-known firm of Smyth & Co. have now removed to Boscombe, the pretty suburb of Bournemouth, whither correspondence must be addressed.

The interesting issues of British South-East and Central Africa are in everybody's mind just now. As we mentioned once before, Mr. Cole, Ferndale, Colchester, has such intimate business relations with these parts that he is able to supply every variety.

For the ninth time Mr. C. H. Nunn has issued his valuable "Directory of Stamp Dealers." The price is merely nominal (5d. post free), and the book contains a very large amount of useful information, independent of the large and comprehensive list of stamp dealers.

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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."

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" " 10 " brown	7 6	
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Japan, Silver Wedding, 2 sens	0 6	3 6
Labuan, 1892, engraved 6c. green	3 0	22 6
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" " 2 "	0 9	5 3
" " 3 "	1 0	7 6
" " 5 "	1 6	12 0
* Mauritius, 3 cents, mauve	0 9	5 0
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Montenegro, 1894, 1 nov., 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
New South Wales, 3d.	1 0	6 6
" " 5d.	2 9	22 6
" " 1/-	0 10	6 6
Peru, 1895, assorted	0 9	5 0
" " 1896,	0 8	4 3
Roumania, 1891, 50 bani	0 8	4 6
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Holkar, 1/2, 1, 2 annas, used	6 0
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Liberia, 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents	20 0
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CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The fiscal-postals are bogus.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—The 3d. blue has been surcharged ½d. The varieties of type are innumerable.

SIERRA LEONE.—The new series is augmented by

2/- green and ultramarine.
5/- green and carmine.
£1 brown on red.

ST. HELENA.—The whole stock of remainders are coming to London to be sold. There are none of the twopenny value among them.

TOBAGO.—Last month we stated on the authority of Mr. Galbraith that only 360 of the error 1/- were issued. Since then we have heard of thousands being in London.

TRANSVAAL.—Of the new series have been issued
1d. olive and green. 5/- slate.
6d. mauve and green. 10/- brown.

TRINIDAD.—Mr. Hollick has heard authoritatively that all the remainders have been burnt.

ZANZIBAR.—The Indian stamps surcharged "Zanzibar" are still in use, and the latest arrivals point to a new setting of the surcharging type.

POSTCARDS, &c.

HOLLAND.—We have seen the new letter-card issued about a month ago with Queen's head at the left.

3c. green on greenish.
5c. blue on bluish.
12½ rose on rose.

ST. HELENA.—The island can now boast of a postcard.

1d. carmine on buff.
1d. + 1d. " "

UNITED STATES.—Our old friend, Mr. Roger Wilson, has sent us a copy of the United States 2c. envelope on brown with broken E. Mr. Wilson has looked over hundreds of the envelopes but has only found the error on the brown envelope and never on the white, blue or amber.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

○ YE collectors who have resolved for yourselves the status of "Colonial English," here's another problem for you. An English reply ½d. card

was sent to Gibraltar, with an English ½d. stamp to make up the 1d. postage on front half: but on the reply, a Gibraltar halfpenny was placed, and the combination duly franked the reply to England. Should that card go into a collection of English, or of Gibraltar?

Of the making of many catalogues, truly there is no end. And can any country rival old England in the variety of publications devoted exclusively to its own stamps? And not only that, but we now have separate divisions of home-grown philately claiming their own particular catalogues. Mr. W. Morley's latest is a revised list of Government-issued stamped postal stationery;—a very small booklet for 6d., but containing clear and copious reference lists of the various envelopes, cards, wrappers, &c., which could have been diluted by more detailed descriptions, so as to look bigger for the money. Registered envelopes occupy 8½ pages out of the 20, so full justice is done to them, and—in my humble opinion—more than justice to many of the prices: but Mr. Morley is generally good at telling us what things are *going* to be worth, and that's what everyone wants to know. I am still unconvinced that the (patent interchangeable) adhesive labels on backs of reg. envelopes have any philatelic interest. This catalogue is the first to recognise the important variety in our letter-cards, which though it occurred in 1892, has remained almost unnoticed until recently. I find that "certificates of posting" are not included: they constitute a Government issue, do they not? Probably this was due to an oversight.

Mr. H. Clark, of Angmering, Worthing, tells me he has found a 6d. telegraph form, having *five* dots only in each "fret." Hitherto I had only seen or heard of this article with the nine-dot frets, though both may be met with on the envelopes bearing this short-lived variety of the embossed sixpenny stamp.

Probably not every collector of "entires" has yet made clear to himself the distinction between types I. and II. of the undated halfpenny wrapper stamps. Like differing types of many other things philatelic, this is a puzzling matter at first, but the difficulty vanishes when the eye has accustomed itself to the points of difference. I make these to be four in number in this case, viz:—(a)—(this first, as most easily seen). In type II. the outer of the two circles round the head is further from the line under value, giving the appearance of a rather broad band of white round the medallion: whereas in type I. the three lines are more nearly equi-distant. (b) Two corresponding scrolls in the arabesque work above value, are in solid colour in type I., but in *outline* in type II. the thick strokes of the F and first N point exactly to these ornaments in both types. (c) Slight differences are to be seen in the treatment of the three conventional roses which fill the circles originally occupied

by date numerals. (d) In type I. the ribbons at back of neck have a wavy shading, whilst in type II., besides being not nearly so distinct, the ribbons have no wavy appearance.

For comparison, take any green undated wrapper, and the brown one with 4 lines of inscription: you will then infallibly have the two types before you.

Type II. appeared about 1888, and may therefore be found on wrappers having the 5-line formula. Type I. in brown is becoming scarce as an official issue, but it has been in constant use for stamped-to-order wrappers until within the present year. I now notice that recently—printed private issues bear type II. The first type is much the better engraved throughout.

Penny embossed letter-sheets don't at present take much room in the catalogues, only three varieties being generally recognised. But more exist, as I have them on azure wove paper (no thread) dated 25 : 2 : 60, and also on white paper dated 12 : 2 : 80. I know the latter to be of a private nature, but from the appearance and paper of the former, I think it may be official. Its size is 8 × 10in., and when folded in half the stamp corresponds exactly in position with those on the 1841 sheets, which is not the case with my 1880 variety. I shall be glad to hear from anyone who can throw further light on this subject.

I have just received from the publisher a copy of Mr. H. Ewen's "Album for British Stamps." The first 1,000 copies of this handsome work are being given free to every bona-fide collector (present or prospective) sending him 6d. for postage. It is a really generous gift, the printing, paper and binding being of first-class quality, and the appearance neat and pleasing. 374 stamps are provided for, whilst types of postmarks swell the total to 1,055. The arrangement and divisions are on the lines of the publisher's recent catalogue. It is brought so thoroughly up-to-date that the four piastres on 10d. is included, and there are plenty of blank leaves interspersed. At the end is a concise price list, numbered to correspond with the spaces. By such a liberal distribution of these Albums, Mr. Ewen will greatly stimulate, and at the same time assist the scientific collecting of all branches of English postage stamps.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE December supplement to *The Bazaar* was a good number, and full of useful information. The errors of the adhesive stamps of Europe is the first article, and is both useful and interesting, while Rev. H. Cumming gives an exhaustive account of the 10d. stamp of South Australia. Mr. Alder Ridley voices a timely warning about cleaned flasks sold as unused, and our good friend, Mr. H. A. Slade,

has a most interesting account of some much-travelled postcards.

The postman brought me the other morning a neat little parcel, and, upon opening it, I found a book with the author's compliments, entitled, "Hinton's Hints on Stamp Collecting." The book is a complete guide to the beginner, and is only 1/. It is neatly bound, and published by E. Nister, 28, Paternoster Row, London. There is nothing I would sooner commend as a Christmas present for a young collector. This book, and Mr. Gray's Christmas Packet—the two costing a florin—will take a lot of beating.

By-the-way, Mr. Gray's new Wholesale and Retail Price List is now ready, and everyone should have a copy. It is full of bargains—cheap packets, sets and rare single stamps at most reasonable prices, and will be sent post-free on receipt of a postcard.

Talking of Price Lists, that of Mr. C. J. Smith is one of the best we have seen this season. It contains 32 pages and is simply full of desirable stamps, yes, and at reasonable prices. Send to Mr. Smith, at Upper Park Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey, and get one for yourself post-free. There is one other list I cannot pass over. It is only a humble price list but, in the eyes of our business manager, the finest ever issued, for had he not a hand in the production of it. Send for one to Messrs. Margoschis Bros., and see for yourself.

Another publication I have seen this week is a decided novelty. It is an Almanack, about 22 × 18in., containing a calendar and any amount of useful philatelic information. It is published by Mr. Stewart, of Darlington, but can be obtained of *The Philatelic Publishing Co.*, at 1½d. post-free. As a wall ornament in a stamp dealer's office it is the very thing. I believe our publishers are giving one away to annual subscribers as a Christmas present, so some of my readers will probably get one.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

By NON-LEX.

I.—MR. J. A. MARGOSCHIS, BIRMINGHAM.

WHEN our sub-editor reached the office before eleven o'clock last Monday morning everybody was taken aback, but when he told us he had got an idea surprise gave way to incredulity. Still, strange as it may appear, it was true! Without entering into details we may say that his idea was nothing more nor less than the publication of a series

of interviews with well-known philatelists—local, if possible—but philatelists. Our tame patriarch pointed out how that line was worked out even when he was young, and also painted a lurid picture of the dangers awaiting the interviewer at every turn—but no consideration influenced our naturally pig-headed sub. He had got an idea (for the first time in his life most of us thought) and he meant to carry it out by himself—and so it was.

It was Monday morning and we should have been at press. but what of that? With the editor up in London and no one to gainsay him, the only consideration was who should be the victim? Various names were suggested, but at last the one which graces the head of this article was chosen, principally for two reasons—first, the office of Margoschis Bros. is only a moderate distance away (that was our sub.'s reason), and secondly, because the senior partner of Margoschis Bros. is some three inches shorter and a couple of stone lighter than himself (that was the staff's reason) and so to the emporium of Margoschis Bros. he went forthwith.

Well, our interviewer found his way to Constitution Hill. He entered the place sacred to the vending of philatelic treasures and asked for Mr. Margoschis. Now our sub-editor wears a top hat and assumes a consequential air, so the Margoschis minions at once scented the presence of a London dealer, as they thought, and he was not kept waiting. A few words whispered up the speaking-tube and Mr. Margoschis himself appeared upon the scene radiant with expectation. Mr. Margoschis, however, is acquainted with our sub-editor, and he knows how little profit and how much wasted time is connected with him, so little wonder that his face fell—but Mr. Margoschis is the personification of politeness, and he at once asked his visitor into the private office.

Once across the threshold the intruder presented a copy of *The Philatelic Chronicle* with a "money or your life" kind of air, and explained his business.

"Well," says Mr. Margoschis, "I'll do what I can for you, but please be brief as possible for I am extremely busy. Look at this heap of letters," he added, "all got to be seen to before night. What is it you want most particularly?"

"I should like to know first how old you are, whether you have had the measles and whooping-cough and would like to see your baptismal certificate."

"Oh, never mind those," said Mr. Margoschis, good-humouredly, *they* won't interest your readers much. Come and have a look round the place."

Our sub-editor felt considerably sat upon, but he saw that his victim meant business, and he arose to follow him.

"Before we go anywhere else," said Mr. M., pointing to a big safe in the corner, "I'll show you my stock of Nova Scotias," and he at once fetched out a

big book with sheet after sheet of these beautiful stamps lying loose between the pages. "I've done a lot in these lately," he continued, "and shall advance the prices soon. These," opening another book, "are a few obsolete colonials"—and so they were, only they were not few. Our sub. would have lingered over them, but Mr. Margoschis shut the book and invited him to come through. He led the way into a room where there stood a large desk, while the walls were lined with shelves containing innumerable cedar wood boxes all neatly labelled.

"This," said Mr. Margoschis, "is our clerk's office and store-room. The boxes on that shelf contain our well-known Challenge packets ready made up. These," pointing to a lot of sacks reclining on the ground, "are full of continentals, which I sell by the million."

"Here are albums, stamp mounts and other requisites." "But what is that great heap of books?" said our sub-editor. "Oh, that is my catalogue," he answered, handing over a neat 24-page book. "It was printed by your people, and a remarkably good job they made of it. But now come upstairs." On the upper floor are the packet and approval sheet departments. Here the Challenge packets are made by a staff of assistants, enclosed in envelopes and pasted on show-cards—for Margoschis Brothers do a big shop business all over the country. The Challenge packets, in fact, are the firm's speciality, and the sorting and arranging of these necessitates a special department, which is under the able superintendence of Mr. A. P. Margoschis, the junior partner. Mr. Margoschis turned out one 2,000 packet, and the eyes of our sub-editor sparkled at the sight, for he has a keen eye for a bargain. His hand wandered to his pocket, but remembrance of the nakedness of the land came to his aid and it wandered back again. A gentle hint that he might open a credit account met with no response, for just then a message was brought to his conductor to the effect that he was wanted in the front office.

"Sorry to hurry you," said he, "but I have an important appointment. If you could come in tomorrow?" Our sub-editor can take a hint, sometimes, so he took this one, a polite adieu and his departure.

Mr. Margoschis is a member of the Birmingham P.S., the I.P.U., and all the notable stamp societies, and has been a collector since the age of eight, but a dealer only a few years. Lately he has considerably extended his business, and this summer undertook a philatelic tour of Holland and Germany, where he made the acquaintance of most prominent dealers in Amsterdam, Leipzig, Hamburg, Berlin and Strasburg, and brought home an immense stock of philatelic treasures picked up on his travels.

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

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

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.

1890 issue. Design:—Arms of the company surmounted by "British South Africa Company" in scrolls above, beneath, value in straight line. The size of £1 to £5 stamps being considerably larger than the lower values. Perf. 14.

	Unused.	Used.
	s. d.	s. d.
1d. black	0 2	0 6
6d. blue	1 0	2 0
6d. ultramarine	3 0	5 0
1/- brown	2 0	3 0
2/- red	4 0	5 6
2 G lilac	5 0	6 6
5/- yellow	10 0	16 0
10/- green	19 0	25 0
£1 blue	50 0	40 0
£2 rose red	80 0	50 0
£5 sage green	180 0	60 0
£10 brown	320 0	120 0

1891 provisionals. New value overprinted in large type in preceding issue.

4d. black, overprint on 6d.	10 0	20 0
2d. " " 6d.	27 0	35 0
4d. " " 6d.	30 0	40 0
8d. " " 1/-	20 0	40 0

1891, same type as 1890 issue.

4d. blue and red	0 2	0 5
2d. sea green and red	0 5	0 8
3d. grey and green	0 8	1 6
4d. brown and black	0 9	2 0
8d. pink and blue	1 6	3 6

1893 issue.

3/- brown and green	6 6	9 0
4/- slate and red	9 6	12 0

NOTE.—The preceding issues are on two varieties of paper, the earlier is a very thin paper showing portions of the watermark on nearly every stamp, the later printings are on paper somewhat thicker and without watermark.

The watermark consists of the arms of the company, which spread over nearly the whole of the sheet.

1895 issue, same type on very thick paper, perf. 12½.

2d. green and red	15 0	3 9
4d. brown and black	17 6	5 6

1896 issue, new design, perf. 14, stamps size of the higher values of preceding issues.

4d. black and mauve	0 1	—
1d. red and green	0 2	—
2d. brown and lilac	0 4	—
3d. red brown and lilac	0 5	—

4d. blue and lilac	0 7	—
6d. mauve and pink	0 10	—
8d. green and violet on buff	1 2	—
1/- green and blue	1 8	—
2/- blue and green on pink	3 9	—
2/6 purple and brown on yellow	4 6	—
3- green and lilac on blue	5 6	—
4/- red and blue on green	7 6	—
5- green on red	9 0	—
10/- carmine and slate on pink	18 6	—

NOTE.—These stamps are now obsolete and will certainly become scarce as the supply has at no time been large. A new issue has been printed by Messrs. Waterlow, the design being considerably altered and improved.

1896 Buluwayo provisionals, the new value being overprinted in black.

(a) On Company's stamps.

1d. on 3d. green and grey	400 0	120 0
1d. on 4/- slate and red	40 0	60 0
3d. on 5/- yellow	20 0	60 0

(b) On Cape of Good Hope stamps.

4d. black	1 6	4 0
1d. rose	1 6	8 0
2d. ochre	4 6	8 6
3d. claret	16 0	18 6
4d. blue	8 6	15 0
6d. violet	14 0	15 0
1/- yellow	—	55 0

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.

1891. Stamps of British South Africa overprinted B.C.A. in black.

1d. black	0 2	0 6
2d. green and red	0 4	0 9
4d. brown and black	0 7	2 0
6d. blue	1 0	1 9
6d. ultramarine	6 0	6 0
8d. pink	1 3	2 0
1- brown	1 10	2 0
2- red	3 9	6 0
2/6 pale lilac	4 6	6 6
5- orange yellow	9 0	10 0
10/- green	18 0	20 0
£1 blue	50 0	50 0
£2 rose red	60 0	60 0
£5 sage green	140 0	140 0
£10 brown	280 0	280 0

Provisional issues.

4/- in black on 5/- yellow	17 6	30 0
3/- in black on 4- red and slate	17 6	40 0

Permanent issues of last values.

3/- green and brown	6 6	10 0
4- red and slate	9 0	12 0

1896 provisional issues.

1d. in black on 2d., printed in Blantyre	9 0	12 6
Ditto ditto with double surch.	100 0	—
Ditto ditto printed at Cape Town	—	16 0

Half of twopenny used as penny — —

NOTE.—The long fiscal stamps have been met with obliterated, but it is highly probable that they never franked mail matter.

[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.]

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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

Nov. 19. Paper: *South Australian Officials*, by G. Johnson.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Brock and Nelson for donations to the Library.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. R. Palmieri (Italy), L. S. Wel's (London), G. H. Howe (London), C. M. Forster (Newcastle-on-Tyne), W. W. Biest (Kent), J. S. Noakes (Sussex), N. H. Withee (U.S.A.), A. G. Serghiades (Turkey), and Lady Blanche Collen (India).

The Hon. Sec. then read his paper on "South Australian Officials," which was followed by a fine display of Departmentals and Officials—comprising the collection of Mr. M. Z. Kuttner (London); the stock books of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., including their specially arranged books from the "Castle Collection." Hearty votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Kuttner, Stanley Gibbons, and the Hon. Sec.

Dec. 3. Display—*Postal Curiosities*.

Votes of thanks were accorded Messrs. Stanley Gibbons for a copy of their new handbook on "Barbados;" P. Koht for a bound copy of the new edition of his "Catalogue of the Stamps of Europe;" R. Hollick for "Hicks' Auction Summary."

Messrs. Herman Lindberg (Sweden), C. A. Borm (West Indies), and J. Graham Taylor (West Indies), were unanimously elected members.

The Hon. Treasurer was authorised to add "St. Vincent," "Portuguese Indies," &c., to the Library, and have all necessary binding done.

Mr. A. Levy (Plymouth), then exhibited his fine collection of South Australia; Mr. M. Z. Kuttner

(London), a fine collection of Postal Curiosities, including a very fine uncut copy of Docwra's Penny Post. Mr. W. T. Wilson and others exhibited some scarce and interesting curiosities, errors, old letter sheets, &c., &c.

Notice.—It will save needless correspondence if it is understood that *foreign* membership in the B. P. S. is no guarantee, and should not be accepted as such, owing to the Society's inability to make such strict enquiries as with home members who see the packets. References are required, and enquiries made about all foreign members, but as they do not see the packets they are elected much more easily in many cases than if they resided in the British Isles.

Important Notice to Members. 1.—Will members be sure to remember that December 30th is the latest date on which the Hon. Sec. can accept Subscriptions to the journals mentioned on page 12 of our Report, at the reduced rates. We trust that every member will subscribe for all of them, as we have only quoted journals which are indispensable to all collectors, and which, apart from their contents, are a splendid investment.

2.—In view of the constantly increasing membership it has been necessary to make arrangements for regulating the postal lists, if at any time so many desire to see any particular packet that the time occupied would be likely to inconvenience those who put in sheets for sale. At the Committee Meeting of Nov. 12th, it was recommended that the following be added to the Rules, and it was unanimously approved by the Extraordinary General Meeting of Nov. 19th:—

"That no packet shall be in circulation more than five months. When the Postal List is so long as to occupy more time, the Hon. Sec. is authorised to omit from the list of members, who do not send sheets, that member which would keep the packet longer in circulation, such members being left out in strict rotation."

3.—At the same meetings it was decided that the *one clear day*, mentioned in Rule 10 (c.) means 24 hours. If the packets are kept longer, fines will be enforced, as it is absolutely necessary that they should circulate rapidly. Those who buy must have always forwarded within the 24 hours. Absence from home is no excuse, as a post card would have prevented delivery of packet.

4.—I have several good sheets of stamps, belonging to foreign members, which I have been asked to exchange with members here, to save them being returned. They are chiefly South Americans, Afghans, Indian and Indian States, Greek, &c. Any member sending good sheets of Duplicates can have these to select from. It is a good opportunity for increasing one's collection for exchange only. There will be several more back from circuit shortly, which can be used in the same way, but members should let me know at once, as I shall return them if I do not hear within a week or so.

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rd.	lilac, blue, ditto	—	2 6	0 2
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3d.	" " white ditto	15 0	—	—
6d.	" " ditto	25 0	—	1 0
rd.	" " ditto, anchor, 18 mms, 15 x 15 1/2	3 6	6 6	1 0
rd.	lilac, blue paper, ditto	3 6	—	2 0
rd.	" " 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
rd.	" " network corners, perf. 14	5 0	5 0	0 2
rd.	" " small corner ornaments, wmk anchor	0 9	0 6	0 1
rd.	lilac, medium, ditto	2 6	2 6	0 6
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" " " " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1	0	7 6
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Chili, Post Due, 1c.	0	6	4 0
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* Greek, 1896, 1 lepta, bistre	0	3	1 3
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* 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
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Japan, Silver Wedding, 2 sens	0	6	3 6
* Johore, 1896 (New Sultan) 1c.	0	6	4 0
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1	0	7 6
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" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1	0	7 6
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	1	6	12 0
* Mauritius, 3 cents, mauve	0	9	5 0
Mexico, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10c. assort'd .. .	0	6	3 9
Montenegro, 1894, 1 nov., blue	0	3	1 9
* Nicaragua, 1869, 1 cent	0	6	4 0
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	0	8	5 0
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New South Wales, 3d.	1	0	6 6
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2	9	22 6
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	0	10	6 6
Peru, 1895, assorted	0	9	5 0
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	0	8	4 0
Persia, 1894, 10 shahi, orange.	1	3	10 0
" " " " " " " " " " " " " " "	2	0	16 0
Roumania, 1891, 50 bani	0	8	4 6
Russia, 50 kopecks	2	9	20 0

		12	100
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Selangor, 3 on 5 cents, rose, used	1	6	11 6
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" " 2 1/2d. ..	3	6	" " 3d. green, perf. 10 ..	4	9
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" " 10 " rose ..	1	0	St. Helena, 2d. yellow, old issue ..	4	6
" " 40 " orange ..	6	0	" " 1896, 2d. yellow ..	3	9
" " 50 " violet ..	7	6	" " 2 1/2d. ..	3	6
Grenada, 1882, 4d. grey ..	30	0	" " 5d. ..	7	0
" " 6d. red lilac ..	26	0	St. Vincent, 2 1/2d. ..	4	0
" " 1d. on 8d. ..	12	0	" " 6d. ..	7	6
" " 2 1/2d. on 8d. ..	9	6	" " 1/- ..	16	6
" " 1883, 1/4d. green ..	0	9	" " 5/- ..	80	0
" " 1895, 1d. ..	1	3	Straits Settlements, 6 cents, lilac ..	6	0
Hong Kong, Cr. CC., 12c. blue ..	12	0	" " 3c. on 32c. ..	1	6
Lagos, 6d. lilac and purple ..	8	0	" " 1c. on 8c. green ..	1	0
" " 1/- green and black ..	16	0	" " 1c. on 8c. yellow ..	1	0
Leeward Islands, 1890, 7d. ..	8	0	Tasmania, 1858, 6d., wmk. 6 ..	8	6
Mauritius, Cr. CC., 50c. green ..	25	0	" " 3d. perf. 12 ..	4	6
Natal, 3d. grey ..	6	6	" " 4d. bistre ..	5	6
" " 1/4d. on 6d. mauve ..	8	6	" " 2 1/4d. on 9d. blue ..	4	6
" " 1/4d. on 1d. carmine ..	0	11	Transvaal, 1895, 3/4d. on 1/- ..	2	0
New Brunswick, 2 cents, orange ..	2	3	" " 1d. on 2 1/2d. ..	3	0
" " 5 cents, green ..	2	3	" " 1d. Commemorative Stamp ..	3	0
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OUR interview this month is with MR. RICHARD HOLLICK, who has been one of the leaders in philately for many years and is well known on both sides of the Atlantic as a scientific philatelist. Like many other local philatelists he was educated at King Edward's Grammar School—the *alma mater* of the late ARCHBISHOP BENSON, BISHOP PHILPOTT, WESTCOTT, BURNE-JONES, and so many other men famous in various walks of life. Upon leaving school he devoted himself to chemistry. MR. HOLLICK brought a charming bride from the Orcades, and has a family of two—one boy and one girl. MRS. HOLLICK, we much regret to say, has been an invalid now for some considerable time, but is still as bright and plucky as many a woman in the prime of health. *The Chronicle* owes a lot to MR. HOLLICK. He was one of the founders of the paper and has always been ready and willing to lend a helping hand whenever wanted.

We announced our *British Directory* for January 30th, but the philatelic publisher proposes and the philatelist disposes. At the time when almost everything should be ready the advertisements and lists of names begin to pour in. These have got to be put into type—the addresses have to be verified, and a hundred and one things require attention—hence the *Directory* cannot come out as announced. It is our own fault to a great extent for we did not allow ourselves time. The *Directory* was not decided upon until just before Christmas and the first announcement made on Dec. 19th—thus allowing a bare six weeks with Christmas in. We might have got it out on February 6th but for the special issue of the *Advertiser*, which will require all our attention during the first week

of February—and so we can only be safe in promising for February 13th. We can *receive advertisements* up to February 1st, AND NOT A DAY LATER. We have already some three hundred copies ordered and it promises to be a bigger thing than we contemplated.

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We should like to call the attention of dealers and collectors to the special issue of the *Advertiser* on February 6th. During last year about SIX THOUSAND advertisements—principally from collectors, appeared in the *Advertiser*. This speaks for itself. Some of our special issues have been eye-openers. After our last one, on December 5th, a gentleman wrote on the 12th: "Enclosed findfor insertion of my advertisement in issue of 19th. My ad. of last week on same subject surprised me and cleared stock in two days."—This is only one of many. We reckon to lose money on these special issues—the postage alone on the February one will come to £12 or £15. We distribute a lot of circulars with these issues, however, and this helps us out—at present we have one order to send 3,000 with the February 6th issue.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—Mr. E. W. Housom, has the penny British South Africa stamp, used, and overprinted B.C.A. on *thick unwatermarked paper*.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The half-penny has assumed its new colour.

½d. green.

CONGO.—The handsome current set has been reinforced by two new values.

15c. yellow and black.
40c. green and black.

COOK ISLANDS.—Mr. E. W. Housom has shewn us a specimen of the 10d. in a much deeper shade of green than formerly, and perforated 11 instead of 11½.

GERMAN EAST AFRICA.—Mr. Leresche writes us that he has the following and has not seen them chronicled:—The 3, 5, 10, 20, 50 pf. stamps surcharged 2, 3, 5, 10 and 25 pesa, thus
2 PESA 2

HAYTI.—Two stamps of the current design appear in new colours

2c. puce brown.
5c. slate green.

LABUAN.—The *Timbre Poste* hears a rumour that the 1894 issue are about to surcharged "1846—JUBILEE—1896" and issued thus.

LIBERIA.—This African Republic has completely changed its stamps. The beautiful set issued in 1892 was supplemented in 1893 by a 5c. surcharge on the 6c., and this was superseded by a permanent triangular 5c. The old values, however, were not suitable to the requirements of the Postal Union rates and the series has been reconstructed. The types of the 1892 set—veritable works of art—are utilized with modifications, but the values and colours are changed. Thus the 1, 6, 8, 12, 16, 24 and 32 cents and the one dollar value are done away with, and values convenient for the half-ounce rate of 5 cents are substituted. We are indebted to the courtesy of Mr. H. L. Hayman for the opportunity of an early examination of the set. The watermark and perforation are the same as heretofore and one altogether new design—the head of Liberty on the 50c. stamps—has been adopted.

1c. mauve, palm tree.

2c. yellow green and black, rhinoceros.

5c. marone and black, elephant.

10c. yellow and blue, portrait of late president.

15c. slate, native woman.

20c. carmine, coat of arms.

25c. bright green, a lone star.

30c. slate blue, coat of arms.

50c. dull red and black, effigy of Liberty.

NORTH BORNEO.—The stamps from 2 to 20 cents have been surcharged **POSTAGE DUE**.

S. HELENA.—Mr. W. Ditchfield, of Wigan, sends us the following interesting information about St. Helena:—

"As promised, I send particulars of my enquiries re St. Helena new issues. This is a copy of the Postmaster's certificate. 'St. Helena joined the Postal Union on October 1st, 1896 (on which date the following, with the exception of the 6d. gray, the only one of the old issue retained, were issued). The stamps on sale at the Post Office are:—

10d. brown, 5d. violet, 2½d. dark blue, 2d. yellow,
1d. red (6d. grey), single and reply cards.

Signed,

POSTMASTER.'

The words in parenthesis are in writing and the rest is printed. I enclose a set of stamps and single and reply card. The Postmaster further says that there are no envelopes, wrappers or letter-cards at present, though there is no doubt that they will follow. All the old issue with the exception of the 6d. and ½d. are withdrawn and forwarded to the Crown Agents, who will offer them for sale. Their face value exceeds £8,000. The ½d. as above-mentioned has been retained until the new ones arrive from England, but they are to be used in the Post Office only."

TRANSVAAL.—The surcharging to make half-penny stamps has now assumed a new phase. It is formed by printing the words HALVE PENNY in two lines with a bar to cancel original value. Errors so far noticed are two:—

Halve Penny.—on 3d. blue.
Halve Penny.—on 3d. "
Halve Penny.—on 3d. " (no stop).

POSTCARDS, &c.

CEYLON.—A new reply card is about to be issued. 2+2 ochre yellow.

HOLLAND.—Mr. A. Hendricks has sent us the new letter cards issued Dec. 1st. The stamp is the young Queen's effigy to the right on the left-hand side of the letter card.

Size I. 3c. green on greenish.
(large) 5c. blue on bluish.
12½c. carmine on rose.

Size II. 3c. green on greenish.
(small) 5c. blue on bluish.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—The 3d. card has received a surcharge ½d. in lilac.

1½d. in lilac on 3d. green.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

THE 3d. and 6d. lilac stamps, overprinted with value in carmine, were issued on Jan. 1st, 1883, and superseded by the general new issue of April 1st, 1884. I have never heard why this curious expedient was resorted to; it certainly had the merit of rendering the two stamps readily distinguishable from the other values not so honoured by two doses of ink, but still they could not be so easily distinguished from each other. The Parcel Post coming into operation on August 1st, 1883, large numbers of these stamps were required, so they exist in plenty today, considering their short period of issue; but poor copies predominate, and good ones should soon

improve in value. This pair stands quite by itself as a distinct issue, and I always like to see them shown so in an album—not separated by being tacked on the tail ends of the varieties of 3d. and 6d. down to the 1880 issue.

Why I dilate thus upon these stamps this month is, that by a letter from Mr. W. H. Haynes, of Worthing, my attention has been called to the fact that there exist two distinct varieties of surcharge, occurring alike on both stamps, and, as far as I can at present judge, the two types are to be found in about equal numbers. The difference is, that in some stamps the two dots under "d" are further from it than on others, by about the diameter of a dot, so that in one type the vertical space between dots and "d" measures 1¼mm., and in the other, —1½mm. The dots being in both cases the same distance apart. Mr. Morley's 1896 catalogue notes one or two errors of place in these dots; but I think no journal or catalogue had yet recognised two regular types. The difference, once noted, is sufficient to be easily detected on good specimens without the aid of any instrument.

All earnest collectors of English should subscribe to that neat little monthly of Mr. Ewen's which is published during the active stamp season. The present volume (Vol. II.) commences with the December number, and the subscription (for December to July inclusive) is 2/8, post-free. It always has able articles by various writers, on the different branches of English philately, and cannot fail to be of good service to every subscriber. It is edited and published by H. L'Estrange Ewen, 32, Palace Square, Norwood.

On Mr. Ewen's removal to London, the secretaryship of that flourishing club, "The English Stamp Exchange," which he had founded, was taken over by Mr. G. A. Foster, of 130, West Green Rd., Tottenham, who proves himself a worthy successor. This association is among the largest and most active of the exchange clubs, though its operations are strictly confined to English Stamps. Mr. Foster will be glad to hear from prospective members, with a view to still further extending the usefulness of the club. I can personally testify to its utility and mutual helpfulness to the English specialist. Like the "E. S. Journal," it very sensibly takes a vacation, circulating no packets during the holiday months.

I notice that a slight alteration has recently occurred in the material of the current 1d. postcards. The card is slightly paler, smoother and more transparent, though not thinner than hitherto. I have as yet seen the new material in the single card only. Slight differences in the printing of the letter-cards are also apparent. Getting two packets a few days since, I

found that in one of them the printing was much heavier, therefore darker and less distinct than in the other. The normal position of the instruction for opening is along the *centre* of lower perforated strip, but on these dark cards it runs nearer the bottom edge.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THIS Directory business will be the death of me. The special issues of the *Advertiser* are bad enough but this is worse. I thought it would end with January, but the strain has to be kept up until the middle of February now—if I have not gone to a better land ere that.

Then there's all these new books and things about—I have to note these things. The boss goes off to London and enjoys himself at Philatelic Clubs—the sub-editor goes about pretending to interview people and only wanting their whiskey and cigars when it's all over—and I have to do the work. These new books and things I was mentioning. First there's Gibbons' catalogue—I had to write the notice, but I don't suppose Gibbons' will give me anything for it—then there's Mr. Gray's new price list. I've got to write that up but I shan't. The price list is about the best of its kind I ever saw, but you had better send a postcard for it to 53, Waterloo Street, Glasgow—and save me trouble. Then there's Ashworth and Co., 66, Brown Street, Manchester—they're trying the same game on with their new 12-page list, but I'm not going to mention it—send for it yourselves if you want it. Blow Price Lists!—blow whited sepulchres of sub-editors! blow everybody!

I feel better now—just been out for a walk and met a man—feel much better now. J. Graves & Co., Bury St. Edmund's, have brought out a monthly called *Stamp Gossip*. There is one thing to recommend it—it is not a weak imitation of *The Advertiser* like all the other recently produced philatelic publications.

The new Bright's catalogue—to be published in April—will be a fine work judging by the preliminary announcement. The last edition was a wonderful work, especially considering the price, but the new one will be a vast improvement. It will be issued in two parts. The first containing only adhesive stamps and the second only entires. The prices will be 2/- and 1/- respectively, or the two bound together 2/6. A fine quality paper will be used, suitable for the photographic re-productions which will be lavishly used throughout the work, and the pricing will give the current market rates with the utmost care. The first edition was a huge success, but for the second I

predict an even greater degree of popularity. Keep it in mind.

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The *Junior Collector* is a new paper to appear on February 1st at Norwich, and Mr. F. L. Heygate, of Rushdon, also announces a new periodical, *Stamps*, and we have heard rumours of a junior paper, *The Postage Stamp*, to be published in Birmingham.

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Mr. Ernest Wurtele has sent me the programme or announcement of the amalgamation of the two leading Canadian Associations—the Canadian Philatelic Association and the Dominion Philatelic Association. The name of the amalgamated society is to be the Dominion of Canada Philatelic Association, and two meetings will be held simultaneously on January 28th, when officers will be nominated and elected. Full particulars can be obtained from Mr. Wurtele or Mr. J. E. Weldon, 157, Gerrard St. East, Toronto.

HENRY BROWN (Manchester).—Thanks for kind letter. We hope to do so later. F. SALE.—Both are good but we can recommend Bright's Now Catalogue—wait till it comes out. S. B. B.—Both are forgeries.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

BY NON-LEX.

II.—MR. R. HOLLICK, BIRMINGHAM.

IT was with much fear and trembling that our sub-editor received the dictum, "Interview Mr. Hollick for the January issue." Not that Mr. Hollick is such a terrible being—if you call upon him in the way of business he's all right, but Mr. Hollick is a man full of work, and the mere time-waster has no chance with him—not that he says much, but as Wordsworth (or was it another?) so plaintively puts it, "it's the narsty way he says it." Our sub. would have backed out had it been possible, but the editor is at home now. Says he, "It's your idea. You've got to go through it, and Mr. Hollick's the man." There was no get out and so our sub-editor called upon him, as was before said, with fear and trembling. Fortunately the victim was in a good humour, and, upon the errand being explained, he expressed his acquiescence.

"Well, I've got an hour to waste so I might as well talk to you."—Of course, this was not strictly complimentary to our sub., but he meekly accepted the situation and asked for a few particulars of Mr. Hollick's philatelic career.

"I commenced collecting," said Mr. Hollick, "in October, 1862, and my collection has been steadily

increasing until it has reached its present state of completeness—you've seen part of it at the Birmingham Society meetings. First I was, like all other beginners, a general collector, but gradually I dropped all European countries and exchanged or sold them for the purpose of adding to my colonials. These, with United States and Mexico, were really all I had time or means to collect, and just recently I have thrown overboard the United States. Hence, I am practically a collector of English and English colonials, and thirty-five years devoted to these has made them fairly complete. I am filling up my African colonies just now, but the Australian group were my first and lasting love."

"Excuse me," interrupted our sub-editor, "but are not Australians a bit on the down grade?"

"Pooh! not at all. They are not very brisk just now, but their turn is very near—prices will exceed any previous record soon. Why, the very parties who are principally the cause of their falling off are buying all the nice copies they can get at the present low prices. I know!"—and there was a world of meaning in that "I know!"

"After Australians, I fancy British North America. Look! here are two or three of my books!"

Our sub. looked as Mr. Hollick turned over the pages. There were the early issues of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland in profusion—used and unused. The pence and shilling stamps simply in rows of shades—a sight very few philatelists ever have the privilege of beholding.

"You are rather lucky in seeing them," said Mr. H. "I got the book up from my strong room at the National Safe Deposit to-day and they go back just now. Do you like English? If so, look at these. They are a few things I like to keep in the house—reconstructed plates of English. The 1d. black, 2d. blue—no lines, fourpence, shilling, and so on. My daughter has had the patience to put these together—she is now engaged on the large 10/- stamp. We find the marginal paper more difficult to get than the stamps."

The sight of so many philatelic treasures had partially benumbed the faculties of our interviewer, but when he saw Mr. Hollick direct his glance to the clock he pulled himself together and asked for a little information about his experiences as a dealer.

"You see, I have not very much time to devote to stamps. My connection is really larger than my leisure, and that is why I rarely advertise. In my stamp business I much prefer to deal by correspondence, although occasionally I make appointments to view stock, and I often decline business altogether because my correspondents do not primarily supply me with first-class references, consequently," continued Mr. Hollick, "my dealing operations are somewhat limited. I have no time for the small

trade and would sooner have one fifty-pound-a-time customer than all the shilling buyers in the world. I only invest in stamps which I believe will improve considerably in value and very rarely am I mistaken. Often the stamps I advertise in my periodical list of offers have increased in value four or five hundred per cent. before my next list is out. Here is my first regular list issued less than three years ago. Suppose anyone had invested in fifty pounds' worth picked hap-hazard! Well, I would buy them back myself now at £200—not a bad profit! Look! the Newfoundland 6d. at 8/- per dozen—now catalogued at 2/6 each, the 1/- at 16/- per dozen—now 4/6 each, the Grenada 6d. at 7/8 per dozen—now 5/- each, and the 8d. at 10/6 per dozen—worth three half-crowns each now. Take one or two of the sets. Here's the first issue of Bechuanaland I offer at 5/-—now catalogued at 16/3, second issue ditto at 5/-—now they ask 23/-, Gibraltar 1st issue, I sold at 26/-—they are now catalogued at £5;17/8, and the Grenada set, for which I asked 2/8, now fetches 45/-. Of course, these would have been among the best investments, but there is hardly an item on the list that has not improved at least one hundred per cent in value—but then, as I said before, I only invest in stamps which are certain to go up—I never did believe in the practice of only advertising the goods which are hard to get off. 'Small profits and quick returns' is a good motto—and I don't grudge my customers the advantage of my own experience and knowledge."

"Are you not interested, then, in non-colonials?" asked our interviewer.

"Yes, as far as good stamps go, but my own choice is for England and the colonies, and I certainly have no time to devote to anything else. I'll show you some of my approval books. You will see they are all arranged according to place of issue with varieties of perforations and watermarks shown in chronological order. Say you want to specialize West Africa! I shall send you books A97 and B97—grade A, B, C or D. They all contain Lagos, Gambia, Gold Coast and Sierra Leone. Grade A has an almost complete collection of each country with ranges of shades in perfect condition, used and unused. Grade B is picked from what is left in stock—perhaps the collection is not so complete. Grades C and D contain fewer rarities and varieties, and perhaps the copies are not so perfect, but you get larger discounts according to the class you want."

"Do you follow catalogue pricing, Mr. Hollick," queried the visitor.

"Not at all," answered Mr. Hollick, in a most decisive tone, "many stamps are dirt cheap at current catalogue rates and others are absurdly high. I follow my own views. Look at these British South Africa, old type! They went out of use last May and no remainders on hand! They are catalogued at 50%

over face—I get more than that from dealers for them. The British Central Africa, on the other hand, were in use till a few days ago, and the catalogue price is three times face! This next series of books contains Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta and Ionian Isles. Those nice blocks of four and six with marginal numbers attached vary in price, as you will notice. The early Gibraltar with marginal number 1 are of paler colours, and the 'Jubilee' line is only found on 2. The Cyprus marginal numbers are specially prized now a-days, and help to identify Dies 1 and 2. Of course, these items are nothing to the ordinary collector but invaluable to the specialist."

Here Mr. Hollick again looked at the clock and closed the book, which lay open upon the table.

"I'm very pleased to have been able to show you these things but my hour is up, and I must be at work again. Shall be glad to see you and show you anything I have any time I am not very busy. Good day, mind the step!"—and our visitor found himself shaking hands from the outside almost before he knew where he was.

Still, he was very well satisfied to have got the interview over so well, and he returned to the office blithely whistling the popular anthem, "Now we shan't be long."

Mr. Hollick is Vice-President of the Birmingham Society and a member of every philatelic association of any importance. He was one of the originators of the *Philatelic Chronicle*, from which he retired owing to ill-health and pressure of other business, but has always maintained a warm feeling for the paper. In business he is a chemist, and amongst the foremost in his trade, while politically he is a strong Conservative and sits upon the Warwickshire County Council as representative of his district.

THE STAMPS OF NORWAY.

By W. J. W. MILLER.

(A Paper read before the Plymouth Philatelic Society.)

THIS subject, the study of the Stamps of Norway, was introduced by the Hon. Sec. (Mr. Miller), who illustrated his remarks by the exhibition of his collection. He considered it an ideal country for the collector with only moderate means at his disposal. There were a few errors which were not at all generally known, and he had found a number of varieties which he had not seen chronicled. He considered nearly all the unused stamps of the early issues were much undervalued at present catalogue prices, and was of opinion that on the publication of the new catalogues they would be found to have at least trebled their

value. The first issue, 1854, was composed of the 4sk. blue, and was lithographed and imperf. A very rare error of this stamp, which was well worth looking for, was an impression which showed a double foot on the lion's right hind leg. The stamps of the second, or 1856 issue, were engraved and perforated 13. He had specimens of the 3sk. in grey as well as lilac, and the 4sk. in light and dark blue. The third, or 1863 issue was lithographed and perf. $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$. Both the 4 and 8sk. were to be found in two distinct colors. Of the 1867 issue, which was also lithographed, he had the 1sk. in lilac and grey black, the 2sk. in orange and yellow, the 4sk. in light and dark blue, and the 8sk. in carmine and dark carmine. In 1872 a new design was introduced, and of these there were also numerous shades. He showed an error of the 1sk. green, which consisted of a full stop between the two E's in the word EEN of the inscription. Some of this issue were known imperforated, and also sometimes with two rows of perforations across the top. In 1877 Norway changed its currency, and consequently, a new issue, consisting of the 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 20, 25, 35, 50 and 60 öre values was introduced. Two years later, three high values, viz., the 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 krona were added. There was a variety of the 5 öre with no stop after POSTFRIM, and he also possessed the 10 öre with the same characteristic, which he had not seen chronicled. Of the 60 öre he had found several varieties in the size of the figures "60," and the distance of the stop from POSTFRIM in the lower part of the inscription. He had the small "60" with the stop apart from, and also close to, the "M" of POSTFRIM and also both these varieties in the large "60." The 1, $1\frac{1}{2}$ and 2 krona also showed distinct differences in their figures of value. The design of the 1883 was nearly the same as that of the previous one, the only difference being that the body of the posthorn, forming the centre of the design, was no longer shaded, as formerly. The issue consisted of the 3, 5, 10, 20 and 25 öre. The colours of the 10 and 20 were afterwards changed to brown and blue respectively. Some of the values were known imperf. The most curious thing respecting this issue was that there were three sizes of the design, one being 20mm., another 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and a third 21mm. high. He found that in the stamps of the small design the numerals of value in the inscription were small; in the medium design they were rather larger, and in the large design they were about twice the size of the small ones. In the case of certain Canadian stamps a somewhat similar difference was found, but that had now, he believed, been attributed to the stretching of the paper. That reason for the difference could not, however, be assigned to the Norwegians, as the inequality in the size of the numerals had here to be considered. In most cases, for instance, if you examined two copies of a stamp—

one the small design, the other the large—you would find that the figures in the small design were *smaller* than the rest of the inscription, whereas if you examined the large design you would find that not only had the inscription itself increased in size, but the numerals had increased in greater proportion, and were now *larger* than the remainder of the inscription. He had found the 10 öre red, and the 20 öre blue, without any stop after *POSTFRIM* and this he had not seen chronicled. In 1888 the 12 öre was surcharged "2 öre," and was to be found in both bistre and black brown. In 1890 a 1 öre stamp was issued in yellow brown, and later on its colour was changed to bistre grey, and a 2 öre stamp in yellow brown was introduced. He possessed the 1 öre with a stop between the N and the O of "NORGE," and also possessed both the 1 and the 2 öre with the stop close to, and apart from, the M of *POSTFRIM*. In 1894 a new series of stamps with the inscription in ornamental capitals was issued, which were perforated both $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ and $13\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$. There were also a set of unpaid letter stamps, which were perforated $14\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$ and also $13\frac{1}{2} \times 12\frac{1}{2}$.

STANLEY GIBBONS' NEW CATALOGUE.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS LIM. are publishing their new catalogue in three parts.

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Stanley Gibbons' catalogue requires little praise for all know its excellence—and there is very little in this part of the new edition to find fault with. The pricing is out of our province, but we think that advances are on reasonable lines, while sensible reductions have been affected in some instances. The 1/- Grenada appears at 5/- used and unused—we understand that a figure has slipped or something come unstuck. The new Scott catalogue prices this stamp at \$12.50, or 50/-, unused, and \$10, or 40/-, used. Perhaps 5/- is the price Messrs. S. G. would like to buy the stamp at, and the thought was father to the error. We have not looked through for omissions, but one has attracted our attention. The 3d. South Australia, small type, surcharged 08, and

perf. 10, is not mentioned. The book is really good, and everyone should have it. We may say that the 1897 edition of Bright's catalogue, ready in April, will also be published in parts—the first adhesive stamps and the second entire.

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Dec. 17. Display, "U.S.A."

Messrs. Sallo Epstein (Transvaal), C. C. Morency (Canada), W. M. Thompson (N.S.W.), A. Schlachter (U.S.A.) were elected members.

Then followed the display of the stamps of U.S.A., including the collections of Messrs. Pimm, Stephenson and Johnson, with some fine selections belonging to the President, including a superb set of current type, engraver's proofs, from the matrix dies, and a fine lot of 90c. of first issue.

The December packets were again a record far in advance of any circulated in this or any other society.

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The packets for the whole year have amounted to £28,230 9s. 5d., without counting any "special" sheets sent to foreign members. They have thus formed the finest and most valuable series that have ever been circulated. What is still more remarkable, to the nervous ones who talk about a fall in prices, is the fact that at no time in the history of the society have sales been more satisfactory, and the members are all anxious for even still more valuable lots.

Jan. 7. Paper, "Cape of Good Hope," by G. Johnson.

Messrs. R. Dalton (Bristol), W. A. Abraham (British Guiana), T. H. Nicolle (N.S.W.), J. H. Smyth (Bristol), Mario Pires M. B. de Lima (Portugal), were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons for their catalogue, and to Mr. W. C. Stone for two annual numbers of the *American Philatelist*.

The Hon. Sec. then read his paper on the "Stamps of the Cape of Good Hope."

LANCASHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The October packet has been returned to me and accounts will be balanced and sent out without delay. The November packet is about half way round, and was a great improvement on the October packet. The December packet is also on its way, the total value of which is £152 16s. 9d., being far better than any of the preceding ones. A Special Rarity Packet will be dispatched each month, irrespective of the ordinary monthly packet. Earnest collectors invited to join. Full particulars and rules will be sent on application to J. W. Marsden, Secretary, 11, Alpha Street West, Seadley, Manchester.

EALING STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—The year 1896 has been a remarkably successful one for this club, both in the increase of its members and sheets contributed, as well as stamps exchanged. £2,012 6s. 10d. was the total value of sheets sent in during the year, and stamps to the value of £232 1s. were exchanged, which were contributed by about two-thirds of the members, one packet only circulating each month, and it is hoped this steady improvement will continue. A new B packet has been started for 1897 for scarce stamps, and it is hoped this will also prove successful. Collectors who would like to join will be gladly furnished with the rules. Settlements are made monthly and the packets start on the 1st and 15th of each month respectively. Secretary, J. Wilson, 24, Hartington Road, Ealing.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The sixth ordinary meeting of the society was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Dec. 16th, 1896, at 7.30 p.m. The Vice-President (Mr. R. T. Stevens) in the chair, supported by nine members and two visitors. The Hon. Sec. reported receipt from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. of an autotype plate, showing the difference between dies 1 and 2 of the De La Rue issues of British Colonial stamps, and was instructed to acknowledge the gift with best thanks of the society. Volumes II. to VI. of the *Monthly Journal* were also presented the society by one of the members, and were accepted with thanks. On the proposition of Mr. Mayne, seconded by the Hon. Sec., it was resolved that a Question Book be provided for the use of members. Dr. Pooley, Plymouth, was elected an ordinary member of the society. On the proposition of Mr. Mayne, seconded by the Hon. Sec., it was resolved that a display of stamps be held upon the date fixed upon for the second ordinary meeting of the society in the month of February, several members present promising to send exhibits. Mr. Miller then read his paper on "The Stamps of Norway," and afterwards, on the proposition of the Vice-President, seconded by Mr. Mayne, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Miller for his very interesting paper. "The Stamps of Great Britain" was fixed upon as the subject of study for the next meeting, to be introduced by Mr. Mayne. Towards

the close of the meeting the Hon. Sec. passed round what appeared to be two varieties of the current 1d. Great Britain. In the older variety the line of colour in front of the throat extended the whole way down the neck, whilst in the later variety this line of colour extended only to the 7th line of shading on the neck, and the eye-ball also appeared to be smaller. He also passed round the Straits Settlements 1c. on 8c. yellow, with four very distinct varieties of surcharge. Hon. Sec., W. J. W. Miller, 5, Athenaeum Terrace, Plymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—Several new members are proposed, the list being as follows: J. G. Allan (Edinburgh), H. S. W. Cole (Kingston-on-Thames), Miss Barrow (Blackheath), C. W. Clemson (London), Mrs. E. J. Robinson (Wantage), A. F. Willey (London), T. A. Potts (Stoke), Mrs. Kingsmill (Harrow), W. T. D. Bolt (London), Jas. Reed (Harleston), W. G. Coles (Oban), Mrs. Butt (London). Rules and other particulars from the Hon. Secretary. Members are requested to make a special effort in order that the February packet may be the best yet sent out. Hon. Sec., W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—A sufficient number of contributions were received to make up two A and one B packets for the December circuit, which, owing to the holidays, were not despatched quite so punctually as usual. The aggregate value of sheets in packets was about £1,550—a slight falling off, which it is hoped will be remedied next month. A large number of good stamps at reasonable prices were displayed, West Africans being especially strong. Several new members have lately joined, and vacancies will always be found for advanced or medium collectors. A fresh supply of club stationery and boxes has been obtained, and several innovations have been proposed for the new year. For full information, copy of rules, &c., apply to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

NORTH WESTERN S.E. REPORT.—The December packet has returned, sales amount to over 11% of value of packet. All collectors and dealers invited to join. Monthly cash settlements. Write for rules to R. Leresche, 8, Christchurch Avenue, Brondesbury, London, N. W.

It is with very great regret that we announce the death of Mr. GILBERT LOCKYER. The deceased gentleman was well known in the ranks of philatelic journalism, and was one of the earliest contributors to the columns of *The Philatelic Chronicle*.

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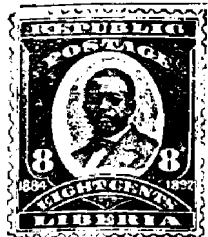
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THERE seems a lot of unnecessary worry about the Nova Scotia remainders.

Much gratuitous mud-slinging has been indulged in; enough has been said now, and ill-feeling might give way to contentment, in the best interests of philately. A quarrel such as this has been, carried to almost indecent lengths in some quarters, is most damaging to the science—and if stamp collecting lose its *prestige* who will suffer? The dealers! Lookers-on see most of the game, and while the dealers have been going it hammer and tongs we collectors have looked on with a feeling rapidly approximating to disgust. To both sides we say "Put yourself in your opponent's place and decide whether you would have adopted a different course of action."

The statement that sets were seriously offered at 2/6 each is a myth pure and simple. We have made careful enquiries in many directions and are convinced that the stamps are good. There is no bunkum about these like there is about three-quarters of the West Indians, and it is barely possible for prices to come down. The whole story of their acquisition is a matter of business. The purchasers happened to be a bit smarter than some others. They found out that the undreamed-of remainders were in existence, located them, and, after a good deal of trouble and the investment of a large sum of money, bought them. They were in a position to unload an enormous stock in Europe and America before the truth leaked out, but they preferred to act in the eyes of the world and appointed THE SCOTT Co. and STANLEY GIBBONS LIMITED their sole agents, and no stamps have been sold save through these firms. They put the prices at a fair figure to allow of the stamps being sold at one-quarter

the usual price, and by these prices they stand. They will never be lowered. The holders are now in a position to lock the rest up, and are quite prepared to do so if necessary.

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CHRONICLE.

ANGRA.—A new set of stamps is current in this island. The design is similar to that of the stamps used in Portugal, but the name ANGRA is on the lozenge under the head and the value is in an oval at the top left corner. A full set from 2½ to 300 reis has been issued.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The following stamps are announced:—

- 2/6 lilac and green.
- 1/- black and green.
- £1 black and blue.

ECUADOR.—Some further surcharges have been made on the long fiscal stamps to fit them for postal use. The surcharge is in black.

- 1c. on 1c. vermilion, issue of 1893-1894.
- 2c. on 2c. blue, issue of 1893-1894.
- 10c. on 4c. brown, issue of 1887-1888.

FERNANDO PO.—The surcharge fiend has secured another victory here. This time the 10c. de peso

fiscal is the victim, the surcharge has literally "got all over it," even extending into the margins.

5 on 10c. de peso, blue surcharge.

5 on 10c. " " inverted.

GUATEMALA.—A new commemorative set of 14 values is announced.

HORTA.—The new set for this island is similar to that for Angra.

PONTA DELGADA.—Same remarks as for Horta and Angra.

TOBAGO.—The fourpenny fiscal stamp has been surcharged for use as ½d.

½d. on 4d. black surcharge.

ZANZIBAR.—The permanent set is rather a handsome issue. The values from ½ to 8 annas are ordinary size, but the 1 and 2 rupees stamps are large size. The head of the Sultan occupies the middle of each stamp, and they are printed on white paper, perf. 13.

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| ¾a. green and red. | 4½a. yellow and red. |
| 1a. blue " | 5a. olive " |
| 2a. chocolate and red. | 7½a. violet " |
| 2½a. ultramarine " | 8a. olive green and red. |
| 3a. blue grey " | 1r. ultramarine " |
| 4a. bright green " | 2r. green and red. |

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Three new cards are announced.

- 1 penny blue.
- 1½d. yellow brown.
- 1d. + 1d. rose

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—The ¼ tanga is announced with the head of Don Carlos.

¼ tanga green on cream.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE "Army Official" stamps are being employed very extensively, judging by the low prices asked for sets (used and unused). Apparently they are supplied under less stringent regulations than are "I.R. Official" and Govt. Parcels," or unused copies could not be so openly circulated, being even quoted in that state by Gibbons, though at much above their value. Most collectors will by now be aware that there are two distinct errors of surcharge, occurring on the ½d. and 1d. values. The more noticeable being that in which the foot of the final L is missing, thus reading—"OFFICIAL." The other error, though not so striking or interesting, is just as scarce as the first, and is not far removed from being of the same nature; the foot of the L in this case being half broken away.

High prices are being asked for the "Official's," but—don't pay them. I hear that a *year's supply* was prepared previous to issue—that means a big lot—and one of each of the errors is on every sheet of either value. If you haven't yet got these varieties, let prices find their level before you invest. I think there will be plenty for all, though of course in the meantime, they are worth looking for.

The Second Edition of Messrs. Bright's admirable "A B C" Catalogue is promised for April, and a warbler tells me they are going to do fuller justice than ever to English stamps and postal stationery. Their first edition was good in this respect, besides being a first class whole-world reference list to boot, at a low price. I hope, however, they will be a little more circumspect about the prices of English envelope stamps, &c. They priced, for instance, the 10d. *blue* stamps at 2/6. If this was copied from Scott's 55th, as I expect it was, the great American concern has now repaid the compliment, by, in their turn, listing the same stamp, *same price*, in the recently published 57th edition. Both Messrs. Bright and "Scott's" are surely aware that this stamp is worth more shillings than there are pence in half-a-crown.

I happened to look under the flap of a "size K" registered envelope in my own collection the other day, and instead of the usual "McCorquodale & Co, Contractors," what was my surprise to find the words, "Patent Registered Envelope," following the name of the firm! I can find no mention of this in "Morley," or in any other catalogue, giving details of these envelopes. My specimen is of the 1888 issue, undated stamp, and without insurance table on back. I shall be glad to hear if any reader has seen this variety, in same or any other size.

The 2½d. and 1/- envelope stamps have both changed their "florets" from 5 to 9 dots. As these values are comparatively little used, they will soon be very scarce, especially in unused condition. The 2½d. envelope (without florets) being sold ready-made by the post office, accounts for this value being in comparatively small demand at Somerset House, where, of course, all the "foret" varieties are alone printed and issued to persons ordering them. In the "English Specialist's Journal" for January, Mr. Ewen devotes no less than 8 pages to a full and detailed synopsis of the envelope stamps from ½d. to 4d., going especially into the subject of die Nos., which most of these stamps have shown since their first appearance. The February number is to continue the article with respect to the 6d., 10d., and 1/- values.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

A MONTH or so ago I was up in the "gay metro-lops"—London, to wit—and I called in the Philatelic Club and Exchange to have a chat with Mr. Lawrence Harris, the energetic secretary of that then flourishing institution. Over a glass of soda—darkened—and a cigar, we indulged in an interesting and lengthy chat—so lengthy, in fact, that the soda—darkened—and the cigars had to be replenished several times. Mr. Harris regaled me with an account of the rise and progress of the club, and he showed a list of members, which certainly augured success. I also met an old friend—Mr. W. G. Hawkins—newly chosen upon the committee, and both he and Mr. Harris seemed confident as to the successful future of the club. That was in December. Suddenly something happened. Hey, presto! and Mr. Harris had severed his connection with the affair—the committee had resigned *en bloc*, and the Club was in a state of chaos! What it was all about I know not—but I think it a thousand pities that disaster should come upon what might have been a most valuable adjunct to British Philately. The following letter speaks for itself.

Philatelic Club and Exchange, Ltd.,
40, Jermyn Street.

To the Editor—PHILATELIC CHRONICLE AND
ADVERTISER.

DEAR SIR,—As our names have been extensively advertised in connection with the above club, we, having been elected by the members as the Committee of Management, desire to make known to Philatelists generally that we have resigned our membership. We therefore are no longer responsible in any way whatever for the management of the Club, and our connection with it has entirely ceased.

H. HOUSTON BALL,
BRUCE CORNFORD,
W. G. HAWKINS,
SAMUEL RAWSON,
W. R. WILFREVILLE RIDOUT,
W. T. WILLETT.

The *edition de luxe* of Bright's Catalogue will make a fine present to give to a philatelic friend. I haven't got any friends, myself, that is to say, friends who would give me anything—'cos why?—I owe them all a bit more or less. Still, if any one of my readers wants to be inscribed upon the tablets of my memory as *amicus fidus*, he can forward a copy addressed to The Slave of Duty, care of Editor, P. C. & A.

One little item got crowded out last month. This is it. Mr. Margoschis of this city has got the cheapest and best thing in stamp tongs anywhere. A pair costs you 7½d., and they are just as good and a lot

neater and better looking than those you give half-a-crown for.

The fashion for specializing in British stamps causes the unfortunate dealer to receive some funny applications. Mr. Hollick, in the course of conversation the other day, says he gets the most remarkable orders at times—requests for red, white, blue and green postmarks are had enough, but sometimes an order comes to fill spaces 21 to 78, say, on page so-and-so, somebody's album, and the latest is for the penny red imperforate with a postmark for every day in the year. "Declined, with thanks," says Mr. H., "I could earn more at brick-aying!"

That enterprising American dealer, Mr. E. T. Parker, of Bethlehem, Pa. has brought out another novelty. His last was a neat waistcoat-pocket case for holding loose stamps—the new idea is a little book fitted for the pocket, wherein a collector of U. S. Document and Proprietary Revenue Stamps can keep a convenient record of what he has and what he has not. A list of all the issues is printed down the left-hand margin of the pages and dotted blank spaces left opposite each description to be filled by an x when the stamp is obtained. This is a fine idea, for a blank is provided for every variety, thus: Imp., Imp. pair, Part perf., Part perf. pair, Perf., Thick, Silk, and by this means confusion is impossible, and a collector can tell at a single glance, whether he wants a stamp or does not.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

BY NON-LEX.

III.—MR. G. JOHNSON, B. A., Hon. Sec. B. P. S.

IT WAS in ninety-seven on a winter's night that our visitor ploughed his way through a slough of slush Birchfield-wards to interview the popular secretary of the Birmingham Philatelic Society in the interests of the *Philatelic Chronicle* and its readers. With the wisdom born of experience our sub-editor had taken the precaution of securing an appointment with Mr. Johnson—for the B. P. S. secretary is one of those people who never have an idle moment—from early morn to dewy eve work occupies his attention. He never smokes because he has no leisure—and when he finds time for his meals is a mystery to those acquainted with the multifarious duties he accomplishes as public school-master, private tutor, secretary and treasurer of the King Edward's School Old Boys' Association, ditto of the Birmingham Philatelic Society *et hoc genus omne*.

Well, Mr. Johnson was on view at seven o'clock, and our visitor entered the drive to his house at two

minutes past that hour. Five minutes later the two were closeted together in Mr. Johnson's library, where, by the way, the Birmingham Society meetings are held, and Mr. Johnson was giving some few details of his career.

"I have been connected with King Edward VI. Grammar School more or less nearly twenty-five years. I entered the school in 1872 as a pupil, and from 1881 to the present day I have been a master under the foundation. With the exception of a few years when I was in the employment of the Birmingham School Board, and the time I was at the Cheltenham Training College, I have been in constant connection with the old school—and even during those lapses I was still an active member of the evening Science and Art Classes, held by the late Head Master and others, so I never really loosed my grip, as it were."

"King Edward's School has seen the philatelic birthplace of a great many collectors, has it not?" said our sub-editor.

"Of hundreds!" answered Mr. Johnson, emphatically. "I cannot say how many of the local collectors made their first collections there, but certainly E. L. Pemberton, C. J. Phillips, of Stauley Gibbons Lim., R. Hollick, W. G. Walton, F. E. Wilson, W. S. Vaughton, and myself are representative specimens of the various sorts and conditions of philatelists who have looked back with pride to the old school."

"Did you collect all these years, Mr. Johnson?"

"Oh, no! I wish I had! I collected from 1872-74, and then gave my stamps away as I had no time to attend to them—I have regretted this since and would willingly give £20 for the last two or three pages of the book now! Until after I had taken my degree at London University in 1888 I had no time to devote to stamps, for every moment I had to spare from teaching was given up to work in connection with this and other examinations in all sorts of subjects. You see, here are nineteen certificates in Science and Art from South Kensington alone. From 1888 I collected systematically, and in 1892, in conjunction with Mr. W. G. Walton and one or two others, re-started the Birmingham Philatelic Society—Mr. Walton being the only member of the old society who helped to form the new one, while Mr. Hollick joined among the early members."

Mr. Johnson here stopped for a breathing time and our interviewer ventured to remark that he had every reason to be proud of the progress made by the society under his guiding hand.

"Well," said Mr. Johnson, "I have had to put in a lot of work. I have been well backed up by the other officials, and *The Philatelic Chronicle* brought in members from far and wide, but still the extension of the society is far beyond what anyone could have expected. On October 1st, 1893, there were 26 members. On October 1st, 1896, there were 156 members and, at the present moment there are just over 200—about one-third of whom are living abroad."

"Where will it end, Mr. Johnson?" asked our representative.

"Goodness knows. I fully expect upwards of 250 this season—but the increase in membership is nothing compared with the increase in the packet-sent out. Five years ago I hardly dared trust a £50 packet to the post—now I think nothing of sending £2,500 or £3,000 out each month. Your journal, *The Philatelic Chronicle*, has backed us up from the first most loyally, and doubtless much of the progress must be attributed to its influence."

"There's little more I can add," concluded Mr. Johnson, "except to say that, notwithstanding the present large membership, we are open to receive as many new members as we can get—always providing that their credentials will stand investigation—for upon that point we are very particular and have been compelled to decline very many nominations altogether."

At this point our sub-editor packed up his notes, shook Mr. Johnson heartily by the hand, wished him a "Good-night," and departed for the sub-editorial virtuous couch.

Mr. Johnson, it is only necessary to add, is one of those men who revel in hard work. He does not know what it is to have an idle moment, and what he does at all he does with all his heart—hence, with all due respect to every other factor, there can be no doubt that four-fifths of the success achieved by the B.P.S. is due to Mr. Johnson's indomitable perseverance and industry—and long may it progress under his fostering care.

STAMPS OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.

(Résumé of a paper read by G. Johnson, B.A., before the Birmingham Philatelic Society.)

TRIANGULAR ISSUE—Wmk. double-lined anchor—printers, Perkins, Bacon & Co. The original die was 1d. The other three values were made from it. It was engraved by W. Humphreys. The stamps were printed from steel plates and the sheet contained 240 in 15 horizontal rows of 16 arranged in 8 squares. The four plates were handed over to the agents for the Crown Colonies on Jan. 28th, 1862 and were destroyed July 7-10th, 1865.

Sept. 1st, 1853. 1d. (Newspapers.)

" " " 4d. (½oz. letter within the Colony.)

Feb. 18th, 1858. 6d. (½oz letter to Great Britain.)

" " " 1s. (½oz letter to Foreign Countries)

Sept. 15th, 1860, postage for local delivery in Cape Town reduced to 1d. f. r. ½ oz.

May 1st, 1861, postage for local delivery in Port Elizabeth reduced to 1d for ½oz.

? 1863, postage by packet to Great Britain raised to 1s.

? " postage by private ship to Great Britain reduced to 4d.

(NOTE Other towns added to list at 1d. rate in 1861, but the 1d. rate was not uniform in the whole of Colony until Jan. 1st 1869.)

TRIANGULAR-PROVISIONAL "WOODBLOCK" printed by S. Solomon & Co., Cape Town. The original dies were engraved on steel with 64 impressions of each value. These were stereotyped and the stereotypes cemented on to wooden blocks—hence the name. Four horizontal rows of 16-sheets 10½ x 7 inches. This includes a margin all round of nearly ¼ inch. White laid paper. One of the 4d. impressions was placed among the 1d. and vice versa. From 385 to 400 sheets were printed of the 1d. value and 200 to 240 sheet of the 4d. From these 24,660 stamps of the 1d. were issued and 12,840 of the 4d. Thus, if the errors were not rectified there could have been some 201 penny errors and 386 four-penny ones.

April 10 h, 1861, 1d. "Woodblock" issued.

" 12th, 1861. 4d. " "

1863 REPRINT ON WOVE PAPER.—The error had previously been removed from each plate and also one damaged stereotype (corresponding with the variety having lower corner filled in with straight lines) from the one penny plate. Thus a sheet of 1d. Reprint consists of 62 stamps and 2 blank spaces and a sheet of 4d. contains 63 stamps and 1 blank space. 195 sheets of each value were delivered to the Treasury but probably 200-240 were printed and some 165 sheets of each value are still held by the Treasury. They were reprinted in order to supply specimens (3 of each value) to all the countries in the Postal Union, and with the exception of a few copies which have been given for services rendered in connection with arranging the Official collection at the Cape, no other copies have been issued directly by the authorities, who refuse to part with any of the others under any circumstances. They are thus far rarer than the originals, and are still available for postage.)

PRINTERS. From Jan. 28th, 1862, Messrs De la Rue, printed all stamps—the triangulars being printed from the plates which had been handed over by Perkins, Bacon & Co., on that date. The numbers printed were—

PERKINS, BACON & Co.

1d. 5,850,000, brick, dull, and rose red.

4d. 7,010,000, pale and bright blue.

6d. used 800,000, pale lilac, mauve, grey and dark lilac.

120,000, left on hand and probably destroyed.

1s. used 300,000, dark and yellow-green.

80,160, left on hand and probably destroyed.

DE LA RUE

1d. 1,233,040, carmine and red-brown.

4d. 1,253,840, violet blue.

6d. 95,520, bright mauve.

1s. 88,120, emerald green.

(ERROR.—The error watermark, Cr. and C.C. on 1d. red-brown was probably an essay.)

RECTANGULAR-WATERMARK CROWN & C.C. Outer line to design.

July 20th, 1865, 1d. rose-red shades.
 Aug. " " 4d. blue "
 July 20th, " 6d. lilac, mauve shades.
 Jan. 1864, 1s. green.

On sheet 240 (4 panes of 60 : each pane 10 rows of 6) Emblematic figure of Hope seated on an anchor, holding in her right hand a branch of grape vine : resting her left hand on a ram. Background of horizontal lines divided diagonally by an imaginary line. The apparent difference in shade is only caused by the different thickness of the lines,

Nov., 1868, Four Pence. in red on 6d. The surcharge is 17 mm. including the period. The original value is obliterated by two bars, each $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wide placed close together.

Sept., 1874, ONE PENNY ($17 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ mm.) in red on 6d., obliterating bar is $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 mm. wide.

Jan., 1877, ONE PENNY ($17 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ mm.) in black on 1/-, obliterating bar $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2 mm. wide.

WATERMARK CROWN & C.C. Design retouched. No outer line.

March 1876, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black.
 " 1872, 1d. rose.
 Jan. 1877, 4d. blue.
 Aug. 22nd, 1871, 5s. orange-yellow.

There was no immediate use for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value and many were surcharged "G" for use in Griqualand, on newspapers. The outer line was removed from the other values and the whole figure retouched as if by a prentice hand.

Nov. 1st, 1879, THREE PENCE on 4d. ($15 \times 1\frac{1}{4}$ mm.) Minor varieties one on each sheet, THREE and PENCE. Surcharge also double printed.

March, 1880, THREE PENCE on 4d. ($15\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ mm.) over original value—the stamp specially printed in lilac-rose.

July, 1880, 3d. lilac-rose.

August, 1880. The lilac-rose surcharged 3. There are 10 varieties of surcharge and it also exists inverted.

(Note. This was done to prevent mistakes—the colour resembling that of the 1d. The chief differences are 3 ($4\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{2}$ mm.) and 3 ($5 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ mm.) The second type exists in horizontal pairs—one having a surcharge and the other not.)

January, 1881, 3d. carmine lake.

WATERMARK CROWN & C.A. The $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., and 5s. had no outer line. The 6d. had outer line.

September 1st, 1882, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black.
 August, 1882, 1d. rose.

September, 1882, 2d. light-brown.
 July, 1882, 3d. carmine lake.
 August, 1882, 6d. lilac mauve.
 End of 1883, 5s. orange-yellow.

Pending the arrival of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d.—the 3d. which had arrived in July was surcharged.

A few sheets of the 3d. carmine lake One C.C. were also surcharged in the Half Penny. same way. One (5 mm.) Half Penny ($16\frac{1}{2}$ mm.)

WATERMARK—A FOUL ANCHOR. The 6d. and 1s. with an outer line, the other values without outer line.

January, 1886, $\frac{1}{2}$ d. black.
 December, 1885, 1d. rose
 " 1884, 2d. light brown.
 June 1890, 4d. blue.
 December, 1884, 6d. light mauve.
 " 1885, 1s. green.
 July, 1887, 5s. orange-yellow.
 January 1894, 1s. deep green.

March, 1891, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d in black on 3d. obliterating original value. The 3d. was specially printed in reddish violet. $2 = 5\frac{1}{2} \times 4$ mm. each numeral of fraction 2 mm. high $d = 2 \times 1$ mm.

June, 1892, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. pale green, value in tablet in upper corner and numerals in lower corner.

March, 1893, ONE PENNY, black on 2d. light brown.

No stop .. 6th in 7th row of 1st pane.

.. 6th in 1st " 4th "

1893, new design, 1d. red.

1893, No outer line, 1s. dark green.

May, 1896, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue.

" " 1s. yellow-ochre

" " 5s. brown-orange

THE STAMP JOBBERY IN TOBAGO.

THE issue of the "error" shilling in this island some little time ago was so profitable to those who exploited it that another coup was attempted during the last few days of the old year This time the fourpenny fiscal stamp was operated with being overprinted " $\frac{1}{2}$ d.," and only some 900 (so we are told) issued. The statement of quantity, however, must be received with caution as it emanates from parties whose word is as unsatisfactory as their stamp—as witness the 300 odd shilling "errors," which increased and multiplied until they reached a total of twice as many thousands. Appended are a couple of letters, together with an extract from a Port of Spain newspaper, and the three will give a good idea of the situation at the present moment. The action of the Colonial government is the one pleasing feature of the whole business, and it is to be hoped that an

example will be made just as a hint to official "confidence men" in other parts of the empire.

Haddington, N.B., 22/1/97.

Dear Sir,—We received some provisionals from Tobago to-day— $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in small type and POSTAGE in capitals 13 mil. long in black printed on the fiscal 4d. stamp, lilac and rose, watermark crown and C.A. Our correspondent says that, owing to the mail ship having to put into Lisbon a delay occurred on the voyage which necessitated the issue of the provisional stamp, and he adds the old tale of the Post Office selling a dozen only to each person (no more).

These provisionals should be condemned, for he lets slip the statement that the last provisionals were mostly bought up by the government officials.

We are promptly returning him his stamps.

Yours truly,

The Editor, P.C. & A. TURNER & CO.

Port of Spain, Trinidad, 7/1/97.

Dear Sir,—I intended writing you by this mail giving minute particulars of Tobago stamps and late jobbery tricks at that island amongst those in authority—officials. A Commission of Enquiry over those last 1/- brown is now sitting, and it is alleged by parties over at Tobago the Commission sold out the stamps to a few favoured ones—who are now asking as high as 25/- to 30/- for each.

On the 22nd December last 900 of the 4d. revenue were surcharged $\frac{1}{4}$ d. it is alleged to meet the over demand for card postages, these now are being offered at 10/- each.

The Secretary of State to the Colonies issued a Special Circular, dated 29th Sept., 1896, to Colonial Postmasters *re* Sale of Stamps to Collectors, Dealers, etc., and also previous ones to avoid provisionals. In the interest of Stamp Collectors every effort should be made to put a stop to such speculations by officials.

Yours faithfully,

The Editor, P.C. & A. T. A. GALBRAITH.

The same gentleman sent us the following from a local newspaper:—

"Mr. H. Clarence Bourne left Trinidad on Dec. 15, 1896, for Tobago under a Commission issued by the Acting Governor appointing him for certain purposes which are set out in the "Royal Gazette" in the following terms:—

And whereas circulars have from time to time been issued by the Right Hon'ble the Secretary of State calling attention among other things to the difficulties sometimes experienced in obtaining supplies of Colonial Stamps and to certain irregularities which exist in the practice of selling stamps to dealers and collectors;

And whereas complaints have been made to me with regard to the sale in the Island of Tobago in the month of October now last past, of certain postage

stamps which had then been recently withdrawn from circulation;

And whereas an enquiry into the matters herein-after specified would in my opinion be for the public welfare;

Now therefore, I, Clement Courtenay Knollys, acting Governor as aforesaid do hereby in pursuance of the powers vested in me in this behalf by the "Commissions of Enquiry Ordinance, 1892," aforesaid, and of any and every other power enabling me in this behalf, issue this my Commission to you the said Hugh Clarence Bourne, appointing you to be a Commissioner to enquire into

- (a) The practice which has hitherto prevailed in the Island of Tobago with regard to the sale of postage stamps to dealers and collectors of stamps.
- (b) The circumstances connected with the sale in the said Island of certain postage stamps which had been withdrawn from circulation on the 8th day of October now last past; and
- (c) The desirability or otherwise of providing for the manner in which and the persons by whom requisitions for stamps from dealers and collectors of stamps should in future be dealt with;
- (d) And such other matters connected with Postage, Revenue or Fee Stamps as may seem to you expedient.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

President:—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

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Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. H. E. GREATorex.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

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

Jan 21st.

The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. G. F. Hughes (Transvaal), F. C. Krichauff (South Australia), J. Debray (Belgium), E. Lintelo (Belgium), A. Mattana (Gibraltar).

Mr. M. Z. Kuttner (London) then exhibited his collection of the stamps of South Australia, which was extremely interesting and instructive to the members present.

Feb. 4th.

Lieut.-Col. A. Ely (Devonport), and R. W. M. Corbett, Esq. (Oswestry), were elected members.

Then followed the display of the stamps of Trinidad.

The packets for January totalled £3,360 9s. 5½d., and included some very fine selections from some of the Foreign and Colonial members.

Important Notice to Members.—All those desirous of sending sheets to the Barbados Society are requested to let me have them by March 5th. They should be made up exactly the same as for the B. P. S. packets, so as to allow 50%; same paper, etc. I shall despatch on March 6th, by Registered Post and Insured.

Yours truly,

G. JOHNSON.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.—A lime-light exhibition was given on January 27th, at Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, when Mr. T. Ridpath showed a number of specially prepared slides. Descriptions of the stamps exhibited were given by Messrs. Marx, Bacon, Tilleard, Nankivell and Ehrenbach. Some fifty members and friends were present and spent an enjoyable evening. Hon. Secretary, T. H. Hinton, 5, Paulton's Square, Chelsea, London, S.W.

MIDLAND COUNTIES EXCHANGE.—The following new members are proposed this month: W. H. Hodgson (London), H. S. Grocott (Tarpurley), V. H. Gregory (London), L. M. Binckes (London), F. A. Potts (Newcastle), Mr. A. A. Capell (Dunmow), H. A. D. Capell (Dunmow), W. Gilbert (St. Leonards), J. H. Boxius (London). The February packets were very fair some excellent sheets being sent. New members joining are not charged subscriptions for the first half of the year. Rules, &c., from W. G. Walton, Hon. Sec., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE UNUSED STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—We call the attention of our readers to the fact that Messrs. Bright & Son are just now forming an Unused Stamp Exchange Club. We have perused a copy of Rules, which we consider highly satisfactory. The idea is novel, and the subscription being only 2 6 per year, we venture to think that not only will the club prove a great success, but will also be of great advantage to a large and increasing number of collectors who are making unused stamps their speciality. We would urge those of our readers who intend becoming members, to communicate at once with Messrs. Bright & Son, as we believe only a limited number will be accepted.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Two A and two B packets were made up and despatched on the 23rd inst, for the January circuit: the sheets were well up to the average, many rare and valuable stamps being offered for exchange. Total value of contributions, £1,701 8s. 7d. September Quarterly Accounts were settled with due promptitude, and monthly cash settlements date from the return of the October packets. Seven applications for membership were received

during the past month. For full particulars apply to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The ninth ordinary meeting of the Society was held at No. 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, January 27th, 1897, at 7-30 p.m. The President (Capt. G. H. W. Stockdale, R.E.), in the chair, supported by seven members. Mr. A. W. Shield, Plymouth, was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society. The subject for study, "The Stamps of Great Britain," was introduced by Mr. Mayne, being a continuation of his remarks from last meeting. He dealt with the 6d. and 1/- values, and illustrated his remarks by the exhibition of specimens from his collection, pointing out the different watermarks, plate numbers and shades of colour. An interesting discussion followed, and the President exhibited his collection of the stamps under notice for the information of members. On the proposition of the President, seconded by Mr. W. E. Harvey, a vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Mayne for his remarks. W. J. W. Miller, Hon. Secretary, 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

SCOTT'S 57TH EDITION.

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THE stamp season is now in full swing and everything appertaining to stamps is going very strongly. The season will probably be extended this year on account of the London Exhibition, but usually it reaches its zenith about the end of April and then begins to gradually fall away. The special issue of *The Advertiser*, which we issue about this time every year, is a kind of high-pressure guage when we make our biggest endeavour and when such endeavour is rendered necessary by the requirements of every class of philatelic advertiser. The success which has attended *The Advertiser* from its earliest days has provoked much imitation but no rivalry—*The Advertiser* still stands alone. How it is that those who use our paper get so much greater benefit than they obtain from other philatelic publications is a secret which the publishers do not wish to present to their imitators, but that such is the fact is beyond disproof—unless the testimonials we receive every day are the fabrications of disordered minds. One wrinkle we will give our contemporaries. Don't be afraid to give a bit away. We give *The Advertiser* away and we also give a 24-word advertisement away—all we ask is 6d. to pay for the postage of twelve copies—we get nothing out of this as it costs 6d. to post the twelve—but it is the quantity that pays. We get the *connection among collectors*, and the paid subscribers to *The Advertiser* at this moment are greater in number than the paid subscribers of any two—or even three—philatelic journals in England. All this is a puff for *The Advertiser* but it is the simple truth all the same. We want our next special *Advertiser* to be a big one. We will guarantee the big circulation, and we want collectors and dealers to send in their advertisements and make the big

book. We will receive advertisements up to April 1st, but, should space fail, it will be a case of "first come—first served," so send in early.

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The "Directory" has been delayed to an irritating extent. It is now ready but we have as yet had no chance of examining it. Send for a "Directory" and ABC Catalogue" and the latter will be sent as soon as published.

CHRONICLE.

AFGHANISTAN.—Three more stamps of the "Mosque" type are issued—values doubtful. Black on green.

" yellow green.
" rose.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Mr. C. A. Cole, of Colchester, informs us that fresh provisionals have been created for this Protectorate. They are overprinted BRITISH EAST AFRICA in three lines on the new Zanzibar stamps, type being identical with the overprinted Indian stamps. The supply was limited and exhausted in less than a fortnight. Values:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green and red.
2 annas, chocolate and red.
 $\frac{4}{2}$ " yellow and red.
5 " olive and red.
 $7\frac{1}{2}$ " violet and red.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in red on 1 anna blue and red.
 $2\frac{1}{2}$ " in red on 3 annas blue, grey and red.

CHINA.—It is said that the Imperial Chinese Post has superseded all the Local posts.

CYPRUS.—The 1 and 2 piastres are now out in two colours—thus completing the series.

1p. carmine and black.
2p. grey-green and brown.

ECUADOR.—A number of stamps have been surcharged 1897-1898 for postal use.

GERMAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.—This portion of German Africa now rejoices in the possession of its own postage stamps. They are made from the current issue of the mother country by the simple expedient of a black surcharge in two lines, DEUTCH—SUDWEST AFRICA. The German colony of Cameroon has a similar set surcharged KAMERUN. Another set for the German Oceanic possessions is surcharged MARSHALL—INSELN, for New Guinea, DEUTSCH—NEW GUINEA and also TOGO.

3 pfennig, brown.	20 pfennig, blue.
5 " green.	25 " orange.
10 " carmine.	50 " red brown.

GUATEMALA.—An entirely new emission is threatened from this little central American state. The stamps, &c., will be a handsome series of large size, and consist of the following:

14 postage stamps.
6 postcards.
4 envelopes.
2 wrappers.

PERAK.—The 5c. tiger head is surcharged SERVICE for official use.

POSTCARDS, &c.

GERMAN SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.—The German postcards are surcharged for use here similarly to the adhesives.

5 pf. green.	10 pf. carmine.
5+5 pf. "	10+10 pf. "

MEXICO.—A new issue of postcards is announced.

PORTUGUESE COLONIES—Angra, Horta, Funchal, &c., have received a supply of new postal stationery to match the new adhesives.

Postcards.—10 reis, green on cream.

10+10 "	" violet on "
20 "	" " "
20+20 "	" " "
30 "	" brown on "
30+30 "	" " "

Letter-cards.—25 " green on chamois.
50 " blue on azure.

ST. VINCENT.—This colony has a new postcard. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green on chamois.

TURKEY.—A new letter-card of the Imperial post has been issued.

1 piastre, green and black on chamois.

ZANZIBAR.—The handsome new stamp is now impressed on the Registered envelope, postcards, &c.

	Envelope.— $2\frac{1}{2}$ annas, ultramarine on white.	
Regd	" —2 "	red brown on white.
	Wrappers.— $\frac{1}{2}$ "	green on chamois.
	" —1 "	red on chamois.
	Postcards.— $\frac{1}{2}$ "	green.
	" $\frac{1}{2}+\frac{1}{2}$ "	"
	" 1 "	carmine.
	" 1+1 "	"

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

POSTCARD specialists may or may not—according to the extent of their enthusiasm—be glad to hear that a real new variety is in use, viz.: the

"court shape" which now appears as one of the "stamped-to-order" cards, having the type II. arms, and the impression in yellowish brown, which colour appears to be a permanent distinction from the pinkish tint of the post office cards. Probably very few firms are using government stamped cards, the plain ones being more convenient and economical. We shall probably find before long that the "arms" type II. has "gone over to the great majority," and at any rate in the case of the square cards this type may rank among the future good things in English entires. The official issue of type II. is already decidedly scarce unused.

"Five shillings, plate 4" went up with a rush three years ago, and since then the catalogues have steadily quoted them at 15s. to 20s. on both white and *bleut* papers. I think, however, this has been too high, even for fine copies, so one wonders why,—in Gibbons' eleventh, they should have been further elevated to 3s. (used) for the bluish, and 32s. for the white. That this was in some way unwarranted is apparent from Messrs S. G.'s recently-issued corrigenda slip,—the former being reduced to 17s. 6d. and the latter to 22s. 6d. But still good copies may be bought in the exchange clubs at half these rates.

The Midland Counties Stamp Exchange had the honour of including in the February packet a fine specimen of "One Shilling, plate 3" (numbered 2 and with hair lines across corners). The price marked was £5 nett.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MR. C. A. COLLE writes me, "Has it ever occurred to the *Chronicle* readers that up to the time of Lobengula's capture the official postmark on all Bulawayo letters was 'Gululawayo,' or 'The place of slaughter?' The fact may be interesting to those who collect postmarks—I have stamps with this postmark in my possession."

Ever to the fore—for is not the motto of our city "Forward"—Birmingham has made a new departure in matters philatelic. This is the establishment of a boys' philatelic society 'The Birmingham Youths' Stamp Society' for the purpose of providing a guide, philosopher and friend for the budding philatelist. The man who can make two philatelists grow where one grew before is to be honoured more than fifty of the speculators who disgust collectors by setting the fashion in stamps and then selling to their own advantage—so I wish every success to Mr. J. A. Margoschis and the B.Y.S.S.

There will be an exhibit of English and Colonial Postage and Revenue Stamps at Earl's Court Victorian Loan Exhibition, for which Mr. Walter Morley will be responsible. The same gentleman will also show foreign telegraphs (all countries) at the London Philatelic Exhibition. Mr. Morley's collection of the latter is probably the finest in the world.

Messrs. Bright have got the first sheets of the new "A B C" Catalogue in the printer's hands so send in your two-and-ninepences if you want an early copy.

It has been the ambition of my life for years to own a type-writer but hitherto I have never been able to get one—travellers in this class of merchandise being such a suspicious and prejudiced body of men—until a fortnight ago I saw Mr. Webb's advertisement of the "Neptune" type-writer at 2s. 6d. "That's my chance," said I, and promptly borrowing the money from a man whose acquaintance I have recently made, I sent for one. Of course I didn't expect to get one of those twenty-guinea articles that you see advertised—I expected a toy. When it came I found it was *not* a toy—but an article capable of very considerable use. It is not a time-saving apparatus for purposes of correspondence, but for anything requiring special legibility—in description or in pricing—or for addressing purposes it is a remarkably cheap half-crown's worth.

At the same time Mr. Webb sent me what I did not ask for—a packet of stamp mounts. There are many sorts and conditions of mount on the market—these of Mr. Webb's are made from what the Americans call "onion-skin"—a thin, transparent and extremely tough paper. The price I know not, but this can easily be obtained by a postcard to Mr. W. S. Webb, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk.

Mr. Edwards, our Canadian Agent, has brought out No. 4 of his "Philatelic Press List and Advertiser of Philatelic Supplies." Anyone who wants a good medium for advertising philatelic supplies should send to Mr. Edwards. He guarantees a 10,000 circulation for his next issue.

The Belle Stamp Co. has removed to more convenient and commodious premises at Vancouver Road, Forest Hill, London, S.E., but the old address 101, Dartmouth Road, Forest Hill, will still be maintained as a branch establishment.

The announcement that the Bulawayo provisionals are being imitated by the forger is an item of news which might have been expected. That such is the fact is very probable, and buyers can only be certain that they get the genuine article by going to a dealer who is beyond reproach. We are indebted to Mr.

Cole, of Colchester, for many items of information about South African stamps, for he is in direct business connection with those parts and gets all his stamps from the fountain head, and we feel sure he would be pleased to give his opinion as to genuineness on any stamps sent to him.

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The Bermuda stamps are to be changed to Lecward Island type on the 1st of June—so say our valued correspondents, Turner & Co., of Haddington.

DESTRUCTION OF THE HAWAII REMAINDERS.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the Republic of Hawaii:

JOINT RESOLUTION.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives, That on and after December 31, 1896, the sale of postage stamps, postal cards and stamped envelopes, issued previous to the present issue, shall cease at the Post Office, after which date all, if any, that may remain will be destroyed, and the President shall appoint a committee of three disinterested persons, who shall serve without pay, to act with the Minister of Finance and Postmaster General, for the purpose of checking off all remaining stock on that date, and see that the part of this resolution relating to the destroying of same is strictly carried out.

Approved this 27th day of May A.D. 1896.

SANFORD B. DOLB,

President of the Republic of Hawaii.

In accordance with the above resolution the remainder of the following stamps and envelopes representing the inventory of Provisional Government surcharged (over-printed) on hand June 30, 1896, and which had collected in the Post Office during the reigns of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, were destroyed by being burned in the furnace at the Hawaiian Electric Company:

2-cent violet, 9,400 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
5-cent light blue, 6,375 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
10-cent chocolate, 1,765 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
12-cent black, 2,122 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
18-cent lake, 1,340 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
18-cent lake, 719-40.50 sheets, uncharged, 50 stamps to sheet.
50-cent red, 474 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.
100-cent red, 872 sheets, 50 stamps to sheet.

STAMPED ENVELOPES.

5-cent envelopes, 12,334.
10-cent envelopes, 11,928.

OBSOLETE STAMPS, HAWAIIAN GOVERNMENT.

2-cent reprint, 1,067 sheets, 15 stamps to sheet.
5-cent reprint, 55 sheets, 20 stamps to sheet.
5-cent specimen, 710 sheets, 20 stamps to sheet.
13-cent specimen, 850 sheets, 20 stamps to sheet.
13-cent reprint, 445 sheets, 20 stamps to sheet.

All Wednesday afternoon (January 27th) the committee appointed by the President and composed of Lieutenant Colonel Soper, W. M. Giffard and F. L. Stoltz, together with members of the Treasury and Post Office Departments were busy with the work of counting the stamps and envelopes which were placed in six mail bags and sealed.

About 9.30 on Thursday morning the stamps were transferred from the Treasury Department, in the Executive building, to the works of the Hawaiian Electric Company in the baggage wagon of Manuel Gomes, who does all the transferring of mails for the Post Office Department. A procession was formed with Minister Damon and Colonel Soper heading it in a hack, next came the stamps, with Louis T. Kenake in charge, and following in another hack were Messrs. F. L. Stoltz and W. M. Giffard.

Upon arrival at the Electric Works the party was met by Superintendent Theodore Hoffman, and the stamps were taken at once to the furnaces, near which were standing Postmaster General Oat and Mr. Stanley Gibbons, of London.

One of the four furnaces was opened and the envelopes were thrown in. Immediately the steam gauge dropped 10 points

Next came a bunch of 40,000 dollar stamps, and the gauge went up 15 points.

After this the stamps were thrown in promiscuously, Louis Kenake acting as chief fireman and the remainder of those present as the chief mourners.

It took about two hours to completely incinerate the mass of stamps and envelopes, and taken all in all, it was a most successful job. There was not a hitch from beginning to end.

At a rough estimate, about \$100,000 worth of stamps and envelopes were burned yesterday, something over \$40,000 having been sold since June 30, 1896. As soon as the committee makes its report, which will be shortly, the exact figures will be given.

NOVA SCOTIA.

A FEW days ago the Premier of Nova Scotia announced to the assembly of that province that he had sold the remainders of the Nova

Scotia stamps for \$18,000 with an agreement that the quantity should not be made public. As it is almost certain that the stamps were sold at face value, and as we are practically informed by the wholesale vendors that the proportion of stamps is four each of the 1, 2 and 8c. to one 12c. and two 10c., the numbers would be somewhat as follows:—

94,000 stamps at 1c.	\$940 00
94,000 " 2c.	1,880 00
94,000 " 8c.	7,990 00
47,000 " 10c.	4,700 00
23,500 " 12c.	2,937 50

Total .. \$18,447 50

These figures are probably nearly right, the odd money may have been knocked off for damaged or incomplete sheets. Correspondence between Mr. D. A. King, The American Bank Note Company (who printed the stamps), and the Nova Scotian Provincial Secretary demonstrates the impossibility of reprinting as the plates have not been out of the Company's vaults for thirty years.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

BY NON-LEX.

No. IV.—NOBODY.

CONFERNATION reigns in this office. Our sub-editor started out yesterday to interview his fourth victim, and from then to the moment of going to press nothing has been heard of him. Search parties have been sent to all the most likely places without success, for the neighbouring hostelrys have not been honoured by his presence, and the police can give no clue. Consequently we are left in a state of terrible uncertainty, although the general opinion inclines to one of two theories. As he announced his intention of interviewing someone (the name did not transpire), we are driven to the conclusion that the intellectual equilibrium (never too well balanced in a philatelist) of the victim had been overthrown under his cross-examination and that the unhappy being had then fallen upon our sub-editor and slain him—afterwards concealing the body; or else that he had gone to interview some party at a distance and had lost the return train—but very little confidence was rested on this theory, as he would surely have telegraphed to say so, if only to relieve the anxiety of Mrs. Sub-editor and the eight Sub-editorial olive branches.

LATER. No sub-ed tor—no news. No news is good news.

YET LATER. Boys in the street crying "Papers," " 'Orrible tragedy—Speshuledition." Have sent out for copy. Not our sub-editor. General relief.

LATER STILL. We stop the press to say that our sub-editor has returned—evidently completely exhausted. He murmured, in answer to our plaintive reproaches, the mystic words, "Fellshleepintraishic—wentonterbescot—gotnoshinterviewsick. Gooni"—and straightway fell asleep in the office chair, where he still remains. What the mysterious words mean we have no idea—but it has been suggested that they are the password of some secret society into joining which our sub-editor has been lured. If so we may know more about it later on.

THE PHILATELIC LIAR.

THE philatelic liar sat
 Within his cheerless den,
 And told weird tales of startling finds
 To calm attentive men.
 He told of trunks that he'd unearthed,
 Just brimmed and running o'er
 With stamps that gaze of mortal eye
 Had ne'er beheld before.
 He told of houses he had found
 By lonely country roads,
 And how he lugged from attics high
 Of letters twenty loads.
 He told of congressmen he met
 When but a callow boy,
 Who gave him rare department stamps
 And caused him rapturous joy.
 These tales and many more he told,
 Of much the self-same kind,
 While still his hearers heard him through,
 To all their "rankness" blind.
 And then the liar chewed his quid
 Of "climax" for a while,
 And, looking round upon the crowd,
 With an engaging smile,
 He said that he a paper ran,
 Successfully a year,
 And never felt a vain regret,
 Or shed repentant tear;
 That in those twelve long happy months
 He never lost a cent
 By men who sent him lengthy ads
 And then on visits went.
 His hearers then, with one accord,
 Rose up with wrathful eyes,
 And quickly fell upon the man
 Who told such monstrous lies.
 They'd heard unmoved his strange accounts
 Of attics, trunks and such,
 But that last journalistic tale
 Was just a drop too much. GUY W. GREEN.

OUR AMERICAN LETTER.

By E. R. A.

THE advent of the New Year finds the craze for the Revenue Stamps of the war period rampant. Prices which would have seemed simply wonderful a year ago are being realized. The reserve of £20 being placed on a specimen of the \$1 proprietary, 1875 issue, at an auction sale which occurs this month.

At the same sale, a diagonally cut specimen of a 12c., 1851, on a portion of the original cover, is offered at a reserve of \$12 (£2 9s.) and will probably bring at least the reserve.

The omission of official seals from the 57th edition of Scott's Catalogue is a surprise to most collectors and causes gnashing of teeth from those who have put up good prices for the rarer specimens, as, on the strength of the omission, prices are going down rapidly—a post obitum only realizing \$1 at a recent sale.

In society circles considerable excitement has been caused by the publication of a little brochure—The Inside History of the late P. S. of A. Campaign, by S. M. Hamilton—which attacks the actions of certain leaders of that society. Nearly simultaneous with its publication comes the *Free Lance*, announcing Hamilton as a presidential candidate. As it was generally understood at the Minnetonka convention that Chas. Beamish would be a candidate, it can be safely said that the campaign in that society is on.

I understand that negotiations looking to the consolidation of two of the smaller societies is on, but nothing definite is given out by the officials.

The S. of P. is labouring under the difficulty of a temporary suspension of its official organ, owing to the illness of its publisher, but it matters little, as the S. of P. has exerted little influence the past year.

The raising of the dues in the American Philatelic Association, seemingly without need, has acted as a "roorback," and few new applications are coming in. In fact, from a society standpoint, philately is not so healthful as a year ago.

Auction sales will be numerous this winter and spring. Of those of which catalogues are out, that of Wolsieffer, of Chicago, to be held on the 30th inst., is attracting the most attention. Among the varieties offered a Buchanan Local 5c. on bluish paper on original cover will be the gem, although a 5c., Die A, will not be far behind in price producing qualities.

Among the things which would interest an English collector, is a British Office in Levant, 40 pa., on $\frac{3}{4}$ d. vermilion on original cover.

The 14th sale of Drew, of Boston, occurs late in the month, and consists of nothing but rarities, of which 380 lots are offered. Two fine Newfoundland shillings are the features of this sale. In the Tuttle sale, two

reconstructed plates of Great Britain, 1d., are offered, and as it is an innovation to offer these on this side of the pond, our British cousins will probably be anxious to know what they bring.

The first edition of Messrs. Bright's "A.B.C." Catalogue was not made sufficiently well known in the States, but everyone who got it was satisfied, and the new edition is sure to receive a hearty welcome.

THE STAMPS OF BRAZIL.

AMONG the most interesting early adhesive Postal issues those of Brazil seem to me in many respects worthy of considerable more attention than heretofore received although prices and interest in this country are both increasing just at present. Long before the first Milbury, Baltimore or St. Louis had been conceived way back in 1842-43 the Brazilian Government had prepared and issued for use the first set of adhesive stamps adopted on this American Continent as England only at that time had adhesive stamps in use for prepaying postage.

The first series of Brazil are in simple design, consisting of Arabesque numerals, the background is a complicated network of interlacing and delicate lines superbly executed, and I doubt if any modern engraver could surpass the wealth and delicacy of both shading and detail.

It has been said that the Brazilians objected to the head of the Emperor at first as a design on their postage stamps because it would necessarily subject his profile to the indignity of being cancelled, hence the adoption of the Numeral. In later years this delicacy of feeling was not only entirely overcome by the introduction of the head series, but judging from the cancellations on some that have come into my possession the P.O. clerks made up for lost time.

The first issue was evidently regarded as too large, as in 1844-45 a new issue was prepared by rushing to the other extreme in sizes, for we find the new series among the very smallest adhesives ever used and suggest often to the uninitiated the possibility of having been cut from cigar-box labels, the same simplicity of general design and elaboration of detail in the background as we have just noted in the first issue, was preserved, and all attempts to counterfeit either set have proven dismal failures, as any engraver capable of producing even a passing resemblance to the workmanship displayed on these stamps can easily procure a more remunerative employment than counterfeiting and, the engraver who can so successfully imitate these stamps which appear so simple in design at first glance that they will pass the examination of a Brazilian Specialist has not in my humble opinion arrived on this planet as yet. Of course the "Bon-Mot" of a collection of Brazil and the rarity

desired by all ardent collectors of this splendid country is the 600 reis of the second issue, a stamp much rarer than the 3 cent scarlet U.S. or even a Nova Scotia shilling, the 300 reis of the same series is also exceedingly scarce, as one may readily note from the number of collections in which it is missing.

The later issues of Brazil embrace the perforated series of 1866 and rouletted emission of 1876-79 which were prepared by the American Bank Note Co. in the highest style of the engravers' art and bear the head of Dom Pedro in various ornamental frames and are almost as beautiful as the celebrated Cents issue of 1860 of Nova Scotia prepared by the same reliable old concern.

These, with the more recent issues prepared by native talent, lend a diversity of designs and variety of colouring to this magnificent country which are well worthy of the study of any philatelist.

EDGAR NELTON. *The Herald Exchange.*

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. H. E. GREATORSEN.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—

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

Feb. 18. Paper, "Mexico." Mr. W. T. Wilson, Messrs. P. M. Bright (Bournemouth), J. R. Dammann (Norway) and Major G. H. W. Stockdale (Plymouth) were unanimously elected members.

Mr. Wilson then gave his paper on "Mexico." Omitting most of the information that can be readily obtained from catalogues, he almost entirely confined his remarks to subjects that are at the present time being investigated, such as: "The relative position of the stamps on the sheets in the early issues, the various plates used in printing them, the chronological sequence of the plates, the *Habilitados*, etc., etc." The paper, which was illustrated throughout by his collection, was ample evidence of the immense amount of work that has been done, and is being done, here and in Mexico, under great difficulties, to elucidate the knotty problems connected with these most interesting issues.

March 4.

Messrs. W. W. Westwood (Birmingham), J. J. Carroll (U.S.A.), A. W. Batchelder (U.S.A.), A. F. Cooke (Hawaii), W. H. Hodgson (London) and Mrs. Mayers (Barbados) were unanimously elected members. A large number of applications was postponed or rejected.

Mr. R. Hollick then read his paper on "Used Stamps and why I prefer to collect them." This was

followed by a spirited discussion, in which most of the members present took part, from which it was evident that most preferred to have *both* used and unused. Mr. Hollick afterwards gave a display of his collection of West Indian Stamps, showing nearly all varieties, used and unused.

Notice to Members.—It was decided that the name of A. Schlachter (U.S.A.), elected on December 17th, should *not* be entered on the list of members; *one* of the reasons being that he has not complied with a necessary part of the Rules. *His reference as being a member of the Society* should be of no avail in obtaining consignments of stamps.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Two A and two B packets were made up and despatched in good time for the February circuit, their aggregate value amounting to upwards of £1,500. All countries were well represented, W. Africans and W. Indians being specially strong: prices asked were very moderate and a good percentage of sales is expected. The supplementary rounds of November packets are now completed, and accounts will be rendered in due course: October accounts were balanced within a week. Members are reminded that contributions should be sent in by the 20th of each month, to prevent delay. Several contributing and buying members have been added since January, and copy of rules, etc., will gladly be forwarded to advanced and medium collectors giving good references, on application to the Secretary: H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The seventh ordinary meeting of the society was held at No. 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, February 10th, 1897. Mr. H. W. Mayne in the chair, supported by seven members and two visitors. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and the receipt of the several publications was reported. Mr. A. M. Watkins (Stoke), was balloted for and elected an ordinary member of the society. The Vice-President (Mr. R. Tyeth Stevens) having been unexpectedly called to London, the subject of study, "The Stamps of Barbados," which was to have been introduced by him, was unavoidably postponed. The Chairman (Mr. Mayne) gave the members an interesting account of how he commenced stamp collecting, and at the close of his remarks was accorded a hearty vote of thanks. W. J. W. Miller, Hon. Secretary, 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE.—The Feb. and March packets contained some very fine sheets and better lots are expected for April and May. Sheets should be sent to the Exchange Secretary, Mr. Harper, 95, Bowyer Road, Salfley, Birmingham, but may be sent to Mr. Walton if more convenient. There are vacancies for two or three more members; rules, &c., on application to the Hon. Sec., W. G. Walton, Fontham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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" " 1 and 2 " official	0 5	3 0
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" " 5d.	2 9	22 6
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Peru, 1895, assorted	0 9	5 0
" " 1896, "	0 8	4 0
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Russian Levant, 10 kopecks	0 9	5 0
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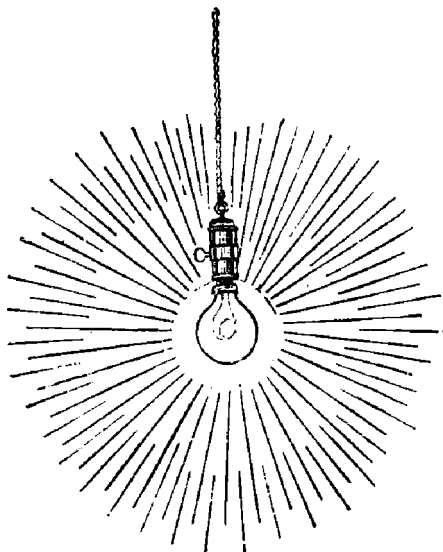
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Mr. R. S. Gray's great prize distribution came off some weeks ago, and I don't think it was fair because I only got a packet of 100 stamps. It was a very good packet, certainly, but I wanted the first prize, which went to Mrs. Schindler, 14, Warrior Square, St. Leonard's-on-Sea.

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The second prize went to a gentleman at Manchester, and the third to Leamington. Mr. Gray informs me that the lady who won the first prize was quite a chance customer and only had one packet of stamps off him. Altogether 1,000 prizes were given away, and Mr. Gray certainly deserves to do well for his enterprising scheme, which must have involved a great expense. Mr. Gray is removing early in May to larger premises, which is a good sign, and meanwhile is selling a lot of superfluous stock at very low rates. Send for a price list to 53, Waterloo Street, Glasgow—it will pay you.

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Opportunity makes the man, and we have determined to make an effort to interest and encourage the youth of our city—hence the formation of the above society, which has now been in existence three months. Weekly meetings have been held at 147, Constitution Hill, and from the way they have been attended we feel sure that a long and prosperous career is in store

for the B.Y.S.S. Already we have had papers read on "Advantages of Collecting," "How to Start," "What to Collect," &c., &c., and have just concluded "The Manufacture of Postage Stamps." Each succeeding paper has only tended to whet the appetite of our young friends, and the cry is still for more. A further evidence of success has been the increase of members attending each meeting. It is not our intention to limit our meetings to the reading of papers, but having once gained an appreciative audience we shall do our best to amuse and at the same time educate them all by all possible means.

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including the extremely rare error of the first issue and nearly all the newly discovered minor varieties. Mr. Preston Pearce lent his very fine collection of United States revenue stamps, comprising some 70 pages of his album, and including many of the scarce stamps that are now fetching very high prices in America. Owing to his absence from Plymouth, the President (Major G. H. W. Stockdale, R.E.), was unable to send his fine collection of Spanish stamps, as promised, but these will be included in the next display held by the society. The exhibits were well arranged and classified, and several members of the committee courteously conducted the visitors round the room and explained the various features of the different collections. Many of the collectors who visited the exhibition expressed gratification at finding so active and vigorous a philatelic society existing in Plymouth, and were surprised to learn that over £2,000 worth of stamps were on view in the room. Another display will take place towards the end of the session, and we are asked to state that collectors wishing to join the society may obtain information from the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. J. W. Miller, 5, Athenæum Terrace, or the Vice-President, Mr. R. Tyeth Stevens, 6, St. James's Terrace.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

BY NON-LEX.

No. V.—MR. T. BIRCH, BIRMINGHAM.

THE mystery that surrounds our Sub-Editor's movements last month has not yet been cleared up. His explanations are vague in the extreme and, did we not know him otherwise, we should perforce think that he was not able to account even to himself for what he did that eventful day. He even pretends that he never went to Bescot at all, and the whole matter is a tangled muddle which time alone will unravel.

Well, it would not do to disappoint our readers twice, and so the Sub-Editor was sent out to hunt up another victim, but this time, by way of precaution, the senior office-boy was sent with him bearing strict injunctions never to go above a yard away. As it turned out there was no need for this precaution, as our Sub-Editor went straight to Northampton Street, where are situated the offices of the Midland Stamp Company, and at once asked to see the manager, who is also the proprietor, Mr. T. Birch. Our Sub-Editor is not altogether unknown to Mr. Birch, so the preliminary greetings were fairly cordial, and Mr. Birch expressed himself quite willing to give any information that might be of interest.

The office in which our interviewer and Mr. Birch were sitting is a front room on the ground floor with well-guarded windows. Along three sides, with only a break for the doorway, is an array of safes of all sorts and sizes, large and small, long and tall, double and single, and above these are rows of drawers and shelves filled with labelled boxes.

"You seem to keep your stamps pretty secure, Mr. Birch?" said our representative.

"Yes, I have here the cream of thirty years accumulation, and it behoves me to be careful. Everything in this place is better class stuff—the common kinds we don't trouble about here, you'll find them in the next room."

"Thirty years seems a long time, Mr. Birch, you must be among the oldest established of dealers, I should think?"

"Well," was the reply, "when I started, in 1867, there were Stanley Gibbons, Stafford Smith, Alfred Smith, W. S. Lincoln and Clarke and Co. in existence. As far as I can recollect, those are the only firms then in operation which are still existing. Clarke & Co. was then Mr. Edwin Clarke. He gave up dealing for a time but afterwards resumed."

"You must have had a lot of stamps pass through your hands in thirty years?" said our Sub-Editor.

Mr. Birch smiled, and then replied:

"Just a few millions. I have at this moment more stamps in stock than any other dealer or firm in England. I cannot supply great rarities in quantity, and many I can't supply at all, but of medium Colonials and European stamps I have an immense quantity."

"Which is your principal branch of dealing?"

"Packets! I do the largest packet trade in England. I make all the packets for the leading firms in the country—large and small packets—from £50 to 6d. a time. I deal in everything in the stamp line, but my speciality is undoubtedly packets. I lay myself out for them, and can supply cheaper and better than anyone in the country."

"I suppose you find no time to collect, now, Mr. Birch?" queried the *Chronicle* man.

"Yes. I do collect, perhaps not scientifically with great attention to detail, but this way—" and Mr. Birch hauled out a large album with lock attached, and, opening it, showed a fine collection of British Colonials—not the kind a specialist would show—pages of shades of the same stamp—but one or a pair or a block of practically every stamp from the rarest to the commonest.

"That's how I collect!" said Mr. Birch.

"And a very sensible way, too!" said our Sub-Editor, "Much obliged. Good morning!"

Mr. Birch is a pleasant faced bearded man of about forty-seven years, keen in business, but perfectly fair. He is well known in Great Britain and on the Continent to all the dealers, and is a man whom all of them respect and very few attempt to out-wit.

THE BRITISH STAMP DIRECTORY.

THIS book is now published and comes out as a neat, well-printed little volume of 86 pages, with thick flexible covers, 8 by 5½ inches and strongly bound. The publishers originally intended it to have three parts—Collectors, Dealers and Stamp Societies, with particulars and names of Secretaries, &c. As events turned out only the first part was properly completed, but no one who wants a directory at all will consider a book of 86 pages, with the correct names and addresses of between 2,000 and 3,000 collectors—no dealers included, unless they are also bona-fide collectors as well—dear at 1/-, post free, the price at which it will be supplied by the Philatelic Publishing Company, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. The demand before and since publishing is such that another edition will probably be required ere long, and several letters of congratulation have already been received, showing the appreciation of the philatelic public. By request, a few copies were prepared interleaved throughout with ruled paper. These are most useful for additions, corrections, &c., and can be obtained at 2/- each, post free.

languages which give the selling prices for the used and for the unused. Therefore, with the order to sell the stamps of the Empire cancelled only (which is absurd, since, by postal notice, they are no longer current), purchasers will be few, because future catalogues will give new prices for these stamps, no doubt, because they will be sold at their face value and because they will bear the cancellation of the present time, which is of paramount importance to dealers.

In addition, let the Director-General consider the time that will be required in the Treasury to cancel the stamps for a purchase of a quantity like fifty millions of reis worth.

Being without value to the great majority of those for whom philately has no charms whatever, it is more than probable that those commissioned to cancel these stamps for sale will fail to do so to many, which will be an injustice to persons not having the good fortune to have an intimate friend in the department.

This is the truth, and knowing the uprightness of His Excellency, we are fully convinced that he will give orders for the stamps to be sold uncancelled.

In order that it may not be thought that we are pleading the cause of those most interested, the dealers, we state here that we shall not go to the post office any more to buy such stamps, as the society which we had organized among friends for that purpose has been dissolved.

There are 1,944,112,530 reis worth of stamps to be sold, and below we give the quantities of the different values:—

REMAINDERS OF BRAZILIAN STAMPS.

BY a decision of the Postmaster General, the Director General of that important branch of the Federal Service was authorised to sell a considerable quantity of stamps of the Empire still remaining in the Treasury of the Post Office.

However, we do not think that this decision will produce a good result, as we know that the stamps will be sold only in a cancelled condition.

Now, anyone who knows what this service is, will see at once how such a measure cannot be carried out. We have already been to the Federal Capital with a commission to buy fifty million reis worth of these stamps, and for three days we endeavoured without success to speak to the Director for the purpose of enlightening him on one of the most important points of this project.

Stamps at the present day are an article of merchandise like any other; there are catalogues in all

ORDINARY STAMPS.			
3,929	..	10 reis	.. 39,290
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331,026	..	50 "	.. 16,551,450
582	..	80 "	.. 46,560
1,746	..	100 "	.. 174,600
84,360	..	200 "	.. 16,872,000
194,641	..	300 "	.. 58,392,300
236,442	..	500 "	.. 118,216,000
293,249	..	700 "	.. 205,274,300
749,806	..	1,000 "	.. 749,806,000

NEWSPAPER STAMPS.			
379,476	..	10 reis	.. 3,794,760
505,965	..	20 "	.. 10,119,300
181,666	..	50 "	.. 9,083,300
1,024,269	..	100 "	.. 102,426,600
498,034	..	200 "	.. 99,606,800
292,099	..	300 "	.. 84,629,700
265,868	..	500 "	.. 132,934,000
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Under date October 12th, Mr. GOUBAULT, Jamaica, says, "My *small* Advertisements have indeed paid me well. I sold upwards of 40 sets, and in fact I am clean out of complete sets now. I would have sent you another Advertisement earlier but I have had nothing to advertise, as each purchaser of a set bought subsequently other West Indian Stamps to a good amount. I have had many customers *since*. I must say that *The Advertiser* is the best going for Advertisements." Mr. Goubault sent us with this letter another Advertisement *six times as big* as his first.

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MR. LIONEL DICKINSON, the well known Halifax collector says, in a letter dated Oct. 28th, "In handing you the enclosed Advertisement for three insertions I must gratefully acknowledge the benefit of previous insertions." Since Mr. Dickinson first Advertised in *The Advertiser* he has always had an Ad. running, and sometimes two or three.

For some of the Testimonials picked from those received during the last few weeks see fourth page.

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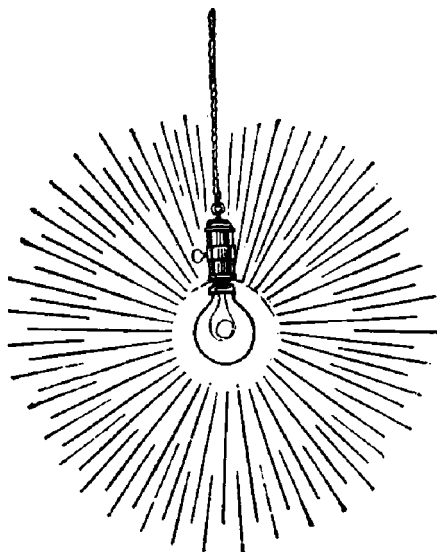
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THE recent action of the INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION against CAPTAIN ST. GEORGE ORD places that body before the philatelic public in a very unpleasant light. It appears that the UNION, through its officers, arranged in 1890 mutual exchange with the French SOCIETE TIMBROPHILE D'EXCHANGES and CAPTAIN ORD, no doubt induced by the representations of the said officers or some of them, sent sheets to France with the result that eventually the sum of £28 17s. 6d. was due to him. In 1894 it was announced that the French society would no longer pay cash, but that all amounts owing by it must be taken out in stamps. Later, the committee of the I.P.U. passed a resolution that members should not be entitled to set off their liability for stamps they might remove from the sheets of English members as against the moneys due to them from the French society, but CAPTAIN ORD, evidently not caring to sink his debt in the highly-priced rubbish sent by the Frenchmen, claimed to take any stamps from the packets he received, or, at any rate, did take and declined to pay in cash while this large balance was owing to him. This did not suit the executive of the I.P.U., and they sued CAPTAIN ORD for the amount of £8 5s. 4d. in the Watford County Court, while the Captain, not seeing exactly why he should be the victim of somebody else's incompetence, brought a counter claim for his £28 17s. 6d. In the sequel neither side obtained success and the cases were dismissed—both to pay their own costs. Judging by the more or less incomplete reports we have seen the judge ignored CAPTAIN ORD's claim and pointed out that a society such as this had absolutely no claim against members—a fact the I.P.U. might easily

have learnt by applying to its legal representatives before bringing the action—and that the only remedy in the hands of the society was to expel the members who met with their disapproval.

Under the circumstances the I.P.U. are very unlikely to follow this hint as, by so doing, they would preclude CAPTAIN ORD from ever getting quits—which he can only do now by taking stamps from the French sheets—and, however foolish and headstrong their action has been in this matter so far, everyone knows that the I.P.U. executive would avoid anything that even remotely savoured of dishonesty. Had the I.P.U. waited patiently a few months the members would surely have bought enough of the Frenchmen's stamps to liquidate CAPTAIN ORD's indebtedness. This would have saved the public washing of dirty linen, and surely someone should have known that their County Court proceedings were fore-doomed to failure, as they richly deserved, and that they were only putting the members of the I.P.U. to an utterly needless and wasteful expense—unless, indeed, as may be the case, those immediately responsible intend to pay the costs out of their own pockets. CAPTAIN ORD is well known as a straightforward and honourable man, who always pays promptly what is justly due, and it is very hard upon him that he should have to run the risk of losing the £20 balance still owing to him besides being put to a lot of law expenses which might easily have been avoided by the exercise of a little tact. The I.P.U., as a corporation, has neither body nor soul we know, but in the present case it has shown itself woefully deficient in both conscience and common-sense as well.

By the time this is in our readers' hands those of them who have ordered BRIGHT'S A.B.C. CATALOGUE will have received it. We had hoped to review the book in this issue but it was ready a day or two too late. Next month we shall do so all being well. By-the-way GIBBONS' Catalogue had a good start, but the 2nd and 3rd parts lagged behind so long that the Bournemouth book has beaten it. The price of the A.B.C. *complete* is 2/9, while GIBBONS', when complete, will be 5/-. Copies of the A.B.C. may be ordered from the office of this paper.

CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—It is rumoured that a 3c. stamp will be issued in June to commemorate the Diamond Jubilee.

CAP & OF GOOD HOPE.—The 2d. and 4d. stamps in the new colours are issued, perf. 14.
2d. brown. 4d. olive.

CYPRUS.—We copy the following from the *American Journal of Philately*, hoping it may prove of interest to collectors of foreign plate numbers: "Mr. John N. Luff calls our attention to two unchronicled plate numbers of Cyprus, viz., Great Britain 1d, red, overprinted 'CYPRUS,' plates 193 and 196. Complete sheets of these two plates, together with a number of other sheets of the same country, have been for several years in the rooms of the Philatelic Society, New York. It is certainly surprising that these plates have so long escaped the attention of philatelists. The sheets are the property of Mr. Wm. Thorne."

GAMBIA.—It is rumoured that the current colonial type will be adopted here ere long.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—A new issue of the 9d. and 10d. values was made on Feb. 10th. The surcharge of the 9d. is now 13½mm. in length instead of 14½.

9d. red brown, perf. 12.
10d. bright lilac, perf. 11 × 12.

NORTH BORNEO.—The stamps of this state with those surcharged for Labuan have been re-drawn and Chinese and Malay characters introduced into the design. We believe the colours are as before.

NIGER COAST.—Mr. T. Stodart writes us: "If not already noted you might insert that the 1d. red, Niger Coast Protectorate, has just come to hand,

wmk. Cr. and C.A.—the only one so watermarked of a set bought at Brass on Mar. 4th."

SIERRA LEONE.—Certain fiscal stamps have been overprinted for use as postage stamps, POSTAGE—AND—REVENUE.

1d green and lilac.

2½d. on 3d. green and lilac, three types.

2½d. on 6d. " " "

SOUDAN.—Four values of the Egyptian stamps have been surcharged SOUDAN in Roman and oriental characters.

1 millieme, brown, black surcharge.

3 " yellow "

5 " carmine "

1 piastre, ultramarine "

TURKEY.—On account of a reduction in the Imperial postage two stamps have been surcharged 5 paras.

URUGUAY.—The Saurez issue 1, 5 and 10 cent. has been surcharged PROVISORIO—1897 in horse-shoe shape.

POSTCARDS, &c.

ANGKA.—There are six new postal and two letter cards.

10 reis, green.

10+10 " "

20 " mauve.

20+20 " "

30 " brown.

30+30 " "

Letter Cards. 25 " green.

50 " blue on pale blue.

The same for Funchal, Horta, and Ponta Delgada.

BAVARIA.—Several of our contemporaries note the following with vertical watermark and "97" control number.

5 pfennig, green.

10 " carmine.

10×10 " "

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—There is a 1 anna reply card with stamp of the new type says the *Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung*.

1+1 anna, carmine.

CHINA.—The Imperial post went into operation February 2nd, and we have just seen a copy of the provisional regulations. Among other things they mention domestic postcards of the value of 1 cent. The last item in the circular is as follows: "At present provisional surcharged stamps of other values are in use. Issue of postcards deferred."

FINLAND.—The *Gazette Timbrologique* reports some changes in the 10 penni. The inscriptions in the formula are in new characters, the shield has been changed slightly and the crown and lion are larger.

10 penni, carmine.

QUEENSLAND.—A wrapper of the face value 1d has been issued with figures in all four corners. 1d. dull red on manilla.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MESSRS. BRIGHT & SON intended to get the A. B. C. Catalogue out by the end of April, but the task proved bigger than was expected. On the 6th I received a postcard from them saying that they would post me a copy on the 13th, so it is not so bad—only a fortnight behind. By-the-way, how about the *edition de luxe* that somebody was to send me—don't forget that there are only 600 to be printed, and that the price is 5/-, just the same amount as a common or garden edition of Gibbons' catalogue.

Messrs. A. Monteith & Co. write me that they are now located at 40, Forester Street, Derby. Mr. Monteith sent me a sample of their excellent blank approval sheets and made some flattering remarks about the business they had done in this line through their advertisement in *The Advertiser*.

The International Philatelic Union goes through the farce of its Annual General Meeting, on Wednesday, May 26th. The meeting is for the purpose of electing Officers and Committee and the general annual business. It was announced, for the first and only time as far as we know, in the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* of April 15th. There has been no invitation for nominations of officers, no ballot papers and practically there is no opportunity of voting, so the presumption is that the same little clique will conduct the annual meeting, including elections, in the same little way—and this body claims the titles of "International" and "Union!" With all their faults the American Societies do conduct their annual elections with some show of decency and publicity. Why don't the members have something to say in the matter?

Mr. Stewart advertises his Almanack on page 8 of *The British Stamp Directory*, and says the latest date for receiving advertisements is December 15th, 1897. He wishes all whom it may concern to take notice that the last day for ads. is November 1st.

I notice with extreme regret that Mr. W. J. Pattison, of Newcastle-on-Tyne, has died recently and suddenly. Having known Mr. Pattison by correspondence for a considerable time, I can speak highly of his good qualities and straightforward methods.

A very old friend, too, Mr. Guy Semple, has been very ill with diphtheria. Mr. Semple is known to

everyone who is anyone, and all will be glad to hear that he is on the high road to recovery.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

IT seems to be pretty certain now that philatelic loyalty is not to be put to the severe test of duly supporting a special issue of any kind in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee. A question on the subject was asked in the House of Commons on 22nd ult., and in reply Mr. Henniker Heaton (Secretary to the Treasury) distinctly stated that the Post Office authorities have no intention of issuing a special stamp or stamps. So not even the S.S.S.S. need worry on this behalf: still, I suppose some "take-'em-as-they-come" collectors will be on the look-out for the two labels which are now being prepared for the executive of the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund. Why they should call them "stamps" I don't yet see, as they appear to be in no way connected with officialdom. The following paragraph, which has lately appeared in the *Daily News* and other papers, shows the general idea, which is a good one for the purpose in view, viz., the easy collection of small sums for the said fund. Being for such a good cause I don't think the editor will grudge the space for this lengthy advertisement.

"Much consideration has been given to the problem of how to place it within the means of everybody in London to contribute to the form of commemoration for London approved by the Queen, as embodied by the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund. As the easiest and readiest way of enabling people of all classes, with the minimum of trouble, to subscribe to the Hospital Fund, the Prince of Wales has approved a design for two stamps, of the face value of 1/- and 2/6 respectively, which has been prepared by the Government contractors, Messrs. De la Rue & Co., who have kindly given the blocks and drawings free of charge. The wholesale distribution of these stamps has been undertaken by Messrs. Simpkin, Marshall, Hamilton, Kent & Co. (Ltd.), of Stationers' Hall Court, E.C. The stamps will be ready after Easter, when full particulars will be published. The issue will be strictly limited in number, and no re-issue will be made. The stamps may be procured through any bookseller, newsagent, stationer, or stamp seller. The design of the stamp is artistic and beautiful, and apart from their popularity with the smaller subscribers to the Prince of Wales' Hospital Fund, they are calculated to excite great interest amongst philatelists, of whose society his Royal Highness the Duke of York is President."

Philatelists being quite as charitable as other folks, will no doubt subscribe their shillings and half-crowns

by thousands, for which the diminutive perforated receipts will be dispensed to the stampist and non-stampist alike. But ah! those of us who only take used specimens will be left without a chance of satisfaction.

The philatelic Micawber hasn't half a bad time of it. Something is always turning up, and often something good. For example, during the last few days I have seen something in stamps which I had no idea ever existed, viz., embossed stamps of the 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/- values on the *official paper*, with pink seal embossed on flap, and each corresponding in every respect but the value with the regular penny envelope of the same date, which is 16-7-76 on all the specimens. I have it on unquestionable authority that the find of these is very small—only about three to five specimens of each being known. The probable explanation of their existence is that the paper was to this small extent substituted for spoiled sheets of the private paper sent in for stamping. Or it is possible that they were struck for some purpose as proofs or essays. In any case it is a most interesting find, and very strange that the envelopes should have existed 24 years before being recognised as rare and desirable varieties. I shall be glad to hear from any reader who can throw further light on this rather mysterious issue, or who may have seen them in larger numbers, or bearing a different date to that mentioned above. I may also state that the specimens, which included three of the normal 1d. envelopes, were *unfolded*, though ready cut and gummed, and were all of "size A" (commonly known as the "court-shape" envelope).

[Owing to Easter we were compelled unexpectedly to go to press early last month and consequently Mr. Webb's valuable contribution was too late for insertion. We hope no such mischance will occur again.]

WEDDING OF MR. PERCY BRIGHT.

MUCH interest in Bournemouth and Swanage was taken on Wednesday, April 28th, in the wedding of Miss Annie Smith, youngest daughter of Mr. Job Smith, of Magnolia, Swanage, and Mr. Percy May Bright, only surviving son of Mr. F. J. Bright (of the firm of Bright and Son, the Arcade, Bournemouth), of Roccabruna, Bournemouth. A large number of guests and friends journeyed to Swanage by the morning steamboats, and the old parish church was filled with interested spectators. The officiating clergyman was the Rev. T. Harvey, vicar of Hounslow (the bride's uncle), assisted by the rector (the Rev. T. A. Gurney). The newly-married couple go to the Continent for the honeymoon and will remain there for a month or six weeks.

NOTES FROM AMERICA.

A STRONG effort is being made to organize a New York State Philatelic Society. We know no reason why it should not prove a success New York certainly has enough active philatelists to form a society ten times as large as any in existence.

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As scheduled, the remainders of the Hawaiian Provisionals were burned last month. The envelopes were exposed to view but the stamps were in sealed envelopes. A number of visitors were present, including Mr. Stanley Gibbons. It is reported that he shed tears as these valuable bits of paper were consigned to the flames.

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The arrest of a certain H. F. Colman on a charge of stealing newspaper stamps has caused quite a sensation in philatelic circles. It seems his partner was A. C. Townsend, of Washington, and R. F. Albrecht & Co. disposed of the goods, but afterwards returned them to Colman for Mr. Townsend. They were claimed to be Bureau prints from the old America and Continental plates, but since the arrest of Colman we understand Mr. Townsend claims that the Government has no case against him, as the stamps were not original, but gummed and perforated proofs manufactured to deceive dealers and collectors. If this is the case what are we to think of Mr. Townsend? Experts are not yet decided as to whether these are stamps or proofs, the case against Colman is continued and we await the outcome, which is of considerable interest to philately.

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The Consul General of Peru received notification from his government to offer the sale of the old Peruvian postage stamps issue, of which there are left 4 000 000 stamps of different denominations. The bid, he says, will be opened in Lima on May 31st, 1897. No proposal will be considered under \$5,000.

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In a circular to postmasters, dated Nov. 18, 1893, the third-assistant P.M.-General says: "It is found necessary to fill all orders for ordinary postage stamps for some time to come with those of the Columbian series. The Department will expect that these Columbian stamps shall be exhausted by postmasters before any orders are sent by them for additional supplies. The issue of the old series will be resumed on the 1st of January next (1894)." But alas they were not exhausted by that date as circular dated July 1st, 1894, says: "It is observed that some postmasters are disregarding the instructions directing that they ask for no more postage stamps of any denomination of which they have a supply of Columbian stamps," and states that postmasters are obtaining by *evasion* stamps of 1890 series while they had

Columbians on hand. This accounts for the "long drawn out" supply of Columbians in many offices at this day.

THE LONDON EXHIBITION.

THE Exhibition is gradually taking definite shape. H. L. H. the Duke of York has offered one gold and one silver medal for the best collections exhibited by ladies. Mr. W. S. Lincoln has given two medals also—one gold and one silver—for the best collections of Transvaal stamps, and so, altogether, there should be plenty of prizes waiting to be picked up. One of the sights of the show will be Major Evans' collection of Mu'ready Caricatures, the most nearly complete collection extant. These and Mr. Morley's Fisca's are sure to attract a lot of attention as being something out of the usual way. Messrs. Bright & Son's stall is No. 4, and there will be vended albums, stamps, the A.B.C. catalogue and every philatelic necessary.

STANLEY GIBBONS' PRICED CATALOGUE.

STAMPS OF FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

WE have just received the second part of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, and have had time for only a cursory glance at it. It is a volume of over 400 pages, pocket size, well and strongly bound in stiff cloth covers and clearly printed in neat type. The result of half-an-hour's study gives us the impression that it is a great book—far in advance of anything attempted in this line before. Details and varieties are given in many places to an almost bewildering extent, and there cannot be much missing even from extreme specialist point of view. The arrangement by which groups of countries are placed together is a great boon. We have had such arrangements as France and Colonies, Germany and States, &c., before, but now we get all the groups throughout the world in their natural connection. Denmark is followed by Danish West Indies and Iceland; Italy by the Italian States; Argentina by Buenos Ayres, Cordoba and Corrientes; Belgium by Congo State; and so on—an admirable arrangement. The type of surcharges are as true as those in part I, but the illustrations of stamps are good and bad in turn. Altogether, the book is more than satisfactory, and the two parts form the best catalogues of adhesives at present on the market. The two parts may be ordered from this office, if more convenient to our readers. Part I. or Part II. price 2/-, post free.

THE POSTAL REFORMS.

WITH a view to prevent any misapprehension, the Press Association is authorised to give a detailed statement of the reforms announced by the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his Budget speech. The free delivery of letters will be extended to every hamlet, and, as far as possible, to every house in the kingdom in remote places. The delivery will not necessarily be every day, but it will be on regular days, and free. This reform, involving a revision of the walks of thousands of rural postmen, will take a considerable time to carry out, but no time will be lost, and an endeavour will be made to deal first with the most urgent cases. A more liberal policy will be adopted in establishing post-offices in remote villages, and placing letter boxes in localities where it is impossible to provide post-offices. The rate of postage for inland letters is to be a penny for the first four ounces, and a halfpenny for each succeeding two ounces. The effect of this reform will not be merely to increase the weight which may be sent for a penny in the letter post, but to sweep away entirely the harassing regulations which govern the inland sample post. There will, in fact, be no distinction between an inland sample and a letter. The regulations regarding the book-post will still have to be maintained for book packets whose weight does not exceed two ounces, because it is not proposed to withdraw the privilege of sending such packets for a halfpenny; but for book packets weighing more than two ounces the regulations in question will, to all intents and purposes, be abolished, seeing that to these packets the new rates of postage for letters will apply. In the case of parcels, the present rate of 3d. for the first pound will be maintained, but for every pound above the first the charge will be 1d., instead of 1jd., and the maximum charge will be 1/- for a parcel of 11-lb. All telegrams for delivery within three miles will be delivered free. For distances beyond three miles the charge will be 3d. per mile, reckoned from the office of delivery. The alterations in the rate of inland postage and the reduction in the charge for postage on telegrams will, it is hoped, come into operation on Jubilee Day.

THE HAWAIIAN REMAINDERS.

EVER since the burning of the old issues of Hawaiian stamps on the morning of January 28th last, under authority of a joint resolution of the Legislature, local speculators have been particularly anxious to find out exactly how many stamps were destroyed and their particular denomination.

The following is an inventory of Hawaiian postage stamps and envelopes issued previous to the present issues of the Republic of Hawaii and which remained

on hand at the Post Office and Treasury, Dec. 31st, A.D. 1896.

SURCHARGED PROVISIONAL GOVERNMENT. 1893.

2 cent, violet, 4182 35—50 sheets, 209,135 stamps.
5 cent, light blue, 5790 36—50 sheets, 283,536 stamps.
10 cent, chocolate, 1625 sheets, 81,250 stamps.
12 cent, black, 1973 19—50 sheets, 98,919 stamps.
18 cent, red, 1257 29—50 sheets, 62,879 stamps.
50 cent, red, 423 01—50 sheets, 21,151 stamps.
\$1 00, red, 898 01—50 sheets, 41,901 stamps.
5 cent envelopes, 7932.
10 cent " 10,293.

OBSOLETE ISSUES.

2 cent, red, Kamehameha IV, imperf., overprinted "Reprint," 924 13—15 sheets, 13,873 stamps.

2 cent, blue, Kamehameha III, facsimile of 1853 issue, overprinted "Reprint," 318 05—20 sheets, 6,365 stamps.

13 cent, red, Kamehameha III, facsimile of 1853 issue, overprinted "Reprint," 415 04—20 sheets, 8,304 stamps.

5 cent, blue, Kamehameha III, 1853 issue, overprinted "Specimen," 363 16—20 sheets, 7,276 stamps.

13 cent, red, Kamehameha III, 1853 issue, overprinted "Specimen," 812 17—20 sheets, 16,257 stamps.

In addition to the above Inventory of Stamps your Committee also destroyed 10,000 reply postal cards of the denomination of 2 cent, blue, issue of 1881. These postal cards, however, were not included in the official inventory of the Postal Bureau, but were a consignment sent a few years ago in error by the New York engravers and had never been accepted by the Hawaiian Government.

These figures are in excess of the actual number destroyed as some were sold subsequent to December 31st, 1896.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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THE Midland Counties Stamp Exchange was founded in 1886 by Mr. R. Hollick and Mr. W. G. Walton. Subsequently Mr. Hollick retired from

official connection with it through ill-health, and Mr. Walton carried it on alone for some time. Recently finding that other duties claimed so large a portion of his time that he was unable to devote the necessary attention to the Exchange, Mr. Walton invited an old friend and member to take up the heavier part of the work, and, in consequence, Mr. Harper is now in charge of the exchange packets of the club. The immediate result of this re-organisation has been most satisfactory. Numerous additional members have been added to the roll of the old society and still there is room for more. The packets are got away promptly and sheets are quickly returned when they have gone round. The accounts are settled by Mr. Harper as soon as the quarter is completed—the last accounts all being paid out before any indebted member had had a chance to settle with the secretary, and this system will be continued, only Mr. Harper will expect reasonable promptitude on the part of those who owe. The May packets were very valuable, and a number of very fine stamps were sent. Any lady or gentleman who wishes to buy, sell or exchange good stamps cannot find a better medium. Copies of the rules and all particulars can be obtained from Mr. Walton at the address above. New members proposed are W. J. Browne (Deptford), F. Taylor (Chippenham), A. A. Cammell (London), W. Fish, M.A. (Edinburgh), C. A. Ribeiro (Singapore).

THE PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The 14th ordinary meeting of the Society was held at No. 9A, Princess Square, on Wednesday, April 7th, 1897, at 7.30 p.m., Mr. H. W. Mayne in the chair, supported by eight members and one visitor. The minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed, and Mr. Monk, of Tavistock, was balloted for and duly elected a corresponding member. The subject for study, the "Stamps of British South Africa," was introduced by Mr. Walker. He gave a most interesting and exhaustive paper, dealing with the country from the date the Chartered Co. were given control to the present time. Each of the issues were dealt with very minutely, the alteration in design, paper, and perforation being given. The so-called "Bulawayo Provisionals" were dealt with at some length, particulars of the numbers stated to have been printed and the errors to be found being given. His remarks were illustrated throughout with the exhibition of his own collection, and in addition he had obtained, through the kindness of the Secretary of the Sheffield Society, three complete unused sheets of the 1d., 6d. and 1/- of Issue I., and four sheets of the ½d., 3d. and 8d. of Issue III., by which the members were shown the position of the watermarks, and also the number of stamps showing watermark and the number unwatermarked. At the close of an interesting discussion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded the lecturer, the members expressing their keen appreciation of Mr. Walker's

efforts in securing the sheets of unused stamps for their inspection. The 15th ordinary meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, April 21st, at 7.30 p.m. The meeting was devoted to a discussion on "What to Collect." In a most interesting introduction the Vice-President gave the members what, in his opinion, he considered an English collector should collect. His remarks produced an interesting discussion, and in conclusion he summarised the opinions expressed by the members and gave his opinion on them. An instructive evening was brought to a close with a vote of thanks to the Vice-President for his introduction and remarks. Hon. Secretary, W. J. W. Miller, 5, Athenæum Terrace, Plymouth.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Two A and one B packets were made up and despatched for circulation on May 25th. Owing to the Easter holidays fewer contributions than usual were received, though the aggregate value of the sheets was upwards of £1750. December accounts have been submitted and paid, and January packets are expected back from the supplementary rounds very shortly. Six applications for membership were received this month, five of which were duly accepted. A revised code of rules will be drawn up and circulated for signature before next season. Any medium or advanced collector wishing to enjoy the advantages of a good exchange club should forward references to H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

THE SOUTH WEST LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—This society, considering the short time it has been established, is making good progress, as may be gathered from the following. The first packet which was sent out in October, 1896, was valued at £15 4s. only, while the present packet, May, 1897, is valued at £114 6s. 6½d., surely an increase to be proud of, in so short a time (7 months). The sheets which average about the same in numbers during the last few months also shew a marked improvement, for while the stamps contained thereon are fewer, the value very materially increases. It will thus be seen that the above society is a grand medium for exchanging purposes, and add to this the facilities it possesses of disseminating useful philatelic information, render it a very desirable society. There are other new features, particulars of which, with copy of rules, will be furnished at request. Collectors furnishing good references always welcome. Apply, Wm. Ditchfield (S.E.P.S.), 194, Dorning St east, Wigan.

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Br. Bechuana on English $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 4, 6 and 1/-, sets ...	5	0	—	—
British East Africa, 1895, sur. 4an. ...	6	0	—	—
" " " " 1 rup. ...	10	6	—	—
British Levant, 4p. on 10d. ...	1	0	—	—
Canada, 2c., 1859, unused ...	6	0	—	—
Egypt, 20 on 5p., 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 ...	2	3	—	—
" " 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. blue ...	2	0	—	—
" " 17c. black ...	0	6	4	10
Newfoundland 13c. orange ...	5	0	—	—
" " 24c. blue ...	1	6	—	—
" " 3c. black ...	1	0	—	5
" " 2c. green (roul.) ...	2	6	—	—
New Zealand, 3d. red, obsolete ...	0	3	2	0
" " 4d. black ...	0	1	0	6
Niger Coast, <i>Provl.</i> , 3d. to 1/- (cat. 15/9) set ...	10	6	—	—
" " " " 1, 2, 3, 5d., 1/- set ...	7	6	—	—
" " " " 1894, 3d. to 1/- set ...	3	3	—	—
North Borneo, 1c. to 24c. (sets) ...	3	3	—	—
" " " " sur. on 1 dol. (set of 6) ...	5	0	—	—
Oll Rivers, 3d. to 1/- set ...	7	6	—	—
Peru, the rare 25c., Arequipa, 1882, (cat. 15 marks) ...	2	0	—	—
Do., errors (only one on a sheet of 50) ...	45	0	—	—
Queensland 1d. with <i>burelet</i> ...	2	6	—	—
" " " " 3d., with <i>burelet</i> ...	0	8	6	0
" " " " 3d., <i>secret mark</i> ...	0	4	3	3
" " " " 3d., thick paper ...	1	0	—	—
" " " " 1d., <i>secret wmk.</i> ...	1	0	—	—
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	0	—	9
St. Vincent, 3d. to 5/-, set (obsolete) ...	20	0	—	—
Sungei Ujong, 1c. on 5c. <i>provisional</i> ...	0	2	1	6
Tobago, 3, 1, 2, 4, 6d., 1/- sets ...	4	0	—	—
Tonga 3d. on 4d. ...	3	0	3	0
" " " " 2d. on 1/- ...	5	6	4	6
U.S.A. (Columbus iss.) 1c. to 30c. (sets) ...	5	0	—	—
" " " " 1c. to 50c. (sets) ...	8	0	—	—

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	s. d.		s. d.	
Argentina 40c ...	0	3	—	—
Barbados, $\frac{1}{2}$ on 4d. (cat. 9d.) ...	0	5	—	9
Bosnia, 20 n., <i>scarce</i> ...	0	2	—	6
" " " " 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25, set ...	0	8	—	—
Br. Bechuana, 1888, 3d. 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, 3d. black and scarlet ...	1	0	—	—
" " " " 2d. black and lilac ...	0	10	—	—
" " " " 4d. black and scarlet ...	2	6	—	—
" " " " 1/- black and green ...	1	6	—	—
Bulgaria, post., 1889 ...	2	—	—	8
" " " " 25st., <i>unpaid</i> , perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$...	3	—	—	6
Canada, 1868, 2c., poor copy, wmkd m... ...	3	6	—	—
Canada, 50c. blue ...	1	3	—	—
Cape, 1d. on 2d. ...	0	2	1	6
Columbia (Garzon), '94, 1c., blue <i>guadrille</i> ...	4	0	—	—
" " " " 1 peso, " " ...	6	6	—	—
" " " " June '94, 1c. used on env. ...	12	6	—	—
Gibraltar, 1 peseta (catalogued 8/-) ...	5	6	—	—
Great Britain, 1 (crowns) ...	12	6	—	—
Greece, 1889, 20 l. imperf. ...	1	—	—	4
Holland (King) 1 gulden ...	0	8	—	—
Hong Kong 20c. on 30c. ...	0	2	1	5
Hungary, 1 florin, red and silver ...	2	—	1	0
" " " " 3 florins, red and bronze ...	6	—	4	0
India 4a. no wmk., 13/- per 100 ...	2	—	1	6
Japan, 1 yen. (cat. 6/-) ...	3	0	—	—
Labuan 1892, engraved, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, & 40c. (catalogued 25/9) set ...	6	0	2	10
Newfoundland, 3c. roul. (cat. 2/6) ...	1	3	11	0
" " " " 2c. green (roul.) ...	3	0	—	—
" " " " 2c. green (perf.) ...	2	6	—	—
" " " " 3c. blue (roul.) ...	2	3	—	—
" " " " 24c. blue ...	2	0	—	—
Niger Coast, provisional 3d.—1/-, used ...	20	0	—	—
Nova Scotia, 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black ...	6	0	—	—
Serbia (1880) 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, paras 1 dinar ...	0	6	—	—
Serbia (1880) 50p. ...	0	2	1	6
South Australia (1870), 1d., perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 10 ...	2	6	—	—
Spain, 1855, official (on orig. paper) 4onza ...	0	4	3	3
" " " " 1onza ...	0	4	3	3
U.S.A. (Columbian 10c) ...	3	—	2	6
" " (Columbian issue), 1 to 10c. set ...	1	0	9	0

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" " 24c. blue	1	6	—
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" " 2c. green (roul.)	2	6	—
New Zealand, ½d. red, obsolete	0	3	2 0
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Niger Coast, <i>Provl.</i> , ½d. to 1/- (cat. 15/9) set	10	6	—
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" " 1894, ½d. to 1/- set	3	3	—
North Borneo, 1c. to 24c. (sets)	3	3	—
" " 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	0	—
Do., error 25 (only one on a sheet of 50)	45	0	—
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St. Vincent, ½d. to 5/- set (obsolete)	20	0	—
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Bosnia, 20 n., scarce	0	2	1 6
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" " " 2d. " " "	0	3	—
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Bulgaria, 3ost., 1889	2	—	1 8
" " 25st., unpaid, perf. 11½	3	—	2 6
Canada, 1858, 2c., poor copy, <i>wmk</i> M... ..	3	6	—
Canada, 50c. blue	1	3	—
Cape, 1d. on 2d.	0	2	1 6
Columbia (Garzon), '94, 1c., blue <i>quadrille</i>	4	0	—
" " " 1 peso,	6	6	—
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Niger Coast, provisional ½d.—1/-, used... ..	20	0	—
Nova Scotia, 12½c. black	6	0	—
Servia (1880) 5, 10, 20, 25, 50, paras 1 dinar	0	6	—
Servia (1880) 50p.	0	2	1 6
South Australia (1870), 1d., perf. 11½ x 10	2	6	—
Spain, 1855, official (on orig. paper) ½onza	0	4	3 3
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7 Bermuda, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6d. and 1/- ...	3 0
6 British Bechuanaland, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6d. and 1/- ...	5 0
6 Tobago, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6d. and 1/- ...	2 11
7 St. Vincent, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6d. and 1/- ...	3 2
5 Grenada, 1, 2½, 3, 6, 8d. and 1/-, 1896 ...	3 4
7 St. Lucia, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 3, 6d. and 1/- ...	3 1
6 St. Helena, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 5 and 10d. ...	2 3
7 Turks Isles, ½, 1, 2½, 4, 5, 6d. and 1/- ...	3 0
4 Gibraltar, 40c, 50c, and 1, 2 peseta ...	3 8
*4 British North Borneo, 1888, 2½, 50c, and 1, 2 dollars ...	3 6
*4 State of N. Borneo, 1894, rare, 25, 50c, and 1, 2 dollars ...	5 0
20 Cuba, from 1857 to 1882, catalogue value over 10/- ...	1 3
5 Cyprus, surch. on one penny English, 5 different plate Nos., rare ...	1 8
2 Ditto, surch. on 2½d. lilac rose, English, plates 14, 15 ...	0 5
8 Ditto, 1896, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18 piastres and 30 paras ...	7 4
5 Leeward Isles, 2½, 4, 6, 7d. and 1/- ...	3 0
4 Barbados, 5, 6, 8 and 10d. ...	2 11
10 Nicaragua, 1890, 1891, 1892, 1893, 1894, any issue ...	1 5
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10 Salvador, of above dates, either issue ...	1 5
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10/- " ...	12 0
5/- Bahamas ...	5 10
5/- Malta ...	5 10
1/- Jamaica, CC., obsolete ...	2 6
2/- " " " ...	4 6
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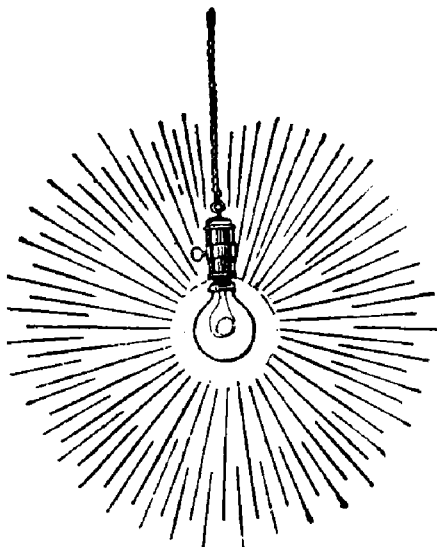
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THIS number of the *Chronicle* should have been published on June 19th, but, knowing that philatelists would have something besides stamps to think about in the Jubilee week, we put off the issue until June 26th.

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THIS number of the *Chronicle* should have been published on June 19th, but, knowing that philatelists would have something besides stamps to think about in the Jubilee week, we put off the issue until June 26th.

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The second edition of the "A.B.C. Catalogue" is a great improvement on the first, and that was a wonderful work at the price. The idea of besprinkling the book with notes of forgeries and reprints is a famous notion.

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The *Philatelic Publishing Company* has acquired from the Philatelic Syndicate the paper lately published by them, *The Philatelic Times*, and has taken over the list of subscribers, title and all publishing rights belonging to the proprietors of *The Philatelic Times*, which will in future be incorporated with the *Philatelic Chronicle*. Besides this augmentation of our subscription list the secretaries of the Midland Counties' Stamp Exchange have subscribed for all their members with some few exceptions, and thus given a further increase to our six years' accumulation of supporters. Next month will see the Exhibition opened in London, and we shall publish our Exhibition number on July 17th, of which issue we anticipate making a free distribution of upwards of five thousand copies.

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This month we are overcrowded with advertisements, and are compelled to hold some over. Next number we shall provide more space if necessary, and we anticipate a big issue, but we request would-be advertisers to book their space by 6TH PROX. at latest, and send copy not later than July 10th.

CHRONICLE.

BERMUDA.—It is stated that the Bermuda stamps are to be changed to the Leeward Island type when the current stock is exhausted.

BOLIVIA.—A series of three large-sized stamps has been issued for this South American state. These provide a novelty in philately as the portraits thereon bear the names of the men which they represent.

2 centavos, vermilion (President Linarés).
10 „ violet brown (General Monteagudo).
20 „ carm. centre black (Pres. Ballivian).

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.—We understand that the territory north of the Bechuanaland lately annexed to Cape Colony is using the current stamps of the Cape surcharged **BRITISH BECHUANALAND**.

CANADA.—We hear that a complete set, from ½c. to 5 dollars, has been, or is to be, issued this Diamond Jubilee year. The Jubilee issue will be on sale to the public until the supply is exhausted. The quantities of each value vary.

½c.	150,000.	15c.	100,000.
1c.	8,000,000.	20c.	100,000.
2c.	2,500,000.	50c.	100,000.
3c.	20,000,000.	1\$	25,000.
5c.	750,000.	2\$	25,000.
6c.	75,000.	3\$	25,000.
8c.	200,000.	4\$	25,000.
10c.	150,000.	5\$	25,000.

Postcards 1c., 7,000,000.

Total value—one stamp of each kind, \$16.21½.

ECUADOR.—Many stamps of this country have been surcharged in various ways, 1897-1898, and the 20c. has also received a new denomination of value, being overprinted **DIEZ (10) CENTAVOS**.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Private information tells us that Newfoundland is to have a new issue of seven varieties.

QUEENSLAND.—It is anticipated that all the values will, ere long, be issued with numerals of value in the corners. The 2d. is already in use

2d. pale blue, wmk. Q and Crown, perf. 13.

SIERRA LEONE.—Another surcharge on the 1/- "Duty" stamp.

2½d. on 1/- lilac and lilac, black surcharge.

SOUDAN.—Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., has kindly sent us for inspection a couple of envelopes franked with the new Egyptian stamps, surcharged **SOUDAN**, and the same in Egyptian characters. The envelopes bear the postmark, Wady-Halfa Camp, 8th and 22nd of April respectively, and the stamps are

1 mil., brown. 5 mil., carmine.
3 „ orange. 1 pia., blue.

UGANDA.—A series of stamps, simple type-set designs, is announced—all in black on white paper, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 annas and 1 rupee.

POSTCARDS, &c.

FRANCE.—Mr. Foulon has kindly sent us a Pneumatic Card with altered inscriptions, the three first lines now reading "République Française"—"Postes et Télégraphes"—"Carte Pneumatique." It bears the control figure "648" in lower right corner.

80 centimes, black on buff.

MEXICO.—The *American Journal of Philately* announces the official card on greenish grey and on yellow card.

— black on greenish grey.

— black on yellow.

Also one of a new type in black on white inscribed—**REPUBLICA MEXICANA—OBSERVATORIO METEOROLOGICO CENTRAL DEL ESTADO DE VERACRUZ**. The border is of a fancy pattern and there are four dotted lines for the address.

— black on white.

There was issued April 19th, writes Mr. Lohmeyer, a new 2c. card for city service (*Servicio Urbano*) similar to the 1869 issue (Scott P.C. 17), the only difference being in the eagle which resembles that on the provisional issue of March, 1895 (P.C. 34), and of course, in the stamp which is of the current type. The formula is lithographed in ultramarine on white card, "*Servicio Urbano*" at sides and an imprint "M.C. 17" in lower right corner. Collectors will be glad to learn that there are no minor varieties in this issue. The *A. J. of P.* chronicles a 3c. similar to the above but for the Postal Union

Also a 4c. letter-card (or sheet on laid paper) similar to the 5c. card.

2c. carmine and ultramarine on white.

3c. brown and emerald green on white.

L.C., 4c. orange and green on white, perf. 1.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

I CAN stand any numbers of testimonials—I'm quite used to them now—so long as they are couched in plain sensible prose, but when they get hurling this sort of thing at me I think of some death slow and lingering with boiling oil as an accessory. Read and weep:

If, at first, you would succeed,

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Don't delay—send in with speed—

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I forgive the perpetrator of the above on account of his obvious adolescence and because he has kept strictly to the truth in his description of *The*

Advertiser, but if any more verse-assassins send me their alleged poetry I hereby solemnly assert, state, declare and announce that I will publish their names in large letters in order that an outraged philatelic public may hurl well-deserved maledictions at their unworthy heads. Take notice, this is final!

So the members of the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange are to receive their official journal free in future. It makes a big hole in a two shilling subscription to receive an eighteenpenny paper, and only a society in a good position could afford it.

The Postmaster-General and Commissioners of Inland Revenue have sent out far and wide a circular calling attention to the section of the Post Office Protection Act, which sets forth the pains and penalties incurred by anyone who shall

- "(a) Make, knowingly utter, deal in or sell any fictitious stamp, or knowingly use for any postal purpose any fictitious stamp; or
- "(b) Have in his possession, unless he shows a lawful excuse, any fictitious stamp; or
- "(c) Make, or, unless he shows a lawful excuse, have in his possession, any die, plate, instrument, or materials for making any fictitious stamp."

We understand that a Mr. Erasmus Oneglia has been fined 20/- in London for being in possession of forged stamps.

The prevailing fashion for bicycles has had something to do with the temporary loss of popularity of philately, but now philatelists have a chance to get even a bit. By an advertisement on another page you will see that Messrs. I. Knaster & Co., of Cambridge, offer bicycles of the highest class in exchange for stamps. Evidently Messrs. Knaster know a good thing when they see it and recognised the fact that good stamps are as valuable as money, while philatelists who want bicycles and have good duplicates to spare will feel obliged for the opportunity offered. The idea of Messrs. Knaster is novel—but very sensible and businesslike.

The letter "R" which appears on the postage stamps of Jhind stands for the initial of the name of the Rajah, "Rughir Singh."

Owing to the War in Greece, that country has not had time to issue the new set of stamps previously announced and it is now stated that the Olympian stamps will remain in use until June 1st.

The 75 centimes stamps of Tunis has been retired from circulation having become unnecessary since the Regency of Tunis has joined the Universal Postal Union. All copies of this denomination which were on sale in the various post offices were called in by

the General Postal Director of Tunis, and a rise in this value may be expected, as this move on the part of the authorities was unsuspected, and caught stamp dealers and speculators unawares.

The *London Philatelist*, like all its contemporaries, speaks well of the "British Stamp Directory." The steady and regular demand for the book shows that collectors and dealers alike appreciate our effort to supply a long-felt want. Those who have not yet invested their shilling in this work should send on at once to this office for they won't be happy till they get it—or, at any rate, they ought not to be.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE 1/- and 2/6 Hospital Fund "stamps" have certainly nothing to be ashamed of in the matter of beauty of design and execution. I read that they are estimated to collect at least £50,000 for the fund, and that their issue is "limited" to the number of little short of a million. This is a gratifying success, and moreover, it points a moral to those who bought the stamps, not so much at the promptings of charity, as in the shape of a good investment, viz.: that they are likely to reap scant dividends, even if they again realize their capital. We do not all forget the "limited" issue of a certain article on July 2nd, 1890: doubtless many who then operated are now wishing present stocks of same more limited than they are.

The past,—or rather present stamp season, for it will extend this year over the dates of the London Exhibition, has been a record one for new catalogues, but they are not all here yet; and we are to be provided with another work on English stamps which will be compiled on a more comprehensive scale than any yet attempted. This is to be ready if possible by the opening of the Exhibition.

Messrs. Bright & Son's A.B.C. Catalogue gives a very full list of English adhesives, especially of the early 1d. and 2d. issues, in which many more shades and varieties are priced than in other lists; but further on there are a few inconsistencies, such as 4d., plate 4, being priced much above the scarcer plate 3: 1/- salmon, plate 13, above 14: 5/- "Anchor," on bluish, more than on white; and £1 "crowns" more than those with "orb" wmk. With these exceptions the pricing reflects current market values pretty accurately. Turning to Part II, I confess some disappointment. The lists of English postal stationery are rather meagre and incomplete. I know that Messrs. Bright do not profess to hold a big stock of entires, but they should not have omitted a whole

issue, and that so important a one as the change of colours in the *dated* envelope stamps of 1892. As the list stands, no distinction is made between dated and undated dies in any of the private issues of 1½d. to 1/-, thus omitting some important varieties of both kinds. The 1½d. brown envelope stamp, without the outer line, is of course much under-priced, being far more scarce than the first type in the same colour.

Among some vaccination certificates with the dated green ½d. wrapper stamp, I have found three with the numeral "3" in white on the solid colour below the bust. The figure measures barely 1mm. in height, the dates being Jan. 23rd and 24th, and Feb. 29th, 1872. Dates not showing the numeral occur before, between and after the above. I do not regard this as a die number, but more probably a control mark. It is certainly an interesting and collectable variety.

In view of the approaching change in parcel-post rates, involving the abolition of odd halfpence for any weight, it is highly improbable that the 4½d. stamp will continue to be overprinted "GOVERNMENT PARCELS" (and not unlikely that this value may be altogether withdrawn). It is therefore high time to look round for a few good specimens to reserve for the benefit of philatelic posterity. But really this is easier said than done. I find both the 2d. and 4½d. "Government Parcels" hard to get even now in good condition. Probably the 4½d. will be high up among the desirables five years hence.

NOTES FROM AMERICA.

ONE of the officials of the B. A. Bank Note Co., says Newfoundland is to issue a new set of stamps on June 14th, consisting of the values of ½, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10 and 15 cents, which will also be a commemorative issue.

When the first Canadian stamps came out, parties living in country towns were not accustomed to the use of stamps, and on one was written: "Paid if the blamed thing sticks."

An American editor recently received a letter from a postmaster in South Africa, saying that he had no more of a certain kind of surcharged stamp but in the same envelope was enclosed another letter written in his private capacity saying he could supply the surcharged stamps desired at certain prices. Compared with certain postmasters, Mr. Seebeck is an angel.

I am rather sorry to see that the Mekeels have been embarrassed. Their stamps are sent out in good shape, in marked contrast to some. I received an approval book a short time since from a concern which talked

largely in "ads." Well, there were only three page of stamps, dirty looking specimens, thirty of them, "one-third off" for over 25 cents' worth, "40 per cent off" if all were taken. As I never take less than 50 cents worth, I charitably bought that amount, and as politely as I could requested no more to be sent.

The new stamps which will shortly be issued by the colony of Newfoundland, a writer in the *Ontario Philatelist* says, will be a Jubilee issue and will be adorned with suitable commemorative designs. If all the British colonies follow in the wake of Canada and Newfoundland in the matter of Jubilee issues collectors will need an album for "Jubilee issues only."

The 3c. 1851 United States is found with one, two or three extra lines either on the right or left sides. The 12c. 1857 is also found with double lines on the right or left sides; another variety is where the line is clearly broken and part of it gone. The first-named varieties should not be confused with the stamps bearing part of the "plate lines."

I own a three cent 1869 in which the grill is placed diamond way to the stamp. Look carefully over all your duplicates with a small power glass. I found a six and a fifteen cent 1870 grilled very lightly and a fine pair of three cent Post Office ribbed paper.

The ninety cent 1869 with inverted centre is listed, but as yet it has failed to turn up, and it is very doubtful whether it exists thus.

A few stamps which are good purchase at a fair discount off the 57th Catalogue and which there are many inquirers for just at present, are the 12pi. Cyprus of 1884, Gambia 4d. brown, CC. wmk. of 1880, and Sierra Leone 1883 2d. magenta, unused. This last stamp is only catalogued \$1.75, yet has brought as high as \$2.90 at auction within the past month, and is considered by dealers to be a \$10 stamp. It is certainly far scarcer than the ½d. brown, CA. wmk., unused, of this country which is valued by a leading company here at \$10

THE A.B.C. CATALOGUE.

2ND EDITION, 1897.

AS briefly announced last month a copy of Messrs. Bright's new edition of the A.B.C. Catalogue has reached us. To hundreds of our readers the catalogue is probably familiar by this time, but for the benefit of the rest we will give a brief description. The book is published in pocket size, strong y bound, and is well printed on good paper. The first edition suffered somewhat by reason of the thin

texture of the paper used, whereby the illustrations in many cases failed to come out clear and distinct. All this is altered in the present edition. A superior paper is used and any unsatisfactory illustrations are replaced.

There are two parts: Part I., Adhesives, Part II., Entire. The former takes 543 pages and the latter 220, while the two parts can be obtained bound together in one book of reasonable size for the pocket. Last year Messrs. Bright charged us only 1/9 for the complete work, while this year the price is 2/6, or 2/- for Part I. and 1/- for Part II., if required separately. For a well-printed, profusely illustrated and up-to-date book of nearly 800 pages, 2/6 is an absurdly cheap price, and we can easily acknowledge the truth of Messrs. Bright's statement that no direct profit is made upon the sale of the catalogue, and we think that collectors will show their appreciation of the boon conferred by the publishers in a practical manner by buying the catalogue and noting the prices placed alongside the stamps.

Our space prevents us, on this occasion, giving minute attention to the detail of the book, but we hope to do so later on. There is one point, however, which we cannot overlook—by far the most important part of the work in our opinion—we refer to the numerous notices and descriptions of forgeries and reprints so liberally sprinkled through the book. Wherever dangerous forgeries are known there appears a notice, and these are simply invaluable to the novice and extremely useful as a warning note to the more expert. The up-to-date character of the book is shown by the inclusion of the stamps issued for the German Colonies, the altered dies for North Borneo and Labuan, the Sierra Leone fiscal-postals, &c., all issued within the last month or two.

All these things prove the desire of the publishers to provide something worthy of the general support of philatelists and well have they accomplished their task. The first edition was a huge success, but the popularity of the second edition should overshadow that of the first entirely, and we congratulate Messrs. Bright & Son upon the outcome of their enterprise in which they have provided a full and reliable guide to collectors at a merely nominal price.

[The catalogue may be obtained from the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Birmingham. Part I., Adhesives, 2/-; Part II., Entire, 1/-, or the two bound together, 2/6, all *post-free*]

THE LONDON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

MR. H. the Duke of York has agreed to perform the opening ceremony on Thursday, July 22, at 3 p.m. Tickets for the opening day must be obtained beforehand and cost 10/- each. After six

o'clock the price will be 2/6 on the opening day and 1/- on all other occasions. Season tickets, which include the opening day, will be 15/-. The judges of exhibits so far appointed are Dr. H. Fraenkel, Major Evans, Lieut. Napier, Mr. M. P. Castle and Mr. E. D. Bacon.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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May 6th.

Messrs. F. Neck (London), G. E. D. Morey (Tasmania), J. Esterellas y Carbonell (Spain), were unanimously elected members.

Mr W. B. Avery then gave his display. The stamps of Great Britain were taken first. They included a special official collection of imperforates—one from every plate that has been printed from. They were specially interesting as showing the fine colours and beautiful engraving of the early stamps before the plates became worn. Many of the copies, although they had never been gummed, shewed very fine "ivory heads," showing most conclusively that the oft-repeated nonsense about the action of the gum causing this appearance is absolutely wrong. Then came the general collection of Great Britain, containing all the rarities *unused*, among them being such trifles as a block of 23 V.R. 1d. black; 9d., wmk. "emblems," plate 5; the 2½d. error; complete panes of 3d. with white dot (plate 3); 1/- with hair-line (plate 3), and most values on trial safety paper.

Africa was shown next, including several pages of shades of Cape woodblocks—one page being devoted to the errors, singles and pairs; Boer Republic complete; several grand pages of Post-paid Mauritius, followed by a profusive display of the rarities of the subsequent issues; Sierra Leone and Lagos were very fine. Indeed in all countries it was noted that in almost every case the rarer the stamp the greater was the number shown, the finer the range of shade, and generally speaking the greater attention evidently paid to it.

British Asia followed with a very fine lot of Ceylons, which included, with one or two exceptions, full range of shades in used and unused. The rarities of India and Straits had also been well looked after.

German States then received the attention of the members, and some who were endeavouring with difficulty to fill up spaces with unused were surprised to see such stamps as the early issues of Baden, &c., shewn by the half-sheet (two panes) of each value. With the exception of two of the rare Wurtembergs all varieties were shewn used and unused by shades.

Spain and her Colonies came next. In these again there were far more of the unused rarities of the early issues than the common varieties. The early issues of Spain and Philippines were exceptionally fine and can only have been obtained by patient search and waiting in addition to the other necessaries for such a display. The inverted frames were shewn used and unused; the errors in the original blocks and used on part of original envelopes along with others. Many of the medium varieties were shewn in half sheets.

Then came two fine volumes of the Stamps of Greece—most carefully arranged and containing varieties of printing, misprints, &c., that were new to most of the members present.

South America followed. This included a grand lot of Buenos Ayres with a profusion of fine shades and many pairs. As the evening was now getting late and carriages had long since been announced, there was only just time for a hasty glance at one of the divisions of West Indies—Nevis and Virgin Isles. If the members had seen nothing else there were enough rarities displayed in this section to satisfy for many a day. In Nevis, unused sheets were shewn of all varieties, except 1/- yellow green and 1/- on laid; reconstructed sheets of used stamps were shewn of nearly all varieties. Altogether there were three sheets of the rare 6d. litho.

The early issues of St. Vincent with their fine range of shade occupied some time.

A very hearty vote of thanks was given to Mr. Avery for so kindly bringing his stamps and explaining them to the members. His very kind response terminated one of the most enjoyable and instructive meetings we have had.

May 20th.

Messrs. W. T. Willett (Oxon), J. Siewert (Russia), H. Hawkins (Surrey), were unanimously elected members.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. Schremers and Co. (for Postmarks of Holland), H. C. Beardsley (Address Book), E. F. Wurtele (a large number of U.S.A. journals).

Mr. Lundblad then gave an interesting paper on the "Stamps of Austria," explaining the various settings, types, papers and minor varieties.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

Hon. Managing Secretary:—W. G. WALTON, Fentham Road, Birmingham.

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The June packets, considering the counter-acting attractions of the holidays and Jubilee time, were very good. The March packets have been returned and all sums due to members have been paid by Mr. Harper—members who have not yet remitted are requested to do so at once. By Rule 1, new members joining between this date and December are *not charged subscription*, thus giving a splendid opportunity to would-be members for trying the advantages of the exchange before permanently joining. Copies of the rules can be obtained from Mr. Walton. All members have to give good references. The subscription is 2/- per annum, and 5% is deducted from all net cash balances paid to members—those who have money to pay instead of to receive escape this charge altogether. The secretaries have decided to subscribe to the official organ, *The Philatelic Chronicle*, for all members who have paid their yearly subscription to the Exchange of 2/- (thus practically reducing the subscription to 6d.) with the exception of those who subscribe to the *Chronicle* through some other channel. They will pay from December to December, and all members who have subscribed direct for this volume will have their subscription carried on until the end of the year upon notifying the *Philatelic Chronicle* of their membership of M.C.S.E. Thus the ordinary subscription to the M.C.S.E. will entitle members to receive the *Philatelic Chronicle*, commencing with June, but the paper *will not* be paid for by the Exchange when the member is entitled to receive it from any other source.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Considering the season, the contributions received for May packets were very good, the aggregate value of the sheets being £1,694 18s. 7d. January accounts have been submitted and settled, and February packets have been started on their supplementary rounds. Four applications for membership have been accepted and two declined since last notice. New rules will be circulated for approval and signature before next season. Members will please note that my address will be "Ingleside" on and after July 3rd. For information, rules, etc., apply to Sec., H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.—The Annual General Meeting was held at Messrs. Oldfield's offices.

on May 26th, Mr. H. R. Oldfield in the chair. The Hon. Sec. read the report and balance sheet for the year, which was received and adopted subject to audit, Messrs. J. E. Joselin and C. Forbes being elected Auditors. The Officers and Committee were unanimously re-elected for the ensuing year, and a vote of thanks was accorded for their services during the past year. The balance sheet will be published after audit in next report.

THE SOUTH-WEST LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.
—Considering the many out-door attractions at this season of the year, June packet may be regarded as a good one, containing, as it does, many choice and valuable contributions. Though the sheets are fewer the total value is well maintained, being very little less than last month, yet had it not been for several sheets arriving too late for inclusion the packet would have been far in excess of all previous ones. Punctuality being the order of the day, packets are circulated rapidly and settlements quickly effected. Three out of four applicants have been added to the list. Collectors furnishing good references wanted. Particulars &c., may be had at request from the Secretary, Wm. Ditchfield (S.E.P.S., &c.), 194, Dornin St., Wigan.

THE RICHMOND EXCHANGE SOCIETY. — This Association we have not included in our reports before. It has been in existence since January, 1896, and was one of the first large societies to start monthly settlements; which have been carried out since April, 1896. The packets this year are as follows:—January, £363; February, £522; March, £444; April, £429; May, £410. In the May packet were sent some very fine English and African "unused." Settlements have been prompt in all cases. Rules on application to the Secretary, Robert Reid, Jun., Melba, 20, Lichfield Rd., Kew Gardens.

The principal questions submitted to the Postal Congress assembled at Washington this year are as follows:—

The weight of single letters to be 20 grammes instead of 15 grammes, i.e., $\frac{3}{4}$ oz. instead of $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. for 2d.

The maximum transmission of money orders to be £40 instead of £20, with a reduction in the rates. The reduction for foreign letters from 2½d. to 2d. for $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. (15 grammes).

The maximum weight of patterns to be 350 grammes (12 ozs.) instead of 250 grammes (9 ozs.)

The suppression of the use of jubilee or commemorative issues for franking letters outside the country of origin.

The Congress has decided that it is impracticable to issue an universal postage stamp, principally on account of the fluctuations of currency.

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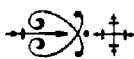
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THE last important philatelic exhibition held in England was opened by the DUKE OF EDINBURGH, now reigning DUKE OF SAXE COBURG and GOtha, on May 19th, 1890. The names of the committee responsible for the preparations for this exhibition were F. A. PHILBRICK, Q.C., T. K. TAPLING, M.P., DOUGLAS GARTH, CHARLES COLMAN, J. A. TILLEARD, M. P. CASTLE, and E. D. BACON, and, save as regards profit, they made the undertaking an unqualified success. The place chosen for the show was in Baker Street, at the Portman Rooms—so long connected with TUSSAUD's celebrated wax-work show—and in the place where once the presentments of royalties, highwaymen and other celebrities were to be seen DOUGLAS MACKENZIE stretched his legs across the chairs and M. FERRARI pored closely over some album or stock book, while Mr. T. BULL merrily wielded the auctioneer's mallet where erst the figures of murderers galore filled the Chamber of Horrors.

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As above hinted the exhibition was a success from all but a pecuniary point of view, and that, probably, accounts for the seven years' interval. At last, in this the QUEEN'S Diamond Jubilee Year, as the previous one was in the jubilee year of the penny post, we have another try which seems likely to eclipse its predecessor in every respect. It is to be opened by H.R.H. the DUKE OF YORK, and its site is the Institute of Painters in Water Colours, Piccadilly. It is stated that the place is peculiarly adapted for the purpose, but we are unable to give very many particulars of the arrangements, as the committee has observed careful secrecy, as far as we are concerned, with regard to

its deliberations. We hope to discuss the action of those responsible for *this* procedure as well as other matters connected with the Exhibition announcements in our next issue, but we desire to sound no note of discord at this juncture, and wish the London Exhibition of 1897 success in every particular.

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MR. WALTER MORLEY is the subject of our sketch "About Stamp People," and those who would see him *in persona propria* must visit Stall 10 at the Exhibition, where he will be found as large as life. Messrs. BRIGHT & SON occupy Stall 4, so that anyone wishing to purchase the new "A B.C." or Mr. MORLEY'S new ENGLISH CATALOGUE can obtain them at one or the other stall. Those of our readers who will not visit the Exhibition can be supplied by The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth—either catalogue 2/6, or Gibbons' catalogue 2/-, either part, post free.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—According to the *Brie marken-Zeitung* the British Central Africa issues of 1895 and 1896 differ not only by the paper which is unwatermarked in the first, and watermarked CC. in the last, but also by somewhat different colours, which are most marked in the following:—I. issue: 2d., black and green; 4d., black and orange and 1/-. black and carmine. II. issue: 2d., black and yellow-green; 4d., black and red-brown; and 1/-. black and rose.

CUBA.—The *Courier des Timbres Poste* announces of the current type.

40c. de peso red.
80c. „ „ bistre.

DENMARK.—The following have appeared perforated 12½:—

3 ore, grey and blue
100 ore, yellow and grey

FERNANDO PO.—The 2c. de peso has been surcharged 5 cen. in a large oval.

5c. on 2c. de peso, blue on rose.

GERMAN COLONIES.—The surcharged postage stamps of the German colonies have hardly been listed and now the information comes from good authority, that their issue was only provisional and will shortly be replaced by a new definite type. It is not given out whether each colony will have its distinctive designs or whether one common type will have to do for them all, only the name being changed for each colony. It may be taken for granted, however, that Germany is now well under way following the example set by Spain, Portugal, France and Great Britain as far as colonial stamp issues are concerned.

HOLLAND.—The *Amsterdam Journal* announces that the Government is about to put an entirely new series of postage stamps into circulation. The reason for this change is said to be the indignation of the young Queen of Holland at seeing herself represented to her subjects upon their national postage stamps as a mere child.

MAURITIUS.—It is said that the 4c. has been issued of the arms type.

4c., violet and green.

NEW HEBRIDES—The New Hebrides Company which distributes the mail among the various islands or the group have issued two stamps of large size.

1 penny rose, centre black.

2 pence yellow brown, centre blue.

PORTUGAL.—It is said that this country and its colonies are to have an entirely new and complete issue of "unpaid" stamps.

POSTCARDS, &c.

MAURITIUS.—The following are out:—

Envelopes, 18c. blue.

" 36c. red-brown.

Post Cards, 8c. rose.

" 8+8c. rose.

TASMANIA.—We hear that a post card has been issued here, but lack further information.

FIRMS' NAMES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

GOVERNMENT PRINTED.

BY WALTER MORLEY.

THE collection of English stamps with firms' names overprinted has long been a favourite branch of English specialism but very little progress has been made in cataloguing the various varieties, especially as regards revenue stamps. The idea, of course, in overprinting these stamps was to enable the different firms to identify their own pro-

perty and thus put a check upon pilfering or more wholesale methods of stealing the labels, but the practice is now superseded by the perforation of firms' initials through the stamps.

During the years I have handled English stamps many varieties have passed through my hands, and the list herewith is the result of my observations during this period.

The list of Revenue stamps has never before appeared in any form and is undoubtedly incomplete, while there are probably many other varieties of the postal issues—in fact the consideration of these stamps opens a wide and very interesting field of study for the English specialist.

There is little more to be said about the stamps themselves—the list is the principal thing, and the following is a complete catalogue of all the Postage and Revenue stamps of this class which I have been enabled to obtain.

FIRMS' NAMES ON STAMPS (Govt. Printed).

Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., London.

½d red, printed on back in red, plate No. 4.	
“ “ “ “ “ “	6.
“ “ “ “ “ “	8.
“ “ “ “ “ “	11.
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1d. red “ “ “ “ “ “	74.
“ “ “ “ “ “	78.
“ “ “ “ “ “	97.
“ “ “ “ “ “	101.
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“ “ “ “ “ “	163.
“ “ “ “ “ “	175.
“ “ “ “ “ “	180.
“ “ “ “ “ “	197.
“ “ “ “ “ “	202.
1½d. red “ “ “ “ “ “	1.
“ “ “ “ “ “	3.
2d. blue, printed on back in blue “ “	13.
“ “ “ “ “ “	14.
3d. rose, printed on back in rose “ “	5.
“ “ “ “ “ “	8.
“ “ “ “ “ “	14.

6d. lilac, printed on back in lilac “ “	8.
“ “ “ “ “ “	9.
1/- green. “ printed on back in green “ “	4.
1d. red-brown (1883), printed on back in red-brown.	

J. & C. Boyd & Co., 7, Friday Street.

1d. red, printed on back in red, plate No. 119.	
“ “ “ “ “ “	124.
“ “ “ “ “ “	155.
“ “ “ “ “ “	165.
“ “ “ “ “ “	207.
2d. blue, printed on back in blue “ “	9.

W. H. Smith & Son, 186, Strand.

1d. red, printed on back in red, plate No. 78.	
2d. blue “ “ blue “ “	9.

Vickers, Sons & Co, Limited, Sheffield.

2d. blue, printed on back in blue, plate No. 14.	
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G.E.R. (Great Eastern Railway).

1d. red, printed on back in red, plate No. 174.	
“ “ “ “ “ “	184.

FIRMS' NAMES PRINTED IN BLACK ON BACK (OVER THE GUM).

The Fore Street Warehouse, 1d. red (various plates).

J. Taylor & Sons, 2, Newgate St, 1d. red “

G. H. W. & Co., St. Paul's (various plates).

Firms' Names, &c., perforated through 1d. red stamp, by Messrs. J. Sloper & Co., under letters patent. 1867.

1d. red, various names, &c.

FIRMS' NAMES ON REVENUE STAMPS.

(Government printed) on face of stamp.

1d. lilac, Draft, wmk. Anchor & Cable, perf. 15 x 15½.	
Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., in blue.	
Evans, Lescher & Evans, in red.	
Dent & Co., in black.	
Hodge & Reed, in black.	
John Kynaston & Sons, in black.	
Palmer & Co., in black.	
Welsh, Margetson & Co., in black.	
1d lilac, large rect., Inland Revenue, wmk. Anchor and Cable.	
Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., in blue.	
Evans, Lescher & Evans, in red.	
Dent & Co., in black.	
Palmer & Co., in black.	
Cooper, Box & Co., in black.	
Rutter & Coleby, in black.	
Ward, Sturt & Sharp, in black.	
J. A. Hofmann & Co., in black.	
Cook, Son & Co., in black.	
W. & T. Devas & Routledge, in black.	
I. & R. Morley, in black.	

Geo. Brettle & Co., in black.
 Jas. Vickers & Co., in black.
 H. H. & S. Budgett & Co., in black.
 G. Hitchcock, Williams & Co.
 Geo. Brettle & Co., double overprint in black.

1d. lilac, large rect., Inland Revenue, wmk., Anchor, 16mms.

Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., in blue.
 Allan & Badger, in blue.
 Dent & Co., in black.
 Cooper, Box & Co., in black.
 Cook, Son & Co., in black.
 W. & T. Devas & Routledge, in black.
 Devas, Routledge & Co.
 I. & R. Morley, in black.
 H. H. & S. Budgett & Co., in black.
 Geo. Brettle & Co., in black.
 Crocker, Sons & Turner, in black.
 Joseph Causton & Sons, in black.
 Wm. Dawson & Sons, in black.

1d. lilac, Inland Revenue, wmk. Anchor, 16mm.

Copestake, Moore, Crampton & Co., in blue.
 Dent & Co., in black.
 Devas, Routledge & Co., in black.
 I. & R. Morley, in black.
 Geo. Brettle & Co., in black.
 G. Hitchcock, Williams & Co., in black.
 Pfeil & Steddall, in black.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MOW am I to get to the Exhibition? Everybody talks about it, and the philatelic world and his cousin will be there—but, alas, how about me? "No money—no 'bacca—no credit," as the poet wrote. (N.B.—This quotation may be ascribed to any poet you like, they were all that way some time or other). How am I to get the wherewithal? Work I cannot, and to steal I am afraid. Ha, an ideal! Surely the philatelic public will rise to the occasion if I open a subscription list. I am resolved—it shall be done!

It is done! The Editor received the proposition in his usual genial manner. "Certainly, old man," he said, "I'll give five shillings. Take it out of what you owe me." I have. Take nothing from nothing and nothing remains—and five shillings from what I owe him amounts to about the same. Still, it was a start and the subscription list now looks very well, only I am rather doubtful about getting in the bit subscribed by the Poet, who owes more than that amount at the "Pig and Bicycle." Still, I may get it. All who wish to add a mite please send to "The Postman, c/o Editor."

	£	s.	d.
The Editor P. C. & A.	0 5 0
Denis (the Printer's Imp)	0 0 1½
Non-Lex	0 1 0

Tennyson Byron Brown, Esq.	..	5	5	0	
A Friend	0	5	0

The Imp's contribution was in kind—being half a box of "Guinea Gold" Cigarettes, which I confiscated and burned. "A Friend" put his name on the list, but forgot to leave the contribution. Will he please accept this intimation? Non-Lex will pay on Saturday, if he gets any money—so, taken on the whole, it is a satisfactory list. I hope yet to reach the Exhibition, so look out—I shall be there!

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Mr. Morley's stand should be an object of considerable interest, as he will have a representative show of English. Mr. Ewen will also be well in evidence at stall 9, but I have not heard anything from him. Messrs. Bright & Son will be at stall 4 with Albums, the A.B.C. Catalogue, and a fine stock of stamps. I do not know the number of anyone's stall beside these, but I understand Messrs. Stanley Gibbons will have a magnificent general collection of 18,000 varieties at theirs.

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As showing the broad interpretation which some people place upon the rules regulating the delivery of express letters or parcels, the following incident is interesting. The fact that the post office are permitted to "carry live animals" suggested a possibility to a Birmingham working man, which justified him in utilizing the service for sending his three-year old child home to its mother. Having been out of town on a visit to some relatives, accompanied by his child, the man arrived back in Birmingham in time to reach work, but with not sufficient time to permit of his taking his child home. He therefore walked into the nearest post office and tendered the youngster as an express parcel. It was accepted and duly delivered to its mother for a charge of ninepence.

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It is a long time since I indulged in packets of stamps myself, but some of my friends still go in for this mild form of philatelic gambling. I saw the other night two packets which had come from Messrs. A. Smith and Son,—the first contained 100 South Americans, which I valued, after a cursory inspection, at some 10/- or perhaps 12/6—the actual price, I was told, is 4/-. The other packet consisted of 50 Australians, of all values from ½d. to 1/- and with perhaps 25 per cent obsolete—these cost only 1/6. I'm going to send for the two lots.

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Talking about South American Stamps—I have heard it rumoured that the next boom will be in the stamps of these countries. It is said that the stamp-bloaters, who are *not* dealers, have their albums filled with American issues and are quite prepared to sell out their Africans when the signal is given. Hence it behoves all of us to be prepared. It is no use waitin

until profound dissertations upon the back grounds of the Argentine issues or the perforations of Brazil appear in high-class magazines devoted to philately—and speculators—the market will be cleared by them and prices will go up like a rocket—get your South Americans now. Besides the packet I describe elsewhere of Messrs. A. Smith & Son, a very good lot of 80 Peruvian, every issue represented from the embossed to the Bermudez lot, is sold by Messrs. Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, a most respectable firm. These packet and others like them are not of much use to the philatelist who has practically completed his collection of the country in question, but they are the very best for the beginner or the one not very far advanced.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

GENERAL.

ONE great advantage of English Specialism is, that the researches of the student among early issues are very seldom disturbed by new issues claiming his attention. A "New Issue Chronicle"—pure and simple—for English alone, would form but a meagre and intermittent feature of a paper: but as for discoveries of varieties in past issues, I once more claim that no country surpasses ours for ever-recurring fresh items for interesting study. It is my endeavour in these notes, to give month by month such details about all and any issues as are not referred to in the catalogues and other records, and to this end I am always glad to receive particulars of anything hitherto not generally known or noticed.

FOURPENCE OF 1855.

This stamp may be found on *white* glazed paper, with the *small* garter watermark. It is recognized as an authentic variety by the catalogues of Messrs. Morley, Ewen, and Bright, respectively, and I had wondered why it did not appear in Gibbons'. I gather from their answer to a correspondent, in the May number of the *Monthly Journal*, that they do not credit it as *bona fide*, saying that in such specimens the blue tinge has either faded out, or been removed. I have at present only one copy to examine, but from that one I should say, that it never was *bleuté*, having none of the characteristics of a faded stamp. This subject presents one of the many little difficulties which help to make philately charming. I hope it may never develop into an "exact science."

THE 1-10-70 WRAPPER.

Here is another case of uncertainty as to original colour of paper, but in the reverse way. I have re-

cently found a specimen of the first green wrapper stamp (used and cut square), on decidedly *buff* paper; and that, too, an exact match (not only in colour, but in microscopic texture) with the thin buff paper of the later undated wrapper with the 5-line inscription. An authority on English "entires"—who will probably read these lines—has given me his opinion that the paper has been coloured since the stamp was printed, either with or without intent. But in this case I have the presumption to think he is mistaken: a close examination shows the sprinkling of brown specks in the buff paper, to be present alike in my 1-10-70 specimen and in the first accredited issue of the buff wrappers, whereas in the white wove paper of the original 1-10-70, such specks are notably absent. It looks, therefore, as if this stamp must be accepted as a genuine variety, and I shall be glad to correspond with any reader who may wish to see the specimen, or who can show any evidence as to its nature and extent of issue.

BUFF WRAPPERS, 1877.

There are two distinct printings of this issue; the scarcer variety showing no period after the final word of the 5-line inscription. On all these specimens, also, there is no dot over the second "i" of the word "infringed," whilst the dots of the first "i" of the same word, the "i" in "this," and the period after "otherwise" are all very faint. In the normal variety the stop after "letter," and the other dots, are all full and distinct.

PUNCH-CANCELLED POST CARDS.

These punched holes, forming various devices, have mostly been regarded as experimental, and not to have been employed to any great extent. It is now becoming apparent that this mode of cancellation was generally followed from 1870 to 1874, if not later, by several offices where large numbers of cards were dealt with. The most common device was that of an arrow head consisting of 4 holes in a vertical line, flanked by 2 more on each side, slanting from and forming lines with the centre hole at the top. This mark was in use in the E.C. district in 1871, but in 1872-3-4 was employed for Liverpool, and here (possibly in distinction of the various sub-offices) varieties of the arrow are found, formed by the omission of from one to four holes in various positions. From Manchester I have seen cards dated December, 1870, to October, 1874, cancelled by a small hive-shaped notch being punched from the end to the right of stamp. Birmingham allowed many cards to pass uncanceled during 1874. Other device are those of the "orb and cross," and a circular hole of $\frac{1}{16}$ in. diameter, but where these two were used I have not yet been able to discover. I have only seen the violet bordered cards with punched cancellations. Anything like a complete series of these would make a most interesting side-show in a good collection of English entires.

WALTER MORLEY'S NEW CATALOGUE.

I have just received an advance specimen page of Mr. Morley's 2nd edition and by the time these lines are in print, the new list will probably be in the hands of many readers. Foremost among many good new features is that prices are given for all stamps under 4 different heads, according to condition, &c. The book is to be of a handy pocket size, and the price is 2/6. I hope to say more about its details next month, but one item catches the eye now, which is, a hitherto unknown variety of the 4d. of 1862, viz: plate 3, with hair-lines across corners. It has been generally understood that these lines were one of the distinctions of plate 4. If they really exist on plate 3, the stamp is worth looking for, and cheap at Mr. Morley's valuation of 30/- to 40/-, used.

THE A.B.C. CATALOGUE, 1897.

SECOND NOTICE.

LAST month we gave a general description of this popular Catalogue, but there are one or two points upon which we must say a few words of commendation.

We pointed out the improvement in size, arrangement, illustration and general appearance, and the few remarks we now have to make concern the subject matter of the book.

The publishers wisely say, in their preface, that the book is not merely a list of prices but also a guide to collectors, and to make good this assertion they seem to have spared no effort in an attempt to perfect the information given and to offer lists of the various countries in a state of completion. Success has crowned their efforts as a rule and in some cases the success is a veritable triumph.

We shall cite only one case. Any collector who is interested in South Australia—not meaning the specialist who glories in the unravelling of intricacies—must have been disheartened by the confusion of its issues. The same types recurring here and there, then disappearing and anon springing up—jack-in-the-box style—when least expected. The perforations of a most complex character and the varieties of the star watermark so difficult to grasp—all these things presented a tangled skein to the collector which few cared to unravel. The new A.B.C. Catalogue has cut the Gordian knot at one blow. Nothing is omitted, but dates—in the case of South Australia of little real importance—are practically ignored and the whole arranged according to types of stamp. The whole matter is simplified, and Messrs. Bright & Son can claim a real triumph as far as South Australia is concerned. While this is a cardinal success there are

others in a lesser degree, but of the same class whereof lack of space alone forbids us to speak.

The profuse notes concerning reprints and forgeries we referred to before, but there is another check upon the stamp fraud found in the book—though only in places. As the illustrations are by a photographic process, they are naturally perfect, and, in the case of certain provisional issues, the photographer has reproduced a *used* copy—perhaps the only one available, and thus the *genuine post-mark* is seen on the stamp to the confusion of the faker.

As regards the pricing—that is nothing to do with us, Messrs. Bright & Son ask their own prices, but we think they are on the side of cheapness as a rule. Besides giving the "humble brown" plenty of chance, many of their stamps are priced at a half-penny, while 1½d. and 2½d. are common figures, after all, a half-penny is a consideration, especially when buying a lot of stamps. In a new edition Messrs. Bright & Son might group the colonies of European States with the mother country, and were this done, little else would be wanted. We cordially recommend all our readers to get a copy of this excellent work at once.

[The Catalogue may be obtained from The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. Part I., Adhesives, 2/-; Part II., Entires, 1/-, or the two bound together, 2/6, all post free.]

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

BY NON-LEX.

NO. VI.—MR. W. MORLEY, TOTTENHAM.

MR. WALTER MORLEY is a celebrity among collectors of English stamps—all of them know him personally or by repute for, not to know Mr. Morley bespeaks themselves unknown as English specialists. Besides these Mr. Morley has another circle of acquaintance far more world-wide if not so influential as the English specialists, these are collectors of revenues and fiscals throughout civilization—consequently a few words about him will appeal to more stamp enthusiasts than if they were spoken about the majority of leading philatelists.

To go back to the earliest age—Mr. Morley's earliest age, that is—he was born at Kennington, near Ashford, Kent, some 34 years ago. We have no authentic evidence of a predilection for "V.R.'s" in the cradle, but soon after he went to school at Ashford Mr. Morley commenced collecting and, even thus early, devoted his attention principally to the issues of his own country.



G. C. WARDEN. WALTER MORLEY.

WALTER MORLEY'S STALL

AT

LONDON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1897.



Throughout a business career of many years—the last six of which found him in the responsible position of postmaster, as well, at Bapchild, Sittingbourne, he continued to perfect his collection of British issues until now he owns what is generally conceded to be the finest collection of English fiscals in the world—a collection which took the highest awards at the late Paris Exhibition—a gold and a silver medal.

In June, 1893, Mr. Morley gave up his appointment and devoted himself entirely to philately. He moved to London and commenced dealing in English stamps of every description and in fiscals and telegraphs of all countries. These, however, did not constitute the whole sphere of his operations, for he has devoted considerable study to British Colonials, especially Cyprus and the different African possessions, of which he can show a very fine stock.

Another word about his method of doing business. He is a retail dealer only and makes a special point of condition in his stamps—his books, especially those of English varieties, being unequalled as regards perfection of the specimens, and this is undoubtedly a foremost cause of his rapid success.

Mr. Morley can also pose as a literary man, and very few philatelic writers have produced so many works of practical usefulness. His books are more remarkable from this point of view than from that of literary finish or philatelic theorizing, and their actual value can hardly be over-estimated. His "Catalogue and Price List of the Stamps of Great Britain" is a most complete work, and describes every variety in what appears, to the unregenerate, as almost unnecessary detail. His "Catalogue and Price List of the Revenue Stamps of the British Colonies" is the only work of its kind in the language, while some of the smaller publications are equal in merit according to their degree.

He has collaborated with other writers on subjects connected with his specialities, and every work only shows more clearly the immense grasp he has of the subjects with which he deals.

For the London Exhibition, although not actually on account of or in connection with it, he has produced a new catalogue of the "Stamps of Great Britain," of which description will be found on another page.

Mr. Morley's show at his stall in the Exhibition will be worthy of an English specialist at an English Exhibition, and will undoubtedly be one of the attractions. In addition he has exhibits which will command the attention of all visitors although his collection of English fiscals is at present on show at the Crystal Palace.

In his preparations for the Exhibition, Mr. Morley has been fortunate in securing the assistance of Mr.

Warden, a well-known philatelist in the metropolis and himself an ardent specialist in English stamps. This gentleman will continue to help throughout the Exhibition, so that visitors to Mr. Morley's stall will be certain to find one or the other anxious and willing to explain or show whatever is required.

THE LONDON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

AS we announced last month the Exhibition will be opened on Thursday, July 22nd, by H. R. H. the Duke of York, and there is a possibility of his being accompanied by his uncle, the Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha (Duke of Edinburgh), who opened the previous Exhibition in 1890.

Among other arrangements made for the Exhibition an evening Instrumental and Vocal Concert will be held in St. Martin's Town Hall, Charing Cross Road, W.C., on Thursday July 29th, at 8-30 p.m. and Mr Thomas Ridpath has kindly consented to give a Philatelic Lantern Exhibition during the evening. Tea, Coffee and light Refreshments will be provided. Tickets, 3/6 Gentlemen, 2/6 Ladies.

We are now able to announce the complete list of the gentlemen who have consented to act as Judges. They are as follows:—E. D. Bacon (London), H. Breitfuss (St. Petersburg), M. P. Castle (Brighton), Major Evans (London), Dr. A. Fraenkel (Berlin), Pierre Mahé (Paris), and Lieut. Napier (London).

NOTES FROM AMERICA.

THE present membership of the A.P.A. is about 1,015. Too large to handle well, unless divided into branches, Over 140 members have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and the list given in the official organ. We were sorry to see some friendly names there.

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"Jess" says he has discovered a new variety of stamps, viz: "Potato stamps." "Pop" has commenced to do a little spring planting, and when he has covered up the potatoes he stamps on the hill. That is what the little rascal calls "potato stamps."

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In 1871 you could buy a 24c. 1869 green for 10 cents; now \$7.50; in 1871 a 30c. blue 1869 cost 15 cents; now \$3.50; in 1871 a 90c. 1869 cost 25 cents; now \$20. A Tuscany 60c. brown red brought \$1 in 1871; now quoted at \$70. Dozens of stamps are quoted at the difference of dollars in 1897 to doughnuts in 1871. The prices given above refer to used specimens.

I was recently shown two sheets of six cent Columbian stamps. One of them had gum the usual colour, the other had gum a lilac colour, perhaps when the gum was made a little violet was boiled in. Anything to puzzle the collector and make a 'minor' variety.

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From across the great pond we have received *The British Stamp Directory*. It is well gotten up, containing 86 pages, with a list of 2,300 British collectors, and the publishers say it is the most complete work of the kind ever attempted in the British Kingdom. Advertisements of interest to everybody interested in stamps are well arranged throughout the work. It is published in Birmingham, England, and the price is only 1/-, or 25c., post-free, from the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, B'ham.

WALTER MORLEY'S NEW CATALOGUE.

WE have been looking forward to this book for some little time now. The first edition was issued in 1895 at 1/-, and contained 140 pages, wherein were lists of postage, fiscal, telegraph, college, railway, and deed stamps, besides envelopes, newspapers and postcards. Subsequently, Mr Morley found it necessary to issue two supplementary books, one containing prices up-to-date of postage stamps, and the other dealing with entires. The work just published concentrates these three into one handy volume $6\frac{1}{2} \times 4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and containing nearly 200 pages of matter. The volume is strongly bound in stiff cloth cover, so that it is only half an inch in thickness, and therefore, of an easy and convenient size for the pocket.

In the first edition there was one omission—that most useful and important item called "Index." This has been rectified now, and there need be no groping about for any particular piece of information, everything about English stamps is in the book, and where to find it is easily discovered from the index.

There are other improvements and additions to be found—in fact, wherever opportunity offered there has excellence been achieved. We cannot go thoroughly into all these, but would point out one important addition, and that is a list of stamps surcharged with firms' names—a long needed want—and one improvement, namely, in the method of pricing, and this requires a few words of explanation. Hitherto Mr. Morley has contented himself with pricing two classes of stamps only—(1) unused copies with gum, and (2) fine used copies. This has led into error many col-

lectors who possess heavily cancelled copies, and naturally have valued them by Mr. Morley's price for a used specimen, whereas they, being poor copies, are not worth a quarter of that price. The new way of pricing gives four classes (1) unused, with gum; (2) unused, no gum; (3) fine used copies; (4) fair used copies. This arrangement will give collectors a far truer idea of the real value of their own stamps, and of any offered to them for purchase.

The lists of most varieties have been increased in this new edition, and the catalogue of stamps used abroad and those that have been over-printed for use in the colonies have been considerably extended.

When one sees a book like this—embracing every branch and deviation of British specialism—it seems as though the collection and perfection of an English collection would be the work of a life-time, yet there never was a catalogue which presented varieties in a more simple and straightforward manner, and, with a catalogue like Mr. Morley's to guide, the only real difficulty is to obtain the specimens themselves. Certainly no English collector can go without this book—if he does, it is a short-sighted policy, for the new method of pricing alone might save him the cost of half-a-dozen copies on the first pound's worth of English stamps he purchases.

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The March packets have been returned and all sums due to members have been paid by Mr. Harper. Members who have not yet remitted are requested to do so at once. By Rule 1, new members joining between this date and December are not charged subscription, thus giving a splendid opportunity to would-be members for trying the advantages of the exchange before permanently joining. Copies of the rules can be obtained from Mr. Walton. All members have to give good references. The subscription is 2/- per annum, and 5% is deducted from all net cash balances paid to members—those who have money to pay instead of to receive escape this charge altogether. The secretaries subscribe to the official organ, *The Philatelic Chronicle*, for all members who have paid their yearly subscription to the Exchange of 2/- (thus practically reducing the subscription to 6d.) with the exception of those who subscribe to the *Chronicle* through some other channel. They will pay from December to December, and all members who have subscribed direct for this volume will have their subscription carried on until the end of the year upon notifying the *Philatelic Chronicle* of their membership of M.C.S.E. Thus the ordinary subscription to the M.C.S.E. will entitle members to receive the *Philatelic Chronicle*, commencing with June, but the paper will not be paid for by the Exchange when the member is entitled to receive it from any other source.

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through holidays. Any new readers of the *Chronicle* who collect are welcomed. Rules on application to Secretary, H. Reid, jun., 20, Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens, Surrey.

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- 35c. brick-red, 'Coast Scenery—An Iceberg off St. Johns'
- 60c. Sepia, 'Henry VII, who granted a Charter to Cabot to discover New Lands'

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Three new stamps have been issued as follows: the 1d. has the arms of the Colony in a shield with name below and value at each side. The 2d. has the portrait of the Queen in an ornamented frame with name above and value below, while the 2½d. is oblong with a portrait of the Queen at right in white, and inscription at left in white on solid colour, and is anything but handsome in our opinion. The above are watermarked Crown N.S.W., and are perforated 11 × 11½.

In addition we have a re-issue of the old 5s. stamp with the Gothic Head of the Queen, and this is watermarked 5/-, and perforated 11.

1d. red	2½d. violet
2d. blue	5/- purple

Besides these, two stamps for charitable purposes, costing respectively 1/- and 2/6, have been issued, whose franking power is 1d. and 2½d.

ST. VINCENT.—There are new 2½d. and 5d. stamps both of the current type to supersede the surcharged stamps. Watermark Crown C.A., perforated 14.

2½d. milky-blue	5d. grey-brown
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SEYCHELLES.—The *Nederlandsch Tijdschrift* announces more values of the new issue.

2c. yellow and green	10c. blue and black
3c. violet and orange	12c. olive-brown and green
4c. pale green	16. red-brown and blue
8c. carmine and green	

SIERRA LEONE.—More values of the new issue.

3d. lilac and green
4d. lilac and carmine
6d. lilac

Messrs. Whitfield King and Co. have received a letter from the Sierra Leone G.P.O. regarding the 1/- stamp surcharged '5 -,' about which there has been some doubt for years past. It appears that they were issued in May, 1884. Few, probably, were ever used, and the remainder were cancelled. One pane of 60 had the surcharge inverted.

TONGA.—Messrs. Waterlow have prepared a very handsome set of stamps for this island. The perf. measures 14. The watermark consists of turtles swimming about all over the sheet, two or three and pieces of others appearing on each stamp.

3d. dark blue. Arms
1d. red and black. Tree
2d. bistre and black. Portrait of King George II
2½d. blue and black
3d. emerald and black. Prehistoric Monument
4d. lilac and green. Broad fruit
5d. orange and black. Portrait of King George II
6d. vermilion. Coral
7½d. green and black. Portrait of King George II
10d. carmine and black
1/- brown and black
2/- blue and black. View of Haabal and yacht
2½ purple. Parrot and foliage
5/- orange-red and black. View of Vavau and foliage

SERVIA.—The para exists perf. 11½ and perf. 13 × 13½.

SPAIN.—*Fernando Po.* Several papers chronicle a new colour of the 10c.

10c. orange-bistre

POSTCARDS, &c.

CANADA.—Most of our readers have seen the "jubilee" card by this time, so it will not be necessary for us to do more than list it. The number issued is 7,000,000.

1 cent, black on buff.

MAURITIUS.—The cards have just been received by the purchasing department and bear the stamp of the new type with arms of the colony.

8 cents, carmine on buff.

8x8 cents, carmine on buff.

SPAIN.—The 10c. inland card has been reset without stop after POSTAL, and with the line of instructions at the bottom measuring 63 mm. in place of 59 mm.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

HIS ADVENTURES AT THE EXHIBITION.

MR. R. S. GRAY, 213 West Campbell St Glasgow is the latest to step into the auction arena. He proposes holding a sale on September 18th. at Glasgow and continuing them at regular intervals. I think he has a good opportunity for success in the North and I hope he will do well.

Some people take Time by the forelock and other people don't. The coming season promises to be far better than the last—in fact it could hardly be worse, so say some—it therefore behoves dealers to get into the field at once and bring themselves under notice. Messrs Forbes and Co. 42, Strahan Rd. Bow, have already made the plunge by printing a new eight page price list and distributing it lavishly. Also they know a good thing when they see it and have doubled their advertisement in the *Chronicle*—friend dealer, go thou and do likewise!

I want to the Exhibition after all. This is how it was. The Subscription list went a bit rocky, so says the boss "I'll stand exes. to London and you put in a special article about what you see—in fact tell us all about the Exhibition." This just suited me and I left the august presence singing merrily—

"Soon we'll be in London Town,

Stamps are all the go-o!

Wove—perf 10—CC and Crow—"

here my song was interrupted by the Boss accidentally dropping his heavy ebony ruler. Fortunately I had almost closed the door after me so that a splintered panel was the only result—but, enough, I went to London.

Down by the river side I strayed (*i.e.*, the Strand) and then betook myself to Picadilly, having parenthetically indulged in a luncheon and shave, and thanks to an obliging custodian of the peace, reached the What-d'ye-call-'em of Water Colours in good time.

Here I paid my shilling like a man and walked upstairs, passing into a room on the right wherein were arranged the stalls of some dozen or so of the best known dealers. Here I found Mr. C. J. Phillips selling Catalogues of the Exhibition and I bought one. Mr. Phillips is only a moderate catalogue seller. I think if he had gone round singing out "Here you are, sir, Catalogue, one shilling!" he would have sold more—I give this hint for future guidance and wish for neither thanks nor reward.

When I first entered the room I noticed, lurking among the frames of stamps, a number of proprietorial looking parties dressed mostly in silk-hats (of course *inter alia*) vast importance and conscious rectitude who took the general public into their inmost confidences by speaking to one another in very loud tones.

The G. P. judging by the nervous way in which it started as the loud-pitched voices thrilled the air, would apparently rather have been allowed to make its own quiet survey in its own quiet manner. One gentleman I questioned said these individua's were men hired to look after the safety of the exhibits, but I believe this was an attempt to deceive, for another informant said they were members of the committee pointing out their own exhibits to friends and, of course, in that case would be entitled to assume the airs of proprietorship—who they really were did not transpire.

However this may be I found the exhibits themselves, when I settled down to them, were well worth pointing out. No. 1. comes first naturally and number one it was from every point of view. Words can hardly describe the glory of Mr. H. J. White's exhibit. V.R.'s in abundance—unused penny blacks galore, one block alone containing 36—a pair of the plate 9 half-penny—pair and strip of three two-penny, no lines, unused—a complete pane of 20 two shilling brown—an entire pane of plate 4 threepenny, spray watermark, probably absolutely unique and—here one of the loud-toned parties in a specially aggressive silk-hat came rushing round exclaiming in a voice which might have been heard in Picadilly, "Finest thing in the show, I tell you, come and look!" I fled for peace to another place but I am glad to hear that abundant honours have fallen to Mr. White for his grand exhibit. Messrs Willett, Selby and Morley also showed some fine English—Mr. Morley's being fiscals usable for postage, among which were several uncatalogued varieties. An exhibit by Mr West of used English stamps was of a most interesting character and deservedly got a silver medal. Throughout the show Mr. W. B. Avery was in evidence. His early British Guiana of priceless worth, his fine Sidney Views, his (3 of each) *unused* and used Victoria 5/- blue on yellow, his New Brunswick and his Mauritius, including the historic 1d. and 2d *Post Office*, unused, represented thousands of pounds worth of stamps. Mr. Avery, as usual sent his stamps for the benefit of fellow collectors only, had he competed for the prizes, he must have carried all before him. Mr. W. W. Blest showed a fine lot of N. S. W. sixteen 6d. plate 1, eight plate 2 and eleven 8d., including a pair of each kind, while Mr. H. J. Duveen was prominent throughout the colonial exhibits. Nine 1/9 and four 2/- Ceylons in Baron A. de Worm's collection made my mouth water, so to speak, and Mr. W. Pimm's Ceylons were very fine, neatly and tastefully arranged on red mounts.

I was just examining Mr. Blest's New Zealand and had fixed my attention on a 2d. blue paper with value omitted and a strip of five penny on blue paper when yet another of the silk-hatted proprietors of the show

shouted past my ear "Going to the Cecil, to-night, to So-and-so's feed?" again I fled, but the triumphant "I am!" followed me even into the next gallery. About this time I came to the conclusion that the disturbers of my peace must be foreigners from their evident ignorance of the ethics of public behaviour as observed in England. Driven into the dealers' room I sought Mr. Wilson's stall and there saw complete sheets of Cyprus stamps which were chronicled in the "P. C. & A." many months ago but which have not yet found their way into Gibbons' Catalogue viz: plates 193 and 196—and here I pulled myself together from the shock given to my nervous system by the raucous tones I had just heard.

The coast being clear—the enemy holding a council of war in a far corner of the big hall—I ventured on tip-toe towards Mr. Gordon Smith's show, for, lo! had I not seen in my catalogue that he exhibited a stamp which I had longed to see for years and years?—the 2d. perforated South Australia, first type. Yes, he had two of this most rare stamp. The very existence of it is questioned by some authorities, but Mr. Smith's were apparently genuinely perforated, and of two different gauges. Mr. Avery's Westralian (the 4d., first issue, with inverted swan) and Mr. Eliot Levy's South African attracted my attention for some time, but I had to move on to the other parts of the Exhibition—though reluctant to leave the Colonials.

The Editor says that space is exhausted, so I must tell you the rest next month.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

COLOURED POSTMARKS.

DURING the first 20 years or so of 1d. postage, inks of various colours were often used for office stamps with name and date, though black was almost exclusively used for cancelling the postage stamps after 1841. Red, blue and green are frequently met with, in various shades, and sometimes you may come across old covers and envelopes, which present quite a gay show. I have one specimen, dated 1853, which has the marks of five places on its back, in as many different colours—black, blue, green, dark and pale red. In two of these the date is absent, the disc enclosed within the circle being quite blank.

PENNY ENVELOPE STAMPS.

Most collectors will have noticed the accidental variety in die No. 150 of the embossed 1d. stamp (1868) which has a portion of the outer frame missing, opposite the G in "postage." I have just noticed that die 110 (1864) has also a peculiar feature, viz.—a dome

of white, rather less than a small pin-head just outside the right hand date circle, over the figure 4. It is so well-formed and distinct that I think possibly it may not be accidental, but perhaps some kind of "mint-mark."

PUNCH-CANCELLED POSTCARDS.

Since alluding to these last month, I have, through the kindness of Mr. G. A. Gosnold, of Bristol, learned where two more of the devices were employed, viz.—that the single pin hole was used at Bradford in 1871, and the "orb and cross" (inverted in this instance), has been found on a card posted by a firm in St. Paul's Churchyard, London, in Nov., 1870. This seems to show that this mode of cancellation dates back almost, if not quite, to the introduction of post-cards.

MORLEY'S NEW CATALOGUE.

Since its appearance I have had occasion for considerable handling of this book, and I have the pleasure to state that it improves on acquaintance—a sure sign of a good thing. I have only one grumble (and that arises out of the very comprehensiveness of the book), which is, that a reference number attached to each variety would have been a great convenience, both to the compiler and his customers. The work is remarkably free from typographical errors, considering its mass of detail; I may here point out two which I have noticed—on page 84, the date of issue of the second group of "I. R. Official" stamps should be 1885, instead of 1883, and on page 64 the word "revenue" in the heading should be replaced by "telegraph." The pricing of English stamps used abroad is carried out on a new and particularly good system, being both concise and convenient.

ID. RED WITH FIRMS' NAMES.

In last month's issue appears Mr. Morley's list of plate nos. of penny red, with firms' names, gov't. printed in red on back. I am able to add the following:—J. & C. Boyd & Co., nos. 118, 120, 127, 139, 154, 162 and 167. W. H. Smith & Son, 147. Probably several more numbers exist.

THE LONDON PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

THE Exhibition which was open a fortnight finally ended on August 5th. During that time it was freely patronised every week day, but principally indeed, almost exclusively, by philatelists. The Duke and Duchess of York performed the opening ceremony on July 22nd, and the exhibition was honoured by an informal inspection on the part of the Prince of Wales and the Duke of York on the following day, July 3rd. Four large rooms were occupied for the purposes of the Exhibition, one being devoted to the dealers' stalls

—save only that a space in the middle was reserved for exhibits of albums and other philatelic accessories.

The chief honours of the exhibits justly went to Mr. A. J. White, whose collection of English was the wonder and admiration of all. The stamps of Messrs. Avery and Duveen were among those which attracted the utmost attention, and the exhibits of H. R. H. The Duke of York were naturally objects of considerable interest.

The judges had no easy task for decision in many instances, but performed their onerous duties with satisfaction to all concerned. The following gentlemen officiated in this capacity:—Major Evans, Lieut. Napier, and Messrs. E. D. Bacon, F. Breitfuss, M. P. Castle, A. N. Fraenkel, and P. Mahé.

LIST OF AWARDS.

THE GRAND PRIZE (SPECIAL GOLD MEDAL) H. J. White.

CLASS I.—Great Britain.

DIVISION 1.—*Adhesive Postage Stamps, unused.* Gold Medal, H. J. White; Silver Medal, W. T. Willett; Bronze Medal, E. H. Selby.

DIVISION 2.—*Adhesive Postage Stamps, used.* Silver Medal, F. West.

DIVISION 3.—*Telegraph Stamps.* Silver Medal, Gordon Smith; Bronze Medal, W. Matthews.

CLASS II.—BRITISH EMPIRE.

SECTION A.—Gold Medal, W. W. Blest (New South Wales); Silver Medal, H. J. Duveen (British Guiana); Bronze Medal, Dr. F. Bowers, (New South Wales).

SECTION B.—Gold Medal, Baron A. de Worms (Ceylon); Silver Medal, W. W. Blest (New Zealand); Silver Medal, Gordon Smith, (South Australia); Silver Medal, F. Ransom (Trinidad); Bronze Medal, W. Hadlow (Queensland).

SECTION C.—Silver Medal, W. T. Willett (Nevis); Silver Medal, Baron A. de Reuterskiold (Turks Islands); Bronze Medal, Leslie L. R. Hausburg (Grenada); Bronze Medal, Dr. R. Stanley Taylor (Grenada); Bronze Medal, Vernon Roberts (St. Lucia).

SECTION D.—Silver Medal, Baron A. de Worms (Gambia, Gold Coast etc.); Bronze Medal, J. N. Marsden (Gibraltar, Gold Coast, etc.); Bronze Medal, Eliot Levy (British South Africa, etc.).

DIVISION 2, SECTION A.—Europe. Gold Medal, R. Ehrenbach (Austria); Silver Medal, Adolph Rosenberg (Heligoland); Silver Medal, George F. Jackson (Spain); Silver Medal, R. Dreyfus (Switzerland); Bronze Medal, Julius Lossau (Hamburg); Bronze Medal, Ernest Petri (Parma, Tuscany, etc.); Bronze Medal, Dr. Yersin (Switzerland).

SECTION B.—Gold Medal, W. Dorning Beckton (Greece); Silver Medal, Hubert Buckley (Norway); Silver Medal, R. Ehrenbach (Sweden); Bronze Medal,

A. H. Harrison (Norway, etc.); Bronze Medal, J. N. Marsden (Portugal).

DIVISION 3, SECTION A.—Asia and Africa. Gold Medal, T. Wickham Jones (Japan); Silver Medal, Captain F. H. Hancock (Afghanistan); Silver Medal, R. Pearce (Transvaal); Bronze Medal, Baron A. du Reuterskiold (Phillipine Islands); Bronze Medal, Major R. Day (Afghanistan).

SECTION B.—Silver Medal, H. Cantel (Bay), (Egypt); Silver Medal, T. Wickham Jones (Shanghai); Bronze Medal, J. Hamish Wilson (Egypt); Bronze Medal, C. P. L. Van Kinschot (Dutch Indies and Orange Free State).

DIVISION 4, SECTION A.—America. Gold Medal, H. J. Duveen (United States); Silver Medal, F. R. Ginn (United States); Silver Medal, T. W. Hall (Colombia); Bronze Medal, Dr. G. Michelsen (Colombia).

SECTION B.—Gold Medal, H. R. Oldfield (Bolivia); Silver Medal, Alf. Bruck (Brazil); Bronze Medal, T. W. Hall (Peru).

SECTION C.—Silver Medal, R. Meyer (Chili); Bronze Medal, E. S. Davidson (Cuba and Porto Rica).

CLASS III.—COLLECTIONS OF RARE STAMPS
Gold Medal, W. Thorne; Silver Medal, M. Giwelb; Bronze Medal, H. R. Oldfield.

CLASS IV.

DIVISION 1.—Collections without limit as to number. Gold Medal, W. D. Beckton (General); Silver Medal, Mrs. Hetley (West Indies, Japan, etc.); Bronze Medal, W. Cowland (General); Bronze Medal, A. H. Dingwell (British Stamps used abroad); Bronze Medal, H. L. Hayman (General).

DIVISION 2. Collections (not exceeding 4,000 in number). Silver Medal, Eliot Levy (Great Britain); Silver Medal, S. M. Castle (United States of America); Silver Medal, F. Bang (European Stamps); Bronze Medal, Mrs. Potts (General).

DIVISION 3. Collections (not exceeding 2,000 in number). Silver Medal, L. H. Walter (United States of America); Bronze Medal, G. J. Hynes (Indian Stamps); Bronze Medal, G. B. Duerst (Roumania); Bronze Medal, P. Rodd (Heligoland).

CLASS V.

DIVISION 1.—Entire Envelopes and Wrappers. Silver Medal, F. Ransom (Germany); Silver Medal, J. R. Hesketh (Mulready Envelopes and Letter Sheets.)

DIVISION 2.—Silver Medal, B. Plashett Rodd (Australian Colonies).

CLASS VI.

DIVISION 1.—Post Cards, &c. Silver Medal, T. Ridpath & Co.; Bronze Medal, S. C. Skipton and W. Brown.

DIVISION 2.—Silver Medal, B. Plashett Rodd; Bronze Medal, R. Meyer.

CLASS VII.

Exhibits by Stamp Engravers and Manufacturers of Postage Stamps and Telegraph Stamps.

Gold Medal, Perkins, Bacon & Co., Limited; Silver Medal, Thos De La Rue & Co., Limited; Silver Medal, Waterlow & Sons, Limited; Silver Medal, Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., Limited.

CLASS VIII.

DIVISION 1.—Current Philatelic Journals. Silver Medal, Buhl & Co., Limited; Silver Medal, Stanley Gibbons, Limited; Bronze Medal, W. Brown.

DIVISION 2.—Silver Medal, Dr. Emilio Diena; Silver Medal, Hugo Krötzsch (for first and third items in Exhibit 223); Bronze Medal, L. Upcott Gill; Bronze Medal, Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Limited (for items 1 to 5 in Exhibit 211); Bronze Medal, V. Suppantsehtsch.

The Philatelic Societies' Medals awarded to Authors of Works in this Class.

Silver Medal, E. D. Bacon; Silver Medal, F. H. Napier.

CLASS IX.—ALBUMS.

DIVISION 1.—Albums for Special Collections, Bronze Medal, H. L'Estrange Ewen; Bronze Medal, W. Brown.

DIVISION 2.—Albums for General Collections. Bronze Medal, Scott Stamp and Coin Company, Limited; Bronze Medal, R. W. Stevens; Bronze Medal, Stanley Gibbons, Limited; Bronze Medal, Dr. Emilio Diena; Bronze Medal, Whitfield King & Co.; Bronze Medal, C. F. Lüche; Bronze Medal, Hugo Krotzsch; Bronze Medal, W. S. Lincoln.

DIVISION 3.—No award.

CLASS X.

Accessories and Appliances for use by Collectors.

Bronze Medal, Stanley Gibbons, Limited; Bronze Medal, Hugo Krotzsch.

CLASS XI.—GENERAL.

Silver Medal, J. R. F. Turner; Silver Medal, W. Morley; Bronze Medal, S. C. Skipton and W. Brown; Bronze Medal, H. J. White; Bronze Medal, C. F. Dendy Marshall; Bronze Medal, W. Rutley; Bronze Medal, F. C. Smith.

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For Departmental Stamps of South Australia.

Silver Medal, W. Harrison.

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Silver Medal, W. Dorning Beckton.

For Exhibits of European Stamps.

Gold Medal, R. Ehrenbach; Silver Medal, W. Dorning Beckton.

For Exhibits by Continental Collectors.

Silver Medal, Adolf Rosenberg; Bronze Med, R. Dreyfus.

For Collection of Transvaal.

Gold Medal, R. Pearce.

For Collection of Shanghai.

Gold Medal, T. Wickham Jones.

For Collection of Colombia and States.

Gold Medal, T. W. Hall.

For Collection of Mexico.

Gold Medal, R. Frentzel.

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N.B.—The Judges found themselves unable to award certain of the Special Medals.

Owing to the extra pressure upon space in consequence of the London Exhibition, several items, including Society Reports, Interview, Gibbons Part III. Catalogue (Review), etc., are unavoidably held over until next month.

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to enlarge the circulation. This is done for the benefit of our advertisers and ourselves of course indirectly, but we think that dealers might give us more support in several ways, and we hope the new season will provide us with an opportunity of taking a little ourselves while still doing our duty to our advertising clients as heretofore.

We present to our subscribers this month a photographic reproduction of Mr Walter Morley's stall at the late London Exhibition.

CHRONICLE.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Jubilee issue is, after all, of only a temporary character, for the plates have now been destroyed.

NIGER COAST.—All the values will soon be watermarked Crown and CA. The following have now appeared:—

1d. green.	2½d. blue.
2d. lake.	5d. purple.
1/- black.	

VICTORIA.—This colony contemplates emulating Great Britain and New South Wales by issuing hospital stamps.

PHILIPPINE ISLES.—A crop of fresh surcharges is announced.

ERITREA.—The new Italian 5c. has been surcharged for use here

5c. green and black.

MAURITIUS.—This island intends to follow the prevailing craze and issue a Jubilee set.

POSTCARDS, &c.

LIBERIA.—The registered envelope is said to be in a new shade.

10c. grey green on white.

SWEDEN.—In commemoration of the Jubilee of King Oscar II, a handsome card of 5 ore was issued in limited quantities on September 18th, and the supply exhausted in two hours. The front of the card shows a portrait of King Oscar and a view of the palace at Stockholm. Mr. G. Johnson was good enough to show us the card.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

FURTHER ADVENTURES AT THE EXHIBITION.

HAIRBREADTH ESCAPES IN THE JUNGLE.

THE MYSTERY.

MOST potent, grave and reverend seigneurs and (philatelically) my dear children! before your postman goes on to narrate his thrilling adventures at the London Exhibition he must earnestly ask you to bear in mind that he writes for your information and benefit only, and you really must not write in calling him rude names if he sticks too closely to the truth. . . . To proceed:

As I told you last month I reluctantly left the Colonials to systematically examine the stamps in other sections, but, before doing so, I casually enquired who Mr. H. J. White might happen to be when he was at home. My friend, who is well-informed as a rule about things in general, was unable to give me any information, so I enquired of another, who, I thought, would probably know. He also professed ignorance, and my curiosity was now fairly piqued. Everyone with whom I could claim the ghost of an acquaintance was tackled without result, and I even ventured my precious body into the "Jungle"—among the untamed dealers who stood, savagely licking their lips, waiting for the unwary collector to come along—in a vain endeavour to discover who he might be.

My every effort was unavailing. One gentleman, who has contracted, apparently, a habitual twinkle of the left eyelid, thought Mr. Castle would be a likely party to tell me, but that gentleman was so busily engaged I could get no opportunity of speaking to him and so Mr. H. J. White loses, through the fault of his own modesty, the glory which I would have shed over him by minutely detailing his biography in these pages—his existence may have been a short one, of course I mean philatelically, but it was glorious, and he can vie with the great conqueror of old Britain and repeat with truth, "*Veni, vidi, vici!*" but will the wondering comment of philately in a month's time be "*Venit—evasit!*"

Enough! again I say. . . . To proceed: Some of the Swiss lots were of a most profuse character—that of Mr. R. Dreyfus was an exhibition in itself—but the Spanish of Mr. Geo. Jackson, a Birmingham man and member of the B.P.S., naturally attracted my notice, and worthy they looked to receive the Silver Medal afterwards awarded them. Mr. M. P. Castle showed a grand lot of unused Russia, Finland, &c., and an equally good lot of Swiss, but his exhibits were not for competition.

Mr. Dorning Beckton believes in quantity as well as quality. His Greek are in sheets for the most part, but why not turn the other side in some cases?—I like the backs of Greek stamps better than the front. Some of the owners of the Afghanistans could paper a room with their stamps, while Mr. T. Wickham Jones has enough Shanghai to cover the walls of a whole house, although I should not employ them in that way if I were he. I think Shanghai are grand stamps not to collect! About this time I got tired. The loud-voiced parties had mysteriously vanished—one said they had gone to a stamp sale to pick up bargains. Anyhow, gone they were to my relief and, seeking out my good friend, Mr. Walter Morley, the pair of us adjourned to a neighbouring restaurant for a welcome cup of tea. This discussed, we returned to the Royal Institute of Thingumbobs and then came a chat with Lord Brown, of Salisbury, and the Right Hon. F. R. Ginn, the latter of whom told me of the existence of yet another chamber above, wherein were albums of stamps and postcards galore.

I bounded up the steps with (somewhat of) the antelope's grace and passed into the said upper room. Scarce had I crossed the threshold than I stopped. Did my senses deceive me or was this a modern confusion of tongues—a philatelic Tower of Babel? No: a moment's observation put me upon the right track—it was the judges doing their duty. True, the presence of Mr. Castle gave some reason for the Tower theory and the fact that the judges were talking English, German, and French at one and the same time accounted for the confusion of tongues. One or two of the foreign judges know only their own language—as ditto some of the English ones—and Mr. Castle had to act as interpreter, an office he performed with the utmost facility.

There was much that interested and instructed me in this room. Most of the space was occupied by general collections in albums and by post-cards. The great drawback was the impossibility of seeing more than one page of any one volume as they were opened under a glass covering. Among the collections was that of Mrs. Henry Hetley in five volumes, which took the Duke of York's prize for the finest collection shown by a lady. Mr. H. L. Hayman gained the bronze medal for a collection of over 3,000. Mr. Hayman's collection was noticeable for its extreme neatness and the perfect state of every stamp. Among other things he shows the V.R. and seventy-seven used and unused Cape wood-blocks. Mr. Dorning Beckton took first prize among the collections with a 24-volume lot of great value. Mr. H. F. P. Hawkins showed a curious collection of reconstructed sheets of English 1d. plate numbers—a life-task in itself. The book was open at plate 225, and this sheet was incomplete—20 being short to make up the sheet of 240.

Time was on the wing, and I once more descended to the lower portions. A religious calm pervaded the show rooms—evidently the auction sale was not yet concluded, and I ventured inside. I wanted to see the United States stamps of Messrs. F. R. Ginn and H. J. Duveen. The latter showed a Brattleboro' stamp, of which there were two in the Exhibition—Mr. Avery having the second—and two reconstructed sheets of St. Louis. Among other rarities the trio of 1869 parti-coloured stamps, with inverted centres, were the most interesting. Mr. Ginn only showed the Government issues, leaving locals alone. The whole formed a grand lot. He exhibited no less than 50 of the 1869 ninety cent and also the 15c. and 24c. with centre inverted—a most interesting show. Mr. Oldfield's eagle Bolivia, and Mr. T. W. Hall's Peru would, like the Mikado's daughter-in-law-elect's left shoulder blade, attract people miles to see. Mr. Hall's collection, by-the-way, was in Tyeth Stevens' beautiful "Desideratum" Album.

The exhibits of Their Royal Highnesses the Duke of Coburg and the Duke of York were not so extensive as some, but every single item was of exceptional interest. Among the post-cards upstairs I had seen Mr. T. Ridpath's collection of Mexico and Roumania, and I found afterwards that they got a well-deserved medal.

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To tell all the other things I noticed is impossible and I have only glanced over the most prominent. When I returned for the last time to the Dealers' "Jungle," to bid good-bye to several friends, I had seen enough to satisfy myself for one day. I was even weary with well-doing, and a stroll into the bustling life of Picadilly came as a welcome change to yours truly,

THE POSTMAN.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

WHY NOT CO-OPERATE ?

THE Editor has so far been very good in letting me do pretty much as I please with the space he has allowed me for English gossip during the last year or more; so now I intend, with his sanction, to make this partly an inquiry column on matters connected with English specialism. Like all subjects worth studying, researches always show something further to be learned; so I purpose sometimes to ask questions on what I *don't* know about English stamps, which I hope may be not less interesting than notes of information may hitherto have been: for, of course, whatever I want to know will be just what many other collectors want to know too. If a

hundred good collections of English were brought together and compared there could hardly be one which did not contain some specimens calculated to convey instruction to the owners of the others. How much greater then, among the hundreds of readers of this paper, must be the fund of knowledge from which information on points more or less obscure, might be diffused for mutual benefit. So now please send in your questions to the Editor (not to exceed three from one reader), enclosing a 1d. stamp with which to send them on to me. If I can answer, I will do so in these columns; if not, the questions will be published in the following issue for anyone to answer who can. The next paragraph contains my queries for this month.

[Mr. Webb's is an excellent notion, and questions or replies can be sent in not later than the 5th of the month. If preferred, they may be sent to Mr. Webb direct. His address is: Walpole, Halesworth.—Ed. P. C. & A.]

FIRST ISSUES OF EMBOSSED ENVELOPES.

The very first of both the 1d. and 2d. stamped envelopes, issued in January, 1841, had all four flaps pointed, and the silk threads did not run parallel with edge of either flap—as they did later, with top of left and right successively. In speaking of right and left flaps, I take the envelope as opened out *flat*, as they should be so mounted if varieties of thread and flap are to be shown; both front and back of envelope being one side of the paper. On this system Gibbons' descriptions of their Nos. 6 and 7 are incorrect;—they should read No. 6 *left* and No. 7 *right*. Morley has the right idea, and the tenth envelope in his list (after the Mulready's, on page 36), is correctly described, though it should be placed earlier, to correspond with Gibbons' No. 6. But I must leave further details for a future article on these interesting envelopes: I now want to record that I have found a 1d. envelope, size "B," with all flaps pointed, which measures only 5 x 3½ in. instead of the usual 5½ x 3½ in.; and this moreover, is not due to careless folding, as on measuring from tip to tip of the side flaps, I find it only 10½ in., whereas the normal measurement should be 11½ to 11¾ in. The depth from top to bottom is same as usual, but the flaps overlap a little more than in later specimens. The envelope was used in March, 1841. Now I want to be informed, is this envelope with 4 points known in the exact "B" size, and further, on what varieties, if any, may the lower die numbers—after No. 1—be found? The specimen described above is die 1, as also are copies of size "A 2" which I have seen with 4 points; but I do not remember ever seeing any number above one on about 50 1d. envelopes.

£5 STAMPS.

It may not have been generally noticed that in all probability the £5 telegraph and the £5 postage stamp

came from the same plate. The two stamps are identical prints in every respect except the word in the upper label. The die was prepared with the word "TELEGRAPHS" engraved, from which stamps first appeared in 1877. £5 stamps, having "TELEGRAPHS" replaced by "POSTAGE," were issued in 1882: and this word being so much shorter, oblong Greek ornaments were inserted before and after it, to avoid leaving blank spaces which would have detracted from the finished appearance of this handsome stamp. The word "postage" is generally rather nearer the upper frame of the label, whilst "TELEGRAPHS" is invariably truly placed.

RARE FOURPENNY STAMPS.

Further confirmation of the existence of the 4d. "small garter" watermark, on glazed *white* paper, has come to hand in the shape of a fine specimen from a recent exchange packet. The colour is clear and brilliant, whilst the paper is perfectly white both front and back. I have also now seen a copy of the 4d.—(plate 3 or 4, which?)—with hair-lines across corner squares, but only a *single* stroke of white near each of the lower letter-books. I think more specimens may be found by observant holders of quantities of the 1862 issue; so hunt 'em up, please?

ENGLISH USED ABROAD.

Amongst the scarcer foreign station obliterations is that of Islay (Peru), "C 42." I am able to extend the list of English stamps known to have been used there, having met with the following varieties so cancelled, viz.:—One penny, pls. 88 and 96, 2d. pl. 9, 3d. pl. 4 (emblems), 4d. pl. 4, 6d. pls. 3 and 5 (omb.), and 6 (spray).

PART III. OF MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS' CATALOGUE.

THE appearance of this section last month completes the set of three volumes into which the 11th. edition of this standard Catalogue is divided. Part III. contains the lists of the whole world's envelopes, wrappers, post cards, and other postal stationery. In point of price in relation to quality, this book at a 1/- is by far the cheapest part of the catalogue, being well bound and of such good materials that it is a pleasure to handle it. The cover is pleasing and distinctive, the paper of high grade, and the printing superbly clear. But more important still, the matter of the book, both as regards copiousness and arrangement, is far in advance of anything hitherto produced for the guidance of the general collector of antiques. The contents are first divided into two classes the former comprising envelopes and wrappers,—the latter, post cards and letter cards: each of these is

again divided into sections, I. and II., which correspond with I. and II. of the "Adhesives" portion of the catalogue, and treat of the British Empire and foreign countries respectively. An alphabetical double index shows at a glance where to light on the envelopes or cards of any country. Good illustrations of practically every type are given, the only exception to this being the envelopes, wrappers etc. of Great Britain. As a rule, four columns of prices are given, showing the value of a specimen entire or cut square, both used and unused. In English envelopes the various details of sizes and shapes of official issues are correctly tabulated, whilst in registration envelopes, greatly augmented numbers of varieties are listed and priced. Coming to stamped-to-order envelopes, we note that the difference of 5 and 9-dot "Florets" is not yet recognised,—a point to be remedied in next edition. Probably by oversight, the 6d value with florets is much under-priced, at 1/6 entire and 1/- cut if we remember aright it stood at these figures two years ago in the 10th edition, and the Publishers even then were unable to supply it at that quotation. In compound envelopes, too, there are some little discrepancies in pricing: for instance, the *single* 1½d brown, on blue paper, is priced 1/6 cut, and the 6d dated, in same state at 5/-,—both fair valuations,—yet in the compounds these two together are offered at the absurd figure of 1/6,—just 5/- less than if ordered separately. There are two or three other cases of this nature but it is not at all likely that these low quotations for compounds are to be taken seriously. The *two* varieties of English letter-cards are now for the first time distinguished, but the *pale* card, (only in use two or three months in 1892,) is surely worth several times its modest price of 6d. unused: probably another catalogue lately published pricing it at 7/6, values it much more correctly. It remains to be proved whether Messrs Gibbons can supply this item at the price they quote for it. The lists of United States envelopes will be found very satisfactory, with minor varieties minutely described, and types fully illustrated. This portion of the work alone is well worth the price of the book. In conclusion, we recommend every wide awake philatelist not to try and do without this part even if he collects only adhesives. Many a good bargain may be overlooked on club sheets etc. though not referring to a good handbook on envelopes and postcards.

[Stanley Gibbons Catalogue can be obtained from the Philatelic Publishing Co, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. Part 1 or part 2, 2/-, part 3, 1/-, all post free.]

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

PERU.—The surcharge (head of Bermudez) on the 1894 issue of Peru, has been counterfeited and differs from the original in that the colour is

grey-black instead of intense black. The lines of the back ground are heavier and touch the outer oval line, which is not the case in the genuine ones. The ear in the counterfeit is well formed which is not the case in the originals.

FRANCE.—*Le Timbre Poste* gives a reliable method to distinguish the reprints of the 1849 issue of France from the originals. While the colour of the fifteen centimes is different in the reprints, it has been made to look exactly like the original by a chemical process, which gives it the shade peculiar to the latter. It is easy, however, to distinguish the reprints, since they measure one half millimetre less in height than the original. The reprints of the ten and twenty-five centimes and of the one franc stamps of the same issue are also different in size, being one-half millimetre less in width than the originals. The postage due stamps of 60c. and 1 franc, which were in use but a short while, have been imitated by perforating the colonial stamps of the same value. The forgeries can be readily told by their colour, which is identical with the colonial imperforate postage due stamps and differs from the genuine. Even dealers in Paris seem to have been taken in by these frauds. The perforation is somewhat irregular, and close comparison will show its variation from the genuine. The 1, 2, and 5 franc black postage due stamps have also been extensively counterfeited by means of lithography. The details are not brought out so distinctly as in the genuine; the inscriptions show small though marked differences; the paper has a different texture, and, lastly, the perforation similar to the first-mentioned forgeries is irregular instead of regular as in the genuine.

UNITED STATES.—Collectors and dealers should beware of parties wanting to dispose of 2c. orange U.S.I.R. imperforate, there is quite a number going the rounds. Upon close examination they prove to be the common perforate issue *trimmed*.

THE FIRST BIG ISSUE of *The Advertiser* is on OCTOBER 9th, when we shall send a very large number of specimen copies, principally to Great Britain. Those wishing to make use of this opportunity for advantageous advertising must send in by OCTOBER 4th at the latest.

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The September packets were very good. New members proposed this month are H. Hartley (Keighley), G. Hardwick (Lichfield), A. Hogan (Epsom), J. W. Potter (Cork), H. Franke (California), W. T. Pinkney (Whitby), G. O. White (Deddington), Dr. M. Calder (Greenock), C. Gough (S. Woodford), A. D. Dent (London), J. M. Green (Clevedon). Rules and other particulars can be obtained from W. Walton. Good references are required from all members.

NORTH WESTERN STAMP EXCHANGE.—The August packet, which totalled £77 12s. 2d., was sent out 4th inst. All collectors are invited to join. Rules will be sent on application to J. R. Leresche, 8, Christchurch Avenue, Brondesbury, London.

THE BRITISH AND COLONIAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Established 1895—43 members. The July packet despatched on the 21st, is a decidedly good one, totalling £152, considering the time of the year and number of collectors who are away. Specialists and dealers, who are interested in the stamps of Great Britain and Colonials are welcomed as members. All necessary information post free from the Secretary, C. J. M. Lehner, Eaton Chambers, 50, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S. W.

THE WEST INDIAN AND BRITISH AMERICAN SPECIALISTS CLUB.—The August packet, valued £180, was sent out on the 31st of July, the 1st falling on a Sunday. The packet was, considering the time of the year, an excellent one. There being several lady members, it has been decided that as they are good buyers, and seldom, if ever, able to send sheets, therefore are always low on the postal list, to give them the first places on the postal list for October next. The July packet has returned, the sales amounting to between £20 and £25 on a £130 packet. Full particulars of the Secretary, W. E. Daniels, Springhaven, Eastbourne. Intending members must supply satisfactory references.

THE BRITISH AFRICAN STAMP EXCHANGE has been formed to meet the difficulty of collectors in obtaining stamps to complete their sets of such scarce countries as Gambia, Logos, &c. Members purchasing stamps have to remit cash for same *at once*, instead of wait-

ing for accounts to be rendered on return of packet; this should avoid delay in settling Cr. balances. All prices of stamps are *strictly nett*, thus abolishing the absurd "50% discount" system which causes confusion and misunderstanding. There are two sections: one for British African Colonials, and the other for other countries. Any information can be obtained from Secretary, Chas. J. Endle, Kingsburgh Cottage, Boscombe, Hants.

THE MUTUAL EXCHANGE CLUB.—Members at this date are 34. September packet started September 6th, value £111 11s. 4d. A nice lot of medium stamps and some 75% below catalogue, and hope to have better packets now the season has commenced. The entrance fee is only 1/- and 2½% on sales to defray expenses. The sales are about 20%. I desire a few more members if possible, but they must be reliable. Settlements quarterly at half-marked prices. Two references required. The present members are first-class, and anyone may join without any thought or doubt as to management, &c. I have had no complaints since the club started, if I may except members asking for additional selections to be included; this is why I want other members. Full particulars to anyone desirous of becoming a member from the secretary, H. E. Greatorex, Manor Court Road, Nuneaton.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—In spite of the holiday season there has been but little falling off in the quantity and quality of the contributions to the packets since May last. The August circuit consisted of two A and one B packet of the aggregate value of £1,771 14s. 2d.; these were made up and despatched on the 21st inst. West Indians and Africans were specially strong, though the other divisions were well represented. Seven applications for membership have been accepted and three declined. It is hoped that the new rules will be ready for signature next month. Collectors wishing to join are requested to forward references with their application to avoid delay. Full information, rules, &c., to be obtained from the secretary, H. A. Slade, Tudor House, St. Albans.

RICHMOND EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The August packet was made up on 11th August, and the sheets were fewer in number; the total value being only £191 4s. 9½d. This is put down to many members taking their summer holidays. Will members kindly remember Rule 12 requiring their advice in the event of leaving their addresses; so that packets are not delayed. May packet having been returned the sales are the best on record, amounting to £52 2s. 9d. The Secretary hopes all members will contribute to September packet. Rules, &c., post free from Robert Reid, jun., 20, Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens.

S.W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—Accounts ending with June quarter have all been settled, and this month's packet, despite the holidays, &c, is one of the best in point of quality yet sent out, British and Colonial being in abundance and very cheap. Good sound collectors wanted; references required. Particulars may be had from secretary, Wm. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S., Dorning Street, Wigan.

ENGLISH STAMP EXCHANGE.—Brief report for the five months from January to May, 1897:—

	Value of Packet.			Value of Stamps Sold.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
January ..	83	2	0	16	1	7
February ..	75	16	0	13	2	6
March ..	66	1	0	17	2	4
April ..	92	0	0	18	11	0
May ..	84	1	6	11	3	4

Owing to the summer holidays and absence from home of some of the members the forwarding on and return of the packets has not been so regular as usual, but those for April and May are now back. The accounts have all been sent out, and a good portion paid. Remittances are requested from those who have not yet sent so as to facilitate the settlement of accounts. The first packet after the summer vacation will be despatched on October 2nd next, and one or two suggested new rules for accelerating the circulation of the packets and ensuring promptitude in the payment of accounts will be submitted to the members early in September. All interested in English specialism are cordially invited to join the club, which includes among its members the names of many in the front ranks of those making the stamps of Great Britain their particular study. Two members have resigned since 1896, and three new ones joined. G. A. Foster, secretary, 180, West Green Road, Tottenham, London, N.

ALBUM FOR BRAZIL.—Mr. Adolph Bruck, of Rio de Janeiro, has sent us a copy of a really excellent special album for the stamps of this most interesting country. Unlike many lands, Brazil has not yet stooped to plunder philatelists and her numerous issues are genuine, so little wonder that the country is becoming more popular every day among collectors. There are spaces for everything in Mr. Bruck's Album and a Brazillian specialist can hardly do without it.

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