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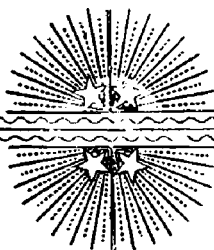
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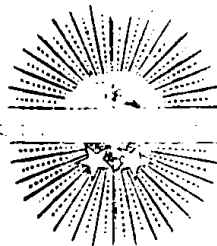
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alike. One thing our advertising supporters can be sure of obtaining is a very large genuine circulation—perhaps even the largest in England which is open to them—and at the very cheapest rates. A glance at the list of members of the BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY in this number will show the *personnel* of our constituents. There are the names of practically every prominent philatelist at home and abroad, and all of them receive the *Chronicle*, as also do many hundreds of collectors of equal importance. Therefore we say again that dealers cannot do better than use our columns both on the grounds of cheapness and efficacy. The proof of the pudding is in the eating, but if the experience of others is of any use this is part of a letter received yesterday. “Since we have advertised in *Chronicle and Advertiser* our business has doubled. Yours faithfully, Reed and Co., 41, St. Andrew’s Hill, London, E.C.” We’ve got lots of these sort of letters about the office. *Verb. sap.* Our circulation during the first seven months of 1897 averaged 4,217 per month.

The BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY has passed through another twelvemonths of prosperity, thanks to the energetic Executive Committee, but principally to the indefatigable secretary, Mr. G. JOHNSON, B.A. Facts speak more strongly than words. The state of things disclosed at the annual business meeting on the 7th instant was eminently satisfactory to all, and we would direct every reader’s attention to the report of that meeting on another page. The Society starts this season with no less than 227 members, and the number will probably be 300 before another six months have expired. The total value of the stamps circulated in the

exchange packets was no less than £35,218 16s. 5d., so that the Society seems in the very height of prosperity with every prospect of a continuance.

CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—Mr. R. T. Mason, of Toronto, informs us that there will be an entirely new issue when the present stocks are exhausted. It is rumoured that the old and handsome bill stamp style will be adopted.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., Lima, have sent us a couple of new issues: the 5 centavos with head of Pizarro, green instead of blue, and the 5c. Deficit surcharged obliquely in black with the word **DEFICIT**.

5c. green.

5c. “Deficit,” black surcharge.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. W. S. Webb has a variety of the 10c. (re-engraved die 1882) *without crossed lines* on the check. He has seen 3 specimens all very distinct but the variety is not at all common.

Mr. Roger Wilson informs us that the 2c. and the 10c. current stamps are to have their colours changed from motives of economy as the Post Office can save 10,000 dollars per year by the difference in cost between carmine, the present colour, and the green which is proposed. Later advices, however, say that this change is impossible as it would contravene the regulations of the Postal Congress.

QUEENSLAND.—It has been decided to alter the following, according to the *Australian Philatelist*:—
2½d. present issue to be printed in violet-brown.

3d. same design as 1d. (1907), figures in each corner, colour medium brown.

4d. same as 3d., colour orange-yellow.

6d. same as 4d., colour green, as used in last issue.

The 1/- will also be issued shortly of the same design and in the same colour as at present.

It is contemplated to alter the colour of the 2/- red-brown, as it was often mistaken for the 3d. of the issue.

All stamps will have the white background.

HUNGARY.—A new issue will shortly be made with currency in corona and filler (100 filler = 1 corona)

ORANGE FREE STATE.—The 1/- has changed colour and is now

1/- brown.

POSTCARDS, &c.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., Lima, send us the 5 centavos card surcharged for use as 2c. The surcharge is of a treble character and embodies the Peruvian arms, the figure 2 and the words "HABILITADO—por —2 CENTAVOS,

P.C. 2c. on 5c. blue on cream card.

FRANCE.—We have received the pneumatic letter card with the inscription *Republique Francaise*.

L. C. 50 centimes, black on blue.

GERMANY.—The Postal Union card has been surcharged *Nur für Marine Schiffsposten* in a curved line in black over the stamp for use on ships of the navy.

10 pfennig, black on rose on cream.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—One of our exchanges states that the stamp of the new adhesive type will be used on the cards as soon as the present supply is exhausted.

UNITED STATES.—It is reported that the new cards will bear the head of President John Quincy Adams. So says the *Virginia Philatelist*.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Negri Sembilan*. The following cards are mentioned by the *D.B.Z.* :—

P.C. 1c. green.

1+1c. "

PERAK.—The *M.J.* chronicles a copy of the 1887 postcard with a pale inverted impression of the surcharge "PERAK" in addition to the ordinary one.

ZANZIBAR.—The *I.B.J.* announces the envelope in three sizes.

E. 2½ ultramarine on yellowish-white laid sizes
120 × 124, 140 × 79, 225 × 107mm.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

WHAT a relief to get once more back to my dear old scissors and paste after writing the tale of my blood-curdling adventures at the Philatelic Exhibition! Scissors and paste! Myes! but the Boss says I've got to do something for the generous remuneration he allows me besides snipping things from other papers. Generous, forsooth! the paltry sum of—but no matter, a time will come! Do without scissors and paste! Not for me, thanks! Still if you see anything herein that may possibly have appeared elsewhere you needn't trouble to write the Boss about it. Keep the penny it would cost you for postage and invest in a newspaper or a shave or both or something and earn a postman's gratitude and a father's blessing!

The North Borneo and Labuan 18 and 24 cent stamps have been withdrawn from circulation in con-

sequence of error in the inscription. Messrs. Whitfield King have a supply of the errors which they are selling in sets of four: Labuan 18 and 24c. and Borneo 18 and 24c.

Messrs. C. Forbes and Co., have removed to 42, Chester Road, East Ham, Essex. Bless you, their old premises are not big enough to hold them since they advertised in the *Chronicle*—and they doubled their space a month or so ago, and don't you forget it! Messrs. Bright and Co. have issued another wholesale list—don't forget that either, and Mr. Ewen has started a sort of a kind of a price list which comes out weekly—every Saturday, to wit, although he only sent me the first issue. Everybody can receive this, and the cost is little. Free, gratis and for nothing—even the postage is thrown in.

On Saturday, the 18th of September, was held the first stamp auction sale in Glasgow, in Waterloo Rooms, and it was of great interest to local enthusiasts, comprising, as it did, over 350 lots, some of the lots numbering thousands of specimens. It is claimed that better prices can be had in Scotland for medium stamps than in London. The auctioneer was Mr. R. S. Gray, who is himself a specialist in stamps. The prices obtained were eminently satisfactory and the sale totalled up to a goodly amount. On October 16th was held the second sale, but accounts have not yet reached me. Announcement of Mr. Gray's next sale will be found on the first page of the *Advertiser*.

Did you hear about the big continental collection that has been bought and sold? Dr. Legrand is the seller. M. Th. Lemaire is the purchaser. Fancy: Post Office Mauritius; first issues of Moldavia; British Guiana and Hawaii; Tuscany 3 lire; Cantons complete, including seventeen 4 rappen Zurich; Japan complete in sheets, Austrian Mercuries, Cape errors, Wurtemberg, 70 kreuzer in sheets, &c. Read M. Lemaire's advertisement on another page and you will know more about it. We hear upon good authority that £12,000 was the selling price, and Stanley Gibbons bought somewhere near a couple of thousand pounds worth from Mr. Lemaire on the 10th inst. out of the collection.

It is said that the collection of Mr. W. B. Avery, hon. president of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, is worth from fifty to sixty thousand pounds. Mr. Avery bought the pair of unused Post Office Mauritius for some £800. Used and unused there are only 17 of these stamps known—eight 1d. and nine 2d.

A Bavarian daily paper speaks of tests with a new cancelling machine, in which a glowing platinum wire is to singe the stamp in such a way that it is impossible ever to use it again. The platinum wire can be bent to represent any desired shape of the

cancelling stamp, and the operation is to be performed by pressing a button, which completes the electric circuit, presses the wire against the stamp and sings it in the fraction of a second too small to estimate. The prospect of stamps singed and partly turned to ashes is anything but pleasant to philatelists, and it is sincerely hoped that this invention will not be generally introduced.

The only French stamps that have been re-printed are:—Republic, 20 black, 1 franc carmine, 10 bistre, 15 green, 20 and 25 blue, 40 orange. Presidency, 10 bistre, 25 blue. All of them were sold at face value, and could in consequence be used for postage.

It is rumoured that Mr. F. W. Ayer has started another collection. Business is business.

A good story is told in Germany of a letter which was returned to the general post-office with these words written by the postman on the envelope: "The addressee has hanged himself; present address unknown."

Yours, as usual,

THE POSTMAN.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

A CORRECTION.

A SMALL bit of a jumble was made last month in the concluding lines of the paragraph on early penny envelopes: the corrected reading is:—"I do not remember ever seeing any number above one and under 50, on penny envelopes."

A MULREADY PUZZLE.

One of the main advantages justly claimed for philately in general is,—that it affords special and efficient training to the eye for the observation of minute detail: and this, moreover, is quite as much the case with the collector of entire envelopes, &c., as with those who confine themselves to adhesive stamps. Now I have a case in point, and the subject is no less important a one than that of the famous "Mulready" design itself. I wonder to how many (or few) people it has occurred to attempt to count the number of living beings depicted in that historical piece of engraving. I have been trying to fix this number, and am of opinion that the sum total of human and angelic forms in the picture amounts to just forty; if one more or less, I am open to correction. But as to how many *quadrupeds* the artist intended to set forth, I am at a loss to decide. I have formed a private estimate but would like independent opinion, so I shall be glad to see lists of these animals from a few readers, which should make some interesting reading for next month.

BEWARE OF THE FRENCHMAN!

A most impudent attempt at fraud on the part of a French dealer has just come under my notice: or, if he disclaims the impudence, he must then plead guilty to gross ignorance of both English stamps and English collectors. This catiff has sent to me for sale, forsooth, half-a-dozen stamps,—of issues as widely distinct as the 6d. of 1856 and 2½d. plate 22,—with a false perforation gauging 12, on one side, top or bottom of each stamp. The fraud is self-evident, as those stamps "faked" at the side are narrower than they should be, whilst those maltreated at top or bottom are shorter than the normal. The vendor asks the modest sum of two shillings each for these treasures. Happily the ingenuity of the manufacturer is not likely to find much appreciation on this side of the channel, as any collectors advanced enough to note perforation gauges at all would detect the fraud unaided, but still possibly some schoolboy dealers might invest, thinking them a scarce and saleable variety; hence the warning

ADMIRALTY PAPERS.

The supplies of forms for "Admiralty Pensioners' Life Certificates," bearing the ½d. wrapper stamp on various coloured papers, are evidently stamped a long time in advance of the date of use, as I find on examining a number used during the present year, that all of the stamps are of type I., which has for nearly two years ceased to be impressed on other species of wrappers. This same lot, moreover, shows in only a few instances the change of colour from pinkish to yellowish brown, which took place two or three years since on private wrappers. From the collector's point of view, these gay and interesting papers occupy the same status as do Vaccination certificates, on which 10 or 12 varieties of stamps (exclusive of dates) are known—and the stamped forms sent out by the Board of Trade, &c. It looks as though the stamps of the Admiralty papers will resolve themselves into three sets, viz.: Type I. in two shades, and type II. in the later shade. So they should be looked after, as probably but few more of the early printing remain to come out, and type II. may soon appear. They are only used once in three months.

ANSWER TO QUERY.

In reply to W.A.B. (Peckham), his 1d. envelope, size A2 (2½ × 4½ in.) with straight upper flap, and right end flap pointed, is of the normal variety.

"THE JUNIOR COLLECTOR," published by Messrs. Margoschis Bros., Constitution Hill, is getting quite stout. Whereas it used to appear with 12 or 16 pages it now comes with some 30 or 32. The paper is published in the interests of junior collectors, and all the matter it contains is for their benefit, and very useful it is to the beginner.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Honorary President:—W. B. AVERY, Esq.

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MR. V. LUNDEBLAD; MR. T. W. PECK; MR. C. A.
STEPHENSON; MR. W. S. VAUGHTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—MR. G. JOHNSON,
B.A., *official address*, 208, Birchfield Rd., B'ham.

The annual meeting was held on October 7th when the officers for the ensuing session were elected as above.

The accounts, showing a cash balance-in-hand of £51 1s. 8d., were audited, found correct, and approved.

The election of the following members was confirmed:—Messrs. H. Fiacre (Bavaria), A. Buxton (Manchester), J. Steele-Higgins (Manchester), C. E. Osborn (U.S.A.), H. W. Plumridge (London), G. Rourke (N.S.W.).

The following were unanimously elected members:—Rev. W. Bell (Ireland), Messrs. C. L'Estrange Ewen (Dorset), J. B. Neyroud (London), H. C. Slade (N.S.W.), A. W. Hall, B.A. (Birmingham), A. Hill, (Greece), Wilcox, Smith and Co. (N.Z.).

The annual report showed that during the past session 89 members have been elected, 18 have died, resigned, or been dropped, leaving a net increase of 71 and making a total of 227 members on October 1st, 1897.

The total amount circulated in the exchange packets during the year ending June, 1897, was £35,218 16s. 5d., of which £5,401 18s. 4½d. was sold.

It was decided to circulate 4,000 copies of the report instead of 2,000, the number guaranteed.

The programme for next session was then settled as follows:—

PROGRAMME, 1897-98.

- †Oct. 7—Annual General Business Meeting.
* „ 21—Presidential Address Mr. W. T. Wilson.
†Nov. 4—Display. Ceylon.
* „ 18—Display (with Notes). African Colonies.
Mr. R. Hollick.
†Dec. 2—Display. West Australia.
* „ 16—Display. Uruguay and Venezuela.
†Jan. 6—Paper. Hungary. Mr. V. Lundebblad.
* „ 20—Display (with Notes.) U.S.A.
Mr. C. A. Stevenson.
†Feb. 3—Paper. Mexico (with Notes).
Mr. W. T. Wilson.
* „ 17—Display. Belgium. Mr. W. T. Wilson
†Mch. 3—Display. Argentine and Brazil.
* „ 17—Paper. Queensland. Mr. W. Pimm.

- *Ap. 21—Paper. Roumania. Mr. H. Edelmuller.
†May 5—Paper. Egypt. Mr. G. Johnson.
* „ 19—Paper. Persia. Mr. P. T. Deakin.

Each meeting commences at 8 p.m.

Members are specially requested to bring their collections of the countries under discussion.

† Meetings to be held at 208, Birchfield Road.

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SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

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95, Bowyer Road, Salfley, Birmingham.

THE October packets were of excellent quality and considerable value, aggregating upwards of £500.

The following new members are proposed. T. Eaton (Manchester), H. Drury (Birmingham), H. J. Brown (Warwick), A. E. Moore (Nottingham). The secretaries will be glad to hear from any lady or gentleman desirous of joining. All new members are required to furnish satisfactory references.

RICHMOND STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The Oct. packet was made up on the 9th inst. and shows an improvement, more members sending in sheets as the winter season advances. 32 sheets, value £440/9/9½, excellent Colonials and U. States amongst the varieties submitted. New members enrolled were Messrs. W. G. Bowden, A. J. Croker, J. I. Barratt, R. J. Bainbridge, and D. C. Lloyd. *Special Notice*.—The secretary wishes all members to note that his address after October 27th, 1897, will be "Melba," 14, Parisial Road, West Hampstead, N.W. Until Oct. 17th, 20, Lichfield Road, Kew Gardens Rules, &c., post free on application.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—227 sheets, valued at £1,818 4s. 2d., were received by September 20th, and were duly made up into four packets and despatched on their rounds by the 25th. Six applications for membership were entertained during the month, bringing the total number of members up to 309. April accounts have been submitted and balanced, and the May packets are expected back very shortly. The new rules have been distributed and are generally approved. Collectors of every grade are welcomed on receipt of satisfactory references, and full information, with copy of rules, etc., is forwarded on application to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

SOUTH-WEST LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—This society, which was established just 12 months ago is making splendid headway, as will be seen from the following:—

October (1896) packet was	..	£15
November „	„	£20
December „	„	£24
January (1897)	„	£49
February „	„	£46
March „	„	£74
April „	„	£59
May „	„	£114
June „	„	£109
July „	„	£178
August „	„	£117
September „	„	£149
October „	„	£224

Comment on the above would be superfluous. Intending members will please send references with their application, and thus facilitate election if approved. As great care is exercised in the selection of members, timid applicants need now little fear of their contributions safety. There were eight applications received last month, three only of which were added to list. Particulars and new rules may be had from Secretary, Wm. Ditchfield, S.S.P.S., 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

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A FEW days ago a subscriber, Mr. G. Owen White, sent us the letter which follows, and it came very *apropos* as we had serious doubts about a party who gives a similar name and address.

Hadlyme, Ct., U.S.A., Sept. 16th.

G. Owen White, Esq.

Dear Sir,—I enclose you as a sample a Zululand 6d. and British Bechuanaland 4d. Do you care to secure some for exchange any value from ½d. to 1/-? If you do, I can produce them, including proper postmark, and I will give you one half the stamps properly surcharged and cancelled with proper post-marks, if you will furnish the *unused* stamps for me. You can figure what the profit is by comparing the following table of cost, as Scott's 57th catalogue prices.—Yours truly,

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0 ½	red 0 1	*0 4	0 6½	*0 5	0 7½
0 1	" 0 2	0 5½	0 5½	0 7½	0 7½
0 2	" 0 4	0 11	0 11	1 3	1 3
0 3	" 0 6	1 6	1 6	2 1	2 1
0 4	" 0 8	1 10	1 10	2 6	2 6
0 2½	" 0 5	—	1 8	—	2 1
0 5	" 0 10	9 7	9 7	10 5	10 5
0 6	" 1 0	3 2	3 2	4 2	4 2
0 9	" 1 6	10 0	10 0	12 6	12 6
1 0	" 2 0	10 6	—	12 6	—
5 0	" 10 0	\$17-60	\$20-10	\$20.	\$22-50

*As you get but half, double your cost of unused stamps to represent your actual outlay.

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0 1	red. 0 2	*0 2	0 1	*0 4	0 3
0 2	" 0 4	0 5	0 5	0 9	0 9
0 4	" 0 8	1 3	1 3	2 1	2 1
0 6	" 1 0	1 1	1 1	2 1	2 1
1 0	" 2 0	6 4	6 4	8 4	8 4

Attached to this precious confession of rascality were a 6d. Zululand and a 4d. British Bechuanaland stamp, with forged surcharges and post-marks of excellent quality as far as close imitation goes. Only a practised eye would be able to tell the forgery from the original. As far as height and width of surcharge are concerned the forgeries are exact. The type used is identical with the real, and the only difference is in the face of the type which is a trifle broader and thus gives the surcharge a more crowded appearance than it should naturally have.

In number 70 of the *Advertiser* appeared the following advertisement:—

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Needless to say we did not allow it to be repeated in the next issue of our paper, and are hardly likely to insert any from the same party again even if he or she have the hardihood to send to us. There is one peculiar point about the advertisement above. In it are mentioned 4½d. stamps and no 4d. ones. If Mr. Willey produces 4½d. Zululands and Bechuanas we can recommend them as a very scarce variety, but we expect he has made a mistake in the value when writing his advertisement, as he had 4d. correctly enough in his schedule of prices.

We add an extract from a letter sent to England some time back which throws additional light upon the doings of Willey:—

"Allan Willey (*alias* John C. New, *alias* Ed. O'Warner). I expect soon to give you some important information in regard to Mr. Willey who is now advertising under the above two assumed names as he is not the man who adds honour to the ranks of philately. I may say confidently that you may look for bogus surcharges soon that will puzzle, if not defy, experts." Probably Mr. Willey will find some new names under which to disguise himself after this.

We are expecting further information in this matter which we hope to lay before the philatelic public and, in the meantime, shall be glad to see any surcharged stamps received by subscribers from the party in question.

A. Bastenie, 277. *Chaussée de Tournhout, Antwerp.* Pending enquiries we request our readers to refrain from sending stamps to this party.

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CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—Mr. A. M. Jenkins informs us that Canada is to have an entirely new issue in the course of a month.

CHINA.—The new set was issued on October 1st and all provisionals and surcharges were withdrawn from sale on that date. There are three new designs used represented by a peculiar but no doubt eminently respectable worm painfully wriggling on the values ½c. to 10c., a turbot, suffering severely with the stomach-ache, for the 20c. to 50c.; and an alarmed hen-fowl, of the barn-door persuasion, hastening from some unseen danger for the dollar values.

½c. brown violet	20c. violet brown
1c. yellow	30c. carmine rose
2c. orange red	50c. yellow green
4c. yellow brown	\$1 carmine and rose
5c. rose	\$2 orange and yellow
10c. dark green	\$5 yellow green & pink

GRANDE COMORE.—This spot, a neighbouring island to Mayotte, has now an issue of stamps same type as the other French colonies.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—Mr. H. B. Backhouse, of Hollinwood, Oldham, has sent us a new provisional 1c. on 3c., which has been issued to meet an insufficiency of the Cabot 1c. A new and permanent issue is almost daily expected. The surcharge is the first ever used on an adhesive stamp in Newfoundland.

1c. on 3c. black on mauve.

SARAWAK—New values of 50c. and 1 dollar have been issued in type of 1889, perf. 14.

50 cents grey-green

1 dollar grey-green and black

URUGUAY.—Having run the gamut of celebration and war stamps this Republic now has gone to the other side and issued a peace stamp. The stamps are made by surcharging various issues with the word **PAX** (peace), 1897, and an emblematic olive branch. The stamps were in use for three days from the 26th to the 28th September. They are:—

1 centesimo, slate, red surcharge
2 centesimos, violet, blue surcharge
5 " green, "
10 " vermilion, "

After the three days sacred to holy peace had expired the old stamps in their new colours were issued, including the brand-new 10c., as follows, perf. 14:—

7c. orange	50c. green and brown
10c. red	1p. yellow, brown & blue
20c. br-violet & black	2p. bistre and carmine
25c. pink and blue	3p. lilac and carmine

ZULULAND.—The latest official news from Zululand, received from the Postmaster-General, is that negotiations were pending for Zululand to be taken into Natal, and that the postage stamps of the latter country would probably be used for postage; and he also stated that the 3d. Zululand is obsolete.

POSTCARDS, &c.

AUSTRIA.—The *Illustriertes Briefmarken Journal* announces a new card with inscriptions in German, Polish and Ruthenian. The heading *Korrespondenz Karte* is also in the three languages.

2 kreuzers, brown.

BAVARIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has received the following cards, all with vertical watermark.

3 pfennig, brown. "97."
3×3 " " "
10 " carmine. "96."

The celebration of the XII. German National Shooting Festival at Nuremberg, July 4-11, was the excuse for a privately issued card with the usual chromo on the reverse.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—*Der Philatelist* has received the 1½d. card surcharged ONE PENNY in block type, in two lines across.

1d. on 1½d., black on grey.

EGYPTIAN SOUDAN.—The current Egyptian cards have been surcharged SOUDAN with Arabic inscription above.

3 millimnes, black on brown violet.
5 " " on carmine.
5×5 " " "
E. L. 5 millimnes, black on carmine on blue.
1 plaster, black on blue on pale blue.

GRANDE COMORE.—The postal stationery, letter-cards, post-cards and envelopes have been supplied in the usual sizes.

MEXICO.—Two telegraph cards are illustrated in *Le Timbre Poste* for September. They are similar in form but bear different stamps. The inscription in the upper half of the card is *Tarjeta Telegrafica—Republica Mexicana—Telegrafo Federal* in three lines with numerous fancy ornaments interspersed. The second line of the inscription is wavy. Below the above are seven lines of instructions in fine type, while across the right end is *Valor diez centavos*. The stamps at the left are of two different types, one bearing a head of Liberty in circle, and the other a Mexican eagle, &c. The first stamp is of the type of the 1896-7 and the other of the 1897-8 issues of *Documentos y Libros* stamps.

1 centavo, brown on blue.
1 " orange on blue.

The above value is on the stamps although the card itself is inscribed "Value ten centavos." Probably the 1 cent is of the nature of a fiscal tax.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The Inland Cards are again printed on buff, although of a lighter shade than the 1880 issue, so that it may be termed cream.

The colour of impression leans towards a yellow green, while the first printing has a blueish cast.

Another distinguishing feature is the ground work and the address lines which are less distinct, probably due to the wearing of the plate, than on the cards of 1880.

1c., yellow green on cream.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Bartels states in one of his recent letters to the *Era* that it is John Adams who is to adorn the new card.

URUGUAY.—Simultaneously with the new adhesives were issued postcards, &c.

Wrapper, 1c. blue, 125×300 mm.
Envelope, 5c. rose carmine, 152×88 mm.
Postcards, 2c. brown on chamois (interior).
2+2c. " rose "
2c. blue on blue (Postal Union).
2+2c. " orange "
3c. violet on blue green "
3+3c. brown on chamois "
Letter Cards, 3c. green on straw,
3+3c. rose on chamois.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

WHAT a world this is! Scarce has one month gone than another comes—you may have noticed this yourselves, but I call attention to it in case it has not previously struck you—and work is still with us! I often wish I had been brought up an engineer, so that I could go on strike for a few months when my employers refused to let me run their works in my own way—and I may yet blossom into a trades-union agitator and get my rows of houses together and my little holdings in bicycle shares and gold-mining stock.

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But, alas! At present I have to do honest work for a living! Not much, truly, but enough to swear by. Even now I am cutting up, with praiseworthy ardour and a pair of large scissors, some letters that I have fished from the Boss's desk. Here's a bit of one: "Oct 14th . . . I cannot see how any devotee of our hobby can fail to recognize the value of *The Advertiser*. In its columns one can find exchange notices from every part of the world, &c., &c. . .

Very truly yours, JOEL H. DU BOSE." Thanks, awfully, Mr. du Bose, but nobody does "fail to recognise, &c,"—except some few short-sighted mortals, who have not yet tried it.

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Mr. F. G. Mayhew would now address a few words to you: Dear Sir,—With regard to the important subject of the substitution of stamps in Ex. Clubs, I venture to offer you the following suggestions for helping to check these paltry thieving scoundrels:—

- 1.—Secretary of the club to make a few copies of the best sheets or stamps likely to get exchanged.
- 2.—To forward these copies to a few members in whom the Secretary knows he can place strict confidence.
- 3.—If the club consists of, say, 30 members, 5 members (as mentioned in No. 2) to be divided so that the packet will be examined by about every sixth member.
- 4.—If the substituting is done, the culprit must be in one of these sixes.
- 5.—Then, the following month, place the members (of No. 2) so as to examine packet after each of the suspected five have seen it—then, if the substituting is still continued, the culprit is certain to be discovered.

Yours truly, F. G. MAYHEW.

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I can't help it; the Boss may be ratty, but it's easier to cut out bits of other people's letters than to puzzle out ideas for oneself, so here goes: "Oct. 29th, 1897 . . . I have had a large number of replies to my last advertisements, which shows your paper is well read.—Yours very faithfully, A. LINDSAY." Thanks, Mr. Lindsay, that's what they all write!

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Another of them's "been and gone and done it." All our advertising patrons are moving to larger and more extensive premises, and the latest is that old established firm—Fisher, Titley & Co., who have now removed to 107, London Street, Reading. While on the subject of premises, I cannot do better than quote a paragraph from Mr. A. M. Jenkins' letter, dated Nov. 1st, 1897: "Please send *Advertiser* for twelve issues; it is one of the best papers I have yet tried." Exactly so, Mr. Jenkins!

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There is a lot of talk going on about the Big Issue of *The Advertiser* on December 4th and the bigger one of *The Chronicle* on December 18th, but don't you believe a word of it! You stand on me! (The Boss will probably do it, himself, if he sees this—but I don't care!) The Big Issue is an out-and-out fraud—

that is to say, as far as the rumours are concerned. Of course all the issues of *The Advertiser* are big—you know that—but when the Boss, as I have reason to believe, causes it to be rumoured about that forty thousand copies are to be distributed, it is nothing less than wilfully deluding the public. Forty thousand, indeed! It's right enough that a couple of extra assistants are engaged for December and that the printers have laid down another machine—but forty thousand! Pooh, pooh! Two pooh-poohs, if necessary! Call it ten thousand and you will be nearer.

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I've had enough of these Big Issues myself—I remember last season with painful distinctness . . . I am expecting to hear of the demise of a much respected great-aunt of mine on December 1st, and I may have to travel north to the funeral. In that case I shall, reluctantly, be obliged to withdraw my valuable aid from the big number. Talking about great-aunts how's this: "Nov. 11th, 1897 . . . I was satisfied with the success of my advertisement in your journal . . . Now I send you another, &c., &c., Yours very faithfully,—J. OBERLAENDER."

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If there was a lot more room I'd give you some real gems in letters from advertisers: The party who grumbles because he only got twenty answers to a 6d. ad.; the other party who sent used stamps in payment and then kicked because his ad. wasn't in—and lots of others. I'll let you have them some day, but now, as the French say, "*Olive Oil*," which means in English "So long"

Yours,

THE POSTMAN.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

POSTAGE STAMPS PAY CUSTOMS DUTY.

COLLECTORS of English Fiscals should know that it is possible that even a postmarked postage-stamp may have been used for a purpose other than prepayment of postage. A considerable trade in foreign cigars is done through the post from the Channel Islands; and the duty payable on parcels sent thence to the United Kingdom, or elsewhere, is collected by means of postage stamps, which are cancelled by the usual parcel-post obliteration. A complete label from such a parcel posted in Jersey or

Guernsey will show both the postal and fiscal charges thereon. The 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, and 20/- values are occasionally so employed, the higher values the more seldom, of course.

ANOTHER HALFPENNY WRAPPER.

Mr. Walter Morley has shown me an unchronicled size of the 1/10.70 wrapper, which he has recently discovered. It is on a thin greyish-white wove paper, measuring $10 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$ in. It is ungummed, and the stamp is in the usual wrapper position, but a bad impression, owing to the poor quality of paper. What its purpose may have been is not known, possibly a trial printing. Only about a dozen copies are known.

ZOOLOGY OF THE MULREADY.

The following seven animals were purposely depicted by the artist as part of his allegorical design, viz.:—One lion, two elephants, two camels, one dog, and one reindeer: but where the puzzle comes in is,—why should such an unmistakable rabbit be calmly crouching beneath the sugar-hogshead, on which mighty blows are being dealt by the big hammer of the negro? It is meant probably to represent a stone, or merely a bit of shading, but is it not passing strange that a "fortuitous concurrence" of lines should so plainly suggest to the observer the outline of the quadruped above-mentioned? Every person to whom I have pointed it out, without exception has pronounced it to be a rabbit, whether they had previously seen a "Mulready" or not.

QUESTIONS.

MR. G. FOX inquires thusly:—

1. Why is plate 9 of the small halfpenny so scarce?
2. What is the standard rule as to flaps of envelopes? Is the envelope to be examined with the stamp upwards, or should it be opened and reversed?

ANSWERS.

I have never heard a definite reason why so few stamps were printed from 9. Several plates would sometimes be employed at one time in the production of the necessary supplies,—Nos. 1 to 9, being all printed from during the first year of issue, 1870; (except, of course, 2 and 7, which were never used) it can only be conjectured that some accident befel the plate numbered 9, when it had been but little used, as plates 10 and 11 were not approved until Oct. 1872. Plates 5 and 6 are very common, so probably they made up for number nine's disabilities.

2. A short answer to this would be—"none" There is at present no *standard* rule: my ideas on this subject appeared in our September issue, but I may add to what I then said, that the stamp should be kept in view and that the lower flap need not necessarily be turned down, as I know of no variations in it. There should be little difficulty in collecting the first issues of our 1d. and 2d. stamped envelopes on this system, as most of the varieties can be easily obtained, and it is easy to open out the flaps, which are but lightly fastened. As far as I am aware, the catalogues of Gibbons and Morley respectively are the only ones which recognise varieties of flap; it is to be hoped, therefore, that before new editions of these works appear, a practical basis can be agreed upon. The *end* flaps of the envelopes with *seal* device never need be opened out, though, of course, the upper one always should.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Honorary President:—W. B. AVERY, Esq.

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STEPHENSON; Mr. W. S. VAUGHTON.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer:—MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

October 21st. The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. E. Legendre (France), F. S. Carter (Derby), E. H. Eglinton (Staffs.)

Mr. W. T. Wilson then gave his presidential address, dealing mainly with the London Exhibition and comparing it with the previous one, and advocating the holding of an Exhibition in Birmingham.

November 4th. Rev. P. E. Raynor (Ipswich), Messrs. G. Mackey (Birmingham), and W. Marchbank (Newcastle-on-Tyne), were unanimously elected members.

Then followed the display of Ceylon Messrs. Wilson, Pimm, and Major Stockdale showed fine collections.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—The holidays being over the October packets showed an improvement on previous ones, their aggregate value amounting to upwards of £1,000. Some very good sheets were included, and some good specimens of obsolete and rare varieties were offered at reasonable prices.

Very little demand for common stamps. West Indians were well represented, and Africans seem still favourites. Many packets have returned from supplementary round, and accounts for that month have been settled. As no packets were made up in June the next settlement will be the July one. Nine new members joined last month, three resignations were accepted, and eleven applications were either declined or held over. Collectors, wishing to join are invited to apply to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

NORTH-WESTERN STAMP EXCHANGE.—Not having sufficient time to give to this exchange Mr. Leresche has handed over the management to Mr. A. W. Tyrrell, 35, Barrington Road, Brixton, London, S.W., who will continue same as the Brixton Stamp Exchange.

THE BELGRAVE STAMP EXCHANGE.—Established, January, 1896. The October packet was despatched promptly on the 2nd, and consisted of 2,540 good varieties which were priced from 50% to 75% off catalogue. Total value was £60 nett. Only collectors that can supply good references need apply (no dealers). Particulars and rules from secretary, Fredk. Mayhew, Brower Street, Belgravia, London, S.W.

S.W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—All accounts have been balanced to end of September. Though November packet shows a slight decrease in value the quality of stamps sent maintain their excellence. There were further additions to list of members. Rules and particulars may be had from secretary, Wm. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S., 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

Exchange Sec. and Treasurer:—J. J. HARPER, 95, Bowyer Road, Salfley, Birmingham.

The November packets were strong and well supported. July and August sheets have returned and cash has been paid out to all credit members, but some few debit ones have not yet remitted. Will they kindly do so as it is impossible to carry on the Exchange satisfactorily without prompt payments. New member proposed this month are H. C. Spain (Wragby), and W. Heath (Wellington). Members are requested to give good references, and there are vacancies for one or two yet.

NOTICES.

THE ADHESIVE POSTAGE STAMPS OF EUROPE.—This valuable book is being issued in parts by the *Bazaar* people, and Parts I. and II. are already out, price 1/- each. The general information in Part I. is most valuable, and the whole work is produced and illustrated in that style which Mr. L. Upcott Gill's name ensures, while the name of the author, Mr. W. A. S. Westoby, is sufficient guarantee of the excellence of the subject. (L. Upcott Gill, 170, Strand, W.C.)

THE QUEEN POSTAGE STAMP ALBUM.—This is the latest of Mr. Hinton's series of albums, and is a really fine book for the beginner. The price is 3/6, and space is provided for over 7,000 varieties of stamps. Valuable hints of a general character appear in the introduction, and notes on every country as it occurs throughout the book. It is strongly and handsomely bound and contains a map of the British Empire. It would be difficult to recommend any more acceptable Christmas present than this for the junior collector. (T. H. Hinton, 5, Paulton's Square, London, S.W.)

MONTEITH'S APPROVAL BOOKS AND SHEETS.—A new edition of these useful accessories has been made by Messrs. Arthur Monteith and Co. The approval book, well-made and ruled, neat and conveniently shaped for inclusion in envelopes are the best that ever have come under our notice at anything like the moderate charge made for them (see advertisement) while the approval sheets are just as excellent value. (A. Monteith and Co., Philatelic Publishers, Derby.)

C. J. SMITH'S NEW PRICE LIST.—Mr. Smith, evidently seizes time by the forelock for his 1898 price list is already out and at the service of anyone who may apply for it. It is very similar to that of last year, only more so, and it can truthfully be said that Mr. Smith's price list is one of the very few that have a real interest of their own—as a rule these lists have so painful a similarity. (C. J. Smith, Upper Park Road, Kingston Hill, Surrey.)

R. S. GRAY'S AUCTION SALE.—Mr. Gray has one sale to-day and another in December. We have received his catalogue for to-day, and an excellent lot he has got together. The first three sales were most successful, and good prices were freely paid for the nice specimens offered. (R. S. Gray, 213, West Campbell Street, Glasgow.)

SOCIETY FOR THE SUPPRESSION OF SPECULATIVE STAMPS

A GENERAL meeting of the members of this Society was held at the rooms of the London Philatelic Society, on October 15th, Mr. M. P. Castle in the chair. A policy of inaction, as it was

aptly described by Mr. Gordon Smith, has lately been forced upon the Society, owing to circumstances beyond control, and it was decided that a committee composed of collectors only should undertake the work of the Association and, further, that the special committee of the Philatelic Society of London, for the time being appointed, be requested to undertake the consideration of all speculative and unnecessary stamps, and to announce their decision from time to time in the *London Philatelist* and other philatelic journals.

These matters having been settled satisfactorily the members present elected the following officers to carry on the work:—*President*, Mr. M. P. Castle; *Vice-President*, Major Evans; *Hon. Secretary*, Mr. H. R. Oldfield; *Committee*, Messrs. R. Ehrenbach, E. J. Nankivell Gordon Smith and J. A. Tilleard

It was decided to hand over future decisions to the L.P.S. Committee, and, in the meantime, the following stamps were condemned as unnecessary:—

Canadian Jubilee Stamps.
Newfoundland Cabot issue
New South Wales Hospital Stamps.
Victoria Hospital Stamps.
Loeward Islands Jubilee surcharges.

The Committee of the L.P.S. referred to above is identical with the executive body elected as above, with the exception of Mr. Tilleard.

ENQUIRY DEPARTMENT.

MR. Geo. H. Coleby has been for some years an advertiser in our papers. A month ago we saw an announcement in a contemporary to the effect that he had handed over his assets for the benefit of his creditors. This information was not altogether surprising to us although, for our own part, we have nothing whatever to say against Mr. Coleby on the score of money matters inasmuch as his advertising account was paid some months ago up to October. We wrote Mr. Coleby and he immediately acknowledged the truth of the statement referred to. He stated in his letter that he had been unfortunate during the last two years, having lost 24,000 francs by

disbursed bills alone. Hence he handed over his stock and other assets for the benefit of his creditors, and the same will be sold by public tender. Catalogues will be supplied to applicants for the same.

Tribunal de Commerce d'Ostende, Belgium.

Notice.

The stock of George H. Coleby, wholesale dealer in postage stamps, will be offered for sale by public tender in December, 1897. Catalogues of the stock can be had on receipt of stamp, 1d., or reply postcard. The goods offered to the public will be by tender, the highest offer given by letter will be accepted, and all offers should be made before the date given in the catalogue, and no letter will be opened till such date at 2 p.m. All goods can be inspected before the date fixed for sale. Address for all information,

Mous VAN DE MALE,

Advocate, Ostende.

The above stamps are being sold for the benefit of the creditors of the said George H. Coleby.

E. T. Parker—In the same issue of our contemporary we saw a notice affecting Mr. E. T. Parker, Bethlehem. We do not know what special information our contemporary has of this gentleman, and we sincerely trust and, indeed, believe, that statements to his disadvantage are mistaken. Mr. E. T. Parker has advertised all over the world for many years and we have not heard any complaints about him. He has made his announcements in our papers, we believe, from the first issue, and his account, so far as we are concerned, is paid up to last half-year, June, 1897. Possibly Mr. Parker will have some explanation of his own to offer if he sees the paper we refer to.

A. Bastenie.—We received complaints from two of our subscribers about this gentleman and published a warning last issue. From his reply to us it would seem a case of dissatisfaction with the exchange on either side. We see, however, a complaint elsewhere about the same party and therefore give this notice for what it is worth.

Frank Coombs.—Mr. Jules de la Retord and Mr. S. Schachne are not satisfied with Mr. Coombs. We have written him and shall, no doubt, have a good explanation.

Allan Willey.—We have no further information yet of this party.

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only take into its own hands the task of pushing forward the *Chronicle* and the *Advertiser* we shall be able to desist to some extent, but when it is twelve months older (should it survive to complete its second year) it will perceive the necessity for singing one's own praises if it is to be done at all—besides, where is the advantage of hiding your light under a bushel in these mercenary times.

CHRONICLE.

BARBADOS.—Messrs. Turner and Co., Haddington, have kindly sent us the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. Jubilee stamp. This is the largest stamp at the price ever issued in a British Colony, being 29 x 34 mm. or 1 3-20th x 1 7-20th inches. It is a grey colour, with Neptune and his chariot within a diamond placed corner-wise to a rectangular frame, inscribed VICTORIA R.I.—BARBADOS—1837—1897—ONE PARTH-ING.

$\frac{1}{4}$ d. grey, value in red.

CANADA.—Several correspondents have sent us the new $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Canadian stamp. Early information was afforded us by Messrs. R. S. Mason and J. B. Spurr, the latter of whom sent us the following cutting from a Toronto paper:—

“The new issue of postage stamps to take the place of the issue which has been in use since 1868 was first sold over the counter at the Toronto General Post Office yesterday (November 9th). A portrait of Her Majesty, many years older than the one which adorned the late issue, appears in an oval. It is engraved from a likeness taken during the Jubilee ceremonies, on which was the Queen's autograph. The engraving represents the Queen as having lost a good deal of that facial rotundity and expression which is noticeable in the Jubilee stamps, the nose and chin inclining to be pointed, and the eye hardly discernible. The crown is absent altogether and in its place is a tiara, which has the seeming appearance of sliding off the far side of her head. In the four corners are maple leaves taken from specimens gathered on Parliament Hill at Ottawa and surrounding the stamp is a border. The engraving is coarser than that found in previous issues, and the lettering is very commonplace. In accordance with the regulation of the Universal Postal Union requiring uniformity of colour in regard to certain stamps, the 1 cent stamp is printed in green and the 5 cent stamp in deep blue. Those posted in the General Post Office

yesterday were from a sheet marked ‘Ottawa No. 1,’ and are probably the first in Canada to go through the mails.”

Only the $\frac{1}{4}$ cent has reached us so far.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., of Lima, inform us of some further postal changes in the Land of the Sun. The 20c. unpaid stamps of 1874 issue are in use (November 1st) surcharged DEFICIT as on the 5c. and 10c. issued in August. The 1c. unpaid 1879 type are also being used surcharged FRANQUEO diagonally. Less than 30,000 of these were put on sale November 6th for use during the month, the supply of the 1c. 1896 issue being exhausted. Messrs. Williams have also seen the beautiful new 1, 2, and 5c. which will be placed on sale from December 1st. They are also informed officially that these are not intended as a commemorative issue.

20c. unpaid, surcharged DEFICIT
1c. " " FRANQUEO

SPANISH COLONIES.—A new type has at last been adopted for the Island of Cuba and the other Spanish dependencies. King Alfonso is no longer depicted as a baby but with a handsome boyish face turned to the left. The stamps will be used for postage and telegraph purposes, and the values range from 1 mil-de-peso to 2 pesos.

ST. VINCENT.—The 1d. stamp has been surcharged THREE PENCE in block letters.

3d. in black on 1d. pale mauve.

SOMALI COAST.—The French possessions of Obock and Djibouti have been united under the name Côte française des Somalis, and a set of stamps of the usual type issued with that inscription.

POSTCARDS, &c.

AUSTRIA.—The 2 kr. cards with long “S” in “Correspondenz” have been issued for all provinces, except that the double cards have been printed in German, Bohemian and Polish only. We therefore chronicle:—

	2 kr. brown on buff.		German.
2 x 2	“ ” ” ”	T. 3	“ ”
2	“ ” ” ”		Bohemian.
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2	“ ” ” ”		Polish.
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2	“ ” ” ”		Illyrian.
2	“ ” ” ”		Italian.
2	“ ” ” ”		Roumanian.
2	“ ” ” ”		Ruthenian.
2	“ ” ” ”		Slovenian.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—It seems that the card mentioned last month exists in two varieties according to the *London Philatelist*. The one has

small surcharge with two lines erasing old value while the other has large surcharge with three lines over the original value.

DUTTIA.—A few months ago we listed a card for this new native Indian state and now advices in *Le Timbre Poste* indicate that there are several varieties of the same. There being evidently some doubt in the printer's mind as to the proper spelling of the name of the state, he has compromised the matter by spelling it both ways, and letting the public use whichever they prefer (or can get).

1	anna, black ;	blue sur. (Duttia.)
1	" "	no sur. "
1	" "	blue sur. (Duttia)
1	" "	no sur. "
1	" "	grey ; blue sur. "

FRANCE.—The reply card now comes with the headline "Republique Francaiso."

10×10 centimes black on blue.

GRAND COMORO.—Two cards of the French colonial type have been issued for this dependency.

10 centimes black on green.
10×10 ,, ,, blue.

HAWAII.—The *Virginian Philatelist* announces that a new card is soon to appear which will excell in beauty of design any card extant.

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—According to the *Australian Philatelist* a couple of cards of the tiger type have been issued.

1 cent green on buff.
1×1 ,, ,, "

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Mr. Lohmeyer sends us a 1d. card with the "record reign" stamp.

1d., carmine on buff.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

GOOD old Christmas with its pleasant accessories has come once more. The annual crop of bills, presents and cards with the other little surprises incidental to the season comes with it. Is it not very touching to see the way friends remember us at this festal time? Even the merest acquaintances vie with one another in showing attentions. Your Postman's tailor—a man he has not seen or spoken to for a couple of years has sent a summons to cheer him up and the poor rate people followed suit with another this morning! Ah, Happy Christmas! Still, I have something to be thankful for even yet. This Christmas I have not got the bailiff in for rent. No, they went

out yesterday with most of the furniture. A washing copper makes a fair substitute for the table whereon I am used to write these little notes but I cannot speak very fervently of the adaptability of the sink for sitting purposes. Never mind, let us all be happy this joyous Christmas!

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Oh, the gem that sometimes get into the philistine press in connection with our hobby! Read! This is culled from a daily paper—not of recent date truly, but still a daily paper. . . . "A celebrated collector had travelled all the way from Munich to exhibit his stock of stamps to a rich purchaser in our metropolis. One of these in particular, supposed by the owner to be unique, became the subject of a furious contest in the back drawing-room of the hotel in Albemarle Street where the lover of curios resided. The postage stamp is of such small dimensions in general that it has more than once disappeared in the struggle for possession, and in this case the fight became so hot and furious, the buyer insisting on acceptance of his offer, the possessor resisting all tenders below a certain sum, that the attendants belonging to the hotel became alarmed and burst into the room just in time to save the owner of the stamp from strangulation at the hands of the covetous amateur standing in blind fury over him. The stamp had been fixed into a little parchment envelope about an inch square, and was exhibited with the utmost precaution by the possessor, who imagined, as usual, that the whole world was in league to deprive him of his treasure. The friend and rival to whom it was shown was watched with the utmost vigilance, every movement carrying suspicion to the heart of the exhibitor. But in an unguarded moment, just as the owner of the stamp was about to replace it in its usual hiding place, the visitor seized it from his hand, and, after rolling it between his finger and thumb, popped it into his mouth, leaving the rightful possessor "all tears" as he watched the progress of deglutition, then rushing on the despoiler, prepared to tear open his collar previous to tearing open his throat to rescue the gem from perishing by the atrocious deed. So may the most innocent pursuit be turned into the channel of absolute murder by that fury of possession which sometimes fills the mind of the covetous collector."

The paper from which the above is taken is *not* a comic one. Shades of Ananias and Munchausen! Is it not enough to make them turn in their graves with envy?

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Without identifying myself with the opinion expressed I give the following excerpt from *the Monthly Journal* because I think it is worth preserving for its antithetical logic. . . . "The philatelists of the future are amongst the collectors of

to-day, and if our boys cannot find the beginning of their collections in the waste-paper basket, then adieu to our hobby," says our friend the Editor of *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*. We fully agree with him, and it is just because we wish our boys' collections to begin in the waste-paper basket, and not to end there, that we counsel them to avoid the issues made solely to draw money from collectors. Such labels as these, which are scrambled for by speculators at the Post Office windows, do not find their way into the waste-paper baskets of ordinary business houses. The stamps to be found in such receptacles will very seldom indeed be those condemned by the S.S.S.S.

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The question of prices for stamps is one that is now engaging the attention of collectors. That good stamps can be and are sold considerably under their catalogue quotations is an undoubted fact. If the compilers of the catalogues get the prices they ask—then good luck to them. I give Mr Howe's letter for what it is worth without expressing any opinion further than saying that very few dealers at all could supply some of the most expensive stamps they quote, save only Stanley Gibbons themselves—either at their price or at any other.

Dear Sir,

After careful consideration, I have come to the conclusion that the prices quoted in our English Standard Catalogue— that of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons and Co., Limited,—are in ninety-five cases out of a hundred a great deal higher than there is warranty for

In order to substantiate my own opinion, I am reducing my own prices all round. I have decided to sell (with a very few exceptions), stamps catalogued under £1 each at half the prices quoted in Messrs Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue. Stamps catalogued at more than £1 each I shall price as low as I possibly can; but in no case will it equal the quotations given in the above-mentioned Catalogue.

I am, Sir, yours truly, G. H. Howe.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE ENGLISH STAMP EXCHANGE.

THE packets of this club started for the season with October; both quantity and quality of stamps are on the increase, as is also the society's membership. I have just seen the December packet,

and the immense variety on its many sheets is a sight to do a connoisseur good. I believe a few more members can be admitted, on application to the Hon. Sec., Mr. G. A. Foster, 130, West Green Road, Tottenham, N.

EARLY 4d. ON WHITE PAPER.

I still believe that genuine copies of the 4d. *small garter* exist on white paper, but it is more than probable that this scarce stamp has been imitated by chemically removing the blue tinge from the paper of ordinary copies: but a certain difference then remains, sufficient to spot the fraud. I have also lately seen a "medium garter," on the *thick* surfaced paper, but with no trace of blue in it. I believe this to be a doctored variety.

1d. ENVELOPE ON BLUE LAID.

Both Gibbon's and Ewen's catalogues assert that this paper only bears the penny stamp dated 10-1-60:—

"But John P.
Robinson he

Says this sort of thing is an exploded idea!"

—and I agree with him, for I have found them of various dates 1857 to 1860, (dates 99 to 101) on deep blue laid: these are a private issue; but I have also a cut specimen which from its tint and paper, I judge to have come from the official envelope. It is die No. 100, and dated 10.3.60.

HOUSE OF COMMONS ENVELOPES.

It may not be generally known that a special envelope, embossed with penny stamp, is issued by H.M. Stationery office for sale at the House of Commons post office. It is of very thick wove paper, and bears embossed on the flap the device of the shield and garter crowned, surmounted with the words "HOUSE OF COMMONS," all in an oval frame. This envelope is, of course, collectable as an official issue. Morley gives the size as 5 x 4 inch, but certainly 5 x 3½ in. also exists, and possibly there may be other sizes. The stamp stands out well on this high class paper, the Queen's head being sharp and clear as a cameo.

NEW CATALOGUE OF ENGLISH.

Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen's 6th edition is promised for this month.

VERY NEW ISSUES.

By PERCY C. BISHOP, in *Stamps*.

[Three Australasian Colonies are issuing special stamps to pay for the erection of Consumptive Homes. Peru has given us a little series of three by way of

celebrating the opening of a new Post Office at Lima. What next, Messieurs les Ministres des Postes?—*Philatelic Paper.*]

A BYSSINIA becomes more enlightened day by day. Postage stamps bearing the Emperor's head, were issued some time ago, and our youngest boy, who is a humorist, has said that Menelik has many lickens. Those lickens, if rumour speaks truly, are likely to grow in number, for, at a recent pow-wow with his chiefs, the Emperor decided to divide his territory into provinces with separate stamps for each. To obviate any monotony of design the Ethiopian monarch has hit upon the ingenious plan of dividing his august person into as many portions as there are provinces. Thus the stamps of one province will show his feet, another his hands. 'Tis a pretty notion, and the profits will help Menelik to lick Italy again if she comes any of her old tricks.

ANDORRA, it is whispered, will shortly enter the postage-stamp industry. It will avert needless controversy if we state, right now, and on the authority of the best gazetteers, that Andorra is a small republic in the Pyrenees. Its area is something less than ten acres, but in all probability this will not affect the superficialities of the stamps Andorra proposes to issue. The postal needs of the place are at present supplied by the stamps of France and Spain, but Andorra requires a good hospital, and it gaol, moreover, has been certified as a place unfit for the accommodation of self-respecting criminals.

BELGIUM, one would think, already possesses about as many different kinds of postage stamps as it is good for one country to have. But great are the needs of civilised life, and great the perspicacity of Postmaster-General Vanderpearboom! Belgium has ordinary postage stamps, unpaid letter stamps, special "Exhibition" stamps, postage stamps for packages sent by railway, and special postcards for acknowledgments of the receipt of such packages; but to all these, it is rumoured, a new series of labels will be added. People occasionally change their addresses in Belgium as elsewhere, and for mail matter forwarded from place to place in their wake, there is a small extra fee. What more natural than the issue of a special series of stamps representing this fee, and to be fixed to the forwarded letters and packages by the letter-carrier? The stamps will essentially be of an official character, and not for sale to the public. Stamp dealers' orders which must be prepaid, should be directed to at

GREECE, owing to recent pressing engagements, has had little leisure to devote to the postal needs of her great people. It is good to know, however, that as soon as the terms of peace are signed, the Greek Postal Department will come out with something that will simply pulverise all previous efforts. It is whispered that the proceeds of this contemplated issue will be

devoted to equipping the Greek army with athletic outfits and good running shoes, in order that they may more readily "retire to stronger positions" in the next great war.

HAWAII: The special stamps for "the Department of Foreign Affairs" having gone off well—we mean to say, "having proved of great value in facilitating the keeping of departmental accounts," it is now suggested that the Home Department, the War Office, and the Treasury, should be similarly equipped. Dealers are invited to submit tenders for postmarked copies in not less than 25lb. parcels.

ITALY, it is admitted, has no use for Eritrea: but there is a decent revenue from the Italian stamps surcharged for use in the colony, and unless Great Britain or Belgium or somebody stamps up handsome for the goodwill of the business, Eritrea will remain an Italian colony.

NEW SOUTH WALES: We clip the following from our esteemed contemporary, the *Pickaluchoo Paper*, of Pickaluchoo, New South Wales:—

"We are moved to set the public right as to certain facts connected with the issue of the special postage stamps brought out in commemoration of the opening of Mr. O'Donovan Casey's new pawshop in this township. It is a libel on our esteemed friend and subscriber, Mr. Casey, to insinuate, as a certain scurrilous journal that shall be nameless has insinuated, that these stamps were issued for the special and particular benefit of Mr. Casey and for the purpose of boosting the postal revenue of the colony. We have had the official facts before us from the first, but did not consider that the actions of a man of such notorious probity as Mr. O'Donovan Casey would be doubted for a moment. From start to finish Mr. Casey has acted the part of an honourable, upright citizen. He is a pattern to Pickaluchoo. The Government, recognising the great public service rendered by Mr. Casey in filling, at Pickaluchoo, the long-felt want of a clean, respectable, well-appointed *Mont de Piété*, permitted Mr. Casey to issue certain commemorative postage stamps for sale to the public—on conditions that restricted Mr. Casey to certain limits and reflected great credit upon a business-like and fair-dealing Government. What those conditions were we are bound in honour not to state, but we have inside knowledge of the fact that *the profits of the issue, when all the stamps are sold and the plates destroyed, will be 'cut up,' fair and square, by Mr. Casey and the Government.*

"Thus is the voice of calumny hushed, and the good name of our esteemed subscriber whitened to the world!"

To the above extract it is only necessary to add a brief description of these most interesting stamps. The set comprises three labels, of the face value of

2s. 6d., 5s., and 10s. The design is chaste, characteristic, emblematic—in its way perfectly unique. It consists simply of *three dracms albes cadant*, surmounted by the legend: "Pawn with O'Donovan Casey, of Pickaluchoo."

SAN MARINO: A certain depression has marked the postage stamp industry in this republic, owing to the prolonged absence in Montenegro of the Government's chief philatelic adviser. Signs are not wanting, however, that a new and ornate issue of San Marino stamps will make its appearance in the near future. The chief Inspector of Sanitation has made urgent representations that *the drains of the Republic must really be seen to*.

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC: Philatelists will read with interest the report of a recent meeting of the Boer Executive at Pretoria:—

"In the chair, President Kruger. Present, President Kruger. The subject of the dynamite monopoly gave rise to a protracted discussion between President Kruger and himself. If the dynamite monopoly were abolished, what should take its place? was the question agitating the President's mind."

"It was finally proposed by President Kruger, seconded by President Kruger, and carried by President Kruger with both hands that the dynamite monopoly be abolished, and that in its stead a postage stamp monopoly be created and bestowed (for a healthy consideration) on some eminent Boer who would have full power to issue as many commemorative stamps as he jolly well liked. The meeting then dissolved."

It will, we feel sure, be a matter of keen gratification to all our readers that philatelists have thus been made the means of securing the abolition of a hateful and iniquitous monopoly.

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Nov. 18th. Display with Notes by R. Hollick.

Dr. R. Lyon, Messrs. E. Christiansen, E. S. Auscher, and F. Margot were elected members.

Mr. R. Hollick then gave an interesting display of the stamps of the African colonies, including fine copies of nearly all the rarities, used and unused,

with blocks and complete panos of the medium varieties. The minor varieties of die, plate, and shade were carefully pointed out.

Dec. 2nd. Display. West Australia.

Lady Glynn, Messrs. S. M. Castle and A. Passer were elected members.

Mr. C. J. Phillips exhibited his private collection of unused West Australia, including almost every variety in mint condition and in a fine range of shade; the page of 6d. golden and black bronze being specially fine; also a nice page of 2d. brown black on red, and some 2d. (error) lilac. He also showed the following rarities used:—4d. blue, centre inverted, a very fine copy; two 2d. brown-black on *Indian red*; 2d. black on red, rouletted and printed on both sides; 2d. black on red, strip of three on original showing differences of type: early issues on original showing dates; a very fine 6d. golden bronze on original; very fine pairs of 6d. bronze, 1s. brown, 1d. black, 4d. blue, all rouletted and on originals; a 2d. (error) lilac, and other rarities.

Mr. W. T. Wilson exhibited nearly all varieties, used and unused, in full range of shade, including large unused blocks of the first issue 4d. blue, showing the arrangement of the setting and the varieties of type; also many of the early issues in mint condition.

THE TRIANGULAR SHILLING CAPE.

At the meeting of the Birmingham Philatelic Society on November 18th, Dr. Lyon exhibited a complete uncut sheet of 1s. medium green triangular Capes in mint condition. This valuable and interesting exhibit allowed the members an opportunity of noting the arrangement of the stamps, the spacings and the watermarks. The whole sheet, allowing an average for the deckle edges, is $21\frac{1}{2}$ in. by 11 in. the space occupied by the stamps—240 in number in 15 rows of 16—is $19\frac{3}{4} \times 10\frac{3}{10}$ th in. The space between the stamps making a pair is fairly even all over the sheet, and is about $1\frac{1}{4}$ mm. The space between pairs in the same row is much more irregular and varies from $1\frac{1}{4}$ to 2 mm. The spaces between the rows are nearly twice as great as between the stamps on each row and vary from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 mm. The anchor watermark is very evenly placed in the centre of each stamp while the whole sheet is surrounded by a watermark of five parallel lines, the total width of which is $\frac{7}{20}$ th of an inch. The outer four lines are interrupted in six places, once at the top, once at the bottom, and twice at each side by the word POSTAGE 2 7-16th by 3-10th inches in open Roman capitals.

Strange to say, Mr. Phillips in the *Monthly Journal* speaks of another sheet that has come to light. He says:—The 1s. triangular *emerald-green* of the Cape of Good Hope has always been a rather scarce stamp. Unused in mint condition, especially in unsevered pairs or blocks, they are decidedly difficult stamps to find; and this will be easily understood, when we

remember that the stamps in this colour belong to the comparatively small supply of that value printed by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., and sent out in 1863, not long before the triangular stamps were superseded by the less striking but far more convenient rectangular. To this fact, and also no doubt to the fact that in those days the great majority of collectors were content with a single copy, and preferred that copy *obliterated*, we owe it that the *emerald-green* shilling, in fine unused condition, has not come down to us in such abundance as we could wish.

One hundred and fifty-eight sheets is the total number stated in the London Society's *Africa* book to have been despatched to the Colony in January, 1863; this was the last lot of triangular shillings that was supplied, and the only lot printed in *emerald-green*. It was, therefore, rather a shock to me when, a few days ago, a friend who had asked me to meet him, as he had something curious to show me, pulled a modest-looking roll out of his pocket, and carefully unwrapped one of these very 158 sheets, almost entire, lacking only two specimens out of the 240! It was a real find, having turned up in a mass of old papers, supposed to be of very little value, but containing a certain number of curiosities, amongst which this will certainly take the highest place.

The sheet is in excellent condition, perfectly clean, with original gum, and margins, except where a single pair has been cut out, quite complete; and one can only wonder what led its original owner to stow away nearly £12 worth of stamps (face value) in this manner, for there can be little doubt that it has never before been in the hands of a stamp collector, and it would appear to have been accidentally preserved, as no other stamps of so early a date have yet been found in the pile.

The impression is not even in tint throughout, and it seems evident that either one end of the plate was somewhat worn, or that end was not so heavily inked as the other when this impression was printed, one end of the sheet being distinctly paler in shade, and showing a slight want of ink at some of the points where the corners of four stamps meet. The other part of the sheet is of a beautiful deep colour.

The information he gives as to watermarks, arrangement of stamps, size of sheet, &c., is identical with that given in connection with the first-mentioned sheet, and the information afforded by these simultaneous finds is of the utmost value to philately.

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THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—181 sheets valued at £2,087 14 11d. were received for circulation by Nov. 23rd. These were made up into four packets and despatched on their rounds on Nov. 25th. Many good stamps were offered at reasonable prices, Europeans and Colonials being very strong. Five new members have joined since last month, and three applications were declined. Members are requested to send their December contributions not later than the 18th, so that the packets may be sent off before Christmas. Any collectors (buyers or sellers) wishing to join the Club are invited to apply for copy of rules to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Alban's.

THE BELGRAVE STAMP EXCHANGE.—The December packet was despatched promptly on the 2nd, and contained 2,500 good varieties value £65 nett. The October was returned on the 18th Nov. and all accounts were settled by the 26th. Collectors wishing to buy stamps at 50% to 75% off catalogue prices are advised to join the "Belgrave," particulars, from Secretary, Fredk. Mayhew, (Member of Stamp Exchange Protection Society, Brewer Street, Belgravia, London, S.W.).

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RICHMOND STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The November packet was made up on the 10th inst and showed a decided improvement the total value submitted being £502 15s. 0½d. Some excellent Colonials being amongst the selection. New members enrolled were Messrs. H. W. Major, R. G. Rolfe, D. G. Finlaison, A. R. Munday, Geo. Adams, and D. Rolberg. Rules &c., post free from the Sec., R. Reid, junr., 14, Parsifal Road, West Hampstead, N.W.

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The Philatelic Chronicle is sent to all the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society and Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, being the Official Journal of these Societies.

THE question of illustrating postage stamps is one of considerable importance to all collectors, but of vital interest to dealers and makers or sellers of stamp albums. The authorities took a somewhat arbitrary view of the matter and, it will be in the recollection of our readers, Mr. L. UPCOTT GILL, of *The Bazaar*, was fined for using certain illustrations. Since that time agitation has gone on in the public press, and the real facts of the case put before Somerset House. MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS have been chief movers in the agitation, and to them is due the thanks of the trade that the matter is now settled on a more reasonable basis, as see the circular on another page which has been sent round to all the best known dealers and philatelic publishers.



Two hundred thousand is a big figure, but it represents the number of circulars, price lists, club rules, and handbills circulated by means of *The Advertiser* during the last twelve months at 10/- per thousand. The postage on 1,000 circulars at 1/2d. each is £2 1s. 8d. If they are sent out with *The Advertiser* £1 11s. 8d. is saved, or 75% of the postage. It may be argued that circulars distributed in this way are not so efficacious as those sent singly, but this is open to question—at any rate the difference is not represented by 75%. To print circulars about note-paper size runs from 7/- to 12/- per page for a thousand, according to the work on a page—at these prices they are done well, and the PHILATELIC PUBLISHING COMPANY are prepared to print and advantageously circulate to any extent.

That the system pays is proved by the fact that the same people send circulars for distribution again and again.

CHRONICLE.

ARGENTINE.—The 24c. has appeared with a true wmk., and a 30c. and 60c. will probably be issued shortly.

BARBADOS.—The size of the Jubilee stamps is the same as that of the Great Britain 5/-, and in the centre is the device on the ordinary stamps in a diamond, all in a rectangular frame inscribed with name at top, "VICTORIA : R : I" at left and "1837—1897" at right, and value at bottom. In the corners between the diamond and the frame are the quarterings of the Royal Arms. Wmk Cr. C.C., perf. 14.

1d. grey, value carmine.
 1d. green.
 1d. rose.
 2½d. ultramarine.
 5d. olive brown.
 6d. mauve, value carmine.
 8d. orange, " ultramarine.
 10d. blue green, value carmine.
 2/6 black, value orange.

BECHUANALAND.—There are current British stamps surcharged in block capitals, "BECHUANALAND"—"PROTECTORATE" in two lines.

½d. black and vermilion. 4d. black, brown & green.
 1d. " lilac. 6d. " brown on red.
 2d. " green & red.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—The current high values have been increased in size by the addition of an ornamental frame, and are now watermarked Cr. C.C., perforated 14.

1r. ultramarine. 5r. black brown.
 2r. red brown. 10r. yellow brown.
 3r. deep violet. 20r. yellow green.
 4r. carmine. 50r. lilac.

CANADA.—We have seen the following of the new type:—

2c. violet. 5c. blue. 6c. brown.

CHINA.—The following have been seen of the current stamps. It is said only 240 of the 50c. were thus printed by mistake in the shade of the 10c.

4c. pale brown. 50c. deep green.

GREECE.—According to the *Collectionneur* a new issue is in preparation for use here. The type up to 2dr. has the head of Mercury, while the two highest values have a winged figure of Mercury.

1l. brown. 40l. orange.
 2l. green. 60l. red brown.
 5l. bistre. 1dr. grey.
 10l. blue. 2dr. rose.
 20l. brown violet. 3dr. rose.
 25l. carmine. 5dr. yellow.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We have received copies of the first values issued of the new set. The design of the 1c. consists of the portrait of the Queen, somewhat similar to that on the Jubilee set, while the 2c. has a portrait of the Prince of Wales. The stamps are printed on wove paper and are perforated 12.

1c. carmine. 2c. orange yellow.

PERSIA.—Of the new issue the Shahi values have lion in centre similar to the 1894 issue, while the Kran is larger and has a portrait of the new Shah.

1/- grey. 8/- orange.
 2/- brown. 10/- blue.
 3/- purple. 12/- carmine.
 4/- vermilion. 16/- green.
 5/- yellow. 1k. blue.

The 2 to 50k. will not be issued until Feb. 1st.

QUEENSLAND.—We have seen a used copy of the 1d. with figure of value in all four corners.

1d. red, figure of value in four corners.

POSTCARDS, &C.

ARGENTINE.—From an official decree published in the *Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina* we learn that the government desires to show the outside world what a glorious country they have and what fine public buildings, statues, etc., they erect, and, as the easiest way of so doing, have decided to print on the postal and letter cards phototype views of Argentine scenery, etc. Some ten views have thus far appeared we believe.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—A double card with perforations between the two parts is reported by the *Deutsche Briefmarken Journal*.

½ × ½ anna, yellow and green.

GERMAN EMPIRE.—A letter card was issued Nov. 1st with stamp of current type at right and inscribed *Deutsche Reichpost Kartenbrief* in Gothic type in the upper centre and four lines for the address with the usual inscriptions. The interior is covered with a blue groundwork. Size 140 × 316 mm.

10 piennig, carmine on white.

GRAND COMORO.—We omitted last month to say that we were indebted to A. Schoeller for specimens of the new cards and also omitted to list the two letter cards which we had also received from him.

15 centimes, black on grey.

25 " black on rose.

HUNGARY.—From the *Monthly Journal* we learn of the issue of a set of cards for the purpose of

keeping the police informed of the movements of citizens and strangers. Each card is folded in three and has some six pages of forms, etc., in Hungarian. They measure 305×72 mm. when open, and are as follows:—

Notification for settled inhabitants and their servants.

2×2 kreuzer, blue on buff.

Notice of departure of the above.

2×2 kreuzer, blue on blue.

For use of non-residents, journeying through the town, and staying only a short time in hotels, etc.

2×2 kreuzer, brown on buff.

Notice of departure for use of non-residents, etc.

2×2 kreuzer, brown on blue.

SARAWAK.—Having entered the Postal Union July 1st, a postal card was deemed necessary, and we suppose is of the usual British colonial type with stamp like the current issue of adhesives.

3 cents, carmine on buff.

SWEDEN.—M. Moens reports the single 5 ore with frame of post horns like the double card.

5 ore, green on white

SOUTH AFRICAN REPUBLIC.—The single card with bi-coloured stamp is now in use.

1 penny, carmine and green.

URUGUAY.—A voluminous issue of stationery is announced from this country. The stamps on the cards are all of the same type, arms in oval between branches, *Republica del* above, *Uruguay* and value below with numerals in circles at sides. The inscriptions on the cards are too complicated to be described here.

For Interior service.

2 centesimos, brown on buff.

2×2 " " on rose.

For the Postal Union.

2 centesimos, blue on blue.

3 " violet on blue green.

2×2 " blue on orange.

3×3 " brown on buff.

Letter cards.

3 centesimos, green on amber.

3×3 " red on buff.

This latter bears a stamp somewhat different from the rest of the cards. When we say that the cards are from the ateliers of Waterlow & Son we need say no more to assure our readers of the character of the work.

WURTEMBERG.—*Der Philatelist* announces a letter card quite similar to the one issued by the German Empire.

10 pfenig, carmine on white.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MR. D. C. LLOYD, of Lichfield, has sent me a most ingenious sheet designed for the protection of good stamps. As far as I can judge it would prove a perfect safeguard against substitution. That such an invention is needed is undeniable—more the pity—and I hope Mr. Lloyd will perfect his notion and make it public. It would not be fair to Mr. Lloyd to attempt a description of it, but, doubtless, we shall hear more before long.

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Mr. W. S. Webb informs me that he has taken over the secretaryship of the British Specialists' Stamp Exchange, and hopes to place it among the most active and reliable societies of the kind. Through the late secretary's lack of time the membership had much decreased so that there are several vacancies for collectors of British and Colonial stamps. The new secretary intends to include United States also in the future packets, which will start on the 12th of each month. There is one thing to be said, and that is, that Mr. Webb is the right man in the right place where English specialists are concerned; and he is also a business man, in whom all confidence can be placed.

* *

Mr. Brown, of Salisbury, is coming out strong in the packet line. He advertises packets wherein are neither fiscals, reprints, cut cards, or envelopes, and the prices he asks are ridiculously low. He sent one packet of 300 stamps, and it is a fair surpriser. The catalogue value is over 25/- in nice clean stamps, and Mr. Brown's price is 1/9—one shilling and ninepence. Where does the catalogue price come in here? I know that Mr. Brown comes by his stamps honestly, but he must be wooing the bankruptcy court when he sells stamps at over 90 per cent. under catalogue—or is it because he wants to give collectors a treat at his own expense?

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The Junior Stamp Collector completed its first year with the December issue. The evolution of this useful magazine has been most rapid. From being merely a pamphlet twelve months ago the December number comes with no less than thirty-six pages—and pages crowded with items of interest and information. As its name implies the paper is devoted to the service of beginners, and therein lies its great value. The man who adds one new collector, in however small a way, to the ranks is more useful to philately than half-a-dozen of the modern-day speculators, whose only aim is to make a bit out of the unwary.

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The J. S. C. is the official journal of the Birmingham Youths' Stamp Society and is sent free to all

members of that body. Notwithstanding the name this society is not confined to Birmingham, but has a membership reaching all over the country, and even abroad - and its one aim is to encourage the beginner. For this reason both paper and society are deserving of every encouragement, and may they both go on and prosper. The publishers of *The S. S. C.* are Messrs. Margoschis Bros., Constitution Hill, B'ham.

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Messrs. Reed & Co. have migrated to 48, Finsbury Circus, London, E.C. Will all concerned please take note of the alteration. The Co-operative Stamp Co. have taken over the stock (valued at £10,000) and goodwill of the old-established business of Mr. Chas. Postlethwaite.

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The St. Helena remainders to the value of £8,447 are being offered for sale by the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The Australian Hospital Stamps are hanging fire a bit.—There are no reprints of the 1858 (Confederation) Argentine stamps.—Bikanir has no genuine postage stamps, those listed are fiscals or essays.—All $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps will have to be universally green, red and blue after this year.—Klondyke stamps are threatened in the near future.—There are three types of surcharge on the Newfoundland 1c. provisional.

“THE ADVERTISER.”

THE last issue of *The Advertiser* was sent to all the old subscribers who have dropped out in addition to the usual quantity of specimen numbers. This meant an increase of a thousand at least on the normal circulation, but the success of the Christmas *Advertiser* encouraged us to fresh enterprise. The extra names were all over the world, but principally in Great Britain. On February 13th comes the next big issue, and this will be of even larger proportions. If these two come up to expectation we shall still further increase the normal circulation. We may say, for the benefit of all concerned, that we have registered nearly two hundred new subscribers to the *Advertiser* and *Chronicle* within the last six months, and this is where the big issues pay us.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

1/- OF 1862, “K” VARIETY.

THE one shilling stamp of this issue shows a curious freak on the stamp lettered K-D in the lower corners; the K being enclosed within

a circular white line, which is perfectly formed, and nearly touches each side of the square letter-block. It appears most unlikely that this can be purely accidental, but whether there was any authority for, or meaning in, its appearance, is not known. In this issue the shilling stamps were printed in sheets of 210 (lettered A-A to T-L). Thus, taken as a distinct variety the “K in circle” is 210 times as scarce as a normal specimen. To those collectors who go in for “re-constructing” entire sheets, it is of no more importance than any other one stamp in the sheet. But the majority of collectors, not having either the means, room, or taste for this sort of fancy work, will want the “K” variety because it differs from all other stamps in the sheet, apart from its lettering.

CONDITION OF “OCTAGONALS.”

Undoubtedly the 1/-, 10d., and 6d. stamps of 1847-51 are much to be preferred cut square, - all other things being equal: and the “cut square” mania, without the above qualification, seems to have become a strong and general prejudice against all specimens, whatever other merits they may possess, which do not show square corners. But I think it only reasonable to point out that surely the design and colour of the impression itself is of far more importance than any extent of blank paper that may surround it; and, for my part, I greatly prefer specimens which clearly show all the design and lettering, even if “cut to shape” rather than dirty or indistinct copies having full corners. I have often seen specimens offered at fall prices because they happened to be square, which were poor in quality, and perhaps closely cut at the sides, while often good clean stamps with a fair all-round margin may go a begging for a purchaser. Of course, all good and true philatelists act “on the square,” but at the same time they should be “good all-round” people, too.

PLATE NUMBERS OF 1d. RED.

Various advertisers are just now offering used sets of 1d. plate numbers, “71 to 221,” for a very small sum, but when “225” is to be included the price of the set is generally trebled. This tells a tale, - that 225 is becoming very scarce indeed; in fact, I believe that fine used copies of it will soon be not far behind unused in point of rarity and value. While on this subject, I may own to the old-fashioned opinion that to buy a complete series of plate numbers, or anything in fact which has cost time and patience to hunt up, is merely paying other people to collect stamps for you. You might as well buy your collection ready made, and so miss the best charms of the pursuit; there is nothing to beat the wholesome old way of finding, bogging, exchanging, or buying the stamps in one's and two's, and then arranging and sorting them for oneself. More true philately can be learned so than in becoming suddenly possessed of a £100 collection in a cut-and-dried album.

THE SEALS OF 1d. ENVELOPES.

The seal or "tress" which appears on the flap of the officially-issued 1d. envelope from about 1850 to 1877 presents several varieties, and forms an interesting study. The seal on the smallest size, 4 x 2 1/2 in. (size A1) is a design by itself, the rose, shamrock, and thistle being engraved on a smaller scale than on the seal used for the larger sizes. I have not noticed any minor varieties of this small type. The design for the larger sizes consists of the same emblems, surrounded by a thick white circle, which is again edged by a broad outer frame of colour. This type remained in use until about 1857, when the die was either re-engraved or replaced by a new one, the point of difference being that the outer frame is made sharper and narrower, giving the seal a much neater appearance; this die remained in use until the ornament was abolished in 1877-8. About 1851-2 the envelopes appeared for a short time with the seals embossed without colour: this was probably an experiment, and the design, in my opinion, lost nothing by its appearance in *albino*, but for some reason colour was reverted to. The seals appeared in various shades of pink and rose, varying as much as did the tints of the 1d. embossed stamp in the earlier issues, but not necessarily being of the same shade as the stamp on the same envelope.

WANTED, TO KNOW,

What is the status of 1d. envelopes, of various sizes, conforming in all respects with the official issues of about 1850, except that the *tress* is *absent*? These may be in some cases errors, but as they are to be found bearing *private* crests or seals embossed on the flap, I think it possible that even at that early period, there may have been a system of supplying the envelopes "to order," and that the official seal was not placed on envelopes so issued. I should much like to know the rights of this matter, as I think in arranging a collection of envelopes, all those which have been so'd in the ordinary way through the post-office should be kept quite distinct from those issued in any other manner. Can anyone illuminate this rather obscure but interesting point?

TRANSMISSISSIPPI STAMPS.

SUBJECTS TO BE ILLUSTRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, January 12th. — The authorities of the Post Office Department have determined upon the subjects which shall be illustrated upon the new series of postage stamps to be issued by the department in commemoration of the Transmississippi and International Exposition to be opened on the 1st of next June at Omaha. They are illustrative of the conditions, progress and accom-

plishments of the great West from its discovery to our own day.

The series comprises nine denominations of stamps as follows:—

One cent—The discovery of the Mississippi River by Marquette.

Two cent—An Indian chief.

Four cent—A buffalo hunting scene.

Five cent—The pathfinder, being a picture of Fremont raising the flag on the summit of the Rockies.

Eight cent—A train of emigrants crossing the plains.

Ten cent—A mining scene.

Fifty cent—A cowboy and cattle.

Dollar—A harvesting scene or a great flouring mill.

Two dollar—The Rock Island bridge, showing part of the city of Omaha.

GOVERNMENT CIRCULAR TO
STAMP DEALERS, &c.

Inland Revenue, Somerset House,

London, W.C., 21st Jan., 1898.

SIR,—Referring to the printed notice sent to you on the 2nd June last, I am directed by the Board of Inland Revenue to inform you that they have recently considered, in conjunction with the Postmaster General, the subject of the illustration of postage stamps by stamp dealers and others

All such illustrations are, as the Board are advised, an infringement of the law.

It is, however, recognised that the object in view in those cases where the illustrations are intended for the use of stamp collectors, &c., is an innocent one, and that a considerable industry has of late years sprung up in connection with their production.

In these circumstances neither the Postmaster General nor the Board of Inland Revenue desire that the practice should be prohibited so long as no danger to the Revenue arises from its continuance.

They propose, therefore, in future to abstain from interfering in all cases in which the following regulations are complied with:—

1.—Illustrations must be in black alone. The Board will not abstain from interfering where they are in colour, no matter what may be the size of the illustration.

2.—The Board of Inland Revenue must be consulted before any black illustrations are made, and, if they decide not to interfere, it will be on condition that they are satisfied as to the proper custody of the die, blocks, plates, &c., and that their officers are to be always free to visit the premises where the same are kept.

3.—This concession will be limited to certain special classes of publications, such as Stamp Dealers'

Catalogues, Books on Stamps, Stamp Albums, Articles in Newspapers, Periodicals, &c. Permission will not be given, in any circumstances, for ordinary advertisement purposes.

I am at the same time to state that it must be understood that the Board reserve to themselves the full right to withdraw this concession in any case in which they may deem it necessary to do so.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,
T. N. CRAFER, Secretary.

JAMAICA OFFICIAL.

THE OLD "FRANKING" SYSTEM TO BE RESTORED.

BY the kindness of Messrs. Turner and Co. we are enabled to inform our readers that the days of the stamps marked OFFICIAL are numbered.

The system of official stamps has been put to the test and found unsatisfactory—it has been "weighed in the balance and found wanting." So it is to be abolished.

Certain revelations have recently been made in connection with one of the public offices in Kingston which proved that the existence of official stamps was a temptation to dishonesty on the part of the Civil servants of the colony. In fact, if rumour is to be believed, the system not only put temptation in the way of some young men, but was the direct cause of the fall and ruin of one in particular. And what is possible in one office is possible in all offices.

The result has been that the Government have reconsidered the question of postages, and they have decided to revert to the old system "franking" the letters, packages, &c., which have to pass through the post office.

The new arrangements came into force on the 1st of January, 1898, and the heads of the public departments have been advised accordingly.

Stamp collectors should, therefore, be on the *qui vive*. They should not allow a single stamp marked OFFICIAL to escape them. For after the 31st December no more of these stamps were used, and they will very speedily become rare and valuable.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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December 16th. Display. Uruguay and Venezuela.

Messrs. H. Ferrier-Kerr, R. Dworzak, E. F. Marx, B. V. Jenkins, G. B. Seignoret, P. J. Painter, Dr. G. Braine-Hartnell, and Miss Lange were unanimously elected members.

Messrs. Wilson and Johnson then showed the stamps of Uruguay and Venezuela.

January 6th, 1898. Paper. Hungary. Mr. G. Johnson.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. J. N. Marsden, A. C. Pinto-Bastos, H. Bramendi, E. Stachle, Count A. I. de Tscherniadioff, Major C. H. Johnson.

After tracing the history of Austria and Hungary down to 1871 he gave a short account of the stamps of the latter country, including a description of the various printings, papers, perfs., &c

Perhaps the most interesting point touched upon was the watermark of the 1878 to 1897 issues, on which all the chief authorities differ. Scott's Advanced Catalogue says it is KP in interlaced circles 33 mm. in diameter, evidently following the early editions of Moen's, but the latter has now altered it to KL. This is improved on by Kohl and by Messrs. Gibbons who say it is Kr. in interlaced circles, but this is scarcely correct, the watermark being kr. (both lower case, sans-serif) in interlaced ellipses, the minor axes of which are 33 mm. and the major axes 39 mm.

Résumé.

Issue i., May 1, 1871.—Lithographed from transfers copied from dies prepared for second issue, plain white paper, perf. 9½, head of Emperor Francis Joseph to right on uncoloured circular ground under which is the crown of St. Stephen over the national arms. Six values, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 25 kr.

Issue ii., Aug. 1871, 2, 3, 5, 10
Oct. " 15
Jan. 1872, 25

Engraved in recess, printed from steel plates, plain wove paper, perf. 9½. Reprints are on watermarked paper and perf 11½.

Issue iii., Oct. 1, 1874, on unwatermarked paper.

April, 1878, " watermarked "

An envelope with crown of Hungary above, post-horn below, laurel branches at sides, in a curve below Magyar Kir Posta.

Printed from steel plates, engraved in recess, perforated by a single line machine, the gauge varies from 11½ to 13½ single and compound, 13 being commonest in the no watermark, and 11½ in the watermarked.

On June 1st, 1887, the following values were added: 8, 12, 15, 24, 30, 50 kr., and 1, 2, fl. Surface printed on

watermarked paper, with vertical coloured lines printed on it. Envelope smaller, inscription larger, numerals in different colour from rest of stamps

Newspaper Stamps, May 1st, 1871, mouth of post-horn to left (1 kr.)

1872, mouth of post-horn to right (1 kr.)

Oct. 1st, 1874 { 1 kr. yellow } no wmk. { spandrels
1878 } orange; wmkd. { plain.

June 1st, 1887, 1 kr. black, watermarked paper, has no vertical lines.

Newspaper Tax Stamps, Aug. 1st, 1868, 1 kr. blue, 2 kr. brown.

Surface printed on paper, watermarked "Zeitungsmarken" in the sheet, 1890 watermark "Kr"

Jan. 20th, 1898. Paper. United States. Mr. C. A. Stephenson.

Mr. R. R. Bogers was unanimously elected a member.

The whole of the evening was occupied in examining Mr. S. M. Castle's magnificent collection of unused U.S.A. in five large volumes, Messrs. Castle and Stephenson giving notes and commentaries on the various issues as the pages were turned over, instead of taking up time in reading the paper. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Castle for the trouble he had taken in bringing his collection specially from London to show the members.

It was decided to purchase 25 of the cases used at the London Philatelic Exhibition to be used for exhibits here.

EXCHANGE PACKETS. ANOTHER RECORD.

The packets in December were of very fine quality, although they only totalled to £3,439 2s. 8½d. but they were largely comprised of fine sheets belonging to English, Colonial and Foreign members who are giving up certain countries in order to specialise in others. The same style of thing was continued in the January packets, which establish another record for *Exchange Societies*.

	£	s.	d.
The A packet was ...	1,543	9	1½
" B " ..	1,816	2	3
" C " ..	1,055	4	11
	<u>4,414</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>3½</u>

This is not only the highest amount ever circulated in any Society in exchange in England but it is by far the *best value*, and the splendid purchases made by the members who have already seen the packets fully testify to their appreciation of having such fine sheets to select from. Very few of the stamps are at more than half catalogue (except the current unused) and many are below that; while the unused Colonials in A and B amount to more than half those packets, while C contains some £600 worth of unused Europeans in mint condition.

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The Philatelic Chronicle is sent to all the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society and Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, being the Official Journal of these Societies.

THE question of prices seems to be the paramount matter for consideration among collectors at this moment. Beforetime we have expressed our own opinion upon the untrustworthiness of catalogue figures—yet collectors place confidence in them—with reservations—and there is reason for doing so. In the stamp world the real value of the item is not a consideration at all—in fact stamps have absolutely no intrinsic value whatever singly—by the ton they may have worth as waste paper. What makes the prices of stamps is the relative desire of people to possess them coupled with the actual supply available to meet this demand. No matter how rare a stamp is, if there is no demand for it then it is worthless. For this reason auction prices are worse than useless. A stamp is put up for sale before a few people, not one of whom, perhaps, feels any interest in the stamp, and the apparent demand is *nil*. If one can secure it at a bargain price he will have it, if not he will let it go to anyone who bids a shilling higher.

Then, again, we have it on the statement of a leading London dealer that some of the principal buyers have an understanding among themselves in which they accommodate one another by not competing in the bidding—another proof that auction prices are no criterion—at any rate where this state of things holds good. Provincial auctions may be fairer to the seller. As a case in point we would say on our own knowledge that stamps to the catalogue value of, roughly, a hundred pounds were put up for auction in

London within the last six weeks and brought some £15 gross, or under £13 when commission was deducted. True, several of the stamps were not first-class, but half-a-dozen unused and rare mint condition stamps among them alone were worth £20 of anyone's money.

Auction prices are of no value; catalogue prices are reliable to a certain extent, for the men who make catalogues are practical men. They do not pretend to put the value of their goods but they give the prices at which they are willing to sell them. They are quite justified in doing this and, if they get the prices they ask, are doing perfectly legitimate business. Yet it does not follow that everyone is compelled to buy from them and at these prices. Suppose one man offers a set of English plate numbers at some £3. Another man offers the same article neatly mounted at 2/6. Both are acting quite fairly in the matter. The one man cannot afford to sell at less than £3 and he gets the profit necessary to him. Possibly he has to keep up a big office, pay a lot of assistants, publish a journal devoted to his own particular trade, and have other big expenses which do not affect the other man in the least—besides he has to keep up a position both socially and in business, and must get a bigger profit—and yet he benefits no more, actually, by selling his £3 article than the other man does by selling his 2/6 one—still it means £1 17s. 6d. to the purchaser.

It is like the bicycle trade. The best bicycle possible to be made, if one does without jewelled bearings and gold plate, does not contain five pounds' worth of material, and yet the purchaser is asked to pay £20 or more if he wants a well-known name upon it. Half this sum represents adver-

tising and extra expenses which are unknown to the man who sells the same machine, aye, and makes a good profit, at £8 or £10. But to return to stamps. We speak only for the collectors' benefit. To put the matter in a nutshell, he must buy his stamps from the people who have not these big extras to meet, but he must use the catalogues as a guide. To what extent he may trust their accuracy in valuing is a matter for his own consideration. Suppose he considers half the catalogue quotations as fair prices for high-priced stamps and one-third or one-quarter for lower priced articles then he is not a long way out.

One advertiser in the *Chronicle* offers all his stamps at half catalogue or less, and the pages of the *Advertiser* reveal numbers of men who make huge reductions from catalogue prices. They can well afford to do so, for their expenses are nothing compared with those of the large firms, that have to maintain a big office and carry on a journal for the advertisement of their own wares at a cost of hundreds of pounds a year. When everything has been said, the most advantageous way of buying stamps is through exchange clubs. You see the article before you for your approval, and you get it at a price with which dealers could hardly compete for, as a rule, 50 per cent is taken off in these societies, and even then very many stamps are offered at prices far below catalogue.

It is necessary to get a reliable club and an old-established one offers the most possibilities in this direction. The *P. C. & A.* is official journal for two of the best and most flourishing exchanges in the country—THE BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY and the MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE, and these two are a type of the societies which the collector must join if he desires to save

a large proportion of his expenditure on stamps. In clubs of this nature many dealers send stamps of a high class for the choice of the members, and several hundred pounds worth is sometimes placed before a member at one time—an assortment which few dealers would be able to send out on approval in a single lot.

To conclude: the question of prices is of little importance to the collector for he has the opportunity of buying his stamps at a reasonable figure if he goes the right way about it. To purchase from the largest dealers is a ruinous method. Auctions are practically barred to the collector—at any rate metropolitan ones, for they are so controlled, as a rule, that the bargains go to the people on the spot, while the man outside has to pay full price for a good article. There remains the less expensive class of dealers—these are the ones to support—the men who publish a price list once a year, circulate it economically, and are satisfied with a reasonable expenditure in advertising. Failing these, join an exchange club for this has every advantage—but join a good one.

CHRONICLE.

BORNEO.—The following values of the new issues have been surcharged "POSTAGE DUE."

P.D. 1c. black, bistre and black
2c. " carmine.
3c. " mauve and olive.
5c. " vermilion and black.
6c. " olive-brown.
8c. " mauve.
12c. " blue.

CANADA.—The following of the new issues have, or will, shortly appear:—

1c. bluish-green.
8c. orange.

COLUMBIA.—*Panama.* The *M.J.* notes the 10c. surcharged in three lines, "A.R."—"COLON"—"COLUMBIA," and the *Collectionneur* the same stamp surcharge "R"—"COLON" in a circle. The

first as a Return Receipt Stamp, the second presumably as a Registration Stamp.

R. 10c. black and orange.
R.R. 10c. black and orange.

DENMARK.—*Iceland.* The 5a. was issued on November 1st last, surcharge "prir" in black and "3" in red. 86 sheets of 100 were surcharged thus, and on November 3rd 60 more sheets were surcharged without the figure 3. There are two varieties of the word "prir" on each sheet, there being 60 stamps with the word larger than on the other 40.

3a in black and red on 5a green, 2 varieties
3a in black on 5a green, 2 varieties.

ECUADOR.—According to *Der Philatelist* the 1896 issue were surcharged "1897-98" in the province of Chimborazo.

2c. red, surcharge in black.
20c. orange.

FRANCE.—*Dahomey et Dependances.* A set of stamps, envelopes, &c., of the usual Colonial type is to be issued here.

HOLLAND.—*Suriname.* Two more values of the Postage Due have appeared. The sheets contain 14 stamps of type i., 1 of type ii., and 85 of type iii.

P.D. 20c. lilac and black, 3 types.
25c. " " "

MAURITIUS.—The 1c. has appeared of the new type, and the *M.J.* notes the following varieties in the colour of the stamp of the Registration Envelopes.

1c. lilac and blue.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—We have seen copies of the newly-issued 2d. in ultramarine, and are informed that the change is due to the postmark not showing well on the dark blue.

2d. ultramarine.

SALVADOR.—The current stamps have been surcharged for Official use as former issue with illustration No. 82 in Gibbons.

1c. black and scarlet	15c. black and black
2c. " yellow-brown	20c. " slate
3c. " bistre-brown	24c. " yellow
5c. " orange	30c. " rose
10c. " blue-green	50c. " purple
12c. " blue	100c. " carmine-brown

SARAWAK.—We have received two more values of the current type.

16c. green, value orange
32c. " " black.

SIERRA LEONE.—The *Record* notes of the new design.

4d. lilac, name and value carmine.

VICTORIA.—The following is from the *M.J.*:—
1857. 1d. green, emblems, wmk. star imperf., impression on both sides.

Mr. Ditchfield has sent us the 1½d. green, lately issued. We are informed that the stamp was only in use a couple of months in this colour and is now changed.

1½d. green.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Roger Wilson informs us that the postage due stamp is likely to become a reminiscence. The bill requiring full payment on all first-class matter will probably become a law by the end of the present fiscal year.

We have received several lots of the new one cent. stamp in bright green.

1c. green, same type.

POSTCARDS, &c.

AUSTRIA.—The postcards have been modified, the word "Correspondenz" having a long s instead of the usual English short s.

P.C. 2k. brown on buff, for Austrian, Bohemian Polish, Illyrian, Italian, Roumanian, Ruthenian, and Slavonic offices.

2+2k. brown on buff, for Austrian, Bohemian and Polish offices.

BAVARIA.—A letter card has been issued of a similar type to the German with a stamp like that on the postal cards.

L. C. 10 pfennig, carmine on grey.

CHINA.—A postal card was issued at the same time as the new set of stamps. It resembles somewhat the current Japanese 1 sen, and like it, bears an oval stamp in the upper left corner and has just below, an inscription composed of five characters in a single column. In the lower left-hand corner are two columns of characters.

1 cent, carmine on light buff.

FRANCE.—The 25 centimes letter card now has the additional inscription *Republique Francaise*.

L. C. 25 centimes, black on rose.

GREECE.—The inland card is now printed in bright Prussian blue on highly glazed thin manilla card.

10 lepta, bright Prussian blue on manilla.

ITALY.—M. Moens has received the double 7½ cent card with the oval stamp.

7½ × 7½c. carmine.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The reply card is now in use with the new type of stamp.

1 × 1 penny, carmine.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—It is reported that reply cards are soon to be issued.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., Casilla 989, Lima, Peru, have sent us varieties of the new cards issued on December 31st, 1897. There are nine varieties surcharged on the old 5c. with the exception of the 3 and 4c. cards, and the stamp on the right

hand upper corner shows a view of the new post office. Of the 1c., 2c., and 5c. 1,000,000 each were issued, and they are a regular issue.

1c. green	3c. red-brown
1c. red	3+3c. red-brown
2c. orange	4c. black
2c. blue	4+4c. black
2+2c. blue	

SAMOA.—In the fresh printing that has taken place lately, 2½d. is again rose, and the 6d. is more of a maroon shade.

SERVIA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has discovered that there are two distinct varieties of the inland cards of 1893 (Scott 189).

The first printing of them is in yellow green, 143 × 93 mm., inscription 65½ mm., instruction at left 23 mm. and ending below first address line.

The other is in emerald green 140½ × 90½ mm. The measurements are respectively 67 mm. and 24 mm., and the instructions end a little above the first address line.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent of the *Australian Philatelist* reports the fact that there are two varieties of O. S. card of 1893. The first has the surcharge in ordinary block type while the latter has it in a very large heavy type.

1 penny, reddish lilac on buff.

1 penny, deep purple on cream.

TASMANIA.—Mr. Basset Hull says that the Government have prepared some very handsome envelopes of the value of 2d. and 2½d. The stamps are of the current adhesive type. There are on the address side views of Tasmanian scenery, from drawings by Mr. D. Warry. Six designs appear on the 2d. and six others on the 2½d. The views are in black.

E. 2d. green, on white laid, size 142 × 80 mm.

2½d. magenta " " "

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Roger Wilson has received through the mail the 1c. envelope, current type, white paper with stamp in very dark blue—exact colour of 5c. envelope—apparently an "error."

Mr. Herm. Gremler has sent us a new type of 1c. card.

WURTEMBERG.—The official card now appears without the inscription *Wohnung (Strasse and Hausnummer.)*

5 pfennig, green.

ZANZIBAR.—(*French Offices*) Some of the French cards now bear a three fine surcharge of Zanzibar and the value in Indian currency in blue. The double card is without the *Republique Francaise* heading.

1 anna on 10c. black on greenish.

1 × 1 anna on 10 × 10c. black on blue (T. 3.)

L.C. 2½ annas on 25c. black on rose.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

I TOLD you about one gentleman a month ago who was selling at about 150 per cent. under catalogue or less (N.B. the above is a joke), and this week I have come across another of these philanthropic philatelists (copyright) in Mr. J. Parker, of 32, Breckfield Road, N., Liverpool. He sent me a nicely-mounted sheet of plate numbers, 150 in all, good clean copies and he offers them for 2/6—two shillings and sixpence, post free—150 English penny red plate numbers—the complete series bar No. 225. I notice that Stanley Gibbons catalogue No. 132 at 3/6 and No. 153 at 3/- with several at 1/- or thereabouts. Mr. Parker's announcement says that the chance may never occur again. That's very likely—so buy a set now everyone—but what price "catalogue prices" now?

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I cannot say whether the following is a joke, but I quote it intact from an American contemporary—likely enough it is serious:—

"Dr. Potts, who recently started for the Klondike, writes that he will shortly issue a set of Alaskan locals face value, $\frac{1}{2}$ c. to \$100. They will be sold only in complete sets, total value of a set \$479.83 less 2% for cash on order of 10 sets.

"He continues: 'The designs have not yet been decided, but will be chaste and striking [especially striking, I should say]. The \$100 value will represent your humble servant throwing nuggets to the birds, and all values will portray scenes characteristic of Alaska, such as grizzly bears, icicles, baked beans, &c.

"In view of the fact that the first issue will be limited, and surcharges and changes of colour probably necessary I would advise all desiring sets to order at once."

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The "*Irish Philatelist*" which was announced from Dublin will not be issued, owing to several unexpected checks which have been received by the promoters.

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We are distributing with the *Chronicle and Advertiser* 3,000 of Messrs. Errington and Martin's abridged wholesale and retail price list—the 1898 edition. This is the neatest and most interesting list I have seen this year, but none. It is most tastefully arranged and everything is at a moderate price. For sets of stamps the E. and M. cheap sets will take a lot of beating, for Messrs. Errington and Martin do not spend huge sums in useless expenses and can therefore do justice to their customers, and all who receive the abridged list should send for the larger one and see what further bargain lines are offered. We cannot send a copy to all our supporters, but Messrs. E. and M. will forward one on application with the utmost pleasure.

Tottenham, which was once looked upon as London's most philatelic suburb, is losing its stamp dealers one by one. The next one to go will be Mr. Walter Morley, who, on after March 20th, will be found at 15, Brownhill Gardens, Hither Green, S.E. Mr. Morley is now going in for telegraphs and fiscals, hot and strong, and believes that there is a big future for them.

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The Sub-Committee of the Philatelic Society, London, have specially considered the question of the proposed issue of stamps in connection with the Jubilee Free Public Library at Otago, New Zealand, and are of opinion that these stamps are undoubtedly of a speculative nature and they would advise all amateurs to have nothing whatever to do with them.

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I am sorry to hear that the Philatelic Society of Victoria has had the misfortune to lose their valuable library of Philatelic works in the recent fire in Melbourne.

NEWFOUNDLAND'S FIRST
PROVISIONAL.

FOR the first time in the forty years of its existence Newfoundland's post-office had occasion to surcharge stamps. The cause of this was the exhaustion of the 1c. stamps of the Cabot issue in October last, and although a new set had been ordered from the American Bank-Note Company some time ago, no supply of this value could be obtained to obviate the deficiency.

Recourse was therefore had to surcharging another value, and the one chosen was the 3c. value of 1890 (head of Queen Victoria to left). Some 400 sheets of 100 stamps were accordingly surcharged with the words "ONE CENT" in one line between two horizontal bars. The bars are 18 mm. apart and 2 mm. wide, crossing the figures of the old value. The letters of the surcharge are to be found in three positions:—

In Type I.	about 3 mm. from the lower bar.
In Type II.	" 2½ mm. "
In Type III.	" 2¼ mm. "

Elaborate preparations had been taken by the Postmaster to avoid a great rush by speculators, the principal being that no more than five specimens could be sold to any applicant, but in spite of this so many buyers appeared that it was feared the whole provisional issue of 40,000 would be exhausted before a supply of new 1c. stamps could arrive. The sale was therefore peremptorily stopped, and only circulars and newspapers for abroad were accepted and had to be paid for in cash, the officials affixing the stamps.

Thanks to these measures no other values had to be surcharged.

As we have said before, 400 sheets only are said to have been surcharged. Each sheet containing 100 stamps in 10 rows of 10 was cut into two horizontally, it is said, to facilitate the printing.

The relative value of each variety can easily be seen from the following diagram:—

I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.
1.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.
1.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.	I.
II.	II.	II.	II.	II.	II.	II.	II.	III.	III.

Of the III Type, therefore, only 1,600 specimens exist, and of the II. only 6,400, the rest being 32,000.

In addition to this, two distinct shades exist in the surcharged stamps, one more greyish, the other more lilac. —P.J.G.B.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

ONE PENNY BLACK.

Our oldest philatelic acquaintance is still fairly plentiful, and is now, as always, a highly collectable stamp. There is an appreciable upward tendency in value, especially of fine specimens, due, no doubt, to modern specialism requiring quantities for the reconstruction of sheets. The shade hunter can here exercise his highly-developed perceptions, for some copies may be found of a decidedly "lighter black" than others. Those collectors, too, who study postmarks find that more than one type of the "Maltese cross" cancellation exists, and it may certainly be had in a nice range of colouring. I have lately seen an accidental variety in the printing of the stamp itself, in which the upper portion of the foremost cross of the diadem is apparently broken off; any way only the stump of it is there.

"I.R. OFFICIAL."

Recently-used penny stamps with this surcharge show that the overprint is considerably thicker than formerly was the case, it being now almost as heavy as that on the 2½d. "Army Official." Two previous stages have been noted, so there are now three grades of thickness to be found.

EARLY THREE-HALFPENNY ENVELOPES.

Various catalogues have given the information that the 1½d. lilac-rose adhesive was prepared for use in 1860, and that a large supply was printed and distributed to post offices but never issued to the public, and subsequently nearly all destroyed. It appears that in the same year the die for an embossed postage stamp of the same value was prepared, and that impressions

were taken from it. Two copies have come to hand, both dated 2-4-60 (Die No. 1, w.w.) on white laid paper, and overprinted SPECIMEN. The colour is rose-pink, of a somewhat fuller shade than the one penny of about same date, and decidedly darker than any of the pink 1½d. envelopes of 10 or 12 years later. I have somewhere heard a rumour that an official issue of this value was proposed to be sold through the post office, and having the pink seal on the flap after the style of the penny. If this was so, very probably the cut specimens I have found came from the advance specimens of these envelopes, which were evidently never issued, for the same reason that the 1½d. adhesive was abandoned at that time, viz.:—a postponement of contemplated alterations in postal rates. I should like to hear from anyone who possesses or may have seen an entire 1½d. envelope dated 1860.

ENVELOPES WITH FIRMS' NAMES.

The stamps surrounded by a ring of colour bearing the name and address of the firm to whom they were supplied have some philatelic interest as varieties, as these additions, — serving the double purpose of advertisement and the prevention of theft—were printed with the stamps at Somerset House. But care should be exercised not to admit to your collections those home-made frames which any colour printer can add after the stamps are in the hands of the public. The government-printed rings were necessarily of the same colours as the various values of stamps, and were of uniform and neat design, whereas the privately-executed embellishments often are fanciful in design, and exhibit striking contrasts in colour. I believe this system is now obsolete as regards official productions, though Messrs. W. H. Smith & Son have had the rings on their wrappers since the 1d. stamp has been undated. This firm was among the first to avail themselves of the arrangement, which originated about 1857. The very earliest government-printed rings bore the inscriptions in a smaller type than was afterwards permanently adopted.

THE "K" VARIETY.

Mr. Joynt, of Dublin, kindly writes explaining the reason for the circle round K on the 1/- of 1862. He says:—"When striking in the letter the circular edge of the punch used touched the plate and left its mark upon it"

NEW U.S.A. ISSUE.

THE first shipment of green 1c. stamps was made on Thursday, January 20th, of which New York City received a large share. The supply of blues was exhausted sooner than expected, owing to the extraordinary large requisitions from various sections of the country. This has been unequalled in any previous year, which should surely be a sign of in-

creased prosperity. The colour is lighter than that of the 10c., however, not sufficiently distinct for both shades to remain current, and the department is now contemplating a change of colour with the latter. What this will be is not yet known.

The new 5c. has finally been decided upon, and is simply a change in colour from brown to blue. The shade of this is slightly lighter than the current issue of 1c. At the beginning of the year the supply on hand was 5,000,000, but the unexpectedly large requisitions reduced the supply to 1,000,000 during the last week, which necessitated an additional printing on Friday. The same old plates were used, which will give us one or two sets in brown as well as blue.

NEW ISSUES AND ERRORS OF QUEENSLAND STAMPS

THOROUGH collectors of the above will no doubt agree with me that they are in a certain measure the most vexatious to collect, owing to the perplexing varieties in shades, printing, and papers. Doubts confront one at the very beginning, for it has not yet been *definitely* settled that the 1/- imperforate of 1860 does not exist. However, apart from this, the issues printed in the colony have led to such vagaries on the part of the official in charge of the engraving department and the one in charge of the printing inks, that the collector often feels inclined to use words not used in the dictionary, and occasionally wish to have these officials' heads within comfortable punching distance.

To describe the various shades used in all values up to 1/- would make the catalogues not only too lengthy but bewildering to the collector; but there are one or two decided ones that have not yet been catalogued. I refer to the "truncated star" series of 1868. The 1/- was issued in greyish-green and a kind of soiled light green, whilst there is a decided shade of olive-green 3d., same series. I have also discovered a rosy red 1d. of that series.

In Stanley Gibbons & Co.'s Catalogue (1897) of British Colonial stamps they quote a 1/- (No. 82) bright velvet, "no watermark"; also a 1/- (No. 83) red violet, "no watermark, buréle band at back in lilac." These stamps are identical, as in most cases the buréle has almost entirely disappeared, and in the best is not so clear as that on the 1d. and 2d. of 1879. Again, the shades used for the latter two are very distinct, and not seen in other issues of the same stamp. As regards the error 1d. yellow - I have never seen a satisfactory specimen of the 1879 issue, but a pure error was perpetrated with the 1d., 1882 type; but without "stop" on the thick unwatermarked paper (no buréle). A sheet printed in a dull dark yellow escaped the not-very-lynx-eyed official, and went into circulation. Only a few are known. The

next error was the same 1d. on crown and Q paper; colour reddish-brown. This, as I was informed by the official best informed on the subject was due to a new mixture of scarlet, which on exposure to the air after being printed turned that colour. Only a few copies of this are in existence.

A more recent error is the 1d. 1895. printed in orange-yellow on unwatermarked paper. This curious error, of which I have a postmarked pair, was due to a proof sheet having got mixed with the lot and sent away in the interior, where the error was discovered. Having been puzzled for some time by these conundrums in shades, and well aware what alterations in shades could be made from aniline inks by speculating collectors, I interviewed the head of the Postal Department, and learned that the mixer of colours had a peculiar tendency to experimenting in shades, and his manipulations did not always result in the desired effect. Another official, who was a *wee* bit inconsistent, was the engraver of stamps. But in every case where the colour of the vermilion or red-shaded 1d. was sought to be altered, it tinged the paper, and this collectors will duly note.

Another error that crept in some years ago was when, amongst a supply of 1d. envelopes printed especially for the Mount Morgan Gold Mining Company, a few packets were found with the 1d. printed in orange-yellow and a few in rosy-pink. How these errors crept in no one has yet found out. It may not be generally known that the Government does not issue stamped envelopes, and only by special request printed some for B. D. Morehead & Co., Brisbane, and the above-mentioned company.

The Department has decided on, and approved of, the following alterations of stamps:—

2d., present issue to be printed in violet-brown.

3d., same design as 1d. (1897), with figures in each corner, colour medium brown.

4d., same as 3d., colour orange-yellow.

6d., same as 4d., colour green, as used in last issue.

The 1/- will also be issued shortly of the same design and in same colour as at present.

It is contemplated to alter the colour of the 2/- red-brown, as it was often mistaken for the 3d. of the same issue. All stamps will have the white background.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

THE February packets are a valuable lot, each branch being well supported. The following new members are proposed:—Mrs. Hodges

(Newark), A. F. Gabeldu (Jersey), W. Gilbert (St Leonard's), W. J. Peith (Penzance), C. S. Turner (Salterton), Mrs. Mitchell (Pitlochry), J. Reay (Belfast), G. N. Thorp (Cardiff). The October sheets have been returned, all accounts due to members paid and most of those due from members have been received. The November sheets, accounts and payments will be sent out in a day or two. Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until July, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensable. The subscription is 2/- per annum, but as the *Philatelic Chronicle* and *Advertiser* is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrear it is practically reduced to 6d per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt monthly settlements both sides. Rules, &c., from the Secretary.

BRITISH AFRICAN STAMP EXCHANGE.—The February packet was despatched on the 2nd inst. and contained stamps (African and otherwise) to the value of £32 19s. 4½d. nett. The January packet returned January 20th, and cash due to members was paid out by the 21st, when sheets were returned to owners. (There is no waiting in this club.) Although barely in its third month of operation stamps to the value of more than £112 nett (not 50% discount) have already been circulated, and the membership has doubled within the last four weeks. Only absolutely reliable members are admitted. Rules and particulars sent on receipt of postage by the secretary, Chas. J. Endle, S. E. P. S., Kingsburgh Cottage, Boscombe, Hants.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Two "A" and two "B" packets were made up and despatched on the January circuit; the sheets, which were valued in the aggregate at £1,921 12s. 4d., contained many rare and perfect specimens at reasonable prices. English and Scandinavians were specially well represented. August packets duly came back from their supplementary rounds, and accounts for that month were promptly settled. As the Secretary has resolved not to avail himself of the privilege of first pick, for the future members at the top of the list will be more favourably situated. During the past month seven applications for membership have been accepted, and six declined from various causes. For copies of rules and full information as to working of the Club, apply to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE S. W. LANCASHIRE STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY. The February packet again shews a further increase, both in members and value. There has been four names added to the list, thus bringing the total of members to 57; and as there are several applications

in, the three-score will be passed by the time the March packet goes on circuit. There are now several foreign contributing members, thus increasing the variety of stamps sent, as was the case last month, Europeans, South Africans, British and British Colonials being in abundance and cheap, as is evidenced by the greatly increased sales. Intending members should apply to the Secretary—Wm. Ditchfield, S. E. P. S., 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

MR. ROBT. S. GRAY sent us an advertisement to replace the one on the front page of *Advertiser* but it arrived too late for inclusion in that paper and only just in time to be reproduced here.

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" " 1 " rose	2 0	16 0	" " 1 anna	2 0	15 0
*Canada, Jubilee, 3 cents	0 6	3 6	Switzerland, 3 francs	1 0	7 6
" " 1897, ½ cent., black	0 5	2 9	Zanzibar, Sultan, ½ anna	1 3	10 0
*China, 1897, ½ cent., brown violet ..	0 4	2 3	" " 1 " "	2 3	18 0
" " 1 " yellow	0 7	4 0	" " 2 " "	4 0	32 0
" " 2 " red	1 0	7 0			
Cyprus, 1880, 1d., 2½d.	1 6	12 0	SETS. per doz. sets.		
Great Britain, 2/6	2 0	16 0	Borneo, old type, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10 cents ..	8 0	
" " Official 6d. grey	4 0	32 0	" " 25, 50 cents	15 0	
*Greek, 1896, 1 lepta, bistre	0 3	1 3	" " 25, 50 cents, 1, 2 dollars	48 0	
" " 2 lepta, rose	0 4	2 3	" " 5 and 10 dollars	1 set 12/-	115 0
*Labuan, 1892, engraved 6c. green ..	3 0	22 6	" " 1894, used, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	8 0	
" " 1894, 1 cent	0 5	3 0	" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	24 0	
" " 2 " "	0 9	5 3	" " 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8	10 0	
" " 3 " "	1 0	7 6	" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24	32 0	
" " 5 " "	1 6	12 0	" " errors, 18, 24 cents	18 0	
* " 1897 1 " "	0 6	4 0	*Br. East Africa Protectorate, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 ..	22 6	
" " 2 " "	1 0	7 6	*British East Africa on India, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4 ..	60 0	
" " 3 " "	1 6	11 0	*China, 1897, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5 cents	4 6	
Luxemburg, 1892, 1 franc.	7 0	55 0	Holkar, ½, ½, 1, 2 annas, used	6 0	
*Mexico, 1884, 1 peso, blue	6 0	47 6	Japan War, 2, 2, 5, 5, sens	4 6	
Montenegro, 1 nov., blue	0 3	1 9	Liberia, 1892, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents	20 0	
" " 2 " yellow	0 6	3 4	" " official, 1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 12 cents ..	21 0	
" " 3 " green	0 9	5 0	" " 16, 24, 32 cents	36 0	
" " Post Due, 1 nov., red	0 3	1 9	Labuan, 1892, engraved, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 40 used ..	42 0	
" " 2 " green	0 6	3 4	" " 1894, used, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 cents	8 0	
" " 3 " orange	0 9	5 0	" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24c.	24 0	
*Newfoundland, Jubilee, 3 cents	2 0	16 0	" " 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8	10 0	
" " 4 " "	2 8	21 0	" " 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24	32 0	
" " 1897 1 " " carmine	0 9	5 6	*Mexico, 1884, 50c. green, 1 & 2 pesos blue	30 0	
" " 2 " " orange	1 4	10 9	" " 1886, figure, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 20, 25c. ..	4 0	
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" " 1/-	0 10	6 6	" " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10		
Peru, 1895, assorted	0 9	5 0	" " 12, 15, 24, 30, 35, 60	136 0	
" " 1896, "	0 6	3 0	*Nicaragua, 1869, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25 cents	6 0	
Roumania, 1891, 50 bani	0 8	4 6	*Nicaragua, 1878, 1, 2, 5, 10, 25	7 0	
" " 1895, bani	0 9	5 0	*Seychelles, 2, 4, 8, 10, 13, 16	15 0	
" " 1 leu, brown and rose	2 3	17 6	Sirmoor, Rajah, 3, 6 pies, 1, 2 annas, used ..	7 0	
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The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent to all the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society and Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, being the Official Journal of these Societies.

THE question of prices which we discussed in the February *Chronicle* has roused interest in several directions, and our deductions are generally acknowledged to be correct. Mr. G. H. HOWE, for instance, informs us that he is selling stamps priced under £1 at half catalogue rates—with very few exceptions. He pertinently points out that it would not do for a dealer to sell all stamps at half-price as there are some for which collectors ought to pay and are willing to pay considerably more, and this is undoubtedly the truth. Says Mr. HOWE in conclusion: "Where the English collectors are, who will pay full catalogue price or anywhere near it for stamps all round, I think is somewhat a mystery!"

Undoubtedly there are these but they are, generally speaking, the *élite* of the cult. They require everything in the pink of perfection without spot or blemish. Even if the stamp world has to be ransacked they must have what they require and it is only just that they should pay well—for they get the best article. Then comes the collector who is not so exacting as this. A perfect specimen in the ordinary sense of the word satisfies him. Now the first type of collector has had the pick of the market and paid top price—the next comer, who belongs to the second class, takes the rejected article, and it is only just that he should have some allowance from the price paid by the first. After this comes the average collector who will purchase a stamp which is not damaged. The gum may not be perfect, or half a perforation may be gone, yet it is a good copy and he takes it—but the

stamp would be passed over by both the previously quoted classes—so why should number three pay full price for an inferior article. The fourth class of collector is happy-go-lucky, common or garden collector—the Peter Bell of philately :

“An old Mauritius, worn and dim,
An old Mauritius is to him,
And he wants nothing more.”

So long as all, or practically all, the stamp is there he is just as satisfied as is the party who demands perfection in his specimen. An absence of gum, or slightly faded colour, or unevenly centred position, or a perforation gone is an immaterial defect—yet no one has the moral right to ask full price for this specimen, nor should he value it as such if in his collection. These remarks, of course, apply to rare stamps—say those catalogued £1 and upwards. The moral of all this is that collectors must train themselves to judge the quality of the stamps they buy and pay in proportion. Do not let the desire to possess a stamp outweigh discretion in purchasing. A good class dealer would naturally charge in proportion to the quality of the goods, but the danger is that when the tip top article is purchased at the tip-top price then article number two takes its place at the same or an enhanced price. It is manifestly disingenuous—yet it has been the policy of catalogue makers for many years! This is really the crux of the whole matter :—When a pound has been obtained for a stamp the next one offered is held back for 25s. When that price has been obtained avarice or some kindred feeling demands 30s. for the next, and so, step by step, the price is forced to an abnormal and dishonest height—yet everyone of these stamps cost the dealer the same in the first instance—say 15s. This is why many

stamps are catalogued two or three times their actual worth, and those who purchase at these prices are encouraging the system to their own further despoilment—better go without the article altogether than pay the exorbitant rates sometimes demanded. Of course there are many stamps that are not over-priced—generally speaking the stamps of countries not much in demand—and collectors would be wise to confine themselves to such ones until the more fashionable stamps are to be obtained at a price somewhat approximate to their value.

Above we referred to the dealer who arranged his prices honestly according to the quality of his goods. There are many such we are glad to say—indeed it is more than probable that every dealer would do so if asked by his clients. But there are not many who, at present, publish their price list with the distinctions marked. Those who have purchased Mr. WALTER MORLEY'S excellent catalogue will notice that he therein sets the example. He prices four classes of really fine stamps—two classes for used and two for unused. The difference in the used stamp is marked by the words “fair” and “fine.” and the difference in the price is from 25 to 75 per cent. Let us take one, hap-hazard! The 2d. blue, top of page 8, is priced at 5s. for a fine copy and 2s. for a fair copy. This is a reduction on catalogue with a vengeance. Both these stamps would be really good copies, but if one wanted a cheaper variety no doubt Mr. MORLEY could supply but, of course, not in the same state of perfection—if required he would probably be able to sell copies of a sort at 2d. each. This is straightforward business. To be sure of getting what you want it is always best to go to a

man who has a big stock—that goes without saying—but you want to be sure that the party will treat you fairly.

CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—The following of the new type have been issued.

3c. red.
10c. puce.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—The *L.P.* notes that the colour of the 2d. has been changed from ochre to 2d. chocolate-brown.

GUATEMALA.—The Exhibition stamp of 2c. has been surcharged "UN CENTAVO"—"1898" in two lines, the 1c. on 12c. having been sold out
1c. in black on 2c. black on greenish.

HAITI.—The 7c. has appeared in new colour. It is rumoured that the 3c. already chronicled will not appear, but a new set is being prepared in Paris.
7c. grey-black.

HUNGARY.—The following have appeared with figure of value in black.

2k. black and mauve.
3k. " green.
10k. " blue.
20k. " grey-black.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—According to a correspondent in the *L.P.* the three new stamps have been slightly altered. The dies were in the first instance of wood, they are now of steel. The 1d. and 2½d. have appeared, and the 2d. will appear soon. The differences most apparent are in the 1d.

Die i. The first part of the crown on left is imperfect.

The Maltese cross at left of crown is badly formed. The lines of shading of figures are thick and irregular.

Die ii. The first pearl is a complete circle. The Maltese cross is more distinct.

The lines of shading of the figures are thin and regular.

The 2½d.

Die i. The Star on the Queen's breast has 12 lines of shading.

The nostril has a downward droop and the pupil of the eye is unshaded.

Die ii. The Star has 16 lines of shading.

The nostril is almost level, and the pupil is shaded.

NICARAGUA.—This Republic has joined Honduras and Salvador to form the Central American Republic, retaining like them freedom in internal matters. This being so, Col. Seebeck (or as he says the Government) was not satisfied with the current stamps with the

date 1897, so has supplied an entirely new set with new designs dated 1898. The design has the arms in centre and is inscribed "REPUBLICA MAYOR DE CENTRO AMERICA" "ESTADO DE NICARAGUA." The stamps are perforated 12, and water-marked with the cap of liberty. The Unpaid have a figure of value in centre, and the envelopes and wrappers have stamps like the adhesives.

1c. bistre.	25c. blue.
2c. slate.	50c. yellow.
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15c. ultramarine.	

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SUDAN.—The new issue of the Soudan came into use on March 1st. The design is an Arab mounted on a camel within a coloured border. The value appears along the top of the frame in Roman characters and at the bottom in Arabic. The lettering "SUDAN POSTAGE" is arched above the rider's head, and its Arabic equivalent is found beneath the camel's feet. Messrs. Meleka Co, Cairo, have sent us a set. The values run from 1 millieme to 10 piastres.

1m. rose and brown.	1p. red-brown and blue.
2m. brown and green	2p. blue and grey.
3m. green and violet.	5p. green and red-brown.
5m. black and rose.	10p. violet and black.

POSTCARDS, &c.

CANADA—We have seen specimens of the new cards. The 1 cent is 140 × 87 mm. and bears simply the inscription *Canada Post Card* in block type with the usual instructions below. The 2 cent is the same as the 1896 issue, 130 × 82 mm., with the exception of the stamp. Both bear stamps of the type of the new adhesives, that on the 1 cent being considerably larger than the adhesive itself.

1 cent, green.

2 cents, orange vermilion.

CHINA.—*German Offices.* The current German cards are reported to have been surcharged *China* for use in the recently-acquired territory.

5 pfennig, green.

5 × 5 pfennig, green.

10 pfennig, rose.

10 × 10 pfennig, rose.

DAHOMEY.—Some of the French colonies change their names about as often as the ministries of the mother country succeed each other. First we had *Golfe de Benin*, then *Benin*, and now we are in receipt of a 10 centime card of the usual type inscribed *Dahomey* which we are told is the proper name for the territory. The rest of the stationery will probably follow later. Our specimen came from the purchasing department.

10 centimes, black on greenish.

SAMOA.—Mr. Lohmeyer has some cards which differ from the 1896 printing in being on thicker and more highly-glazed cardboard. The colour is also a paler greenish tint.

1d. blue on green.

1½d. "

The latter value is formed by adding a ½d. adhesive stamp to the 1d. card.

UNITED STATES.—The new 1 and 2 cent cards. The 2 cent is from the old plate but measures 140×88 mm. and is on cream coloured card.

2 cents, blue on cream.

The 1 cent is of a new design and seems rather cheap looking.

1 cent black.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

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1d. blue on green.

1½d. „ „

The latter value is formed by adding a ½d. adhesive stamp to the 1d. card.

UNITED STATES.—The new 1 and 2 cent cards. The 2 cent is from the old plate but measures 140×88 mm. and is on cream coloured card.

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On the head of the claim of several philatelic publishers that their respective journals are the oldest established, how much longer must we wait for some humorous would-be-publisher to claim his journal to be the youngest published, in his first issue? Also for some enterprising dealer to advertise Stamps bought, sold, and repaired.

A registered letter was recently received here from the United States, which was prepaid by a 3c. and a 10c. stamp of the 1861 issue; probably used because they were in poor condition.

Probably the greatest fascination in collecting—aside from the pleasure of noting the admiring gaze of a brother collector, who has not those beauties that are in your collection—is the uncertainty as to what may turn up at any moment, in the way of a remarkable find. We somehow come to associate dusty attics, and old trunks and boxes of litter, with philatelic Klondykes. Situated as the writer is, in a field that has never been properly worked, seldom a week passes by without some lucky strike is made. This is true, not only of Peruvian stamps, but also of the older foreign; as, this having been a good market in the days gone by, much correspondence was received from all parts.

[For the interesting notes above we are indebted to Messrs. Williams & Co., Lima, Peru.]

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

STAMPS BY THE TON!

IN the February number of Mr. Heygate's both good and handsome paper, "*Stamps*," appears a curious advertisement: it offers English ½d. and 1d. stamps at £26 per ton, 27/- per hundredweight, or 6d. per pound. What might these be good for in such ample doses—feeding pigs, manuring the garden, or littering the stable? Oh, I have it: they will make miles and miles of "stamp snakes," to sell (retail) at a penny a yard!

SIXTH EDITION OF EWEN'S CATALOGUE.

Externally, this volume is similar in appearance to the preceding edition, and contains about the same number of pages. Most of the matter having been re-written, and all re-arranged, the less important information has been condensed, so that room is made for a most copious history of each postal issue, which is kept apart from the price lists of the respective sections. So thorough, in fact, is the detail of the work, that if each and every reader of the *P. C.* and *A.* provided himself with a copy the editor might find small use for my future services, as far as adhesives are concerned. The Catalogue is, as before, divided into two parts, treating of stamps and postmarks respectively. I may state that copies can be obtained from the publishers of the *Philatelic Chronicle*—price 2/6, post free.

"ENTIRE" VERSUS "CUT SQUARE."

Mr. Ewen catalogues nothing in the first part of his work *but* stamps, and only *as* stamps. There is still a good sprinkling of philatelists, however, who prefer to study their postcards and officially-issued envelopes—to say nothing of telegraph-forms—in the *entire* condition. I am of Mr. Ewen's opinion that stamped-to-order envelopes of all values are best collected cut square; but as to postcards, usually the stamp is accompanied by a design and lettering of as much importance as itself: so I maintain they must be, and always will be, collected entire. And as I have said before, official and private envelopes cannot be satisfactorily combined in arrangement: so, as all envelopes sold through the post-office depend for variety and interest on several other points beside those of the stamp, of necessity the whole envelope must be preserved.

REMAINDERS! A WARNING.

Remainders!! What, English? Yes, but not 2/- brown, nor £1 "anchor": we are thankful to say that our regular issues have digested and found their level among collectors, and that we need not fear the remainder bogey if we keep to the highways of English philately: but for the benefit of those who indulge in such side-shows as the issues of the short-lived private Telegraph Companies, I will here relate what Mr. Ewen has just told me about the stamps of the first of them—"The Electric Telegraph Company": These stamps appear in at least three catalogues at fancy values from £1 upwards. But a huge remainder of them exists, and is about to be placed in the market, to the tune of several thousands, which will have the effect of reducing their value from shillings to farthings. Of course there may not be remainders of *all* varieties, but mind what you buy in private telegraphs. Of one company's stamps, however, you need not fight shy, and that is Bonelli's: there never have been anything but remainders of their stamps, as the company was suppressed before it could use any.

SHADES OF 2½D. BLUE.

There are some very distinct tints of blue to be found in these stamps with the orb watermark. Inks of quite different composition were apparently used, as the differences are not so much those of intensity as of tone. Some may be found which look almost greenish in contrast with the true ultramarine of the last three plates. These minor occurrences in colour cannot all be catalogued, but the careful collector will do well not to overlook them, as they will add to the interest and completeness of his album.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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Hon. Secretary and Treasurer :—MR. G. JOHNSON, B.A., 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

February 3rd. Paper. Mexico. Mr. W. T. Wilson.
W. R. Connolly, Esq., was unanimously elected a member.

Mr. Wilson then gave a most interesting and instructive display with notes of the early issues of Mexico, in particular having been able finally to elucidate the difficult question of sub-consignment numbers found on the 1864-66 issues.

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March 3rd. Display. Argentine and Brazil.

Messrs. E. Stock and F. C. Fisher were unanimously elected members.

Messrs. W. T. Wilson, W. Pimm, and G. Johnson showed the stamps of Argentine and Brazil, all the rare varieties and shades being well represented.

EXCHANGE PACKETS.—The packets for January were the finest and most valuable ever circulated in this or any other Society, but the February ones were still more valuable, and for the first time in the history of stamp exchanges total over £5,000.

Section A (mixed)	was	£1,639	14	1
" B (British and Col. only) ..	"	2,684	5	6½
" C (Foreign only)	"	723	15	9½
		£5,047 15 5		

This is very satisfactory, but what is much more so is the fact that sales are better than they have been for a long time past, almost all stamps, of whatever country, selling well if priced reasonably. Foreign and Colonial dealers and collectors are finding out that this is one of the best methods of obtaining prompt and certain returns for their stamps.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1866).

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

The March packets are a very good lot, and the April ones promise to be better. The following new members are proposed :—Mrs. Eaden (Yardley), W. M. Woodhouse (Wantage), H. Bax (Weybridge). Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until July, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensable. The subscription is 2/- per annum, but as the *Philatelic Chronicle* and *Advertiser* is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrear it is practically reduced to 6d. per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt monthly settlements both sides. Rules, &c., from the Secretary.

BRITISH AND COLONIAL STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—Forty members. Packets monthly for British and British Colonial stamps only. Since November, 1895, the club has circulated £4,311 17s. 10d., and sales from same have been 19 per cent. off total amount circulated. The last six packets have averaged £200, and good Colonials and English can always be obtained at low prices. Four new members have joined this month and one rejected. Secretary, C. J. M. Lehner, Eaton Chambers, Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.

S.W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—As predicted last month the three score was passed, five members being added to the list. The packet (March) was far and away the best the above society has yet sent out, British, British Colonials and Europeans being well represented, and as the prices were very fair good sales may be expected to result. This society now includes amongst its members many well-known philatelists and specials, so that intending members may now make sure of securing almost any kind of stamp. Intending applicants, who must

furnish satisfactory references, may receive particulars and rules from Secretary, Wm. Ditchfield (Member Stamp Exchange Protection Society), 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

RICHMOND STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The March packet was made up on the 10th inst. as usual. It shows an upward tendency still, as the total submitted was £958 5s. 2d., nearly £210 increase on February packet. There was a fine display of Europeans, especially Greece, whilst British and Colonial were also numerous, and a fair quantity of rarities. The following have recently joined the society:—Messrs. A. E. Fasnacht, R. Cutting, C. H. Clemson, J. F. Hall, G. R. Willan, F. H. Geitner, R. Palmieri (Naples), A. Ellis, H. S. Martin, Alex. Tillie, A. E. Moore, E. C. Hodgett, T. H. Thompson, Col. Hadaway, Dr. C. S. Socolis (Greece), Miss C. A. Gore, and Mrs. A. C. Hino. Secretary, Robert Reid, jun., 14, Parsifal Road, West Hampstead, N.W.

THE CLIFTON AND BRISTOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A meeting of the above society was held on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at the society's room, 42, Cotham Hill, the president (Mr. J. P. Lloyd) being in the chair, and Mr. T. C. Cartwright acting on behalf of the hon. sec., Mr. R. Dalton, who was unavoidably absent. After the business of the meeting had been disposed of, the President exhibited a most interesting series of New South Wales, and especially about 30 varieties of the Sydney views, which he minutely explained and pointed out to the members present, to some of whom such a display was a new experience. The subject of the meeting on the 17th inst. was the stamps of the United States of America.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—On the return of the September packets, sheets were returned and accounts were settled and submitted within seven days. Sales amounted to upwards of £250. October packets have been circulated among a supplementary list of buying members and are expected back within the next three weeks. On February 24th the 209 sheets valued at £1,929 11s. 11d. in the aggregate were made up into four packets and duly circulated. North Americans, West Africans, and Scandinavians were well represented, and perfect specimens were offered at much under catalogue prices. Very common stamps and damaged copies, however, are in little demand. Foreign philatelists are invited to send sheets, and arrangements will be made for them to receive equivalents for stamps taken in cash or exchange as they may prefer. Packets are now sent out intact to afford a greater choice to members who are first on lists. Non-contributors who desire to see packets are requested to notify secretary who will see that their names are inserted on the lists. Responsible collectors, proposing to join the club, should apply for rules and send references to the secretary, H. A. Slado, Inglestone, St. Albans.

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RICHMOND STAMP EXCHANGE SOCIETY—The March packet was made up on the 10th inst. as usual. It shows an upward tendency still, as the total submitted was £958 5s. 2d., nearly £210 increase on February packet. There was a fine display of Europeans, especially Greece, whilst British and Colonial were also numerous, and a fair quantity of rarities. The following have recently joined the society:—Messrs. A. E. Fasnacht, R. Cutting, C. H. Clemson, J. E. Hall, G. R. Willan, F. H. Geitner, R. Palmieri (Naples), A. Ellis, H. S. Martin, Alex. Tillie, A. E. Moore, E. C. Hodgett, T. H. Thompson, Col. Hadaway, Dr. C. S. Socolis (Greece), Miss G. A. Gore, and Mrs. A. C. Hine. Secretary, Robert Reid, jun., 14, Parsifal Road, West Hampstead, N.W.

THE CLIFTON AND BRISTOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A meeting of the above society was held on Thursday evening, the 3rd inst., at the society's room, 42, Cotham Hill, the president (Mr. J. P. Lloyd) being in the chair, and Mr. T. C. Cartwright acting on behalf of the hon. sec., Mr. R. Dalton, who was unavoidably absent. After the business of the meeting had been disposed of, the President exhibited a most interesting series of New South Wales, and especially about 30 varieties of the Sydney views, which he minutely explained and pointed out to the members present, to some of whom such a display was a new experience. The subject of the meeting on the 17th inst. was the stamps of the United States of America.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—On the return of the September packets, sheets were returned and accounts were settled and submitted within seven days. Sales amounted to upwards of £250. October packets have been circulated among a supplementary list of buying members and are expected back within the next three weeks. On February 24th the 209 sheets valued at £1,929 11s. 11d. in the aggregate were made up into four packets and duly circulated. North Americans, West Africans, and Scandinavians were well represented, and perfect specimens were offered at much under catalogue prices. Very common stamps and damaged copies, however, are in little demand. Foreign philatelists are invited to send sheets, and arrangements will be made for them to receive equivalents for stamps taken in cash or exchange as they may prefer. Packets are now sent out intact to afford a greater choice to members who are first on lists. Non-contributors who desire to see packets are requested to notify secretary who will see that their names are inserted on the lists. Responsible collectors, proposing to join the club, should apply for rules and send references to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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That the editor of "Stamps" is very young may be gathered from the chivalrous manner in which he takes up the quarrels of everyone and the unconsciousness with which he allows himself to be made the catspaw of some impudent monkey who expects to gain advantage by damaging other exchange clubs, while, with that supreme contempt for the law of his country which is so strongly developed in the young amateur journalist whose paper has survived, by some strange dispensation, its first few issues, the editor of "Stamps" commits himself to at least three statements on a single page, either one of which might land him in an expensive libel suit.

The quixotic proprietor of "Stamps" feels that he is the heaven-born reformer and re-generator of philately, and the thought of MR. F. L. HEYGATE sitting at the Hall of Justice, in the City of Rushden, R.S.O., England, makes an exquisite mental picture! Let us imagine the scene! On a huge brass throne—triple brazen to suit the purpose—sits the judge with fire flashing from his eagle eye, while the poor worms of exchange secretaries cower round the walls. Over the triple brazen judge—tut, tut,—judgment seat is the figure of Justice, blindfolded only in one eye and with her tongue stuffed into her cheek, and behind all is a huge banner with the blazon of HEYGATE: A bantam cock, rampant, *vert*, on a very small dunghill, inscribed

STAMPS, *gules*. The whole surmounted by the motto, FIAT JUSTITIA RUAT COELUM, and the modern, or Heygatian, translation, "*Let Heygate be satisfied or Stamps will fall (upon you).*" 'Tis a wondrous scene, my masters. The glory and wisdom of Solomon would ill compare with those depicted here—but, alas, we must tear ourselves away from the alluring picture.

That the editor and proprietor of "Stamps" has got grit and brain power of more than average quality is witnessed by the audacity with which he hurls his shafts to right and left trusting assuredly to the fact that his own insignificance is a refuge if not a shield. He adopts the very best way to get his paper talked about and this is the big thing for which journals struggling to rise are anxious, and so he plays the winning game—as long as it lasts. We cannot approve of the un-sportsmanlike—not to say contemptible—method of procedure, but we admire the enterprise and dash. Still we have one word of warning—not addressed to any particular journalist but to all: Civil libel may be a nice thing to play with under some circumstances, but criminal libel is a bird of quite another feather and one that has sharp and formidable talons.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—We have seen copies of the 3/- surcharged ONE PENNY in two lines.

1d. in red on 3/- black and green.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A new value has been issued of the ordinary type.

25c. red brown and green.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—As mentioned some time ago the design of the current set did not give satisfaction, and a new set was prepared with the arms modified, the chief difference being in the scroll bearing the motto which is now below the hind legs

of the supporters. These new types are now being issued.

- jd. grey and mauve.
- ld. vermilion and light green.
- 2d. grey brown and lilac pink.
- 3d. red brown and pale blue.
- 4d. ultramarine and lilac mauve.
- 6d. purple and pink.
- 8d. green and mauve on buff.

ECUADOR.—The following are taken from various papers:—

- 2c. red, fiscals used postally.
- 1c. in black on 5c. blue, fiscals used postally.
- 5/- dark blue (1895) surch. in black, '1897 y 1998.'
- Off. 20c. grey (1894) " " '1897-1898,' large.
- 50c. " " " " " " " "
- 1c. " (1895) " " " " " small.
- 10c. " " " " " " " large.
- 2c. " " " " " " '1897 y 1898.'
- 5c. " " " " " " " "

GAMBIA.—The new stamps are of the Seychelles type and are as follows:—

- jd. green. 3d. red lilac.
- ld. carmine. 4d. brown.
- 2d. or. brown, value lilac. 6d. olive, value carmine.
- 2jd. ultramarine. 1/- lilac " green.

HONG KONG.—The old 96c. has been overprinted '1 DOLLAR' according to the *D.B.Z.* This stamp was already used for the same purpose in 1885 probably it has now Chinese characters at the left as well as the '1 DOLLAR.'

1\$ in black on 96c. grey.

MAURITIUS.—The Jubilee stamp has appeared. It is large oblong with arms of the Colony in centre and dates '1837—1897.' At top is 'MAURITIUS POSTAGE,' at left 'DIAMOND,' and at right 'JUBILEE' with value in words at bottom. The watermark and crown CA sideways and the perf. 14.

36c. yellow brown and blue.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new set are certainly very handsome. They are engraved and printed by Messrs. Waterlow who, we believe, have sent the plates out to the Colony, so that we shall probably have in the future two sets, London and Colonial prints.

- jd. slate purple—Mount Cook.
- ld. brown and blue—Views on Lake Taupo and Volcanic Mountains.

- 2d. lake—A Sound on the S.W. Coast.
- 2jd. pale blue—Lake Wakatipu and Mount Earnshaw.

- 3d. bistre—Sacred Huia Birds.
- 4d. rose—Views of the Pink and White Terraces.
- 5d. red brown—Otira Gorge and Volcano Ruapehu.
- 6d. green—Apteri Bird.
- 8d. deep blue—Maori War Canoe.
- 9d. purple—Pink and White Terraces.
- 1/- deep orange—Kakas (Wild Parrots).
- 2/- blue green—Entrance to Milford Sound.
- 5/- vermilion—Mount Cook.

PERSIA.—We have seen some of the high values of the new set which are similar to the 1k. with head of the new Shah.

- 2k. rose.
- 3k yellow.
- 4k. grey.
- 5k. green.
- 10k. orange.
- 50k. mauve.

PORTUGAL.—We have received sets of the Vasco da Gama stamps issued on April 4th. The stamps are very handsome and were apparently printed by Messrs. Waterlow. There are the following sets with value in reis:—

Portugal, Africa, Azores, Madeira.

With value in Avos. (5 reis = 1a.)

Macau and Timor.

With value in reis and tangas.

Portuguese Indies.

The set is as follows:—

- 2jr. (3a. or 1½ reis) green—Gama's Ship.
- 5r. (1a. or 4½ reis) red—Gama's fleet at Calicut.
- 10r. (2a. or 6 reis) violet—Embarkation at Luz.
- 25r. (5a. or 9 reis) green—Allegorical Figure.
- 50r. 10a. or 1 tanga) blue—Ship.
- 75r. (15a. or 2 tangas) purple brown—St. Michael (?).
- 100r. (20a. or 4 tangas) brown—Ship.
- 150r. (30a. or 8 tangas) yellow brown—Gama in Asia.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Perak. The following has been issued of the current type:—

25c. green and carmine.

TURKEY.—The Ottoman government are about to issue a set of stamps for use in the parts of Thessaly occupied by its troops. The stamps will be octagonal with suitable inscriptions and five in number: 10 and 20 paras, 1, 2 and 5 piastres. The colours are not announced.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—A new postcard has been issued.

1c. green on salmon.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—The new postcards have appeared. They have stamps of the 1896 type and are inscribed RHODESIA.

1d. blue on white, 122×75 mm.

1+1d. red on white, 140×88 mm.

1jd. brown yellow, 140×88 mm.

CANADA.—A new letter card is announced.

1c. black on blue, 140×90 mm.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

EARLY HALFPENNY WRAPPERS.

WHO shall decide when catalogues disagree? Well, when catalogues do so, it shows that one or both of them don't know: so the matter in dispute must be sifted by the collector for himself. I am now trying to sift whether the 1/10,70

wrapper exists in more than one official size. Gibbons gives the size as 12×5in. Morley says nothing about size for the dated wrapper, and does not describe any later ones as being longer than 12in.; but Gibbons again mentions an undated, size 14×5in. issued in 1871. Now what has set me wondering is this,—that I have discovered that all the 1/10/70 wrappers in my possession measure 14×5in. I am therefore in doubt whether any dated ones were issued only 12 inches in length.

On another point regarding the dated wrapper, the two lists do agree, and that is, that all the 1/10/70 wrappers had the top or gummed end *square*. But it is doubtful if even this united testimony is unquestionable, as I once found a dozen specimens with *tapered ends*, on similar paper to the usual dated wrappers, and also measuring 14×5in. These had a tress impressed in green at upper end, inscribed "S. BEWLEY AND Co., DAME STREET, DUBLIN," and the stamp was of a paler and more bluish tint than the full grass-green of the first issue. I think these were probably of a private nature, possibly issued some time after 1870, and that perhaps the dated stamp was therefore employed for them in distinction from the regular issue, which had ceased to bear the date. Can anyone help me decide as to the official sizes of the dated wrappers, and also to fix the status of the supposed private issue for Messrs. Bewley?

CURRENT EMBOSSED STAMPS.

All those stamps above 1d. which formerly bore the date of stamping are now issued with the date-holes filled by florets of 9 dots,—except, of course, the 6d., the die for which has been re-engraved without the date-holes. The 1½d. and 4d. are not known at all with 5 dot florets; the 2d. was only issued with them to a very small extent, while the 2 d., 3d., and 1/- values, which had 5 dot florets during 1894-5 printings, have invariably shown 9 dots since those years. The 6d. appears to be the first value in which florets were introduced, as telegraph forms bearing stamps with 9 dot florets were printed in October, 1893, whereas the other values bore dates until early part of 1894. There is, however, this possibility, that the date of printing of the forms may have been some months in advance of that of stamping. What is the latest date known on the 6d. stamp?

FLAPS OF EARLY 1D. ENVELOPES.

In the current number of the *Monthly Journal* the first article under "Notes and Queries,"—presumably from the able pen of Major E. B. Evans—is entitled "STAMPED ENVELOPES," and refers to the question raised in these columns in September and November last. I am very glad to find that the editor of the *M.J.*, whom I know to be an expert in early postal stationery, fully concurs in my theory that the flaps should be opened out and viewed from the same side of the paper as the stamp. When Messrs. Gibbons

set to work to re-write Part III. for their 12th catalogue it is to be hoped that Major Evans may have a finger in the pie. His three following articles under the same heading are also devoted to English subjects, treating respectively of silk-threads in early envelopes, registration envelope stamps, and railway letter-fee stamps.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

WHAT, ho! Messieurs of the Stamp Exchange Protection Society! get to your guns! Ye merry Exchange Club Secretaries, gird up your loins! Heygate step in where Wickharts fear to tread. What, ho! the merry little libels and the fat in the fire generally!!! They are a bad lot these exchange secretaries. Almost as bad as philatelic journalists, but not such asses as the latter can prove themselves to be upon occasion. Give it them hot, Heygate, they deserve it all! Make the echoes of your fulminations ring around classic Rushden and, for the sake of my encouragement, drop me a postcard and say where Rushden is and I will come and see you if not too far for a bicycle journey.

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Oh, if we had but a man with some go about him upon the staff of this effete and out-of-date old rag! What fun we would have! Fancy the people who would be coming up with bricks and bludgeons thirsting for the boss's blood, and then the merry little days in the courts to see that respected old gentleman sweating under a cross-examination. Oh, if some such enterprising contributor could only be induced to come over to us what a merry life we should lead! Heygate, old boy, here's good luck to you! Give it to them hot and receive as a recompense a poor Postman's blessing!

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The *Southport Guardian* has a lengthy account of an interview with Mr. J. H. Johnson, the stamp dealer of that pleasant watering place, and among other things says Mr. Johnson: "I think the best lot I ever had was a consignment of about 3,000 Cape of Good Hope, the old three-cornered stamps. In that lot there were 30 or 40 printed from the wood blocks and consequently rather scarce. I sold the "1d. red" for 8s. 6d., and the "4d. blue" for 7s. 6d. That was about twelve years ago, and now those stamps sell for £4 each and more." Mr. Johnson also commits himself to the statement that there are twenty English journals and publications relating to stamps and in the United States at least three dozen. Ah, well, perhaps there are—perhaps one or two over.

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The Publishers have been commissioned by Messrs. Butler Bros. to distribute two thousand circulars

relating to their well-known albums—the which has been done. There can be no doubt as to the deserved popularity of the "Excelsior" album, and everyone who uses it has borne testimony to its worth. For many years it has been before the philatelic public and has been improved and added to until now it is suited to the requirements of every collector from the beginner who buys the 1/- album to the advanced collector who purchases the 70/- "Excelsior" interchangeable.

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A well-known Birmingham dealer some ten days ago received a letter from a member of the L.P.S. in which the said gentleman remarked that he had already made upwards of £3,500 profit on his collection. The correspondence in question was about the purchase of some stamps which the amateur could not see his way to purchase unless, in his own words, he could see his way to making a good profit. Ah! these pure members of the London Philatelic Society who will not be contaminated by the companionship of a dealer and yet make their hundreds and their thousands a year by collecting for sale when the prices have been forced up sufficiently high!

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Mr. Ewen is selling mint state blocks of 1d. red plate numbers at a trifle under catalogue price as behold:—Lot 356, cat. 22/6 for 7/6; lot 357, cat. 36/- for 12/-; lot 359, cat. 72/- for 22/6; lot 360, cat. 12/- for 5/-. and so on. Catalogue prices, in the vulgar but expressive words of the poet, are "copping-out some."

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Mr. Monteith has sent us specimens of the eighth edition of his excellent approval sheets—now universally adopted or else imitated by retail approval sheet dealers—and also of the second edition of his less known but equally good approval books ruled and made a convenient size to go in an ordinary envelope. The firm has been obliged to move to larger and more convenient offices, and the new address is 14, Chester Green Road, Derby.

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Messrs. Fisher, Tittle and Co. have left Reading and once more returned to their old address, 6, Sydney Buildings, Bath. . . . Edward Cooper and Co. have issued a wholesale and retail list of stamps at greatly reduced prices. It would not be a waste if one sent a postcard to the firm at 14, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N., and asked for one of these lists.

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Of the Iceland Provisional 3 Aur. on 5 Aur. 14,600 have been issued in two printings, 8,000 with red 3 and black *prir* (three) 6,000 with black *prir* only. On each sheet 60 stamps have the word *prir* in large type and 40 stamps in small type.

AUCTION REPORT.

THE GLASGOW AUCTION MART.—The following are some of the prices realised at Robert S. Gray's 10th and 11th Sale, Thursday and Friday, 14th and 15th April, 1898:—

	£	s.	d.
Barbados, 5/- rose	1	12	0
British Central Africa, no wmk., £1, superb	2	0	0
British East Africa, 1 anna on 2d. green ..	2	2	0
Ditto, surcharged on Coy's 4 rupees, used on piece	1	10	0
Ditto ditto, 5 rupees green	2	1	0
Ceylon, star, 2/- blue, very fine	2	3	0
Ditto, no wmk., perf. 13, 6d. brown, unused, mint	1	17	6
Ditto, CC, 12½, 2d. emerald, unused, mint	1	5	0
Ditto, ditto, 5d. yellow green, unused, mint, pair	1	11	0
Ditto, ditto, 8d. brown, unused, mint, pair	1	0	0
Cyprus, 6d. grey, plate 16	1	0	0
Great Britain, 1d. black, brilliant green postmark, used on piece	1	1	0
Ditto, 1d. black, green Maltese cross, cancellation on piece	1	4	0
Ditto, 1841, 1d. red, ditto, ditto, ditto ..	1	4	0
Ditto, 2/- brown, probably unused	1	6	0
Ditto, 2/- red brown, very fine	2	5	0
Ditto, 10/- grey, anchor on white	1	17	6
Ditto, £1 brown, lilac cross	1	17	6
Ditto, £1 ditto, lilac anchor on white ..	3	0	0
Ditto, £4 orange, very fine	2	4	0
Ditto, I.R. official, 5/- rose	1	17	6
Ditto, ditto, 10/- blue	2	3	0
Ditto, ditto, £1 green	3	4	0
Ditto, Army Telegraphs, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 6d., unused, mint	1	10	0
Hanover, 10 groschen, green, unused ..	2	7	6
Ionian Islands, 1d. blue, used on entire original	1	15	0
Mauritius, no wmk., 1/- buff, unused, mint	1	0	0
Montserrat, CA, 2½d. brown, unused, mint	1	0	0
Scinde-Dawk, ¼ anna, scarlet, on part orig.	1	10	0
Trinidad, CC, 12½, 1/- red lilac, unused, mint	1	6	0
Wurtemberg, 1st issue, 18kr., unused, with gum	2	10	0

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1866).

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

The April packets are very good. December accounts are paid and sheets returned, and January ones will be sent out shortly. The following new

members are proposed:—H. Bax (Weybridge), W. A. Souter (Gateshead), S. J. Hopkins (Birmingham), R. J. Hassum (India).

Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until July, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensable. The subscription is 2/- per annum, but as the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrear it is practically reduced to 6d. per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt monthly settlements both sides. Rules, &c., from the Secretary.

Mr. Thomas Eaton, Manchester, writes me as follows:—"I notice some dirty remarks in *Stamps* about the Midland Counties Exchange Club. I beg to state that while I have been a member, I have been treated in a very fair and straightforward manner and all settlements have been paid to me in a very prompt manner." The "dirty remarks" referred to question the truth of the report published in February's *Chronicle* to the effect that the October accounts were paid out upon the date of publication, February 26th. For the benefit of all whom it may concern—and Mr. Heygate is not one of these—I would repeat that the October accounts were all paid by February 19th and the November ones by March 30th. I am advised that the remarks constitute a libel in law, but as the party in question is not worth powder and shot I do not propose taking any legal action. One remark begins, "If the October credit accounts had been paid on February 26th, &c." Mr. Heygate, of Rushden, must be careful in future and not rely upon "ifs." "If" someone informed me that Mr. Heygate was the silliest young ass in England it would not necessarily be correct—although, truth to tell, I should not feel justified in attempting to alter my informant's opinion. I do not propose to pay any further attention to Mr. Heygate, but shall be glad to hear the opinion of any members. Also I should be glad to know the name of the member who supplies Mr. Heygate with his information as Mr. Heygate himself, does not seem anxious to give it.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—At a meeting held on the 7th inst., the President being in the chair, the following resolution was passed unanimously, viz., "That the thanks of the Society be given to Messrs. H. L'Estrange Ewen, Walter Morley, S. A. Wood, and Nunn, Graves and Co., for the publications sent by them for the use of the society's library." The Hon. Librarian will be glad to receive any additions from philatelic authors and publishers.

SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE.—October packets same back from circulation on the 1st inst., sheets

were returned and accounts were submitted with the least possible delay. Sales were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
October A.A. Packets	107	9	2
" A.B. "	89	14	11
" B.A. "	41	2	7
" E.B. "	39	3	4
Supplementary rounds of A.A. and A.B. Packets	51	12	9

Two of the best November packets are being circulated among a certain number of non-contributing buying members, and are expected back very shortly. On March 25th, 213 sheets valued in the aggregate at £2,399 1s. 10d. were made up into four packets and despatched on their rounds. Perfect specimens of rare and obsolete stamps (such as imperf. Gambias and pence Gibraltors) were obtainable at much (in many cases at 50%) below catalogue prices, and good sales are expected. The very common varieties and defective copies are, however, in but little demand. Non-contributors who desire to see packets are reminded to notify the secretary, who will see their names duly inserted on the lists. Packets are now sent out absolutely intact to ensure that all bargains will go to members. Foreign philatelists are invited to send sheets, and arrangements will be made for them to receive equivalents for stamps taken in cash or exchange as may be preferred. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

BRITISH AFRICAN STAMP EXCHANGE.—This club continues to make good progress, but both as regards members and quality of packets. The April packet contained sheets, value £35 13s. 4d. NETT (not 50% discount), including many fine stamps at low prices. Two members in South Africa contribute very good sheets. The February packet returned March 9th, and all accounts were settled by the 11th. The features of this club are: nett prices, prompt settlements, and Secretary does not take "first pick" from packets, each member seeing them first in turn. Charles J. Endle, Secretary, Kingsburgh Cottage, Boscombe, Hants.

S.W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The increase this month is the greatest the above society has to record. The list numbers now nearly 100 members, the sheets sent are an increase of only seven, while the amount shows an increase of nearly £360. Some fine and rare stamps are offered, including old mint state Colonials. The British and Europeans were also in abundance, in fact the packet all through is the best yet circulated. The position of the above society, as "Cock 'o the North," is now assured. Collectors seeking a good and high-class medium for acquiring and exchanging all "sorts and conditions" of stamps are requested to apply for rules, &c., to the Secretary, Wm. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S., 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

By R. HOLLICK, *Vice-President of the Birmingham Philatelic Society.*

BECHUANALAND.

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

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

NOTE.—Varieties of the above may be found with P. instead of B., and with one or more letters of overprint omitted, all due to defective printing. A specimen of the penny on Cr. C.A. paper exists in the collection of J. E. Sparrow, Esq.

1887 issue, the halfpenny on English, the others made by overprinting "British Bechuanaland Postage and Revenue" in black on the unappropriated die stamps.

Crown,	1d.	red	0 2	0 6
Orb.,	1d.	lilac	0 6	0 4
"	2d.	"	0 8	0 6
"	3d.	"	0 8	2 0
"	4d.	"	1 6	0 9
"	6d.	"	4 6	0 6
V.R.,	1/-	green	3 6	1 6
"	2/-	"	4 6	5 0
"	2/6	"	5 6	5 6
"	5/-	"	10 0	7 6
"	10/-	"	18 0	18 0
"	£1	lilac (penmarked 15/-)	40 0	40 0
"	£5	" (" 17/-)	145 0	140 0

NOTE.—The 3d. and 1/- values were re-issued in 1896 in a deeper shade but only in limited quantities.

1888 issues, being similar stamps to the 1887 issue but additional overprint,

Orb.,	2d.	overprinted in green '2d.'	200 0	200 0
"	4d.	" red '4d.'	6 6	6 6
"	6d.	" black '6d.'	2 0	2 6
V.R.,	1/-	" '1/-'	5 6	3 6
Orb.,	1d.	'Protectorate' & '1d.' in black	0 4	1 6
"	2d.	" '2d.' "	4 0	5 6
"	3d.	" '3d.' "	18 6	20 0
"	4d.	" '4d.' "	27 0	30 0
"	4d.	" '4d.' in red	5 0	7 6
"	6d.	" '6d.' in black	2 6	3 6

Crown,	1/2d.	'Protectorate' only	0 4	1 0
V.R.,	1/-	" "	7 0	8 0
"	2/-	" "	60 0	60 0
"	2/6	" "	70 0	70 0
"	5/-	" "	100 0	100 0
"	10/-	" "	125 0	125 0
Crown,	1/2d.	" in larger type	45 0	50 0
"	1/2d.	with double imprint	50 0	65 0
Orb.,	1/2d.	the 1887 threepence overprinted 'One Half-Penny' in three lines	23 0	25 0

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

1889 Provisional issues.

Anchor,	1/2d.	the blk., Cape stamp overprinted in green "British—Bechuanaland" in two lines	0 3	1 6
"	1/2d.	the blk., Cape stamp overprinted in green, "Bechuanaland—Protectorate" in two lines	0 3	1 6
Crown,	4d.	the 1888 Protectorate 1/2d. with additional black overprint "Fourpence"	1 0	2 6

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

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

Anchor,	1d.	carmine. black overprint reading upwards	0 9	2 6
"	2d.	ochre, black overprint reading upwards	0 10	2 6

1891-1894 issue, being English stamps overprinted in black capitals "BRITISH—BECHUANALAND" in two lines.

Crown,	1d.	lilac	0 2	0 3
"	2d.	green and carmine	0 5	0 3
"	4d.	green and brown	0 8	1 6
"	6d.	brown and red	1 0	1 6
"	1/-	green	2 9	3 6

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

Anchor,	1d.	carmine, black overprint	0 8	1 9
"	2d.	ochre	0 6	1 9

NOTE.—In this and the 1891 issue there is a variety without dots to the two "i's" of "British" on each of the values, the variety always occurs in the same position in the sheets, viz.: the next stamp to the one under the plate number (3).

1897 current green 1/2d. Cape of Good Hope overprinted "British—Bechuanaland" in black.

Anchor,	1/2d.	green	0 2	—
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NOTE.—There are two settings of the overprint.

1897, English stamps overprinted in black,
"Bechuanaland—Protectorate."

½d. vermilion .. .. .	.. .. .	0 1	—
1d. lilac .. .. .	.. .. .	0 2	—
2d. green and red .. .. .	.. .. .	0 4	—
4d. green and brown .. .. .	.. .. .	0 7	—
6d. purple on red .. .. .	.. .. .	0 10	—

[The present marked 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].

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

BRITISH GUIANA 2c. ORANGE, 1860.—This stamp is so well imitated, that the forgery can be found in the stocks of many a dealer and even in the collection of good and advanced collectors. When the stamps have a good margin the forgeries can always be detected by the lines separating the stamps, which do not exist in the originals. In the forgeries the ship appears to be larger, the small sail on the right hand side has partly disappeared, the sea is too rough and the wind fills the sails too much. The letters in the inscriptions are too thick, especially the G in Guiana, and the letters of the value are too thin, also taller than in the originals. When obliterated it generally is (A O 3), but the cancellation is too narrow. The perforation is smaller.

URUGUAY.—Some very dangerous counterfeits of the values of 100, 120 and 240 centesimos of the 1859 issue of Uruguay have recently been circulated. The principal distinguishing marks from the originals are the following:—100c.—The stroke after "CORREO" to the right is hardly visible, and the word "CORREO" is slightly larger than in the originals. The colour of the counterfeit is too brown, and there is a perceptible difference in the position of the rays. This is the most dangerous counterfeit of the three. 120 and 240c.—The colours of these counterfeits are quite different from the originals. The blue is too much of an ultramarine tint, and the red too much of an orange. The distance between the first "C" of the "CORREO" at the left and the outer line above the word Montevideo is fifteen millimeters on the counterfeits, while on the originals it never exceeds 14½, but is usually nearer 14½ mm. There is also a slight difference in measurement on the right side, but not so pronounced. In both these values the upper and lower lines of the "E" of "CORREO" are formed of two curved lines above and below, which in the original are perfectly straight.

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nomination in all cases being printed in English which they are unable to understand. It has, therefore, been decided to alter the new stamps by removing the maple leaves from the lower corners and inserting large numerals of value in their place. The space occupied by the head will also be somewhat enlarged and the value will be placed on a straight band below. As soon as this information is out there will doubtless be a great rush to secure stocks before the current set becomes obsolete.—*Metropolitan Philatelist*.

CHINA.—Messrs. Turner & Co., Haddington, have sent us the 10c. of the new issue. The stamp is of a deep green colour with the dragon in a circular frame.

10c. dark green, perf. 11½.

EGYPT.—Our Egyptian agents, Messrs. Meleka, of Cairo, send us the provisional unpaid stamp issued the 26th of April, to be used on unpaid letters despatched from the expedition now in the Soudan. The surcharge in Arabic and ordinary type is printed across the stamp in a slanting direction.

3 millimemes on 2 piastres, orange.

HONG KONG.—Messrs. Turner & Co. have sent us the new provisional formed by surcharging the 30 cents current stamp with 10 CENTS in two lines in black.

10c. on 30c. pale green.

JAPAN.—The colours of the 5 rin to 5 sen were to be changed this month in conformity with the Universal Postal Union scheme of colours.

UNITED STATES.—The new 5c. has come to hand in a handsome blue shade.

URUGUAY.—Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., calls our attention to the changed colours of the Uruguay stamps. So far the following have come under Mr. Johnson's notice.

1c. deep blue.	2c. marone.
7c. orange vermilion	20c. black.

POSTCARDS, &c.

JAPAN.—Messrs. Turner & Co., of Haddington, informs us that a new card was issued 1st March for use between Japan and Postal Union Countries.

4 sen. brown on buff.
4+4 " " " (reply).

CANADA.—The new three cent. envelope has appeared, its colour being a dull red. The Queen's head is embossed in white with a red background,

above which is the legend "Canada Postage" and below the value "Three Cents." We are indebted to Mr. R. S. Mason for the above early information.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

ANOTHER big issue in a month. Pity the troubles of yours truly. These big issues are a great nuisance, but the boss won't abandon them—he does all right out of them and so do the advertisers, I expect, from the way they come up smiling every time. I come in for a lot of extra work and I do not—emphatically do not—like them. They are gradually but surely bringing my grey hairs to the usual method of quoting. Thank goodness, the one in a month's time is the last until October, and for this relief—much thanks!

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This reminds me that *The Advertiser* is only published once a month from now till October. Last year a lot of people were worrying us because they did not receive their copy about the 5th of the month. You can all see the dates of publishing announced on the first, second and tenth pages of *The Advertiser* and you will find that the next four issues are June 18th (the big issue), July 16th, August 27th and September 17th. Please take notice of these dates and save me, a poor overworked old postman, a bit of trouble.

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Master and Miss Postman are very much obliged to Messrs. Alfred Smith and Son for number 1 and 2 of their Mercury series packets. These packets are only 4/- each, and they contain 350 different stamps, all clean, perfect copies and all different. As the packets are made up from a certain number of countries in alphabetical order it is obvious that they cannot be, as many packets are, the commonest stamps from all quarters of the globe. As a matter of fact they are excellent value, and No. 1 is a good nucleus for a collection ranging from Antigua to Guatemala, while No. 2 covers Honduras to Wurtemberg.

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The Hon. Librarian of the Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society wants me to beg some philatelic literature, old or current, for his young but rising society. I am not a good beggar, but there may be some of my readers who have, or can get, the articles in question, and I am sure Mr. T. C. Cartwright will be delighted to hear from them. His address is, 17, York Crescent Road, Clifton, Bristol.

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The Post Office collection at Berlin has received lately a very valuable addition. Renewing an old

letter box at the Post Office of Oldenburg a large number of letters posted early in the fifties were found: these no doubt has slipped through owing to some deficiency in the construction and had lain there concealed ever since. Some of the senders as well as the addressees had since died, and such envelopes with nearly all the stamps in splendid preservation were handed over to the authorities in Berlin, and have found a resting place in the official collection there.

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The last row on some sheets of the current 15c. of France has been found not perforated.

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Mr. Johnson, the energetic secretary of the Birmingham Society, tells me that some enterprising Heathen Chinese or Japanese is putting upon the market sets of old Japanese stamps—60 is the number I think—at a cheap rate. A lot have been sold in England and the buyers have been endeavouring to re-sell. Unfortunately, three quarters or more are forgeries—out-and-out forgeries—so I warn my readers to fight shy of them at any price.

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Fiscal stamps are looking up considerably. Some journals have taken them up quite seriously. For instance, Mr. Pearce has been, for some time, contributing valuable articles on these to the columns of *Stamps*. The latest information is from Mr. Walter Morley, who informs me that he is about to issue a series of albums for fiscal stamps. The first will be for British Colonies—Antigua to India—and this is in the printer's hands now. If any of the readers of the *Philatelic Chronicle* can supply the editor with useful notes on these interesting stamps he will, no doubt, be pleased to devote some space to their use.

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The *Weekly Philatelic Era* is rapidly becoming one of the foremost American papers. The issue for April 16th is a large-sized 16-page paper, full of interesting news, items and advertisements. The *Era* has undoubtedly the most advertising support of all the papers in the States, and it undoubtedly deserves the same.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

ITALIAN STATES.—One of our friends has shown us a letter from Bordighera, containing four original envelopes with stamps of Parma and Sicily. The following passage occurs in the letter, and is one of the conditions:—"I do not guarantee the authenticity of any stamp not being an expert," and well he might

not, as every one is a forgery, not one of the following 12 stamps being genuine:—

Parma: Bright No. 6, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 16.

Sicily: " " 18, 25 and 27.

All are nicely cancelled and in our opinion the obliterations are better executed than the stamps themselves. The only genuine thing about the lot is the letter paper (outside sheets of old letters) which is undoubtedly old and original. We warn all our readers to have any dealings with this *philatelist*.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.—Provisional, 1891, surcharged in manuscript and initialed A.B. 1a. on 4a. brown. I have recently had offered me from Bombay several of these stamps, which are fraudulent. The surcharge is genuine, but the stamps have been used fiscally, in the usual manner. This has been partly cleaned, and they have been neatly obliterated with the proper postmark, Mombasa, 1891. We are indebted to Mr. W. T. Wilson for this warning.

SWITZERLAND.—An enterprising firm of Geneva lithographers who had done an excellent business in counterfeiting Cantonal postage stamps of Switzerland, had some time ago taken out a copyright for their imitations of these stamps. This was considered too audacious, even by the easy going Swiss philatelists, and steps were taken to prohibit this nefarious business. After long and weary debates, Swiss lawmakers have at last decided to withdraw the copyright from the said firm.

SPAIN, 1874. 1, 4 AND 10 PESETAS.—Some very good forgeries of these three stamps have lately been offered, used as well as unused. One original seems to have been made, as the figures of values have been put in afterwards. The principal tests are as follows:—The line over the N in Espana is too short. The figures of value are not even. The right foot shows all the toes. The back of the chair ends in two points, one lower than the other. The sword is too long. The 7 in 1874 is too large. The paper is much thicker, and the perforation irregular.

NEWFOUNDLAND REPRINTS AND FORGERIES.

ON the subject of Newfoundland reprints and re-issues it may not be amiss to say a word concerning the ten cent stamp. The stamp of this type in the sets which the Government has placed on sale are of a dull shade different to the original, and there is also a difference in the gum.

The difference is much more marked than that between the two half cent blacks, and it is quite

possible that the stamp in question is a later and distinct printing of the 10c.

My readers must bear in mind that these notes are simply comments based on the information obtained from correspondents and study of the stamps themselves. We hope to secure before long some official facts and figures concerning the stamps commented upon in these notes. Two statements we offer as being officially correct, viz., that the 1c., 1c., and 2c. and no others were reprinted last November: and that 1894 not 1896 is the date of issue of the set of five re-issues.

News comes from Newfoundland of a quickly detected attempt to counterfeit the much-talked-of provisional and arrest of the counterfeiters. Under date of March 2nd, Mr. N. Ohman of St. Johns, says that the arrests were made upon his complaint to the Postmaster General. A St. Johns paper says the attempted counterfeiting of the stamps and subsequent arrests have created great excitement in the city. The alleged counterfeiters are four young men of good family and have retained counsel to defend them in the case which the Government is pressing.

The paper further states that two of the youths will probably make a confession. Mr. Jones, of the Excelsior Stamp Co., has received a letter from a correspondent in St. John who gives some additional information concerning the counterfeiting of the surcharges, all of which were of type III. A boy, he states, offered a dealer 13 (unlucky number, in this case as any other would have been) and told him he would get him 30 more. This was enough to arouse suspicion in itself, and as almost always proves the case there were decided differences between the counterfeits and the originals. In the first place, the writer states, that the brown shade of the 3c. was used instead of the correct colour; and there was a difference of two millimeters in the space between the lower bar and the line of type forming the new value. The ink used was also of a dull greyish black instead of a glossy black.

THE GRECIAN STAMPS, FIRST TYPE.

By W. J. W. MILLER.

[Being a paper read before the Plymouth Philatelic Society by the Hon. Sec., Mr. W. J. W. Miller, on October 21st, 1896.]

THE early or French design of the Grecian stamps (i.e., up to the beginning of 1862) consisted of five general issues and several minor ones. These five issues were:—1st, the Paris issue; 2nd, the

first Athens issue; 3rd, the second Athens issue; 4th, the 1876 issue; and fifth the 1879 issue. The stamps of the two latter issues could always be easily distinguished from the others as they were printed on toned paper, whilst the stamps of the first three issues were printed on variously tinted papers. These latter could also be distinguished from one another partly by the colour, but chiefly by the printing of the stamp and the shading on the cheek of Hermes, whose profile formed the centre of the design. The Paris prints could also be easily separated from the Athens prints in the 5, 10, 20, 40 and 80 lepta values as the latter prints, with the exception of the 1 lepton and 2 lepta had numerals, 6½ mm. high, on the back of each stamp, whilst, with the exception of the 10 lepta which had numerals 8 mm. high, the Paris prints had no figures on the back at all. In the same way the 1876 issue on toned paper might be distinguished from the 1879 issue, as the former (again excepting the 1 lepton) had figures of value on the back whilst the latter had not. The Paris prints were first printed in Paris in October, 1861, from electrotypes taken from a die engraved by M. Barré. They consisted of the 1 lepton and 2, 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80 lepta values, and the shading lines were very finely executed, giving the cheek of Hermes a beautifully rounded appearance. The shading lines on a level with the ear were composed of dots only, whilst those lower down end in dots. As regards the first Athens prints I have always seen it stated that they were printed from the same electrotypes as the Paris prints, retouched; but as the same writers afterwards chronicled the 20 lepta pale blue from the worn Paris plate, this seemed to me an absurdity. I am of opinion that there were two sets of clichés taken from the original die—one for the Paris and one for the first Athens prints. If such were the case it might then be asked how it was that the shading lines on the cheek of Hermes were drawn right through in the first Athens prints and consisted largely of dots in the Paris prints. This, I may say, might be explained in two ways. First, it was possible that the original die became worn after seven electrotypes had been taken from it for the Paris prints and that the die was then re-engraved; or, secondly, it might have been that the original die was similar to the first Athens prints and that the electrotypes for the Paris prints were themselves touched up with a graver to make the shading finer. I am inclined to think the latter suggestion was the correct one as I found a great variation in the shading lines of some of the Paris prints. The first Athens issue was printed during 1862 and consisted of the same values as the Paris prints. There were 2 distinct shades of colour in the 20 lepta, but in the other values the colour varied very little. The 80 lepta was to be found with vermilion numerals on the back. The shading on the face was composed of lines only, all dots being absent.

They were finely printed and the shading lines did not run one into the other as in the second Athens print. I presume that the Greeks, fearing their first Athens plates would wear out, had electrotypes made from them, and that it was from these new electrotypes that the second Athens stamps were printed. The values of the second Athens stamps were the same as those of the two previous issues, only there were several varieties of each value. Of the 1 lepton there was a peculiar variety with short shading lines on the face, and of the 20 lepta there was the pale blue stamp printed from the worn Paris plate. With the exception of a variety of the 1 lepton the stamps of this issue were very coarsely printed and sometimes the shading lines ran into one another to such an extent as to form an unbroken patch of colour on the cheek of Hermes. Stamps of this issue are sometimes found with errors in the figures on the back. The 1876 issue was printed on toned paper with numerals at the back. There were six values, the 2 lepta having been omitted. Two new values, the 30 and 60 lepta, were added in this year. They were first printed in Paris and afterwards at Athens. The shading on the face of Hermes in the former was the same as that of the old Paris prints. Towards the end of 1876 (not 1877 as sometimes stated) the 20 lepta was printed in indigo on dark blue paper and in 1878 the 10 lepta was issued in orange-red without numerals on the back. The 10 lepta was also known on buff paper; and the 5, 10, and 20 lepta were found with errors of the figures on the back. The 1879 issue consisted of the 1, 5, 10, 20, and 40 lepta values. The 1 lepton was on yellow-buff and the others were on toned paper. The 5 lepta was also printed on yellow paper. In 1881 the 1 lepton and 2 lepta were issued on toned paper. The former was almost identical with the 1 lepton of 1876, though the latter was somewhat more heavily printed and the colour was slightly deeper. I found, however, that the easiest way to distinguish used specimens was by the postmark, which in the 1876 issue had an inner as well as an outer circle, whereas in the 1881 issue the inner circle was almost always absent. In 1882 the colours of the 20 and 30 lepta were changed; the former being printed in carmine and rose-pink and the latter in pale and deep blue.

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4 " " " on 5d. lilac and blue ..	25 0	30 0

1890, permanent type, perf. 14, wmk. Arms.

½ anna brown	0 2	1 0
1 " green ..	..	0 2	1 0
2 " red ..	..	0 2	1 0
4 " brown ..	..	0 4	1 0
8 " blue ..	..	0 6	2 6
1 rupee carmine ..	..	0 9	2 6
2 " brown red ..	..	1 9	4 6
3 " slate violet ..	..	2 9	6 0
4 " light blue ..	..	4 0	8 6
5 " sap green ..	..	5 0	10 6

NOTE.—The sheets were imperforate on the four outer margins, the corner stamps being imperforate on two sides. All but the 2, 3, 4 and 5 rupees are met with imperforate, and nearly all partially perforate—i.e., imperforate vertically or horizontally.

4 annas grey, imperforate only ..	75 0	75 0
8 " " perf. 14 ..	10 0	10 0
1 rupee " " ..	12 0	14 6

NOTE.—These three were intended for fiscal, but are available for postal purposes.

1891, same type.

2½ annas black on yellow ..	2 3	2 6
3 " " red ..	0 4	1 9
4½ " red lilac ..	0 5	2 0

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1891 provisionals overprinted with a hand stamp with new value.

½ anna on 2 annas	£10
1 " 1 annas ..	..	£15

With new value in Mms.

½ anna on 2 annas ..	..	£1
1 " 4 annas ..	..	£1

Each of these stamps was initialled in Mms. by Postmaster or Clerk.

1891 provisionals.

5 annas black overprint on 8 annas ..	10 0	17 6
7½ " " " " " 1 rupee ..	10 0	25 0

1891 permanent issue, perf. 14.

5 annas black and grey ..	0 9	1 6
7½ " " white ..	1 0	2 6

1895 provisional.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, written on 3 annas .. 20 0 20 0

1895 provisional issue, being stamps of preceding issues overprinted "British East Africa" in three lines.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, black overprint on brown ..	17	6	25	0
1 " " " on green ..	60	0	50	0
2 " " " red ..	70	0	55	0
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " blk. and yel ..	35	0	21	0
3 " " " brown and red ..	5	0	10	0
4 " " " brown ..	2	6	6	6
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " lilac ..	40	0	30	0
5 " " " black and green ..	50	0	40	0
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " " black ..	21	0	35	0
8 " " " blue ..	5	0	15	0
1 rupee " " carmine ..	6	6	12	6
2 " " " brown red ..	70	0	70	0
3 " " " slate violet ..	21	0	30	0
4 " " " bright blue ..	25	0	35	0
5 " " " sap green ..	80	0	45	0

1896 provisional.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ rupees red overprint on 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas
 black and lilac .. 50 0 10 0

NOTE.—The overprint being formed with crude apparatus, many misprints and double printings are met with.

1896 Indian Stamps overprinted in black, "British East Africa" in three lines.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna green ..	0	5	1	0
1 " plum ..	0	5	1	0
1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " brown ..	0	8	1	6
2 " blue ..	0	9	1	4
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " green ..	1	0	1	6
3 " orange ..	2	0	4	0
4 " olive green ..	1	3	1	6
6 " bistre ..	1	6	3	6
8 " pale mauve ..	5	0	5	0
8 " deep mauve ..	2	6	5	0
12 " brown and red ..	2	9	6	0
1 rupee slate ..	10	6	15	0
1 " green and red ..	10	6	25	0
2 " brown and red ..	7	6	15	0
3 " brown and green ..	10	6	22	6
5 " blue and violet ..	18	6	35	0

Provisional formed by overprinting 2 $\frac{1}{2}$
 in red on the 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas .. 12 6 10 0

NOTES.—The overprint on all the above stamps shows varieties of letters such as wide and narrow B. The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ is known with the 1 of fraction inverted. Forgeries of the 2, 3 and 5 rupees exist with overprint in smaller type.

1896 permanent issue for British East Africa Protectorate.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, yellow green ..	0	2	0	4
1 " carmine rose ..	0	3	0	6
2 " chocolate ..	0	5	0	9
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " deep blue ..	0	5	0	5
3 " grey ..	0	5	0	9
4 " dark green ..	0	6	1	0
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " orange ..	0	7	0	9
5 " bistre ..	0	9	1	3
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ " lilac ..	1	0	1	3
8 " stone ..	1	0	1	3
1 rupee, blue ..	3	0	4	0
2 " red ..	5	6	7	0
3 " violet ..	8	6	10	0
4 " carmine ..	11	0	12	6
5 " dark brown ..	21	0	22	6

1897 stamps of Zanzibar, overprinted British East Africa.

$\frac{1}{2}$ anna, green and red ..	20	0	20	0
1 " blue and red ..	10	0	20	0
2 " brown and red ..	12	0	15	0
4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " orange and red ..	15	0	15	0
5 " bistre and red ..	15	0	15	0
7 " purple and red ..	16	0	16	0

Two stamps of this issue, overprinted 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in red.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 3 annas ..	15	0	20	0
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 4 " ..	20	0	25	0

NOTE. The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 1 anna in red is probably bad.

1897, 1 rupee in brighter blue .. 1 6 10 0

1898 stamps as large as the rupee value of India, design unaltered, unused.

1 rupee, ultramarine ..	2	0	—
2 " orange ..	4	0	—
3 " violet ..	6	0	—
4 " carmine ..	8	0	—
5 " black brown ..	10	0	—
10 " yellow ..	20	0	—
20 " brown ..	40	0	—
50 " lilac ..	90	0	—

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First issue in English! The 1 anna on 2d. unused is the rarest. Second issue or Company's stamps! An immense quantity of remainders were in hand at the time the Imperial Government took over the administration. These were sold to a dealer. The anna values were in great preponderance with the exception of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas. The grey 4 and 8 annas and

1 rupee were not included. 1895 stamps of the Company, overprinted "British East Africa." The numbers overprinted are thus given by Postmaster Remington:—

4,980 ½ anna	..	1,900 8 annas
1,040 1 "	..	2,349 1 rupee
110 2 "	..	520 2 rupees
4,020 2½ "	..	719 3 "
2,290 3 "	..	868 4 "
3,240 4 "	..	568 5 "
3,780 4½ "	..	780 5 annas
1,140 7½ "	..	—

1896 Indian stamps overprinted British East Africa.

½ anna, 11,040	..	6 annas, 1,960
1 " 11,280	..	8 " 1,960
1½ annas 12,200	..	12 " 1,000
2 " 9,200	..	1 rupee, 3,200
2½ " 13,200	..	2 rupees 392
3 " 2,560	..	3 " 392
4 " 3,400	..	5 " 392

1896 permanent issue of Zanzibar, overprinted "British East Africa."

½ anna	..	1,500
1 "	4,200
2½ on 1 anna	..	3,000
2 annas	..	2,400
2½ on 3 annas	..	3,600
4½ annas	..	1,800
5 "	..	1,800
7½ "	..	1,800

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March 17th. Paper. Queensland. Mr. W. Pimm.

Miss Smallwood was unanimously elected a member.

Mr. Pimm then read his paper on the Stamps of Queensland, illustrating it by means of his own collection, which contained a fair number of almost every variety.

April 21st. Display. Roumania.

Dr. Hill Norris and Mr. R. Kost were unanimously elected members.

Heartv votes of thanks were given to the following for their donations to the Library: Messrs. H. L'Estrange Ewen (Edition de Luxe of his Standard Priced Catalogue of British Stamps and Postmarks); J. A. Margoschis (bound volume of the Junior Stamp Collector); D. J. Mencarini (Descriptive Catalogue of the Stamps of the Philippine Islands).

Owing to the only suitable room for the Exhibition being engaged till somewhat too late for holding same, it has been decided to postpone it till the Autumn when the Committee hope that all those who have so kindly offered exhibits will be able to renew those offers. Date and particulars will be announced in due course.

Messrs. Wilson, Pimm, Cooke and Johnson then showed the stamps of Roumania. Mr. Wilson's exhibit was especially fine, including the errors, used and unused, and all other varieties *unused* in a fine range of shade. The pairs, strips and blocks of the early issues on laid paper are worthy of special mention, as well as some of the varieties of perforation, etc., in the later issues, which are very difficult to obtain in mint condition.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

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

The A packet was the best sent out in April. Among other good stamps included in the packets this month were a grand copy 1d. Tasmania, first issue, 1d. and 2d. star wmk., 1d. and 2d., no watermark, and all the Tasmanian provisionals in pairs and blocks. The 2½d. British Columbia, blue Ionian on original, Natal, first issue, 3d., two or three copies, Great Britain, 4d., imperforate, several Sydney views, first issue New Zealand and unused English together with a nice lot of St. Vincent, Nevis and West Indian were also on the sheets. The May packets are much better than the April even. New members proposed are Geo. Barnard (India), P. Deverell (London), J. S. Allen (London), G. Nicholson (Fleetwood). The January sheets have been returned and all accounts paid for that month. Rules, &c., post free from the Secretary.

THE S. W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—February packet has been returned and sheets sent home, the sales this month being much above the

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Apart from the originality of these stamps they have also historical value which is unnecessary to specially point out. They are destined to be very much sought after as the number of sets is extremely limited. On the other hand to avoid speculation the Post Offices in Thessaly will not sell the stamps over the counter but the officials themselves will affix them to the LETTERS.

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GREAT BRITAIN.—Mr. T. C. Cartwright calls our attention to the fact that the current red $\frac{3}{4}$ d. has now a break in the marginal line by the sixth stamp down the left side.

GRENADA.—A new $\frac{2}{3}$ d. stamp to commemorate the discovery of the island by Columbus has been authorised.

HAYTI.—A new issue of postage stamps is now being engraved in the U.S. for Hayti, the values being the same as of old with the exception of \$1.00. They will all bear the picture of President T. Simon Lave. The 20 cents orange has been surcharged 2 cents; and also the 20 cent brown. This was done in order to use the sets up as quickly as possible to make way for the new issue. There were only 20,000 printed of the 20 cent brown and it will probably be a scarce stamp. The 7 cent stamp now comes unperforated horizontally.

MEXICO.—*Mexico's Weekly* has a block of the current 5c. stamps perf. 6 (watermarked eagle and R.M.). They are on sale at the Mexico City post office, and the other values are expected to appear with this perforation.

5 centavos, ultramarine, perf. 6.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We are informed by a St. John's correspondent that three additional values of the new set may be expected to appear any day. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c. bears the picture of young Prince Edward, eldest son of the Duke of York; the 3c. has portrait of Princess Victoria Mary of Teck, wife of the Duke of York, and the 5c. that of the Duke himself. The five stamps of this series thus show four generations of living royal personages.

NEW ZEALAND.—Mr. C. F. Winstanley, of Christchurch, sends us information about the new issue which is now on sale, and also a copy of the $\frac{2}{3}$ d. error with shilling WAKITIPU. All on sale in New Zealand are on unwatermarked paper and printed in London. Those issued in New Zealand are of different colours or more pronounced shades than the London edition. The 5d. is a red brown, London stamp is dark brown; the 4d. is pink; the $\frac{3}{4}$ d. is a different shade. It is stated that the $\frac{2}{3}$ d. and 5d. are being all bought up. The $\frac{2}{3}$ d. error is selling in Boston to-day for 50 cents. The New England Stamp Co. and the Colonial Stamp Co. were the first here to receive any of the New Zealand stamps. If the stamps in future are printed in New Zealand and should be on N.Z. watermarked paper, we may have

a great many varieties of a very handsome set of stamps.

ST. LUCIA.—Mr. C. J. Charles, of St. Lucia, sends us the new 2d. stamp (die 2) which was issued on May 9th owing to the postage to all foreign countries being reduced to 2d. The $\frac{2}{3}$ d. stamp is now obsolete.

2d. blue and yellow.

POSTCARDS, &c.

AZORES.—The Vasco de Gama cards are out for Portugal and all colonies. There are two values, 10 and 20r. The 10r. is for use in Spain and Portugal, and there are eight varieties with different views of buildings and scenery on front; the 20r. is for postal union use, and there are four varieties of this value.

Commemorative post cards.

10 reis, rose on gray (8 varieties).

20 " lilac on gray (4 varieties).

GIBRALTAR.—The 10c. card, black, has been surcharged for use in Morocco similarly to the adhesives.

PERSIA.—A new card with stamp bearing head of the new shah has been issued.

2 shahi, brown on buff.

Three wrappers with stamp of same type as the 1sh. have been issued. All are on brownish paper.

2 shahi, brown.

3 " violet.

6 " yellow.

TASMANIA.—Mr. H. Vaughan, of Hobart, has sent us two envelopes, one of the value 2d. and the other $\frac{2}{3}$ d., which was a special issue on January 1st, 1898. They were all sold out in a few days, the total issue being 1,676 of the 2d., and 1,672 of the $\frac{2}{3}$ d. The envelopes have six different views of Tasmanian scenery, but the stamps are of the usual design. They are most handsome envelopes, and are destined to be very scarce.

2d. green stamp.

$\frac{2}{3}$ d. mauve stamp.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

"A NATION of shopkeepers!" scornfully exclaimed the great Napoleon of the British.

A curious instance of the commercial mind triumphing over martial ardour and the glory of arms, comes to hand in the postscript to a letter recently received in Birmingham from a soldier now serving in the Nile expeditionary force. "Keep all the stamps on my letters," he advises, "they'll fetch a good price later on." Amid the clash of arms and all the excitements and dangers of Soudanese warfare, Tommy Atkins has an eye to future business with enthusiastic

philatelists. The man who remembers the value of a post-mark will not end his days in a workhouse, neglected by his countrymen.

With the exception of China, all the nations of the world have now become members of the Postal Union, and China has announced her intention to join the Union as soon as she is in a condition to resume the responsibilities of the association. This announcement was made at the second plenary session of the Universal Postal Congress in Washington. The representatives of China asked that the protocol be left open for her admission. The Korean delegates announced the agreement of their government to the general compact, to take effect at a date not later than January 1st, 1899, the time fixed for the convention, signed at the Congress, to go into effect.

In the Arctic regions the Russian mail routes are traversed by reindeer sledges, which fly over the crisp snow at the rate of seventy miles a day.

The premier English stamp firm—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons—have re-entered the arena as wholesale dealers, and have issued a wholesale list for June, which contains 28 pages and is full of the desirable lines which the firm can offer by reason of their huge stock. Dealers should all see this book and collectors should send for the prospectus of Stamps, Cards, Philatelic Publications, &c., of 34 pages, which forms their retail list, for there is no firm which has so varied an assortment of philatelic attributes as Stanley Gibbons, Limited.

“Of all the sad and gloomy words,
That mankind ever writ,
There really are few sadder ones
Than these two, ‘Please Remit!’”

Guess not! We think those sadder far:
(In misery let us groan)
When we get our thirteenth letter back
“Left town, address unknown!”

A postal card that required seventeen years to travel ninety-nine (99) miles breaks the record for slow delivery. It was posted in Leicester in June, 1881, and has just been received in London. The address was plainly written on the card, and no one knows where it has been all this time.

The following shows the opposite side of the medal. A letter was posted in a Norfolk village addressed to a lady who had just removed into apartments in Shaftesbury Road, Crouch Hill, N., but was worded “Sharsbery Road, Churchill, London,” the name and number only being correct. The letter was safely delivered the following day. It bore five postmarks showing that it reached Norwich at 7 p.m., on the

21st, and arrived in “London, SP 21.” Two of the postmarks cannot be distinctly read, and the other shows that it was at “Paddington W” at 7 a.m. SP 22.”

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

ROSE-RED PENNY, IMPERF.

In a recent exchange packet of English stamps I saw a remarkably fine unused block of six imperf. 1d. with stars in upper corners, very deep red, on white paper, full gum, and watermarked large crown. This block would be either from the sheets accidentally issued imperforate about 1857, or may possibly be from plate 66, from which in 1864 the 1d black “Royal reprint” was made. From Mr. H. Ewen’s catalogue I learn that a certain number of sheets were struck in rose-red as well as in black; that neither were perforated; and that the black and red are of equal rarity.

THE MODERN P.O. AND THE MULREADY.

It cannot be expected that the official memory carries itself back to 1840 with much of an eye to detail, hence it is that the present post office’s mode of dealing with anything so antiquated as a Mulready envelope, is a very uncertain quantity. A few days since, what purported to be a penny Mulready was sent to me for opinion. It was but an imitation of the real thing, passable as far as the front was concerned, though there were enough discrepancies in the design to indicate certain forgery, but not showing any attempt to imitate the “Dickinson” paper; neither was the oblong label with word POSTAGE on the back: it was simply a modern-made envelope of vellum-wove paper, but the curious thing was that it had done postal duty, having been used from Rotherhithe in 1887, and duly—or unduly—delivered, *untaxed*, at the place in Scotland to which it was addressed. Exactly the reverse of the foregoing is the experience of a Liverpool gentleman, who tells me he had addressed to him a genuine unused 2d. Mulready, and that the authorities surcharged him with “postage due” on delivery. I have not heard the end of the matter, but I should think the officials will have difficulty in justifying their action, which, of course, my friend requires them to do.

HALFPENNY PLATE 9.

This stamp—one of the most interesting of the plate-number varieties—has been in fair evidence lately on club sheets, and I have been so fortunate as to find one on part of the paper on which it was used, postmarked at Manchester as early as January 16th, 1872, which is 15 days earlier than the date of issue

given in Ewen's catalogue. It may or may not be the earliest date known: dated copies are very hard to find at all, and I should much like to know if an earlier one has been seen.

VACCINATION CERTIFICATES.

In the notes for June last I mentioned that I had found three of these stamps, showing a small "3" in white under the bust, and dated January 23rd, 24th, and February 29th respectively: (this latter should be valuable—certainly a *rare date*). Now, two other dates have turned up with the same feature—1.3.72 and 2.3.72. So the die with the numeral seems to have had two spells of use, of 2 and 3 days respectively. Have stamps of the five foregoing dates been seen without the tiny "3"? And is the latter known on any other dates than those mentioned?

I.B. OFFICIAL.

I have just found an unused copy of the 2½d. lilac which has a stop after "official" exactly like those after the I. and R. If genuine, as I think it is, this is hitherto unknown, and I am endeavouring to trace its source and history. I shall be glad to hear if anyone has found a similar feature on this or the other values with the above overprint.

APRIL NOTES.

Major E. B. Evans very kindly informs me in reply to the query last month anent the dates of the 6d. embossed stamps, that he has a telegraph form with 10.1.94, and that he believes the "florets" were first inserted in February, 1894. Also, with regard to the 1.10.70 wrapper, Major Evans only knows it in the 14×5in. size, and says that the catalogues are in error which quote a 12×5in. of this issue.

[Owing to delay in the post Mr. Webb's notes arrived too late for insertion in the May number.]

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

By R. HOLLICK, *Vice-President of the 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 £10 stamps being considerably larger than the lower values. Perf. 14.

	Unused.	Used.
	s. d.	s. d.
1d. black	0 3	0 6
6d. blue	1 5	2 0
6d. ultramarine ..	3 6	5 0

1/- brown	2 6	3 0
2/- red	4 0	5 6
2/6 lilac	5 0	6 6
5/- yellow	10 0	16 0
10/- green	19 0	25 0
£1 blue	35 0	30 0
£2 rose red	50 0	50 0
£5 sage green	120 0	60 0
£10 brown	250 0	120 0

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

½d. black, overprint on 6d. ..	7 6	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.

½d. blue and red	0 1	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 9	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

1826 issue, new design, perf. 14, stamps size of the higher values of preceding issues.

½d. black and mauve	0 1	0 2
1d. red and green	0 2	0 3
2d. brown and lilac	0 4	0 6
3d. red brown and lilac	0 5	0 6
4d. pale blue and lilac	2 0	3 6
4d. blue and lilac	0 7	1 0
6d. mauve and pink	0 10	1 0
8d. green and violet on buff ..	1 2	2 6
1/- green and blue	1 4	2 6
2/- blue and green on pink ..	2 9	3 6
2/6 purple and brown on yellow ..	3 6	5 0
3/- green and lilac on blue ..	4 6	5 0
4/- red and blue on green ..	5 6	6 6
5/- green on red	7 0	10 0
10/- carmine and slate on pink ..	13 6	15 0

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

(a) On Company's stamps.

1d. on 3d. green and grey	100 0	60 0
1d. on 4/- slate and red	40 0	60 0

3d. on 5/- yellow	17 0	30 0
(b) On Cape of Good Hope stamps.		
½d. black	0 6	1 0
1d. rose	0 8	1 0
2d. ochre	2 6	2 6
3d. claret	7 6	8 0
4d. blue	5 0	5 0
6d. violet	7 0	7 0
1/- yellow	18 0	18 0

1898, similar stamps to the 1896 issues but minor alterations of design, the arms in shield have been re-drawn.

½d. slate and mauve	0 1
1d. red and green	0 2
2d. brown and lilac	0 3
3d. red brown and bluish	0 5
4d. blue and lilac	0 6
6d. mauve and pink	0 9
8d. green and violet	1 0

NOTE.—The whole of the 1896 issue will be replaced with this re-drawn type, and will include higher values.

BRITISH EAST AFRICA.

Continued.

On authority of Postmaster of Zanzibar we add to last month's list:—

Nov., 1895, 2, 3, and 5 rupees on Indian stamps with overprint much closer together.

NOTES—These are probably of the nature of trials but were available for postage and revenue. Some are to be met with postmarked and are even now available for postage, although probably none were issued at the time to the public. These must not be confused with the forged overprints which measure but a trifle less than the larger and regular overprint.

1897 issue The 2½ anna on 1 anna in red should be added to the issue on Zanzibar stamps. There is a dangerous forgery of this stamp on sale.

These market prices are not fictitious, but have been arrived at by comparing auction reports and dealer's stocks, taking also into consideration numbers issued. A full stock of nearly every stamp tabulated is held, and will be supplied by the compiler on receipt of amount. Letter should be addressed, R. Hollick, Erdington, near Birmingham.

and consisted of seven islands: Corfu, Paxo, Leucade, Ithaka, Cephallonia, Zante, and Cerigo. These islands belonged to the Republic of Venice from the XIV. century, until the time when they became the property of France by the treaty of Campo Formio in 1797. From 1814—1863 they formed a Republican Confederation, under the name of the United States of the Ionian Islands.

Following the example of Greece and other countries of Europe, that had adopted the franking of letters by means of postage stamps, the Ionian Parliament decreed by a law passed on the 27th of July, 1857, the employment of stamps. This law came into force in the republic of the seven islands on the 1st of May, 1859, and, as the money used at this time was still the Spanish piastre, equal to 100 oboli or 50 pence, an issue of three different values was ordered. These three values served to frank letters in each island, from one island to another, and from the seven islands to foreign parts, and in order to give the inhabitants an incentive to use the stamps it was decided that letters addressed to any place in the islands and not weighing more than ½ ounce should only have to pay half the rate if prepaid. This concession however did not lead to any considerable increase during the first few years. According to official information the total number of letters despatched by the Ionian Post Offices were as follows:

In 1859	112,000
„ 1860	131,000
„ 1861	151,000
„ 1862	171,000
„ 1863	192,000
„ 1864	104,000

The stamp, which does not bear any inscription of value is rectangular in shape and measures 25 x 19 mm. It is one of the best examples of stamps printed in 1859, and produced by tailladouze engraving on steel.

Three plates were made, each consisting of 150 stamps, and all the Ionian stamps were printed from these plates. The stamps bear the likeness of Queen Victoria, who was the protectress of the Republic at the time. The head of the Queen is to the left in an oval formed by a garter with the Greek inscription at the top, IONIKON KRATOS.

The first printing reached a total of 300,000 stamps as follows:—

180,000 stamps of ½d.	= 1 obole, orange
75,000 „ „ 1d.	= 2 oboli, light blue
45,000 „ „ 2d.	= 4 „, carmine.

These stamps were used from the beginning of the postal service on the 15th May, 1859, until the end of 1861, at which time a second printing was made with

THE STAMPS OF THE IONIAN ISLANDS.

TRANSLATED FROM THE *Moniteur du Collectionneur*.

THE Ionian Islands, which were placed under British protection by the Treaty of Paris, on the 5th of November, 1815, formed a republic

the same plates. This second printing can be distinguished by the paper and the change in the colours of the two higher values.

The second printing on the 15th of October, 1861, reached a total of 600,000 stamps as follows:—

450,000	stamps of 1 obole, orange
120,000	„ „ 2 oboli, dark blue
30,000	„ „ 4 „ vermilion

Another point to distinguish the two printings is, that the 1 obole of the first printing is printed on yellowish-white paper without watermark, and the 1 obole of the second printing on bluish paper like the 2 oboli value. It is also to be noted, that in both printings the 1 obole was printed on paper without watermark with the exception of about 150-200 sheets or about 25,000 stamps, which were printed on the paper of the 2 oboli value, having as watermark a large 2.

The 4 oboli value was printed on greyish-white paper watermarked 1 in the second printing.

All the values ceased to be used on the 1st of May, 1864, on account of the British Protectorate being abolished and the Ionian Islands being united to the Kingdom of Greece by the Treaty of London, 24th March, 1864. Nowadays the stamps of the Ionian Islands are found unused, penmarked and obliterated with dies. Amongst the two former exist a good many reprints, but these can easily be detected by the shades, which are dull in the reprints, and the one obole is pale yellow instead of orange.

The stamps with postal obliterations must be considered as rarities, especially those of 1 and 2 oboli of the first printing, very few of which seem to have been saved.

THE OMAHA STAMPS.

UNITED STATES LATEST ISSUE.

WE have received information giving description of the Omaha Exhibition stamps placed on sale June 15th. The border, which forms in its inner line an irregular oval framework to each of the scenes represented, consists of a fluted figure on either side, with interior cross bars, beginning in a single line near the bottom of the stamp, and enlarging until it reaches a shield in each of the upper corners, wherein is engraved in white the Arabic numeral of denomination—the dollar mark being also included in the case of the \$1 and \$2 stamps. At the top, connecting the two shields and united to the fluted

framework on the two sides, is a curved tablet on which are engraved in small white capitals the words "United States of America." Above this, on either side, are heads of wheat and between these a small scroll. Immediately below the central scene is the title of the picture in diminutive white gothic letters on a curved tablet, and below this on either side in scrolls are the words of value, "One," "Two," and so on, in white capitals, except in the case of the two highest denominations, when "\$1.00" and "\$2.00" are substituted for letters. Above each of these is a projecting ear of corn and at the bottom of all on a straight black tablet are the words "Postage One Cent," "Postage Two Cents," and so on, in white capitals. The scenes represented on the stamps, together with the colours of the several denominations, are these:

1 cent.—"Marquette on the Mississippi," from a painting by Lamprecht now in the possession of the Marquette College, of Milwaukee, Wis., representing Father Marquette in a boat on the Upper Mississippi, preaching to the Indians. Colour, dark green.

2 cents.—"Farming in the West" from a photograph representing a Western grain field with a long row of ploughs at work. Colour, copper red.

4 cents.—"Indian Hunting Buffalo," reproduction of an engraving in Schoolcraft's History of the Indian Tribes. Colour, Orange.

5 cents.—"Fremont on Rocky Mountains," modified from a wood engraving representing the Pathfinder planting the U.S. flag on the highest peak of the Rocky Mountains. Colour, dark blue.

8 cents.—"Troops Guarding Train," representing a detachment of U.S. soldiers conveying an emigrant train across the prairies, from a drawing by Frederic Remington. Colour, dark lilac.

10 cents.—"Hardships of Emigration," from a painting kindly loaned by the artist, A. G. Heaton, representing an emigrant and his family on the plains, in a "prairie schooner," one of the horses having fallen from exhaustion. Colour, slate.

50 cents.—"Western Mining Prospector," from a drawing by Frederic Remington representing a prospector with his pack mules in the mountains searching for gold. Colour, olive.

1 dollar.—"Western Cattle in a Storm," representing a herd of cattle preceded by the leader, seeking safety from a gathering storm, reproduced from a large steel engraving, after a picture by J. MacWhirter. Colour, black.

2 dollars.—"Mississippi River Bridge," from an engraving, a representation of the great bridge over the Mississippi at St. Louis. Colour, light brown.

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May 19th. Paper. Stamps of Egypt. Mr. G. Johnson.

Messrs. L. C. Raphael, N. J. Vidovich, W. Bretschneider and L. A. Sanderson were unanimously elected members.

Mr. G. Johnson then read his paper on the stamps of Egypt, illustrating it by means of his collection. The two types of each value in the first issue and the minor varieties of the second issue received careful attention.

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MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The May packets were of excellent quality. The A packet was a record for that division. Among the more noticeable stamps were a pair of "Post Paid" and other old Mauritius, a number of Sydney views and a fine collection of other New South Wales, some Scinde Dawks on original letters, first issue Queensland, fine mint state unused English, scarce West Indians and other very good stamps priced at reasonable figures.

The following new members are proposed: H. Clark (Worthing), L. Magnee (London), C. P. Williams (Manchester), H. Dodge (U.S.A.), A. de Meester, R. W. Watson (Newcastle), C. Bigg (Bristol), de Vere Hunt (Cardiff), W. Hall (London), W. G. Weston (Hertford), G. P. Heisch (London).

Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until January, 1899, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensable. The subscription is 2/- per annum, but as the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrear it is practically reduced to 6d. per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt monthly settlements both sides. Rules &c., from the Secretary.

BRITISH AFRICAN STAMP EXCHANGE.—The June packet shows, as in other clubs in summer, a marked falling off in size and value, containing only eight sheets value £13 2s. 10d. NETT (not 50% discount). There are now 20 members, all of whom are believed to be thoroughly reliable, great care being exercised before anyone is admitted. Secretary, C. J. Endle, Kingsburgh Cottage, Boscombe, Hants.

BRITISH SPECIALIST STAMP EXCHANGE.—Since Mr. Webb took over the British Specialist Stamp Exchange it has developed by leaps and bounds. The membership now numbers forty, and the United States stamps have been added to the British and Colonial previously circulated. The club is prompt and advantageous in every respect, with nett prices and monthly settlements. The rules may be obtained from Mr. W. S. Webb, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The last meeting of the season was held on the 19th inst. The Hon. Librarian will be glad to receive any contributions to the Society's library, addressed to Mr. T. C. Cartwright, 17, York Crescent Road, Clifton, Bristol. Copies of rules may be obtained from the hon. sec., Mr. R. Dalton, 30, Carnarvon Road, Redland, Bristol.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—The October packets came back from their supplementary rounds on May 22nd, and sheets were returned, and accounts submitted with the least possible delay. December A packets have been circulated among a certain number of non-contributing, buying members, and are expected back in about a fortnight's time. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE S. W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The packet sent out this month is the finest yet, and to judge from the contributions, one would be led to think that the Philatelic season was only just at its height. The packet contains some British and British Colonial gems of the first water in mint condition, the British varieties in particular, perhaps never before seen in an exchange packet. Wm. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S. 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

THE PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The eighth annual meeting of the Plymouth Philatelic Society was held at 9a, Princess Square, on Wednesday, May 25th, at 7.30 p.m. The reports of the hon. secretary and of the hon. secretary of the exchange branch showed that the past session ('97-98) had been distinctly satisfactory, as the financial deficit had been diminished by more than one-half, and the record of the exchange packet was in every respect an unqualified success. Papers had been read or notes contributed of philatelic interest at 14 meetings, and an interest shown in the Society's work that augured well for the future. The following officers were elected for the session of 1898-99:—President, Major G. H. Stockdale, R.N.; vice-president, R. T. Stevens, Esq.; hon. secretary and treasurer, W. A. Walker, Esq.; hon. secretary exchange branch, Dr. C. E. Russel Rendle; committee: Rev. E. J. Fyffe, R.N., F. A. Cocks, Esq., R.N.; H. Tucker, Esq.

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On the whole the outlook is inspiring, and next season should be looked for more confidently than either of the two last. When things are at their worst they must change for the better, and we have good opportunities for knowing that matters stampic reached low-watermark this spring, but we also are confident that a re-action is imminent and both dealers and collectors have better times in store.

CHRONICLE.

BELGIUM.—Another value of the current postal packet stamp has been issued, 15c.
Postal packet stamp.

15 centimes, grey and black.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The *American Journal of Philately* states that a new provisional 1d. stamp is in use. It is made by using impressions from the die used for stamping checks and adding the words "Internal—Postage," the whole surrounded by a frame. It is a large upright rectangle, and is imperforate.

Provisional stamp.

1d., vermilion, frame and inscription dark ultramarine.

CANADA.—The change we foretold in our May issue is now an accomplished fact. The figure of value has been added to the new issue—the maple leaves in the lower corners having been removed and coloured figures of value put in their place in rectangular white spaces. We are indebted to Mr. R. S. Mason for early information of this change, and he also informs us of the issue on June 29th of a special delivery stamp of value 10 cents. Bicycles will be used for the purposes of these special deliveries.

Special delivery stamp, 10c. green.

CONGO FREE STATE.—New 3 and 10 francs stamps have been issued to replace the portrait type of the same values. The 3fr. has view of a native village in centre, and the 10fr. of a stern wheel river steamer.

3 francs 50 centimes, red and black.
10 ,, yellow-green and black.

DENMARK.—The 50 ore has appeared with the new perforation.

50 ore, purple and brown, perf. 12½.

ECUADOR.—The revenue stamps have been seen postally used:—

Revenues used for postage.

2 centavos, carmine.

4 ,, on 20c., dark blue, red surcharge.

ERITREA.—The new Italian 10c. stamp is now surcharged for use in this colony.

10 centesimos, carmine, black surcharge.

HAYTI.—It seems that the new set chronicled is but a temporary makeshift to last until the new series being prepared by the American Bank Note is ready. It is stated that the 7 and 20c. have already been bought up by speculators. We are also informed that the set was printed on the island and that the printer took for his pay a certain quantity which he holds for speculation.

HUNGARY.—The *American Journal of Philately* states that the 12, 24, 30 and 50k. have appeared in new shades, with the ground-work lightly impressed, so that the paper which appears to be tinted in the earlier printings now looks white.

MEXICO.—We have received the 1, 2 and 15c. with the new watermark (Eagle and R. M.)

1 centavo, dark green.

2 centavos, carmine.

15 ,, blue-green.

MONTENEGRO.—The current set has appeared in new colours, as follows:—

1 novitch, blue-green.

3 ,, carmine.

5 ,, red-brown.

7 ,, grey-brown.

10 ,, red-violet.

15 ,, brown-violet.

25 ,, dark blue.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The colour of the 6d. has been changed, owing to similarity to that of the 1d., and it now comes in a very brilliant blue-green, known as viridine green.

6d., viridine green.

VICTORIA.—The Rev. H. W. Lane, of Melbourne, informs us that an official intimation has been given of an intention to change the colour of the 1½d. stamp—at present yellow green.

POSTCARDS, &c.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mr. Geo. Johnson has shown us a couple of Cape of Good Hope provisional

cards, made by surcharging the 1½d. card with a new value ONE PENNY in black capitals. There are two types of surcharge. The cards sent by Mr. Johnson bear views of Cape Town on their backs.

ONE PENNY on 1½d. slate.

ONE PENNY " " smaller and thinner surch.

DUTCH INDIES.—All the stock of high value envelopes remaining on hand has been surcharged in black figures "10" for use as 10c. envelopes.

Provisional envelopes.

10 cents on 12½c., grey.
10 " 15c., bistre.
10 " 20c., blue.
10 " 25c., violet.

LIBERIA.—The registration envelope now comes printed in red.

Registration envelope.

10 cents, red.

MAURITIUS.—There is a new provisional card, the 6c. single and reply card of 1896 being surcharged "2 cents" with bar over "Union Postale Universelle" and "Reply" of the double card, which is separated, both halves being used as single cards.

Provisional post card.

2 cents on 6c., lilac, black surcharge.

PERSIA.—In addition to the 2s. listed in our last number the following cards have appeared.

2x2 shahi, brown on buff.
5 " rose "
5x5 " " "

TURKEY.—A 20p. card of type of the 1892 card has appeared.

20 paras, dull rose on green.

WURTEMBERG. — The *Deutsch Briefmarken Zeitung* lists a new 20pf. official envelope. Size 179x258mm.

20 pfennigs, blue.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

YOURS truly takes his long vacation after the issue of this present number. For several weeks the Postman will be free from all thoughts and deeds philatelic, for the *Chronicle* is not published again, nor is the *Advertiser*, until August 27th. N.B.—This is to give notice to all whom it may concern that if they send in abusive letters in the meantime, complaining that they have not

received their papers, the same complaints will be solemnly and with due ceremony committed to the waste paper basket. This is final.

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The latest phase of Mr. Walter Morley's enterprise takes the form of a fiscal stamp album which bids fair to develop into a splendid book. It will have spaces for all known varieties, and be well printed on best quality paper with spaces revised up to the day of issue. The first volume (Antigua to India) will be ready about August 20th. This edition should be gratefully received by fiscal collectors for it undoubtedly fills a long-felt want, to use the stereotyped expression.

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The *Philatelic West* for May contains a full and correct account of the Trans-Mississippi stamps and a view of the Exhibition building. Mr Brodstone's paper is the official journal of the Nebraska Philatelic Society, claimed to be the largest state society in America.

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Mr. W. N. Cullin, of Penang, Straits Settlements, wishes me to say that the S.S. Mecca went down with the mails on board on May 21st. If any of our readers were sending to Mr. Cullin about this time will they please take notice of the intimation.

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Messrs. Ostara and Darlow, two of the best-known Manchester philatelists, are about to launch out in the stamp auction line. They are well-known locally and should be successful in their efforts. There is room for good philatelic auctions in several provincial centres, and they would be successful if not overdone. Mr. Plumridge was mentioned as being about to hold one or more in Birmingham but nothing seems to have come of it.

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There is great need of a better system of classification previous to pricing. At present the cataloguers seem to follow this plan:—(1) that the value of stamps newly issued, used, is uncertain till fully twelve months have elapsed; (2) that a provisional stamp is a good thing, and to be valued accordingly; (3) that errors of any description are for the select few, and to be considered rare; and (4) that prices above pence should ascend by graceful bounds as at an auction. It is consequently no uncommon thing to find a current provisional priced at ten times its face-value (the only just obsolete St. Vincent 2½d. black on pale blue started at 2/- in Gibbons' 1891 list, but in their 1897 catalogue was down to 5d, unused); whilst errors priced at £10 are known to have changed hands at auction for 30/-.

It is said that the stamps of Tobago became obsolete on July 1st., when the island was incorporated with Trinidad.

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It will be sad news to many of our readers to learn of the death of Mr. Joe F. Beard, the secretary of the American Philatelic Association, and one of the best-known dealers in the U.S.A. It was only a few months ago that his friends were agreeably surprised at his marriage, and now at the early age of 46 they are called upon to mourn his loss. He died of appendicitis at his home in Muscatine, on Friday the 6th. Mr. Beard had one of the best collections of philatelic literature in the world, and was a subscriber to every known philatelic paper.

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The plates of the Canadian Jubilee stamps have been destroyed at the premises of the American Bank Note Company. It is said that 32,000,000 stamps and 7,000,000 postal cards have been printed from these plates.

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The Government of Chili have invited designs for a new set of stamps, the competition being open to all countries,

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While North American stamps are pretty well sought after, South America and Central America are almost virgin fields, and a collector taking up any South or Central American State at hazard will find ample scope for his energies, and little difficulty in securing a very fine and representative collection; how long this state of things will continue I should not like to prophesy—it is wonderful how the Southern half of this Continent has been neglected, and signs are not wanting that more collectors, at least, are waking up at last to opportunities which may ere long be lost.

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The record for cheap postage is held by the Swiss Federation. In that happy country one may send for 5 centimes (1 cent), a letter weighing up to 8 ounces to any place within a distance of 10 kilometers (more than 7 miles), and for 10 centimes (2 cents) to any part of Switzerland. A package of newspapers or books weighing four pounds is carried by the Swiss mails for 15 centimes (3 cents). The fee for registering a letter is 10 centimes (2 cents).

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

AS a result of the deliberations of the Imperial Postage Conference, which has been sitting in London, and which came to a final resolution on

July 12th, an Imperial penny postage, save in respect to Australia, may now be regarded as a fact speedily to be accomplished. The Imperial Government, through the Colonial Secretary, has shown itself throughout to be strongly in favour of the adoption of this course, which has received the approval of the Treasury. The majority of the self-governing colonies have been represented at the conference by their Agents-General in London, though the Dominion of Canada sent her Postmaster-General and India the Postmaster-General of Bengal; but Australia took no part in the deliberations.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, that indefatigable member of Parliament, has long been struggling for the universal penny-rate, but real progress was made when the Colonial Premiers visited this country for the Jubilee, and Mr. Chamberlain discussed the matter with them. The Duke of Norfolk's official announcement states that letter postage of one penny per half-ounce is to be established between the United Kingdom, Canada, the Cape, Newfoundland, and as many more of the Crown Colonies as may be willing to fall in line. They all will in time, for the reform is one which compels others, and which makes retrogression impossible. Nothing is said about India, but she is, if not actively favourable to change, at least not opposed to it. The Australian Colonies will not accept it at present because they fear the loss of revenue. They have recently put up their inland postage rate to twopenny, so they could hardly send letters abroad for a penny. But time works wonders, even with Post Offices, and Australia will soon realise the need of following Canada's example. We are left in doubt whether the rates to Australasia will be reduced, but possibly out of deference to the wishes of the colonies no change will be made just now. It would be too glaring an anomaly for a letter to travel from England to Melbourne, say for a penny, while a twopenny-halfpenny stamp was required to frank the return message. Australasia imagines she cannot afford the concession, and wisely resolves to cut her coat according to her cloth. However, experience has taught us in England that as the postage rates are reduced, correspondence increases almost in geometrical ratio. The Post Office believes in the maxim of the trader, small profits and large returns.

The effect which the change will have upon philately is inconsiderable considering the magnitude of the matter itself. Save that the 2½d. and 5d. values of certain countries will become a little scarcer in a used condition, there is really nothing to effect philately itself, but the decrease in the postage will give facilities for colonial correspondence and exchange which philatelists will not be slow to turn to their own advantage. After a bit the United States will come into the federation and then we shall really appreciate the advantage of the change.

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

By R. HOLLICK, *Vice-President of the Birmingham Philatelic Society.*

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.

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

	Unused.	Used.
	s. d.	s. d.
1d. black	0 4	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 2	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	60 0	50 0
£2 rose red	80 0	60 0
£5 sage green	140 0	140 0
£10 br. wn	280 0	280 0

Provisional issues.

4/- in black on 5/- yellow	15 0	30 0
3/- in black on 4/- red and slate	25 0	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.	6 0	12 6
Ditto ditto with double surch. 100 0	100 0	—

The penny was bisected and each half used as half-penny.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

1895. Design of two Negroes supporting Shield, Postage and Revenue above, value below without watermark.

	unused.	used.
	s. d.	s. d.
1d. black	0 6	1 6
2d. green	0 9	2 0
4d. brown	1 3	2 6
6d. blue	2 0	3 0
1/- carmine	3 6	4 0
2/6 mauve	7 6	8 6
3/- yellow	7 6	5 0
5/- olive	15 0	15 6
£1 orange (specimen 30/-)	45 0	25 0
£10 red	£12	—
£25 blue green (specimen £4)	£30	—

1897. Same design, 1d. to 1/-, watermarked Cr. wn CA, 2/6 to 20/-, Cr. CC, 1d. black.

1d. black	0 6	0 9
2d. green	0 6	1 6
4d. brown	1 0	2 6
6d. blue	1 6	2 0
1/- carmine	3 0	4 6
2/6 mauve	6 6	—
3/- yellow	8 0	—
5/- olive	12 6	—
£1 blue (specimen 30/-)	55 0	—

1897. New type, 1d. to 1/-, watermarked Cr. CA, 2/6 and upwards Cr. CC.

1d. black	0 2	0 2
2d. yellow	0 3	—
4d. carmine	0 6	—
6d. sea-green	0 9	—
1/- lilac	1 5	—
2/6 blue	3 6	—
3/- sea-green	4 6	—
4/- carmine	5 6	—
£1 lilac	24 0	—
£10 yellow	£11	2 6

1898 1d. ov. rprinted in black on 3/- 1 8 4 0

Provisional 1d. formed by connecting fiscal of type of cheque stamp into a postage.

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

These 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, Millongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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(Established 1886).

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

The July packets are very good, notwithstanding the holiday season and, in two branches, are equal with any sent out this year. Some excellent old European and colonials are included.

The following new members are proposed:—A. Manoli (Cyprus), G. Wilkinson, B.A. (Southampton), W. J. Cochrane (Durham), J. T. Vartanian (Smyrna), W. Gadsby (Leicester), J. K. Harris (London).

Members who wish to propose friends are requested to send in names, and all good collectors are invited to join. By the rules there is no subscription due until January, 1899, and any lady or gentleman joining now has this time in which to judge the suitability of the club. Good references are indispensable. The subscription is 2/- per annum, but as the *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* is sent free to all members whose subscriptions are not in arrear it is practically reduced to 6d. per annum. There are vacancies for one or two good sellers. Prompt monthly settlements both sides. Rules, &c., from the Secretary.

THE S.W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—A further increase both in value of packets and list of members is to be noted this month. There were seven applicants for admission, five of whom were accepted. There have been also five more joined this month for August, and as there are several applications now under consideration a further increase is expected. The greatest care is now exercised in the admission of new members in view of the greatly-increased value of packets, and only those furnishing satisfactory references are admitted. Secretary, Wm. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S., 194, Dorning Street, Wigan.

THE SUBURBAN STAMP EXCHANGE CLUB.—The December sheets have been returned and accounts duly submitted, and sales were of a very high average. January packets have just terminated their rounds, and sheets and accounts will be forwarded without delay. February and March packets are nearly round. In spite of the off season, five packets have shown but little falling off in point of value, 167 sheets have been made up and put into circulation by the 25th ult. Members leaving home for more than two days should notify dates of absence to prevent delay, otherwise the proper fines will be exacted. Packets will be circulated throughout the summer. Among the new members enrolled this month are: A. Still (Liverpool), Miss Higgins (Luton), W. Brettschneider (Melbourne), J. Johnston (New Deer); S. Seon (Reading), L. Magnee (London), and Mrs. Stirling (Strathpeffer); one resignation (Mr. C. Lewis) was accepted with regret. The Suburban will not be absorbed by the proposed Herts Philatelic Society, but both will run concurrently for the present. Regulations sent on application to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE STAMPS OF THE FIJI ISLANDS.

DOUBTLESS a great many of our readers have been at a loss to understand the meaning of the C.R. on the 1871-72 issues over which V.R. is printed in the 1875-78 issues.

The first stamps were struck by the Government which crowned Thakombau king and bear his initials C R, (Cacobau Rex) In 1874 when the Islands were sold to Great Britain the condition of the finances did not warrant the expense of a new issue of stamps and therefore the old stock was utilised by surcharging them V.R (Victoria Regina).

Owing to the peculiarity of Fijian spelling the sound of *th* is represented by the letter *c*, and *m* is pronounced before *b*, therefore the name "Cacobau" is sounded "Thakombau."

It appears strange that the earlier "Fijians" are so high priced seeing that in 1875 there were 1,400 schools and 900 churches established, mostly under Wesleyan auspices, but it must be borne in mind that there were probably only 60 or 80 white missionaries, the total white population of the Islands not exceeding one thousand souls, and of these a large portion were not likely to have a heavy correspondence. That we can obtain any specimens of the earlier issues at a reasonable price is due to the fact that the "remainders" of the 1871-72 issues were sold to dealers.

The type set issues of 1870-71 have been reprinted but the reprints are easily distinguishable from the originals, being printed on pink laid paper and pin perforated, and the measurement across the stamp is 16 mm. or 2½ mm. less than that of the genuine stamp.

GAMBIA.

By C. J. M. LEHNER,

Sec. of the British Colonial Specialists' Stamp Exchange.

[The following article will be of considerable interest in view of the changes now taking place in the Gambia postal issues.]

TO the collector of watermarks, the stamps of Gambia will be of more than passing interest, offering as they do practically unlimited varieties of watermark, or rather the positions in which the watermark appears on the stamps. The varieties in watermarks are caused thus:—It appears that the paper, especially manufactured for the British Colonial Stamps, bearing the well-known Crown and C.C. and Crown and C.A. watermark, has always had the watermark arranged in the same manner. 240 to the entire sheet, in four plates of sixty (ten horizontal rows of six), separated by a narrow vertical space and a wider one, the latter lettered "Crown Agents" or "Crown Colonies." When I tell you that the stamps of Gambia are in plates of 15 (three horizontal rows of five), you will see that the stamps cannot possibly fit the watermarked paper in any case.

Consequently we find stamps with watermark Crown and C.C. sideways, with watermark vertical, and some with this watermark horizontal; and all the stamps with watermark Crown and C.A. are stated to have the watermark in the latter position only, viz., horizontal. All the values since 1874 can be found watermarked with one or two bars, and varieties with inverted watermark are common.

The year in which Gambia first issued stamps does not seem to be agreed upon, both Messrs. Bright and Scott say 1869, while Messrs. Gibbon's in their latest catalogue give 1866. I am inclined to think 1866 is the more correct date; the following list does not give all varieties of watermark, only the more interesting varieties are included.

REFERENCE LIST.

January, 1866.

Engraved and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co.
No watermark. Wove paper, imperforate.
1. 4d. pale brown. 2. 4d. deep brown.
3. 6d. blue.

August, 1874.

Watermark Crown and C.C. Imperforate.
4. 4d. pale brown. 5. 4d. deep brown.
6d. 6d. blue.

August, 1874.

Watermark Crown and C.C. Imperforate.
7. 4d. pale brown. 10. 6d. blue.
8. 4d. brown. 11. 6d. deep blue.
9. 4d. deep brown.

Imperforate specimens undoubtedly exist, and a complete set as above is in the Taping collection.
1880.

Watermark Crown and C.C. Perf. 14 (A). Watermark upright.

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|---------------------------|----------------------|
| 12. 3d. orange. | 16. 3d. ultramarine. |
| 13. 1d. lake | 17. 6d. deep blue. |
| 14. 2d. rose. | 18. 1s. green. |
| 15. 3d. pale ultramarine. | |
| (B). Watermark sideways. | |
| 19. 3d. orange. | 23. 4d. brown. |
| 20. 1d. lilac rose. | 24. 4d. deep brown. |
| 21. 2d. rose carmine | 25. 6d. blue. |
| 22. 3d. ultramarine. | 26. 1s. green. |

1887.

Watermark Crown and C.A. Perf. 14.

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|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 27. 3d. blue green. | 32. 3d. pale grey. |
| 28. 1d. deep blue green. | 33. 3d. deep grey. |
| 29. 1d. carmine. | 34. 6d. blue green. |
| 30. 2d. orange. | 35. 1s. violet. |
| 31. 2½d. ultramarine. | |

In the Taping collection is a specimen of the 3d. blue green of the above issue with treble perforation at the bottom.

In the last two issues it is possible to get two specimens of each variety in two distinct shades, due no doubt to separate printings, necessitated by the

smallness of the plates and the way the stamps are printed, by embossing. This is, I think, the only British Colony which issues adhesive postage stamps printed by this method.

In *The Stamp Collector's Fortnightly* Mr. H. Hilckes calls attention to a rather curious and interesting variety of the 6d. stamp of Gambia, he writes:—

"The stamps are printed in sheets of 15, and the specimen on the top right corner has the appearance of the illustration we annex; evidently the plate must have been indented through falling on the middle surface, which thus gave this stamp a crooked appearance, the right side line being shorter than the left side line by about $\frac{1}{2}$ of a millimetre.

The left hand top stamp also shows a similar characteristic, but here the crookedness is not so pronounced. I have so far not been able to ascertain whether this peculiar variety exists in the imperforated sheets, not having come across any copies, but I have found it in the blue as well as in the olive colour of the perforated series."

The above paragraph is commented on and the interest considerably added to in the *Philatelic Record* of a later date. The comment runs as follows:—

"Testing this matter by our sheet of the 6d., we find the greatest width of the sheet is on the left hand edge of the fourth row of stamps and here the sheet measures $71\frac{3}{4}$ m.m., on the extreme right edge barely 71 m.m. The plate must, as Mr. Hilckes suggests, have had a fall, but the injury has not been to the middle edge but to each side of the top edge. The stamps lie perfectly true to a straight edge at the base of the top row, but if the top of the sheet is tested with a straight edge rule it will be seen that the stamps bulge up near the centre the third and fourth stamps being the highest.

To the left, the incline is gradual over these stamps, from $71\frac{3}{4}$ m.m. to $70\frac{3}{4}$ m.m. and to nearly 71 m.m.; nearly all takes place in the right hand top corner stamp, hence the peculiarity noted."

Just recently I have received the 1/- in a much paler shade than before. I am also informed that the embossed stamps are to be entirely suspended by the De la Rue type, and the stock now in hand is being carefully doled out, so that the stamps may last until the new ones are ready.

In conclusion I would warn collectors to look closely at any of the following values:—

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COOK ISLANDS.—The *Australian Philatelist* announces a new issue for this place. The central design consists of a sea bird, within a Greek border. It is to be printed in New Zealand and is said to be very ugly.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—There has been seen a copy of the 4d. in a new colour which will shortly be issued. The 3d. will also be changed, and the 6d. will be a slightly different shade of violet. The 2½d. have either run short or the Post Office have a stock of the surcharged 2½d. on 3d. issued in 1891 as these are at present on sale. As the surcharge is exactly the same as in 1891 even to the single copy of the sheet of the straight serif to the '1' of '½' it is probably the old stock that is being used up.

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4d. olive.

CHINA.—The ½c. of the London Print has been placed on sale. Watermark a shell.
½ cent, chocolate.

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5/- red brown.

GOLD COAST.—We have received the 1d. value, and have heard of the other values, from various sources, of the new type similar to the 5/- value.

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MOROCCO.—Mr. J. S. Pariente has sent us a specimen of the new private issue for use between Tangier and Alcazar. The stamp bears the design of a steamship and is oblong in shape. The set contains 8 stamps, viz: 5, 10, 20, 25, 40 and 50 centimos, 1 and 2 pesetas. The set may be obtained from Mr. Pariente.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We hear that the plates of the 1887-96 issue have been destroyed

PAHANG.—The \$1 and \$5 Perak have been surcharged for use here, similar to the other values listed. Provisional stamps.

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PORTUGAL.—Four new values of the current set have been issued on account of the raising of the

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65 reis, gray-green.
115 " salmon on pink.
130 " brown on buff.
180 " slate on pink.

ROUMANIA.—The 2b. and 60b. postage due stamps have appeared with the PR watermark. Perf. 13. Postage due stamps.

2 bani, green, variety.
60 " " "

TRINIDAD.—Mr. Geo. Johnson has sent us the new Trinidad stamp commemorating the landing of Columbus, issued on August 1st. It is a large stamp, brown, with mauve frame, dated 1498—1898, and with the value (2d.) and the lettering TRINIDAD—COMMEMORATION—THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS. The plain border of the sheets (60 stamps to the sheet) has the watermark, "CROWN COLONIES" in block letters at each side. Watermark, Crown and CC irregularly placed as the paper was probably meant for stamps of another size, perforation 14. Only 48,000 were printed and no more impressions will be made.

2d. mauve and brown.

URUGUAY.—Mr. G. Johnson has sent us the provisional ½c. on 1c. of 1894 type, issued to make up fractions of the peso in various postal rates.

½c. black, surch. on 1 cent blue.

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QUEENSLAND.—Mr. W. H. Robinson, of Brisbane, has sent us one of the new pictorial post cards, of which there are eighteen varieties at present. The picture occupies a good portion of the face of the card.

PORTUGAL.—Mr. G. Johnson, Hon. Secretary of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, has sent us the new Centenary of India card. It is very ordinary in appearance on the front, but the back bears a handsomely engraved design commemorative of Vasco da Gama, the famous Portuguese navigator.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE holidays are over, yet the good time is still with us, and to think of work is a sin and a shame. Stamps are off—distinctly off this beautiful August weather—but philatelic papers must be published and your poor Postman has been sternly and coldly recalled to labour from his seclusion on the banks of the Silvery Sabrina. Alas, that it should be so! [Note: I would inform readers of *P. C. and A.* that the Postman has been what he calls "doing" the Severn Valley. By rumours that have reached me I believe he was forcibly ejected from several spots

which had experienced enough of his demoralising presence. "Seclusion" forsooth—bah!—EDITOR, P. C. and A.]

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A somewhat unique sale by auction was held on the 19th inst., at Messrs. Debenham, Storr and Sons' rooms, King Street, Covent Garden, consisting of no fewer than 98 lots of miscellaneous articles which had been lying for some time at the Returned Letter Office, and were offered for sale by order of the Postmaster-General. The novelty of the auction attracted a large crowd of bidders. The articles submitted comprised Bibles, Prayer Books and Hymn Books, dress suits, some hundreds of shirts, blouses, and all kinds of gentlemen's and ladies' underlinen; also literature from "The Queen's Reign" to penny novelettes, patent medicines, cricket bats, pipes, and hundreds of boxes of cigars and cigarettes, purses, hats, caps, bonnets, packets of sweets, opera glasses, boots and shoes, walking sticks and umbrellas, brass fittings, tools, ironmongery, bicycle tyres, razors, and, in fact, some thousands of articles of every conceivable kind. The prices realised in nearly every instance were ridiculously small, some excellent bargains being obtained.

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Imperial penny postage was evidently not carried without a final struggle in the last ditch between the progressive colonies and the ruling red-tapeism of St. Martin's-le-Grand. Addressing the Colonial party on

July 19th, Sir Walter Peace, the Agent-General for Natal, referring to the late Postal Conference, presided over by the Duke of Norfolk, said it would always be a proud recollection for him that he was "one of the trio who put their backs to the wall and fought until Imperial penny postage was a triumphant and accomplished fact." The dauntless three who so sturdily backed up the scheme initiated by Mr. Henniker Heaton, and made the greater part of the Empire one penny postal area were Mr. Mulock, of Canada, Sir David Tennant of the Cape, and Sir Walter Peace, of Natal. The Duke of Norfolk will entertain at Arundel Castle, at the end of this week, these gentlemen and others interested in the recent Conference. The date proposed, by the way, for the inauguration of the new rate is Christmas Day.

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The postal authorities of St. Lucia promulgated a decree on May 6th reducing foreign postage to 2d. As the consent of the Colonial Secretary could not be obtained, another notice was issued on June 10th restoring the 2½d. rate. Somebody will probably profit by the short life of the 2d. stamp.

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Messrs. Williams and Co., of Lima, Peru, undoubtedly the foremost stamp dealers of South America, are issuing a new 12 page price list which we shall be able to supply to applicants ere long. This firm have a wonderful stock of South American stamps and can supply more cheaply than any other dealer.

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French Post Office employes are in a peculiar position, in fact "between the devil and the deep sea." They have received orders forbidding the reading of postal cards and then they are directed not to allow insulting or libellous postal cards to pass through the mails. Query: How can they do it and obey orders?

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

"OFFICIAL" VARIETIES—OBSOLETE.

SINCE referring in June to the 2½d. lilac with a stop after "Official," I have had opportunities of examining a number of the early printings of "I. R. Official" and "Govt. Parcels" of all values. I found no new varieties among the I. R.'s of other values than the 2½; but another specimen of this with the stop has turned up; this and the one previously found are lettered in the lower corners K.S. and L.S. respectively, showing them to have occupied adjoining positions (vertically) on the sheet. As probably but one printing of this inscription on the 2½d. lilac took place, all stamps of above lettering should show the stop after "official." Among "Govt. Parcels," I

found the 9d. green with a square stop, equal to the strokes of the letters in thickness—after "Parcels" on a stamp lettered A.J.: this is also an unchronicled phenomenon. A block of four 1½d. lilac, lettered S A, S B, T A, T B, had normal dots under the T of both upper stamps, but on the left of lower pair the dot is barely visible, and totally absent on the fourth stamp. Readers having either many or few of the older officials should look for these varieties, and I shall be very glad to hear when any are found, whether or not the letters correspond with those above described.

DITTO, CURRENT.

The following are worthy of record: "Govt. parcels" 2d, with broken O, like a reversed C; and 9d. with no upper bar to E, which thus looks like an inverted F. The ½d. "Army Official" may be found with the vertical stroke of L not quite touching the foot, which is of normal length.

INSTRUCTION(S) ON POSTCARDS.

It is funny that the long-familiar inscription "The Address only," &c., should still remain on the cards sold by the Post Office, when it has vanished from those which are stamped to order. It has now no purpose to serve—you may write your message all round the address if you like, provided you leave the latter easily distinguishable, and keep the writing a respectful distance from the stamp.

The cards certainly look somewhat "one-eyed" without the line of instruction, but that is not a sufficient reason for retaining it, as some appropriate ornament or re-arrangement could be substituted.

The private cards may be found in both shapes without the instructions, but appear to be used by very few firms, and are comparatively seldom seen. A very scarce card will be the "court-shape" with the inscription, and arms of type II. (14½ mm. long).

RAILWAY LETTER-FEE STAMPS.

Keep a good look-out for these, as changes are often occurring either in the details of printing, perforation, &c. names of companies, or shades of colour, and many obsolete varieties are rising. I hear that some companies now object to supplying the stamps direct to the public, and if this becomes general, it will have the effect of raising the value even of current sorts, used as well as unused. The regulations under which the railways carry letters on this system give the stamps a decided postal character and their collection has therefore become a recognised branch of English philately.

NORTH-GERMAN PROVISIONAL ENVELOPES.

THROUGH the arrest of Foreman Greenenthal of the Government Printing Office in Berlin, the following interesting facts were brought to light.

In the year 1868-69 the Post Office authorities of the North German Bund at the time made use of Provisional Envelopes (which were not in circulation after the 1st of January, 1868) with numeral of value stamped thereon of the individual German States, in such a manner that they had them pasted over in the Royal Prussian Government Printing Office at the time with 1 and 2 Groschen stamps as well as 3 Kreuzer stamps of the North German Confederation, and printed with a peculiar surcharge which bore the words, "Norddeutscher Postbezirk" in Diamond type repeated 60 times. This innovation had the result of creating numerous styles of new envelopes, which was a source of great interest to the stamp collectors. Altogether 41 styles of envelopes of the German states were overpasted.

In the end of the seventies and beginning of the eighties, at a time when these envelopes were no longer in circulation, entirely new combinations of over pasting appeared which were until then totally unknown. All these newly discovered styles had the correct surcharge printed upon them.

These new provisional envelopes which were sold for hundreds of Marks, being very rare, were in great demand but still there were a few who did not believe in them. This was especially the case with a Russian collector by the name of F. Breitfuss who declared in the year 1885, that many of these varieties which were in circulation at the time when the large surcharging stamp with which the pasted over stamps were printed, "as a well-known fact" mysteriously disappeared from the Government Printing Office.

Upon further enquiries the "Verein für Briefmarkenkunde" in Berlin received the answer that 13 surcharging stamps which were, according to the rules and regulations concerning the issuance of valuable papers, always kept under lock and key after the work had been performed, were destroyed.

The director of the General Court of Justice, E. Lindenberg in the year 1893, proved conclusively that all those pasted over provisional envelopes, which appeared at the end of the seventies, were fraudulent issues. The director was enabled, through the documents of the Government Post Office Department which were at his disposal, to prove that the old envelopes were pasted over according to a certain system and that it was altogether impossible for that reason that the later "discovered" rarities were ever produced by the Prussian Government Printing Office, and, by order of the Post Office Department, delivered to the department and afterwards sold to the public.

Soon after this it occurred by chance that such a surcharging die was found in Berlin in the possession of a private person, also several other dies.

At that time these articles were sold privately and sent to the Government Post Office Museum, where they are now under lock and key.

It must be remarked, by the way, that by means

of the stolen dies, not only the "pasted over" but also other old provisional envelopes were "fraudulently issued" in large numbers.—*Herald Exchange.*

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		s. d.	s. d.		
Anchor, 1d.	shades of red ..	40	0	3	0
"	4d. " blue ..	40	0	2	6

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

Anchor, 1d.,	carmine, red-brown, dull rose (shades) ..	10	0	2	6
"	4d., blue (many shades) ..	5	6	1	3
"	4d., slate-blue ..	12	6	6	0
"	6d., dull lilac ..	15	0	5	0
"	6d., slate-lilac ..	80	0	10	0
"	6d., mauve ..	20	0	6	0
"	6d., deep lilac ..	20	0	6	6
"	1/-, pale green ..	50	0	15	0
"	1/-, yellow-green ..	60	0	15	0
"	1/-, deep green ..	80	0	14	0
"	1/-, emerald green ..	80	0	17	0

Cr.C.C., 1d., red-brown (1863) .. — —
1861, provisional issue, printed from wood blocks, on white laid paper.

Lines, 1d.,	scarlet ..	£30	100	0	0
"	1d., carmine ..	—	80	0	0
"	1d., blue (error) ..	—	£60	—	—
"	4d., milky blue ..	£25	45	0	0
"	4d., blue ..	—	45	0	0
"	4d., deep blue ..	—	20	0	0
"	4d., red (error) ..	—	£80	—	—

NOTE.—The first issue of triangular stamps was printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co. The second by the same firm until 1863, thence by Messrs. De la Rue and Co.; the provisionals by Messrs. Saul and Solomon. In making up the plates, a 1d. and 4d. were misplaced, thus causing one error in each sheet of 64 stamps. This error was rectified after about 400 sheets were printed. Both values of the woodblocks are found with re-touched corner. The 1d. on Crown C.C. paper is looked upon as an essay.

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

Cr.C.C., 1d.,	rose red ..	3	6	1	0
"	4d., pale to dark blue ..	8	0	0	6
"	6d., lilac to mauve (shades) ..	6	0	1	0
"	1/-, pale to dark green ..	10	0	0	6

1868, provisional issue.

Cr.C.C., 4d.	"Fourpence" overprinted in red on 6d. ..	12	6	1	6
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1871-77, same design, but with outer line removed.

Cr.C.C., ½d.	grey ..	1	0	1	0
"	1d. carmine ..	0	4	0	1
"	4d. deep blue ..	7	6	0	1
"	5/- orange ..	35	0	1	6

1874 to 1880, provisional issues.

Cr.C.C., 1d.,	"One Penny" overprinted in red on 6d. (1874) ..	20	0	7	6
"	1d., "One Penny" overprinted in black on 1/- (1877) ..	3	0	7	0

"	3d., "Three pence" overprinted in red on 4d. blue (1879) ..	1	6	0	4
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"	3d., "Three pence" overprinted in black on 4d. rose (1880) ..	1	6	0	6
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1880, permanent type as 1871 issue.

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

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

1882-3 issues.

Cr.C.A., ½d.	black ..	0	4	0	1
"	1d. rose ..	6	0	0	1
"	2d. ochre ..	0	6	0	1
"	3d. carmine-lake ..	0	6	0	2
"	6d. lilac-mauve ..	4	0	0	2
"	5/- orange-yellow ..	£10	25	0	0

1882, provisional issues.

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

1884-90 issue.

Anchor, ½d.	black ..	0	1	0	1
"	1d. rose ..	0	3	0	1
"	2d. ochre ..	0	4	0	1
"	4d. blue ..	0	8	0	1
"	6d. mauve ..	1	0	0	1
"	1/- green ..	7	6	0	4
"	5/- orange-yellow ..	20	0	1	6

1891, provisional.

Anchor, 2½d.	on 3d., magenta ..	0	6	0	4
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NOTE.—A variety of this surcharge is found with straight serif to 1 of ½.

1892 issue.			
Anchor, 2½d. pale green	2	0	0 3
1893, provisional.			
Anchor, 1d. on 2d. ochre	0	3	0 3
<i>NOTE.—A variety of this surcharge is found without stop.</i>			
1893, new design.			
Anchor, 1d. rose red	0	2	0 1
1893, the outer line of frame having been removed.			
Anchor, 1½ blue-green	7	6	1 0
1896 issue.			
Anchor, 2½d. blue.. ..	0	4	0 1
" 1/- yellow.. ..	1	6	0 4
" 5/- ochre	7	6	0 6
1898, issue.			
Anchor, 3d. dark lilac	0	5	—
" 4d. olive	0	6	—

Last month the type partly moved after Mr. Hollick had corrected the proofs. The prices should be:—

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA PROTECTORATE.

1898, 1d., overprinted in black on 3/-	1	8	2 6
1d. provisional, cheque type ..	4	0	—

These 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, Millongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

HAWAII.

WE are in receipt of information that the foreign office at Honolulu has discontinued the sale of the official set of Hawaiian stamps, they having received an offer for the whole issue at face value, and concluded to accept it. They have reserved the privilege, however, of using those that are required for official business until the annexation is a finality. As these stamps cannot be procured except at a premium, I am fearful the advance at retail will be quite a consideration to the buyer, as it only required some \$5,000 to purchase the whole number, and we are assured that they are in strong hands. The purchasers have made a "scoop." This is the first move and we are prepared to hear of a number of surprises regarding Hawaiian stamps, as quite a number will be hard to purchase at catalogue prices, the dealers not having them in stock. The latest intelligence is the annexation of the Archipelago by the United States and probably by now, all Sandwich Island stamps are obsolete.

HAYTI.

VERY few of the new issue of stamps have been used postally except the 2 and 5 cent values. The others were furnished in such small quantities that they were bought up at face value, that is, in gold, by some speculator, and the 2 cent surcharge are now being offered at \$3.00 gold per one hundred and not many for sale at that price. The 2 cent brown is mentioned in some of the papers as being issued in 1893. This is a mistake, both stamps were surcharged at about the same time, there was perhaps 6 months difference in the time and they were both done to use up the old issue; the brown in 1897 and the orange in the early part of this year. They are showing a number of errors of double print in the orange, but none on the brown, which will in time be the rare stamp of the two. A letter has just been received with the brown and orange surcharged, the one, three, five and seven of the new issue together with the five, seven and three of the previous issue. The stamps of Hayti are all right and there has been no real evidence that the government have, or contemplate issuing any stamp of a Seebeck nature. The country has always been free from attempts of the kind, and it seems rather hard to impute a speculative motive to the stamp as some are doing at this late day.

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The Philatelic Chronicle is sent to all the members of the
Birmingham Philatelic Society and Midland Counties
Stamp Exchange, being the Official Journal of these
Societies.

WITH the present issue our seventh
volume comes to an end, and next
month sees our eighth birthday.

During the seven years of our existence we
have seen many changes in the stamp world.
Some years have been good, some only fair,
but the last twelve months and the nine
months before it have been bad—distinctly
bad. How some of the dealers struggled
through this time is known only to them-
selves, but they had difficult work in many
cases. Putting a bold face on and asserting
that the times were fairly prosperous was the
bitterest wrench. A paper such as ours
gauges the state of the trade themometri-
cally. We can usually tell when things are
going well with the dealers and when they
are not so satisfactory. They have been
bad, but now the thermometer is rising
rapidly. The "winter of our discontent" is
rapidly being made "glorious summer" by
the near advent of a successful season, and
already the signs tell us that things stampic
are fairly on the up-grade. May we treat
the better times so discreetly that they will
not again depart.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH GUIANA.—We have received the
balance of the set mentioned last week. It is
stated that a large number of each value were
printed and it is intended as a permanent issue. The
1, 5 and 15c. are of the same design (Mount
Koraima), while the 2 and 10c. are upright and bear
picture of "Kaiteur" waterfall. They are steel
engraved and are very handsome stamps.

2 cents, blue and brown.
10 " red and blue-black.
15 " blue and red-brown.

CANADA.—We have received official information that the complete new set, with figures in lower corners, the 1 and 3c. of which we listed in our issue of July 2nd, will be put on sale very shortly. The complete list of values and colours is as follows:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ cent, black.	6 cents, brown.
1 " green.	8 " orange.
2 cents, purple.	10 " violet-brown.
3 " rose-red.	15 " grey.
5 " blue.	20 " yellow-green.
50 cents, green-olive.	

COOK ISLANDS.—Mr. E. W. Hounsom has favoured us with specimens of the new Cook Island stamps. The design is a sea-bird in full flight. Shape, an oblong rectangle, perf. 11.

2d brown.
6d. purple.
1' carmine.

HONDURAS.—We have received two new stamps from this country, which we presume to be precursors of a complete set. They are very roughly printed, and of cheap appearance, bearing imprint "Lit Nacional" at bottom of each stamp. The central design consists of railroad train with large numeral on white tablet in lower left corner; "Centavos" in straight line at bottom; "U.P.U.—Correos" diagonally across upper left corner; "De Honduras" in straight line at top; "1898" in small figures above numeral.

5 centavos, light blue.
10 centavos, blue.

LABUAN.—The surcharge on the 18c. has been transferred to the bottom of the stamp.

18 cents, black and olive-brown, variety.

NEW ZEALAND.—It is said that the design used for the 1d. stamp (Lake Taupo) will be used for the 4d., and the present 4d. design (White Terrace) for the 1d. This was the original intention, but in some way the designs were confused in London. The new 4d. will be printed in the brown and blue tints while the 1d. will probably be in the Postal Union colour—a red.

POSTCARDS, &c.

MEXICO.—We have received new 2 and 3c. cards; the 2c is in rose and black and is for United States and Canada, and the 3c. is in brown and green, for Postal Union use. The inscription in lower left corner reads "Lado Que Se Reserva Para La Direccion—Côté Réserve à L'Adresse."

2 cents, rose and black.
3 " brown and green.

MOROCCO.—The cards have received the "Morocco—Agencies" surcharge, Provisional post cards.

5 cents, green.
5×5 " "
10 " carmine.
10×10 " "

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE stamp season is treading on our heels again—or is it we that are treading upon *its* heels?

It matters not one jot—stamps are coming again and your Postman recognises that he must buckle to and bring his mighty powers into action or goodness only knows what would happen to the *Chronicle* and the *Advertiser*.

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The Sign of the Times: A big issue to open with! Not half a big issue but the hog, the whole hog and nothing but the whole hog in the way of big issues. It is not the size of the book to which I refer—it will still be eight inches by six and a half—and with as many pages as are required. The bigness—perhaps "size" would be more elegant—is in the circulation. The smallest of our big issues last season would double in quantity the largest issue of any philatelic paper published in Britain, probably.

* *

Big issues don't pay us—that stands to reason—but they bring support from here there and everywhere by reason of their universal circulation and the out-of-the-way places they reach. For example, take New Zealand. New Zealand is not a particularly out-of-the-way place but it will serve! Now The Postman will wager his best go-to-meeting silk-hat that the *Chronicle* and *Advertiser* have more subscribers in New Zealand than all the other British papers put together. This is how the big issue helps us. Whether they are of use to our advertisers we leave *them* to say. Anyhow, from a big bundle of letters received during the final two months of last season, I have taken the few that follow. In the words of the immortal poet, Jones, kindly "chuck yer hi over 'em":—

Dear Sirs,—Being so pleased with my last advertisement I have great pleasure in enclosing an advertisement for the next three issues.

Yours faithfully,

Lincoln, 11/6/98.

A. PADGHAM.

I was pleased with my first advertisement. I think that it will be the same for the enclosed.
Lille, June 10th, 1898. HENRI OCHIN.

Dear Sirs,—I have much pleasure in testifying to the excellence of your journal, and have no hesitation in saying it is the best I have come across for advertising as I have received more replies from your journal than from any other

Yours, &c.,
Southport, 16/5/98. ROBT. HEATH.

Dear Sir, — I was very satisfied with my last insertion in your paper and I beg you to insert me again this insertion in your paper.

Yours truly,
Brünn, 11/5/98. ERNST SUBAK.

I have used the "Advertiser" inserting an ad. four times (24 words) and I have gained about £10. From this anyone can learn something.

Yours truly,
Smyrna, June 3rd, 1898. JOHN T. VARTANIAN.

I hope to run a larger advertisement in your paper for some time. Have had very good results

Yours faithfully,
Oldham, Mar 4th, 1898. H. B. BACKHOUSE.

GENTS.—I have tried ads. in several other foreign papers but those I have inserted in "Advertiser" bring more replies.

Yours truly,
Avondale, N.J., U.S.A.,
April 20th, 1898. DAVID B. CROCKETT.

The "Advertiser" is the best collectors' or dealers' book. I have had numerous replies to my cheap advertisement and have added some hundreds of stamps to my collection through the "Advertiser."

Yours faithfully,
Dunedin, N.Z., 18/4/98. HUGH BAIRD.

The advertisements I have had at different times have always resulted satisfactorily.

Yours sincerely,
April 16th, 1898. W. H. ROBINSON.

Dear Sir,—The small advertisement you put in for me was a success, as I got about 30 answers from it.
Coolgardie, W.A., 12/3/98. J. A. RUSHA.

After my last "ad." I have not sent a repeat—simply because I have cleared. The number of applications for sheet has been incredible and I have few left.

Yours truly,
Halifax, Yorks., 2/2/98. LIONEL DICKINSON.

These are picked almost hap-hazard from a lot of letters bearing testimony to the same effect, so it looks as though somebody got something out of advertising in *The Advertiser*. There is, however, a conservative section of dealers who consider themselves in honour bound to support the journals of dealers only and ignore other papers. They will go and pay three or five pounds a page or even a bigger rate in a paper of this kind when they can have a page in *The Advertiser* at 30/- or less. The price for advertising in the dealer's paper is perfectly fair and reasonable for he naturally expects to get a consideration for sharing his connection with a rival. *The Advertiser*, of course, fails in this particular, but it is known to a few thousands of the "general public" of philately all the same. But enough advertising the paper, let us get on!

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Appropos of the proposed auction sale in Birmingham to which I alluded a couple of months ago, Mr. H. W. Plumridge writes me to the following effect: "As a matter of fact we arranged to hold an auction sale after the Birmingham Society held its exhibition. As this was postponed, our sale was also postponed, but we have made arrangements with the Society to hold a sale during the exhibition." Mr. Plumridge should do well in Birmingham. There is plenty of scope. While on the subject I would call attention to the experiment of Messrs. Ostara and Darlow in Manchester. They held their first sale on the 15th inst.—rather early, I fancy—but their next, on October 17th, should be an unmitigated success.

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The "Rowland Hill" series of packets has been a household word with philatelists for some twenty years. Messrs. Alfred Smith and Son have just issued a new prospectus of this justly-famed series and it would be worth anyone's while to send to them and ask for a copy. The sixteen packets comprising the series contain 14,00 different stamps and cost £3. It is only necessary to add that these stamps are not of the ordinary common or garden variety packet class, but are all clean picked copies, fit for any collection.

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Messrs. Whitfield King have sent me their newest wholesale list. Sufficient to say it is as good and the stamps are as cheap as heretofore.

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One of the consequences of the occupation of Crete by the Powers was the establishment of four French post offices upon the isle. They are located at Canea, Retimo, Candia and Sitia. At present the French Levant stamps are employed but it is rumoured that French stamps similar to the

"Cavalla" issue, but with the surcharge "CRETE" are being prepared.

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The catalogue price of the Jubilee postcard is 15s. (worth about 7s. 6d.) and the Jubilee envelope 2s. 6d. These latter, however, hardly fetch 1s. each.

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The 3 centavo stamp of Argentine which was issued in 1893, six months after the balance of that series, was recently retired from circulation. Contrary to all precedents the remainders are to be burned.

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21,000 stamps of 1 franc of "Madagascar et Dépendances" have been printed with the inscription in blue instead of red in error.

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The following are the numbers of the stamps of Uruguay surcharged "Paz, 1897":—

1 centesimo	150,000
2 centesimos	100,000
5 "	200,000
10 "	50,000

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As regards collecting Australian stamps there are now very fair opportunities—the stamps are full of interest and in some cases of difficulty also—used copies can be had for much less than they would have cost two or three years ago. Indeed there are still, as there always have been, and ever will be, ample opportunities for the collector who will exercise his own individuality and find out a speciality for himself instead of joining in the prevalent fashion of the day.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

"BRITISH LEVANT" ERROR.

"WONDERS will never cease," and the latest is a copy of the 80 paras on current 5 stamp, on which what should be the figure 8 shows decidedly more like a "3." It is probably due to a flaw in the type of the intended 8, so that a gap occurs where the two curves should unite on the left, and a rather long-armed 3 is the result. I have at present seen but one specimen, so possibly the freak is of recent appearance. It is probably occurring once on a sheet, if not already corrected, which it certainly should be, as it reads very distinctly "30 paras."

DATED WRAPPER STAMPS.

Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen kindly informs me that he has found the dated stamps of Vaccination Certificates with die No. 3, on all dates from 23/1/72 to 21/3/72, and he adds that many of these occur on same days as the un-numbered die 1 was used on. At the same time I expect Mr. Ewen will agree with me that die 3 is by far the scarcer. I have seen quantities of the stamps dated between the above limits, but proportionately very few bore the numeral.

PENNY POSTCARDS.

There is a decided variety of shade in the large size brown penny card, which should be recognised by the catalogues. Gibbons, for example, gives the colour of the small card of 1879 simply as "brown" whilst the larger card of 1883 is described as "dark brown." This is correct as far as it goes, but the large card certainly exists also in a *light* brown shade, much paler even than any of the printings of the small cards (the colour of which varies very little). I first saw this pale card overprinted "specimen," and thought probably it was the preliminary printing for that purpose only, but I have just seen a couple without "specimen," so it was apparently issued to the public to a small extent. This card is worth looking out for, not only on account of its rarity, but because it shows such a striking contrast to the usual deep brown of the large penny card. I have met with the 1½d. of same size surcharged "specimen," but that is of the usual dark shade.

THE UNITED STATES OMAHA ISSUE.

A FEW CRITICISMS.

With Notes by NON-LEX.

WHO shall decide when doctors disagree? Our philatelic brothers in the States looked forward to the Omaha issue with considerable interest—they now contemplate it apparently with mixed feelings. These are a few of the opinions expressed on the other side of the herring pond. I will not venture any statement myself, for, after perusing these criticisms of native born Americans, any opinion I might be tempted to form would be a fearful and wonderful thing. Here they are:—

We think them very artistic—in fact we think them superior to the Columbians in grace of design and execution of detail. Especially the 8c., which is a masterpiece.—*Virginia Philatelist.*

Very disappointing. We were promised that it should exceed the Columbians both in beauty and interest, and in fulfilment of this promise we are offered a set of miserable daubs. The 8c. represents either Coxey's army or Colonel "Bill" Bryan leading his horde of silver votaries. You pays your eight cents and you takes your choice.—N. Luff, in *American Journal of Philately*.

Immensely satisfactory to the rank and file of collectors; they are considered beautiful and appropriate.—*Mekeel's*.

A disappointment; many of the designs are ill suited for the purpose for which they have been selected; others are grotesque, while the engraving is not such as to give credit to the Bureau.—*Weekly Letter*, in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

Those who have seen them seem to have only words of praise for the various denominations.—G. M. Bartels, in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Of all the stamps that have been issued lately they are the poorest specimens of workmanship I have seen.—S. E. L., in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

I think the Omaha Stamps are very handsome—much more so than the Columbians.—Editor Cox, in *Western Philatelist*.

The fifty cent is a very poor job. To my notion they do not in any way compare with the Columbians.—Dr. Cottlow, in *Weekly Philatelic Era*.

Altogether, the Omaha stamps are very creditable.—Albert Olson, in *Mekeels*.

The engraving is coarse and indistinct, the ink somewhat muddy, the colors not over attractive.—E. L. Smiley, in *Boston Stamp Book*.

Most thoroughly American in design of all the stamps that the government has so far issued.—Missourienses, in *Mekeel's*.

Commemorative sets have their chief claim upon one on account of beauty, but this one hasn't even that.—D. W. Osgood.

They make a very pretty set.—P. M. Wolsieffer, in *Metropolitan Philatelist*.

They cannot be bragged on as far as beauty is concerned.—*International Philatelist*.

To summarize, we might say that the issue is very artistic, and superior to the Columbians, save that they are a set of miserable daubs. Yet they are immensely satisfactory and beautiful while they are, at the same time, disappointing, grotesque, and discreditable to the Bureau of Printing. Still the

fact that those who have seen them have only words of praise is explained by the assertion that they are the poorest specimens of workmanship to be seen. They are handsomer than the Columbians but are a poor lot and do not in any way compare with them. Altogether, the Omaha stamps are very creditable because the engraving is coarse and indistinct, the ink somewhat muddy, and the colours not over attractive while they are most thoroughly American—having no claim to beauty and nothing to brag about, but make a very pretty set.

PROPOSED NEW ISSUE OF HOSPITAL STAMPS.

SO great was the success of the "hospital stamps" issued last year in connection with the Prince of Wales's Hospital Fund, that it has been decided to further develop this idea during the present year. In 1897 two varieties of stamps were produced, and their sale realised a sum of about £35,000. This year four stamps, each of distinct design, are about to be issued, of the respective values of 1/-, 2.6, 5/-, and 10/-. In colour the stamps will be red, blue, dark green, and green respectively, and each will contain a vignette of the figure of Charity, together with the date and a facsimile of the Prince of Wales's signature. Only one-third of the total number produced in 1897 will be issued this year, and the plates will then be at once destroyed. There is only one course for philatelists to take and that is to ignore the labels altogether—they are "stamps" only by courtesy, and collectors must decline to allow themselves to be swindled even in the sacred name of Charity. One thing, the exploiters will have to do their work themselves as, surely, no respectable firm of stamp dealers will touch the labels for their own sake.

NEWFOUNDLAND.

THE change in the colour of the current 1 cent Newfoundland from claret to green, while perhaps looked for sooner or later, came rather unexpectedly. A correspondent in St. Johns wrote at the time that they had no idea the change had been made until they had sent to the post office for 1 cent stamps and received the new green instead of the claret.

While speaking of Newfoundlands I wish to warn collectors against buying the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2c. reprints of last November under the impression that they are originals. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c. black, 1c. yellow-green, and 2c. orange, were reprinted at that time and have been on sale at the general post office St. Johns at face without limit as to quantity. The difference between these reprints and the originals would appear very slight to one not familiar with the originals and not having them for comparison. Hence it would be no difficult matter to pass the reprints as originals with a large majority of collectors, and many dealers might ignorantly sell them as such.

Not long ago I had the 1c. yellow-greens offered me by two prominent dealers and in each case I had no hesitation in pronouncing the stamps to be the last reprint then on sale at face at the general office in St. Johns.

The reprints are a considerably lighter shade of green than the originals, and there are also slight differences in the printing, most pronounced under the glass, which further distinguish them. The $\frac{1}{2}$ c. and 2c. reprints also differ in shade from the originals. The difference in the half cent is very marked when a sheet or large block of each are placed side by side. The gum on the 2c. reprints is decidedly different to that on any of the originals I have seen.

These reprints are received for postage and, while as with the 1894 re-issue they may ultimately prove rarer than the originals, at the present time I do not consider them worth half as much as the originals unused. The 1c. yellow-green, I particularly consider a rather scarce stamp unused.—*Philatelic Era*.

SONS OF PHILATELIA ANNUAL ELECTION.

THE result of the ballot for officers in the ensuing twelve months has resulted as follows:—
President, J. C. Miller; vice-president, Jos. S. Davis; secretary, J. F. Dodge; treasurer, E. Gerlich; int. secretary, R. J. Russell; sales supt., C. E. Shaw; librarian, F. M. Townley; auction manager, W. A. McDonnell; counterfeit detector, F. Noyes; attorney, H. C. Crowell; purchasing agent, A. Herbet; trustees, T. L. W. Porte, T. O. McCarthy, H. C. Beck, all of Detroit, Mich.

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

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

GOLD COAST.

Wmk.	Face Value.	Present Actual Market Value.			
		Unused.		Used.	
		s.	d.	s.	d.
1875 issue, wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.					
1d. blue	45	0	20	0
4d. mauve	15	0	12	0
6d. orange	25	0	10	0
1879 issue, wmk. Crown C.C., perf. 14.					
$\frac{1}{2}$ d. olive	5	0	3	6
1d. blue	1	0	0	8
2d. green	3	6	1	3
4d. mauve	35	0	1	0
6d. orange	3	6	1	6

1883 issue, provisional.

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

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

Half of penny blue used as $\frac{1}{2}$ d.

" twopence green used as 1d.

Quarter of fourpence used as mauve 1d.

The first is found bisected diagonally, the second vertically and horizontally.

1884, wmk. changed to Cr. C.A.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. olive yellow	.. ..	60	0	10	0
1d. blue	.. ..	200	0	20	0

NOTE.—The penny blue was bisected and used as halfpenny.

1884-91, same design, wmk. and perf.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green	.. ..	0	1	0	1
1d. rose	.. ..	0	2	0	1
2d. grey	.. ..	0	3	0	3
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue and orange	.. ..	0	4	0	2
3d. olive yellow	.. ..	0	5	0	5
4d. magenta	.. ..	0	7	0	3
6d. orange	.. ..	0	10	0	4
1/- violet	1	6	0	10
2/- brown	3	6	3	0

1887, provisional black, overprint

1d. on 6d. orange	15	0	7	6
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1889-94, new design, Cr., C.A., perf. 14.

5/- lilac and blue	6	6	3	6
10/- lilac and red	12	6	7	0
20/- green and red	200	0	180	0
Specimen	.. ..	50	0	—	—
20/- brown and black	.. ..	24	0	12	6

1898, design as last issue.

½d. lilac and green ..	..	0	1	0	1
1d. ,, carmine ..	..	0	2	0	1
2½d. ,, blue ..	..	0	4	0	2
3d. ,, yellow ..	..	0	5	—	—
6d. ,, violet ..	..	0	9	—	—
1/- green and black ..	..	1	4	—	—
2/- ,, carmine ..	..	2	6	—	—

These 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, Millongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMPEXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The September packets are very good and total something like £500. There are vacancies for one or two members and, as subscription is not charged for the unexpired portion of the half-year, the present is a good time to join. Good references required. Rules, &c., post free from the secretary. New members proposed this month are: A, Durando (Cardiff), W. F. Borrill (Romford), W. Pugsley (London), A. J. Foulger (Bradford), Ernest E. Schnadhorst (Woodford), H. Harrop (Manchester), H. C. Hodgett (Lydney).

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—In spite of the effect of the hot weather on philately the Club packets have been in circulation throughout the summer, and have maintained a very fair level of excellence. It is satisfactory to note that but little delay in forwarding either packets or accounts has occurred through absence from home, &c. Presumably September will see a great improvement in the value of packets, and an increase in the roll of membership, which now musters about 320; only three notices of resignation were received to August 20th, 1898. February accounts have been settled, and nearly all those of March. April sheets will also be returned within the next fortnight. February sales (including supplementary circuits) amounted to £265 2s. 2d.; March sales to £241 0s. 2d. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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Newfoundland, imperf., 1d. brown and claret ..	5	0		
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Cuba, old issues, head of King, 18 var. ..	0	8	7	0
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Mexico, 21 various ..	0	9	7	0
Nicaragua, 32 various ..	1	0	10	6
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