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New Zealand, 1898, 2½d., blue, error WAKITIPU	4	0	30 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. Combined membership over 400.

THE philatelic season, 1898-1899 may now be considered as started, and with this issue the *Philatelic Chronicle*, too, starts its eighth season. Those collectors and dealers who have supported us through the last twelve months are entitled to our warmest thanks and we beg to tender them the same—sincerely trusting they will continue to remain our friends as heretofore. A large number of subscriptions expired with the last issue and we hope that all who have not yet renewed will do so at once. The present is a suitable time for becoming a subscriber, and we shall be grateful to any of our friends who can add a new name to our subscription list. There are plentiful signs that the coming will be a busy and successful season—far in advance of the last two from a commercial point of view—while the brisk manner in which the Societies are starting the season shows that they are very much alive. Altogether we may anticipate the coming season with far more satisfactory feelings than either of the two last.



In response to a general wish we purpose issuing a new edition of the British Stamp Directory in December. MR. FREDK. A. WICKHART, the well known and popular secretary of the STAMP EXCHANGE PROTECTION SOCIETY and the NORTHERN STAMP EXCHANGE, is kindly superintending the collation of names and addresses so that the book, besides being considerably larger than the edition of last year will be more complete and accurate. Names will be placed in

alphabetical order and are even now being checked by post to assure correctness of address. An advertisement of the new edition will be found in the present issue and we request that application for advertising space be sent in at once.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—A contemporary notes a copy of the latest provisional (cheque stamp) perforated 12, all unofficially.

CHINA.—We have received the 1\$, London Print. 1\$, red and pale pink.

CURACAO.—The following values of the current type of the Postage Due Stamps have been issued:—

30c. green and black.
40c. " "
50c. " "

FERNANDO PO—The following stamps have been surcharged. All the 2c. in stock except 500 were surcharged 50c. by the hand stamp used in 1885. The 500 2c. and the other stamps have the surcharges the same as lately used.

50c. in blue on 2c. rose
5c. " 2c. "
5c. " 2c. " (double surch)
5c. in black on 12½c. bistre.

GAMBIA.—The colours of the 3d. and 4d. values should be as follows:

3d. reddish-lilac and blue.
4d. brown and blue.

GIBRALTAR.—The new stamps with value in pence and shillings are out. Miss Hart has sent us specimens. The ½, 1, 2½d. are either remainders or a re-issue of the 1887 set. The other values are the same design but in two colours, the value being in the second mentioned.

¾d. green. 4d. orange-brown and green.
1d. rose 6d. lilac and red.
2d. brown-violet and 2½d. blue.
carmine. 1/- bistre and carmine.

GRENADA.—We have seen the Jubilee Stamp that has been issued here. It is of the large 5/- size with a sailing ship in centre. 'GRENADA'—'LA CONCEPCION' at top, '1498, 15TH AUGUST, 1898' at bottom, 'POSTAGE' at sides and value in bottom corners. The watermark is Crown and C.C. and perforation 14.

2½d. blue.

GUATEMALA. The following surcharges have been issued on the 1886 issue.

1c. in black on 25c. orange.
1c. in red on 50c. sage-green.
1c. in black on 75c. carmine.
6c. " 10c. red.
6c. " 20c. green.
6c. " 100c. brown.
6c. " 200c. orange.
6c. in red on 150 dark blue.
10c. " 20c. green.

HOLLAND.—A very handsome stamp (the first of a new set) was on sale at Amsterdam during the Coronation of the young Queen. The head of the Queen is in a central oval with crown above and inscribed in a curve at top 'KONINKRIJK DER NEDERLANDEN.' The Dutch Lion is in each top corner and the figure of value in each bottom corner, with the word 'GULDEN' between. Only a small supply was ready and this was quickly sold out. 2½ and 5g. stamps of the same design will soon be ready.

1g. bronze-green, perf. 11.

HONDURAS.—The 10c has a locomotive as central design and the figure of value in a large rectangle in left lower corner; the following are also chronicled:

1c brown 6c violet brown
2c dark pink 5c light blue

INDIA.—A new value has been required owing to the postage on Registered Newspapers sent to subscribers having to be paid for by stamps instead of in cash. The rate is ¼s. for each newspaper under 4 tolas (almost 2oz.). A supply of stamps has been ordered from England of the 9p. type but until they arrive the ¼s has been surcharged in large figures '¼' ¼ in black on ¼s green.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The ½c. with portrait of Prince Edward of York has appeared. It is the same size as the other values.

¾c. olive-green.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The appearance of the current 2½d. stamp is announced, in blue, the Postal Union Colour.

2½d. deep blue.

ROUMANIA.—A new value of the current type, etc., has been issued here.

40 bani deep green

SURINAME.—In order to use up the remainders of the stamps with Head of King they have been surcharged '10'—'CENT' in two lines; the quantities issued are in brackets.

10c in ? on 30c brown on (69,000)
10c in ? on 12½c blue (10,000)
10c in ? on 15c grey (6,300)
10c in black on 20c green (54,000)
10c in ? on 25c blue (45,000)

TRINIDAD.—We have received the Jubilee Stamp issued here with a picture showing 'THE LANDING OF COLUMBUS.' It is inscribed at top: 'TRINIDAD'—'COMMEMORATION' and '1498' '1898' in top corners. The value '2d.' is on white octagon at the lower part of each side. The size is the 5/- size, and the stamp has the watermark Crown CC and perforated 14.

2d. lilac, centre pale brown.

TUNIS.—A 20c. both ordinary and Postage Due has been issued and a 35c. will also probably be issued

20c. vermilion on green.
20c. " " with 'T' (postage due).

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRAZIL.—There is a companion Letter Card to the one for use within Brazil. It is similar to the 300r., but the first line commences with 'Brazil' in black. The card is lilac with the Arms in rose as a groundwork and on the back is a view of the Mint.

200r. red, yellow, and black on lilac.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—We have received a new Card as Type 1 in Gibbons' catalogue, but in a fresh colour.

½d rose on white.

PARAGUAY.—The 40c has been surcharged 'PROVISORIO'—'10'—'CENTAVOS' in three lines.

10c in black on 40c slate blue

QUEENSLAND.—A 1d Post Card has been issued with a series of views (of which there are 18 varieties) on the front; the Card is inscribed 'POST CARD,' 'QUEENSLAND'—'AUSTRALIA'

1d. chocolate on buff.

THE TWO-SKILLING STAMP OF DENMARK.

By R. EHRENBACH.

UNTIL 1849 the Postal Services of Denmark were in the hands of private individuals, who charged the public according to agreements, etc., when in May, 1849, the State decided to take it over from the parties who had hitherto been doing this probably lucrative business. Anyhow it appears so, for they had to pay indemnities to them, and in the case of the widow who ran the Copenhagen Post, this indemnity seems to have rather a stiff amount.

According to Mr. Ruse of the Copenhagen Club, who has written a little book on Danish stamps, the rates were fixed for Copenhagen at 2 sk. and at 4 sk. for the suburbs of the capital.

It was only about two years later, viz., on March 11th, 1851, that the Department issued definite Postal Regulations for the whole country. The local rate remained at 2 sk., and the 4 sk. rate was extended to the whole country, charging 6 sk. for unfranked letters. On June 17th, 1853, they further extended these facilities to the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein.

The above-mentioned law had hardly been made public when the first stamps put in an appearance on April 1st, 1851. They were two values, one of 4sk. in brown for the Country rate, and a 2 sk. stamp in blue for the local rate; this latter stamp is the one which forms the subject of these few notes, and although the stamp is familiar to everyone, I will try to give a short description of it for reference purposes. The stamp is type-printed, coloured impression on medium to stout rough paper, covered with a *burélé* pattern in yellowish, more or less distinct but never absent. Wmk. small crown, gum yellow to brown, shape 17¼ mm. square, imperforate. Each stamp bears denomination of value, "2 Rigsbank Skilling," in three lines, colour on white in a double circle of thin lines (diameter 9¼ mm.). This double circle is surrounded by a larger circle (14 mm. diameter), thus forming together a circular band of solid colour, bearing the inscriptions "KGL. POST" on the right, and "FRIMARKE" on the left, in white capital letters. Between these inscriptions is the royal crown at the top, and a posthorn at the bottom. A small "F" is visible in the middle of the posthorn, being probably the engraver's mark or a plate number. The outer space is filled up with horizontal line of colour, covered with floreate ornaments of a deeper hue.

There are 100 stamps on the sheet, in ten rows of ten. It has been known now for some time that there were three types of the figure "2" on the sheet. They are as follows:—Type I., the "2" is regular; Type II., the foot of the "2" is not joined to the base; Type III., the "2" is similar to Type I., but the left part of the base seems to be joined together at an angle. Besides these types in the figure of value, I had already, on comparing my stamps, found minor differences of all kinds, to which, however, I attached very little importance, believing them to be mere vagaries of the printing-press.

Lately, however, I have been fortunate enough to lay my hands on an entire sheet of Government reprints of this stamp, and on closer inspection, together with our mutual friend, Mr. Gordon Smith, have found that every stamp on the sheet varies to a certain extent.

In fact we have been able to spot every single copy of mine on the sheet, which means this stamp can be plated. One stamp even, which shows a big break in the right upper corner, a break which is not on the sheet referred to, and which is due probably to an accident to the plate, can be easily assigned to its correct position.

There can be no doubt that certain scratches, dots, and marks, etc., are to be found on stamps of the identical position on the sheets, whether they are of early printing or not, and that these differences are by no means accidental or casual.

It can serve no good purpose to give a tedious description of every minute variety on the sheet, and I will try to enumerate the more salient varieties.

One can divide at once the 100 stamps into three larger groups according to the types of the figure "2" and find that of Type II. there are nine on the sheet, viz., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 10, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, whilst of Type III. there are eight or nine, viz., Nos. 20, 24, 30, 36, 40, 36, 88, 90, No. 84 being rather indistinct on my sheet. No. 48 has a big flaw on the foot of the "2" so as to make it impossible to say to which lot it belongs.

All the rest are of Type I. A number of stamps then show breaks of more or less importance in the outer frame—e.g., on the right side in Nos. 10, 32, 60, 100; on the left side, 73, 79; and on the top they are visible in 70 and 91.

A prominent variety is 96. In this stamp the second "L" in "Skilling" is quite distorted, having the appearance of a hook, while in No. 100 the "R" in "Rigsbank" is more like a "K" than anything else. "G's" formed as they appear in Nos. 3, 5, 53, 55 are quite characteristic of these stamps.

These scratches, caused probably by the engraver's tools, as they appear in Nos. 1, 26, 42, 43, 49, 73, 74, 93, 99, and others in a smaller degree, are different in every case, and can be found on every copy of the respective numbers. But even these scratches are by no means the only detail by which these stamps can be distinguished from one another.

I will not go too closely into the matter of minute dots, etc., in the coloured parts of the stamps, but will only further point out how much the lettering, as also the spacing between the letters, in the words "Rigsbank Skilling" varies, variations which in themselves prove the differences among the stamps.

On glancing over the numbers as found belonging to the various types of "2" and those which show similarity of some of the letters—e.g., the "G" referred to above—it would at first sight appear that the plates were constructed of two halves, 1 to 50 and 51 to 100, which may be to a certain extent the correct view; but then it is difficult to take this for granted seeing that the corresponding numbers are by no means identical. In fact, in order to ascertain all these points, it would require a much larger quantity of these interesting stamps in pairs and blocks than are known or available. Stamps of the earliest period especially would be desirable—so-called *premieres gravures*—because it is quite possible that the plate from which the reprints were taken in 1886, was worn to a certain extent.

There are two reprints, one on white paper and one on paper covered with yellow lines, imitating the *burêlé* pattern.

I quite see that the printing of these stamps can, as far as interest goes, by no means be compared to the type of hand-engraved stamps like the Sydney Views, Mauritius, and the Philippines, but they are quite on a par with the third issue of Oldenburg, which likewise show such a lot of transfer varieties, or other stamps of the same calibre; but anyhow, they are, in my humble opinion, well worth a thorough inspection and study.—*The London Philatelist*.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE first big issue was successfully got off and the next one, that of December 3rd, looms big on the horizon. A friend who lives at Romford waxed very enthusiastic over it. Says he in a letter dated October 13th: "*Advertiser* just to hand; it is a magnificent production." This is a bit overdrawn—there was not a lot of magnificence about it, but still it was a worthy season opener. But ho for the scissors and paste! let us to business! First of all; however, your very own Postman wishes you a Happy New Philatelic Year and many of them!

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I very much regret to hear of the serious illness of Mr. G. H. Howe, the well-known dealer, who is entirely incapacitated for business.

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Mr. R. S. Mason, of Hamilton, Canada, wishes me to state that he will duly send Canadian stamps to all his correspondents. The reason for delay was the immense demand brought about by his advertisement in the *Advertiser* and the sudden change in the stamps, which prevented him getting sufficient for his needs.

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A valuable collection of postage stamps has been stolen from the Central Post Office, Paris, and consternation prevails at its disappearance. Its exact value is unknown, but many single stamps contained in it are worth large sums, one alone, a stamp of the Island of Reunion, being estimated at £100.

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Mr. A. E. Griffiths, managing partner of Griffiths & Co., entered the holy bonds of matrimony on August 3rd. We trust he and his wife will long remain an "undivided pair." The address of the firm is now 2, Essex Villas, Bedford Road, East Finchley, London.

A remarkable collection of unused postage stamps the property of Mr. F. D'A. Vincent, was disposed of in Puttick's auction rooms, London, on Thursday, October 20th. Keen bidding resulted. Among the important lots were: Spain—Madrid, 1851, two reales, red, £20 10s; 1852, two reales, pale red, £10 15s; 1853, two reales, scarlet, £9; Lagos, 10s, purple brown, in mint state, £10 15s; Newfoundland, 6½d carmine, no gum, £11 10s; Nevis, 6d green, £5; Tobago, 6d bistre, £5 10s.; and a 2d brown on red of the first issue of Western Australia, £5 10s. Nearly £1000 was realized.

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Mr. William Brown, of Salisbury, will soon pay his annual business visit to Birmingham. He arrives on November 3rd, and stays at the Grand Hotel.

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The London Stamp Auctioneers disapprove of the prices realized at auction being published. In fact, they have stopped the philatelic papers from so announcing them.

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Mr. Harold Frederic will be a figure sadly missed. Few men got through more work and few men had the knack of appearing less busy. The position of London correspondent of the *New York Times* furnished plenty of occupation, but in the *National Observer* and other papers he also did considerable work for the English Press. He is the author of half a dozen novels—all well known in America; and the manuscript of yet another has been handed to the publishers. A story of Mr. Frederic's was the first serial published in *Scribner's*. Mr. Frederic was also an expert philatelist, and his reproduction of an English stamp once gave the British Post Office a fright and Sir George Newnes one of the best advertisements he ever had.

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Messrs. Ostara & Darlow will hold their first Birmingham sale at the Grand Hotel, on November 3rd, when a good attendance can be assured. Members of the local societies are requested to take note of the date.

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Messrs. Monteith & Co. have hit upon a novel way of advertising their "Eclipse" packet. The first five orders opened and every tenth opened afterwards will have the money returned in full with packet. This is enterprising and deserves success. By the way, there is a new and improved edition of the "Monteith" Approval Sheets and Books.

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The Philatelic Exhibition of Paris in the year 1900 will be opened in August.

Mr. Cooper, of Buxton Road, Luton, died recently. Will those who were in correspondence with him please note.

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We are informed that an International Philatelic Exhibition will be held in Manchester next July, under the auspices of the Manchester Philatelic Society. The prospectus will be ready early in November.

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The Scott Stamp & Coin Co., will not issue their usual priced catalogue this year, but anticipate publishing one in the spring or summer of 1899.

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An Australian correspondent to a French journal is dissatisfied with the term "Philatelist." According to his ideas the word is meaningless and he proposes to use the following as containing all that is necessary: "*Philosemeiotisconmistographist*." We quite agree with him, it does contain all that is necessary!

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It is said that Turk's Island will not be likely to enter the penny postage movement. At the same time the colony is credited with an intention to reduce its sea-going rate to 2d.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

OVERPRINTED OFFICIALS.

I HAVE to record a further variety this month, viz., One shilling salmon, "Govt. Parcels," plate 13, with a period after "parcels" of precisely the same kind as I recently described as having found on the 9d. green. The lettering of the 1/- stamp is A—D in the lower corners. Now that the stop is known to exist on both upright and oblong stamps, it becomes reasonable to surmise that it may yet be found upon the 1½d. and 6d. values of the same issue. Another 1/- salmon, lettered D—B, has no dot under the T.

LETTER PER STAMPS.

I have received from Mr. W. Morley a copy of the first catalogue that the "Rail fee" stamps have had all to themselves. It is a well-arranged booklet of eight pages, and as nearly every stamp described has price attached, it should be a welcome guide to the many now starting a collection of these most inter-

esting stamps. A large number of them Mr. Morley quotes at what certainly look like fancy figures; but it must be admitted on the other hand that very many of the obsolete varieties must become extremely scarce—in fact, there are not nearly enough to “go round” even now. As regards quite half of the railways mentioned, the stamps have undergone changes of colour, perforation, and in a few cases of design also, since their introduction in 1891. The Great Eastern and North Eastern seem to have produced six varieties each, and many others four and five: so this branch of collecting is not likely to prove monotonous.

“ARMY OFFICIAL” ERROR.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons quote in the addenda to their current catalogue, the “OFFICIAL” error of the 4d. and 1d., at 12/6 each, unused; but no mention is yet made of the other misprint, known as the “short L,” which occurred to exactly the same extent, I believe, as did the more prominent error, and was presumably corrected at the same time. Now, as many more of the “OFFICIALS” would naturally be noticed and preserved during the period of their currency, than would be the case with the less important variety,—it seems to me quite likely that in future years fewer “short L’s” will be available than at present anticipated: so it behoves English specialists to complete their sets of “Army Official” as soon as may be.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

By NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

BOLIVIA.—Collectors are warned against counterfeits of the Eagle 1867 issue stamps of Bolivia, which, having been obtained by the photographic process, are *very dangerous* imitations, being exact reproduction of the genuine. They can be detected by the paper: which is much too white and looks too new for such old stamps. The colours: which are different and generally too light, the 5c. is plum instead of violet; 10c. is light brown instead of brown; 50c. is lemon instead of yellow; 50c. is light blue instead of blue or dark blue; 100c. is light green instead of green; 100c. is greenish blue instead of blue. The engraving; which is also much different; the genuine were deeply engraved on copper plates and show a heavy set-off. This the counterfeits have

not, but are so well made that they seem to have it if you do not examine them in the proper light. These counterfeits are to be found unused or used with pen cancellations and different postmarks, the commonest being an oblong red one.

BRAZIL.—10 *rees*, blue (figure of value), has appeared with forged perforation. The perforation is hardly likely to deceive the wary, being rather clumsily executed.

FINLAND.—Although all the stamps of Finland 1866-75 issue with one exception are plentiful and cheap, forgeries come from time to time under our notice. The serpentine perforation has been well imitated and can easily deceive a buyer, but on examining the stamp, one will be struck by the bad execution of the letters, the coat of arms and the crown. The pearls are very uneven and there are too many vertical lines in the back-ground.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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October 6th, Annual General Business Meeting. The Officers for the ensuing year were elected as above.

The accounts showing a nett cash balance in hand of £62 19s. 4½d. were audited, found correct, and approved.

The election of Mr. W. Schwarte was approved.

The following were unanimously elected members: Madame C. Capt. Mrs. H. G. Campbell. Rev. W. D. B. Curry, Rev. J. H. Astley, Messrs. Coombs, V. Essayan, R. C. Bach, E. D. Hissard, A. Manoli.

The Annual Report showed that during the past session 35 members died, resigned, or were dropped, and 49 new members were elected, being a nett increase of 14 over the previous session, and making a total of 241 members on October 1st, 1898.

The total amount circulated in the exchange packets during the year ending June, 1898 was £38,625 16s. 2d. of which £5,437 6s. 7d. was sold.

4,000 copies of the Report were ordered to be printed and distributed as in previous years.

At the suggestion of several members it was resolved to devote alternate meetings to exchange, discussion, and short papers in order to make the meetings even more interesting than formerly.

[The list of last year's members will be published in our next issue, being omitted for want of space.]

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMPEXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The October packets were promising but not so good as they might be. They totalled to some £500. The November ones will be far more valuable and successful. The M.C.S.E. is divided into workable sections, so that no member sees the packet after 40 or 50 others, and the packets can be sent round in a reasonable time. The following new members are proposed this month:—M. M. Ferguson (Persia), Mrs. Temple (Hampstead), J. E. Robson (Hartlepool), H. B. Backhouse (Oldham), H. F. Haworth (Bracknell), R. G. Rolfe (Chiswick), Miss Locke (Minehead), Col. Hadaway (Godalming), Miss F. E. Smith (Bedford), R. Culling (Glasgow). Rules, &c., post free from W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham. The M.C.S.E. will be affiliated to the new Central Philatelic Club, London, so that members will be able to join the latter on reduced terms.

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

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

GAMBIA.

1806 issue, embossed on white wove paper, no watermark.

Wmk.	Face Value.	Present Actual Market Value.	
		Unused. s. d.	Used. s. d.
4d. brown, imperf. 20 0	18 0
6d. blue 40 0	18 0

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

4d. brown, imperf.	..	.. 25 0	18 0
6d. blue ..	..	.. 21 0	18 0

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

½d. yellow ..	..	.. 0 9	1 6
1d. marone ..	..	.. 1 6	1 3
2d. rose ..	..	.. 5 0	1 6
3d. pale blue ..	..	.. 2 0	2 0
4d. brown ..	..	.. 35 0	8 6
6d. blue ..	..	.. 21 0	10 0
1/- green ..	..	.. 50 0	50 0

1887 issue, watermark, Crown C.A., perforated 14.

½d. pea green ..	..	.. 0 6	0 6
½d. olive green ..	..	.. 0 9	0 9
½d. deep green ..	..	.. 1 0	1 0
1d. carmine ..	..	.. 0 2	0 3
2d. orange ..	..	.. 0 3	0 4
2½d. blue ..	..	.. 0 4	0 6
3d. grey ..	..	.. 0 5	0 8
4d. brown ..	..	.. 0 6	0 6
6d. very pale green ..	..	.. 5 0	5 0
6d. sage green ..	..	.. 0 10	1 0
6d. sap green ..	..	.. 2 6	3 0
1/- violet ..	..	.. 1 6	1 9

NOTE.—Many shades of all above stamps are met with no two consignments of stamps were received exactly alike, and the climate soon affected the colour; only the most pronounced varieties are mentioned. The earlier copies of these stamps had a lot of colour in the embossed hair of the Queen's head; this lot gradually became less distinct, and in the latest issues vanished entirely. The 1887 issue may be found on paper, perfectly white, and on toned paper, the latter are worth rather more than above prices. Entire sheets and blocks command better prices than a proportionate number of divided stamps.

1898 issue, design similar to the Seychelles stamps, watermark, Crown, C.A., perforated 14.

½d. green ..	..	.. 0 1	0 1
1d. carmine ..	..	.. 0 2	—
2d. orange brown and lilac ..	..	.. 0 3	—
2½d. ultramarine ..	..	.. 0 4	—
3d. red-lilac and blue ..	..	.. 0 5	—
4d. bistre and blue ..	..	.. 0 6	—
6d. green and carmine ..	..	.. 0 9	—
1/- mauve and green ..	..	.. 1 4	—

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, Fillongley House, Boldmere Road, Erdington, near Birmingham.

MESSRS. WILLIAMS & CO., LIMA.

THE new Price List of Messrs. Williams & Co., Lima, is instructive and useful reading. It is entitled "An Open Letter," and a useful letter it is. We need not enter into any of its details as it has been sent to practically all our readers, but if this notice should meet the eye of anyone who has not seen it, we shall be pleased to forward a copy upon the receipt of address.

ABOUT STAMP PEOPLE.

By NON-LEX.

No. VII. - Messrs Alfred Smith & Son and the Rowland Hill Packets.

ALTHOUGH stamp dealers may come and go, the famous philatelic firm of Alfred Smith & Son goes on, apparently, for ever. Time was when it was known as Alfred Smith & Co., but of late years it has borne the designation above. Wherever the name is known—and it is familiar in every portion of the world where philatelists are—there are known also the "Rowland Hill" packets. The fame of this series extends backward into the mist of philatelic antiquity! When they were first made and offered for sale I cannot say, but I have before me a copy of *The Stamp Collector's Magazine*, December 1st, 1867, and they are there referred to as a new series of packets," so presumably their origin could not have been much more remote.

At the beginning the "Rowland Hill" packets were of the ordinary character, being divided into six-penny, shilling, two shilling &c., packets according to size and quality. Later they developed and took shape as something more like constituent parts of a collection for, where individual stamps had figured without particular arrangement, sets began to appear, so that purchasers of more than one packet would not find the stamps duplicated. Then the packets were re-arranged and issued in parts, the constituent countries of each being in alphabetical order, so that purchasers of either packet necessarily had a completely different selection from those who purchased the other parts, and lastly, the series was so

augmented and further sub-divided into sections that purchasers of the whole series now get an actual collection of 1400 different stamps.

Sixteen separate and distinct parts are comprised in the new series and they are in an arranged alphabetical order, of which the following will give an idea. Part I contains 96 stamps beginning at Abyssinia and ending at Austrian Levant. This includes used and unused, Colonial and European, current and obsolete. Thus Argentine is represented by stamps of the 1867, 1873, 1878 &c., issues, Austria by stamps of 1850, 1853, 1861, &c., Austrian Italy 1850, 1858, &c., Austrian Levant, 1867, and so on. Part II goes from Austrian Levant, 1883, to Bosnia, 1879, and contains 93 varieties, including the obsolete stamps of Barbados, Bavaria, Bermuda, Bolivia, &c. So the series goes on to Part XVI, wherein stamps from United States to Zululand are represented to the number of 85. The whole set forms a collection of 1400 different stamps whose catalogue value amounts to eleven pounds.

This figure proves that the Rowland Hill Packet Collection is not the ordinary variety packet which is offered by many dealers, in fact the whole series does not contain a single reprint, facsimile, fiscal, or telegraph stamp—neither cut envelope, band or postcard. The stamps have evidently been selected with such care that stamps damaged by any means are entirely omitted. The sixteen parts come to three pounds—but if purchased separately each part is four shillings. At the same time anyone buying, say part I and II could have the rest for fifty-two shillings, and so on. If one had bought fifteen parts he would get the sixteenth free. There can be no doubt that the "Rowland Hill" packet collection is far away above all competitors—in fact, it has no competition, for no other dealer runs packets on a similar line. Messrs. A. Smith & Son have issued a 44 page book descriptive of the packet, which they will be pleased to send to intending purchasers, and the book itself is not uninteresting reading.

In 1896 Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son issued an even more interesting book, entitled, "Notes on the contents of the new Rowland Hill packet." This book was compiled at very great pains, and contained information of the utmost interest and value. Every country represented in the packet was touched upon in the "Notes," and descriptions of the stamps, of the people or scenes represented on them, together with the cause of issue and other historical information, made this a valuable book which I always keep handy for reference. Since the form of the packets have been altered this book is naturally out-of-date, but yet for purposes of reference it is well worth the sixpence charged for it originally. I do not know whether it is yet in print, and should imagine it is not, as the new descriptive book mentioned above has been issued.

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Gambia (obsolete), embossed head, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	3	6
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" " " 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, and 10/-	33	0
British Bechuanaland on English, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	3	6
British South Africa, first type, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., 1/-	7	0
" " " 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/-, 10/- and £1	80	0
" " " 1896, now obsolete, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., and 1/-	4	0
" " " 2/-, 2/6, 3/-, 4/-, 5/- and 10/-	35	0
" " " 1896 Provisional on Cape of Good Hope, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.	12	0
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" 5 " green	0 3	—	—
" 7 " blue..	0 6	—	—
" 20 " red-brown	0 5	—	—
1887, 1 " lake	0 2	—	—
" 2 " violet	0 2	—	—
" 3 " blue	0 3	—	—
" 5 " green	0 2	—	—
1890, 2 " on 3c. blue..	0 3	—	—
1891, 1 " purple	0 2	—	—
" 2 " blue	0 2	—	—
" 3 " lilac	0 3	—	—
" 3 " slate	0 3	—	—
" 5 " orange	0 2	—	—
" 7 " scarlet	0 9	—	—
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1893, 1 " violet	0 1	—	—
" 2 " indigo	0 2	—	—
" 3 " slate	0 6	—	—
" 5 " orange	0 1	—	—
" 7 " vermilion	0 2	—	—
" 20 " red-brown	0 10	—	—
*1896, 1 " blue	0 1	4 0	—
" 2 " carmine	0 1	—	—
" 3 " lilac	0 2	12 0	—
" 5 " olive	0 1	—	—
" 7 " slate	0 4	35 0	—
" 20 " orange	1 6	—	—
*1898, 2 " on 20c., orange	0 3	—	—
" 2 " " red-brown	0 7	—	—
" 2 " red..	0 1	8 0	—
" 5 " green	0 3	—	—
Paraguay, *1879, 10 centavos, green		1 2	—	—
France, 1849, 10 centimos, cinnamon		2 6	—	—
" " 15 " green	5 6	—	—
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CHRONICLE.

BELGIUM.—Mr. G. Johnson informs us that the 50c. is now issued in grey.

CANADA.—The $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 6 and 8c. stamps have been received by Mr. Johnson with numerals in lower corners.

HUNGARY.—The watermark is now the Hungarian crown within an oval. Every oval interlaces with four others, and each oval and crown is on part of six stamps.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—We have received from Bloemfontein the 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 3d. with apparently a new type of surcharge. The large 2 is very thick top and bottom.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., the well-known Peruvian dealers, inform us that orders were sent to New York on September 19th for 5 and 10 soles stamps (50,000) of each. They also send us a new 1c. stamp in a vivid green colour.

1 centavo, green.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—Mr. Roger Wilson informs us of a curious error he has discovered in this country. The stamp in question is the 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ reis, crown type, olive. The $\frac{1}{2}$ of the $\frac{1}{2}$ value is entirely missing, and the 1/ is put in its place. It is an unused original. Mr. Wilson would be glad to know if the variety has been previously noted.

PORTO RICO.—A number of issues have been surcharged "1898—PROVISIONAL—1899," and yet more "Habilitado—PARA—1898 y 1899," while the current 5 mil is surcharged "Habilitado—4 ctvs."

UGANDA.—There is now a permanent type for this Protectorate. The stamps are of similar type to Zanzibar and British East Africa and represent the Empress-Queen, crowned, in her widow's weeds. The higher values are of larger size. Lettering UGANDA PROTECTORATE—POSTAGE AND REVENUE. Water-marked Crown and C.A. for the anna values, and Crown C.C. for the rupee values. Perforated 14.

1 anna, carmine.	8 annas, pale olive.
2 " lilac brown.	1 rupee, ultramarine.
3 " grey.	5 " brown.
4 " bright green.	

POSTCARDS, &C.

GIBRALTAR.—The postal stationery has undergone the same change of currency as the adhesives.

Envelopes, 2d. red.

Wrappers, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., bright green.

Id., carmine.

Postcards, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., green on buff.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. + $\frac{1}{2}$ d. " "

Id., carmine on buff.

1d. + 1d., " "

EMERGENCY ISSUES OF CUBA AND PUERTO RICO.

By J. M. ANDREINI.

M NON-PHILATELIC friend in San Juan, Puerto Rico, has sent me a lot of provisional stamps which serve as a souvenir of the outgoing régime.

I have not been able to find all these stamps duly chronicled in the philatelic journals, nor am I assured as to their comprising the full list of stamps surcharged in San Juan during the recent unpleasantness.

There are two kinds of surcharges. The *Habilitados* are regular postage stamps of obsolete issues made good for the years 1898 and '99, and consist of the following varieties:—

Habilitado

PARA

1898 y 99.

$\frac{1}{2}$ mil., violet	of 1896.
1 " lilac-brown	" "
2 " yellow-green	" "
4 " blue-green	" "
1 c. de p., claret,	" "
2 " red-brown	" "
3 " ultramarine	" "
3 " claret-brown,	1897.
4 " brown,	1896.
5 " light blue,	" "
6 " green,	1891.
6 " lilac,	1896.
8 " rose,	" "
20 " olive-gray,	" "
40 " salmon,	" "
80 " black,	1897.

The first line of the surcharge measures 15 by 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm.; the second, which is in small capitals, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 1 $\frac{1}{4}$; the third line measures 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ by 2 $\frac{1}{4}$. The overprintings are all in aniline ink; purple on the 8c., rose, and red on all other values.

The second surcharge is diagonal from left lower to right upper corner, in three lines, black ink.

1898
PROVISIONAL
1899.

2 mils, rose,	of 1890.
8 c. de p., brown,	of 1891.
10 " rose,	of 1890.
10 " rose-violet	of 1891.
20 " orange,	of 1890.

Besides these the 5 mils of the current type was also surcharged in two lines, with violet ink.

Habilitado
4 ctvs

5 mils, red-brown, of 1893.

The source of supply having been cut off by the blockade and the current series being partly or wholly exhausted, it was necessary to use the stock of old postage stamps on hand. I therefore see no reason why these provisional stamps should not be classed as an emergency issue and duly catalogued as such.

The other surcharged Puerto Rico stamps are of a more complex nature and we must classify them under two heads:—

(a) *Postage stamps surcharged "War Tax Stamps," without change of value.*

(b) *Postage stamps surcharged "War Tax Stamps," with a change in value.*

(a). IMPUESTO
DE GUERRA.

First line measures $12\frac{1}{2}$ by 3mm.

Second line measures $16\frac{1}{2}$ by 3mm.

2 c. de p., dark violet, of 1890.

2 " red-brown, of 1896.

5 " yellow-green, of 1891.

(b). IMPUESTO
DE GUERRA.

2 ctvs.

Third line, 10mm., the figure 2 is $2\frac{1}{4}$ mm. high and ctvs. measures 6mm.

2mil., flesh, of 1894.

IMPUESTO
DE GUERRA.

5 ctvs.

1mil., dark violet, of 1891.

" blue, of 1894.

Surcharged in aniline purple except the two values changed to 5ctvs., which are in aniline red.

Of course the only war tax stamps that can be considered at this juncture are those that have been used as an additional postage rate on letters and other mail matter.

Unlike the Puerto Rico stamps, which are all surcharged, there are a few unsurcharged provisionals of Cuba used in 1894. The use of these stamps, which were then obsolete, was authorised by a local law dated Habana, May 22nd, 1894, which appeared in the *Gaceta de la Habana* of the 23rd, a copy of which you now have before you. The enactment can be translated thus:—

" Having been authorised by the Secretary for the Colonies to use in this island postage stamps of $2\frac{1}{2}$ and 5 centavos of previous issues until the stamps ordered for the current year are received from the National Factory, the following stamps are delivered to the Spanish Bank for distribution:—

" $2\frac{1}{2}$ c., rose, with bust of King Alfonso XIII.

" 5c., light blue, of previous years.

" His Excellency the Treasurer-General, in virtue of the foregoing authority hereby directs that said stamps remain in circulation until the new requisition of stamps is received and that the fact be published by this means so that it may be generally known.

" Habana, May 22nd, 1894.

" The Sub-Treasurer,

VICENTE TORRES."

These stamps form a series of provisionals which are the more interesting because, being unsurcharged, they cannot possibly be catalogued in the present style of catalogues.

I have only seen the following varieties:—

$2\frac{1}{2}$ c. de p., brown, of 1882.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " emerald-green, of 1890.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ " salmon, of 1891.

25 " blue, of 1880.

5 " blue, of 1881.

5 " blue, of 1882.

They can only be distinguished by their postmarks and it is to be observed that the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c., rose, mentioned in the law, must allude to the $2\frac{1}{2}$ c., salmon, so-called, in our catalogues, and issued in 1891, because there had never existed a $2\frac{1}{2}$ c., rose, previous to 1894. Another noticeable feature of these provisionals is that they are found used on letters as early as March 14th, thus antedating the decree authorizing their use.

Unused war tax stamps in a philatelic collection are but interesting curiosities.

I am unable to say just at present for what purpose the reported 3c. and 4c. values were surcharged, if it is true that they exist, but those surcharged with a change in value to 2c. and 5c., as well as those which retained their original values of 2c. and 5c., were mainly used on letters and mail matter of all kinds, the tax being, as I am informed, two cents on foreign parcels and five cents on island parcels, it being necessary to mention in connection with these rates that the current provincial money is worth about 50% of our money.

It is my humble opinion that stamps surcharged "War Tax" placed on letters that cannot be forwarded without them, after they are cancelled on such postal service, do become worthy of being collected as postage stamps. I base that opinion principally on the law of 1874, of which I have translated the following salient paragraphs:—

" All letters and parcels are subject to this extra and temporary charge. . . . The stamp of 5c.

must be placed on the address side of such letter or parcel by the sender, besides the postage to be placed on same according to weight. . . . This new but temporary additional charge on mail matter will be imposed on and after January 1st, 1874, and all postmasters must therefore detain each and every parcel or letter on which no special war tax stamp appears, notifying the addressee of such detention in the manner in which the detention of unstamped letters is at present notified.

"Madrid, December 15th, 1873.

" ANTONIO DEL VAL,

" *Postmaster-General.*"

I desire to call attention to these facts because, if it is true, as I have seen it somewhere formally stated, that our cataloguers are ready to follow the wishes of collectors about the insertion or rejection of special items in the catalogue, we may perhaps obtain a favourable hearing if we formulate our wishes respectfully and reasonably. Of course no law is violated by collecting the stamps, whether they are catalogued or not. It is well to state in this connection, so as to avoid possible misunderstanding, that I have no stamps for sale, nor do I know anyone having them for sale. My sole interest in them is the interest of an earnest philatelic enquirer.

The cataloguers, I think, very plainly say that these war tax stamps are simply revenue stamps and cannot become postage stamps or be incorporated in a postage stamp catalogue, though they generously concede that such stamps are required in order to have a letter forwarded to its destination. I believe, if I am not much mistaken, that there are in the present postage stamp catalogues a few stamps catalogued as revenue stamps used for postage. Are not these Puerto Rico stamps legally and legitimately used in the same way? The extra 2c. or 5c. stamp is required as an additional postage charge to be paid by a specific stamp and as evidence to this effect I quote the last issue of Spain which is labelled no longer "War Tax" but "Recargo," meaning additional charge.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN BIRMINGHAM.

THE Birmingham Philatelic Society are holding an exhibition of stamps from 1 p.m. December 7th to 9 p.m. December 9th, at Graves' Picture Gallery, 44, Cherry Street, Birmingham.

The exhibition is open to all collectors and dealers, whether members of the Society or not. Adhesive stamps only (including stamps on originals) will be admitted. Envelopes and postcards, and collections of stamps in bound books cannot be accepted for want of space.

The Gallery is extremely suitable for the perfect and safe exhibition of fine stamps, being on the ground floor and lighted from the roof only, so that no direct sunlight can affect the stamps. Electric light and efficient reflectors are available for evening use. It has been specially built for the purpose of exhibiting valuable pictures, therefore exhibitors can have perfect confidence that their stamps will not suffer in any way.

Notice from intending exhibitors of their intention to exhibit and the approximate number of sheets they will send, must reach the hon. secretary before November 19th, and exhibits must be in his hands on December 5th. No charge will be made for space, but exhibits must be delivered to the hon. secretary at 208, Birchfield Road, Birmingham, carriage paid, and they will be returned in the same way at the cost of the Society. Local collectors must deliver their exhibits at 44, Cherry Street, Birmingham, on December 6th, between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.

The committee will take every possible precaution for the safety of exhibits while under their charge, but cannot hold themselves responsible for theft or loss in any way. A watchman will be specially engaged to remain in charge of the premises at night, and a member of the committee will always be in attendance during the time the exhibition is open. Should any exhibitor desire to insure, particulars of terms can be obtained from the hon. secretary.

The exhibits will be shown in the same frames as were used in the last London Exhibition, and each case will be sealed after arrangement by the committee. The inside measurement of the frames is 30 x 47 inches.

The committee will be glad to receive particulars from members or friends who are willing to exhibit, and as the time for preparation is short they request that information may be at once sent to the hon. secretary to enable the necessary arrangements to be made. Stamps may be mounted on leaves of interchangeable albums or on special cards to be procured at cost price (1/- per dozen post free) from the hon. secretary.

Tickets of admission will be supplied to members and exhibitors for distribution among their friends on application to the hon. secretary, or admission is free on presentation of address card.

We understand that Mr. Plumridge will hold a sale during the exhibition.

'Twixt tweedle-dee and tweedle-dum

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THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE POSTMAN is very much obliged to Mr. H. A. McMillan for an invitation to the smoking concert of the Central Philatelic Club last Monday. Unfortunately he was unable to attend, but he hopes all enjoyed themselves.

There was only a moderate attendance at Messrs. Ostara and Darlow's sale in Birmingham on November 3rd, and I was very sorry to see it so. The President and Vice-Presidents of the Birmingham Society attended, but the rank and file were conspicuous by their absence. They missed a number of bargain lots, for the stamps went very cheaply. Among those who were present at some time in the evening were Messrs. R. Hollick, W. Pimm, S. J. Hopkins, W. E. Fowkes, T. Birch, D. Davis, W. T. Wilson, W. G. Walton, J. A. Margoschis, and Dr. Peck. Mr. G. Johnson, hon. secretary of the Birmingham Society was out of town. The top price obtained was £25, which sum was given by Mr. R. Hollick for a fine unused Nova Scotia 1/-.

London auction prices cannot now be chronicled in the journals which erstwhile delighted so to do. The leading London auctioneers have forbidden it, and will withdraw their advertisements from papers which continue the publication of these prices. The London auctioneers are wise in their generation. The prices stamps fetch at London auctions are not a great encouragement to would-be vendors. The *London Philatelist* has (so says the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*) "wisely decided to omit from future issues even the sparse and scrappy auction chronicles hitherto provided." The *L.P.* is also wise in its generation, and its example has been followed by other English philatelic journals.

The death of the S.S.S.S. is a true sign of the times, for nothing in the philatelic line is now in greater demand than new issues, including those of recognised speculative nature. Collectors of the advanced type are more eager than others, almost, to get these, and high-class dealers, who would not touch this class of stamps—publicly—a bit ago, are now advertising them for sale.

Through a wholesale dealer, my attention was drawn to the commonly called "Seebecks" such as Nicaragua, Honduras, and Salvador. While very near all dealers run them down, yet how many will sell you a complete set at 50% off catalogue? The price most dealers ask for them is about 20% under catalogue value. If these stamps are trash (as some call them) why not sell them as such, or else cease condemning them.

Omahas in a used condition are rather scarce. But few copies of the higher values can be picked up and even the 8 and 10 cent are not as plentiful as they might be.

Two entire sheets of the 10 and 20 centimes of the first issue of Belgium with framed watermark have lately been found in Antwerp.

The last remaining local post of the Chinese Empire, that of Shanghai has, it is stated, been discontinued. The permanent stamps of China are the only ones now in use.

Charkhari is a state in Bundelkhand, and consists of two main portions at some distance from one another, together with numerous scattered fragments of territory. The capital is between Jhansi and Bunda. The area of the State is 703 square miles, and its population 143,108. It is, therefore, rather smaller than Duttia. The State Post Office has existed since 1893. It was at first intended to convey official correspondence only, and it was not till 1894 that private postal articles and postage stamps were introduced. The State has one head office at Charkhari, and a branch office at each of the sub-divisional capitals, viz.:—Chaudla, Isanagar, and Ranipur. Charkhari has two postmen, Chaudla three, and Isanagar and Ranipur one each. The postmaster of Charkhari manages the postal department and visits the offices occasionally, leaving his own office in charge of his head clerk.

The new Governor of New Zealand, Lord Ranfurly, is an ardent philatelist.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

RAILWAY LETTER-FEE STAMPS!

THESE are decidedly *the* stamps of the season, seeing they are receiving as much attention as all other sections of English postals combined; and though I, for one, deprecate the slavish bowing-down to mere fashion in collecting,—(West Indians are every whit as good as Africans to me)—yet this case is clearly one in which the favourites deserve the vogue they are having if only to atone for the rather late admittance of their claim to be ranked as postage stamps. So now, having recognised them as such, it is only "very meet, right, and our bounden duty" to acquire and study them as illustrating a branch of our modern postal system; and apart from other claims upon and charms for the collector, there is now a real difficulty in obtaining unused

specimens, even of most kinds now current; as the companies, with but few exceptions, have strictly enjoined their servants that none are to be supplied to the public direct, but the stamps are in all cases to be affixed to letters by the officials themselves—exactly the reverse of the rule governing the supply and use of post office stamps. The following experience of mine will show how literally these instructions are adhered to:—A few days ago, I had occasion to send a letter a few miles by means of the railway-post, and to save my correspondent trouble I wished to prepay a reply by enclosing an envelope ready stamped, for return by the same means; but the careful official to whom I applied said he could only supply the one stamp actually required for forwarding, and that the addressee could obtain a stamp for reply at the other end! Now I would have had a dozen of that company's stamps for philatelic use, but finding how the land lay, of course I spared them the trouble of a refusal. I may add that the gigantic track owned and worked by this particular company measures just nine miles long by three feet wide, and that the dividends on its shares have in recent years fluctuated between nothing and 2 per cent, so no wonder they are so independent! But, how shortsighted is such a policy, for, to say nothing of the extra twopences they might pocket in clear profits, the circulation of a small railways stamps amongst collectors all over the United Kingdom would prove no mean advertisement of their line and district, bringing it to the notice of many who might otherwise never hear of its existence. It is to be hoped that these anomalous restrictions may very soon be rescinded; nobody but the managing geniuses knows of a good reason for them: and those good reasons they have are not as yet divulged.

MR. EWEN'S LATEST.

Now from railway fee stamps in general to Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen's catalogue of them in particular, is but a natural and easy transition. This most enterprising gentleman has compiled and published a reference list which is in every respect worthy of his undisputed position as the pioneer of this latest phase of home philately. Besides being a concise, clear, and, as far as at present known—complete catalogue, it has two especially good features: the first of which is—a series of 24 full-size illustrations, reproduced from photographs, which show most clearly all the various types, as well as the differences between the work of the various firms who have contracted for the supply, past and present, of the stamps. The other good idea is, that instead of each variety being priced in the catalogue, it has a reference number prefixed, so that prices can be quoted month by month in Mr. Ewen's "Weekly Circular" (which can be had of the publishers gratis on receipt of postage). This is a capital arrangement, as the circular forms a running supplement to the

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PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

MARGENTINA: 20 pesos green.—The principal difference between the forged and the genuine stamp consists in the printing, which is from a lithograph in the former and from a steel engraving in the latter. As a consequence of this difference the ornaments, letters, and lines are finer and neater in the originals.

The row of seven pearls below the bust is irregular in the forgery, but quite regular and well-formed in the original.

The measurement of the forgery is $18\frac{3}{4} \times 31$ mm., while that of the original is $18\frac{1}{2} \times 30$.

This difference in size can be observed in all the details; for instance, the rectangles enclosing the words REPUBLICA and ARGENTINA are $16\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long instead of 16mm. as in the originals.

All the letters forming the words REPUBLICA and ARGENTINA touch each other, except the "I" and the "C," while in the forged stamp every letter stands by itself owing to the fact that the horizontal end lines, both at the top and bottom are shorter than in the originals.

In the latter the "u" of Republica is accented while it is unaccented in the forgery.

The paper is thin and unglazed in the originals while thick and glazed in the forgery.

The colour is bluish green in the former and dark yellow green in the latter.

The perforation is $11\frac{1}{2}$ in both.

BAVARIA: 2 krouzer pale lilac.—This rare stamp has been found lately on an exchange sheet, and seems to have been manufactured out of the 12 krouzer money order. The paper was quite thin, no doubt done by rubbing, a watermark, which was, however, indistinct, was impressed with some oily substance, gum and perforation completed the work.

The principal point is that the colour is too bluish and not reddish like the original, furthermore the perforation is too rough, the letters, &c., too broad.

GENEVA ENVELOPE.—It is possible that this may be one of the new Swiss forgeries. It is of the

smallest ("ladies'") size, but hand-made, postmarked with the Geneva (town) cancellation of "5 Juni, 48," and the stamp had the red obliteration, type I, of the Geneva cantonal postmarks, i.e., a cross surrounded by ornaments. The stamp is engraved in bright yellow-green.

PRINCE EDWARD ISLANDS.—*Forged cancellations*: We learn that about four months ago a large number of these stamps turned up, on *soi-disant* original covers, but with forged postmarks. They consisted of the whole of the 1872 issue (with the exception of the 3c. rose) and the 3d. blue, of the 1865 issue. The usual cancellation of the genuine is a circular or an oval figure, formed by parallel straight lines of graduated lengths.

SPAIN: 2c. orange on greenish paper, 1860 issue. —As many as 1,200 having been offered at a time; also a forgery of the 4c., blue, of 1867. These forgeries are unused, and very well imitated.

SWISS CANTONAL FORGERIES.—*La Philatélie Helvétique* warns us concerning a number of new forgeries, recently issued, amounting to 5,000 sets of 60 varieties. We have not seen any of them yet, though doubtless we (and others) shall, ere long, have an opportunity of beholding some of them! They are said to be well imitated and properly post-marked.

THE ROWLAND HILL PACKETS.

We will send the book descriptive of the Rowland Hill packet to any of our readers who want it. The book will give a better idea of this splendid series than is possible otherwise, but those who have made up their minds not to purchase the packets, or any of them, had better not thrust themselves in the way of temptation by getting it, as they are most likely to buy the lot if they do. A friend of ours has all the series and seems very well satisfied.

NOTICES.

ALWAYS up to date, Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. are a bit before Father Time for once, for they have already got out the 1899 Price List of Albums, Publications and requisites for collectors, being the thirtieth edition. All readers are recommended to send for this booklet, which cannot fail to be useful. The wholesale list for November and December of the same firm contains the usual cheap lines for dealers

with all the newest issues listed. The wholesale list has been completely revised for this issue and further reductions in price made all round.

Messrs. Edward Cooper & Co., 14, Archway Road, Highgate, London, have produced their usual wholesale price list of twelve pages which should be in the hands of every dealer, for Messrs. Cooper are unapproachable in some lines.

Messrs. Plumridge & Co., have circulated a catalogue of British Colonial and Foreign Stamps, which are offered for sale by private treaty. The book discloses many tempting bargains.

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5 p., green.

10 p., carmine.

UNITED STATES.—Still more changes in the current regular issue are to come. The 15c. will take its turn this time and be changed to olive green. This colour has been approved but no printing has been made as yet. It was announced that the color of the 5c. blue had been changed to light blue, but since seeing the new ones it can scarcely be called a change of color but merely a new shade which is somewhat lighter. It is doubtful whether it will be a distinct variety any more than the shade varieties in the old 5c. The same 8 plates were used in both shades of blue. No more changes are expected in the current issue hereafter.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

By NON-LEX.

THE Birmingham Philatelic Society has cause to be very proud of its first exhibition, and this, I think, will be the general verdict of critics in the various philatelic journals. Hardly advertised at all, held in one room, comparatively small though admirable suited for the purpose, it yet attracted philatelists from all over the kingdom and displayed exhibits which it would be impossible to displace for extreme interest and high value. The committee who managed it deserve every credit. Mr. Johnson, the hon. secretary, was indefatigable in his efforts, while the president, Mr. W. T. Wilson, explained the peculiarities and beauties of the exhibits with his usual unflinching good humour and courtesy. Close upon eight hundred people visited the exhibition altogether.

Below is the list of exhibitors and the chief exhibits:—

W. Dorning Beckton (Manchester). The collection of Greek stamps which was awarded the silver medal of the L. P. Exhibition.

J. Bernichon (Paris). 1d. and 2d. "POST OFFICE" Mauritius.

T. Buhl (London). Proofs and trial impressions of English stamps.

M. P. Castle (Brighton). The unique collection of Saxony, which includes the block 4 ½ng. in the colour of the 2g. with a grand lot of the 3pf. of 1850, used and unused, and the whole 1851 issue by pages in mint condition.

E. A. Clark (Aberdeen). British Guiana, 1851-6 in singles, pairs and strips. Newfoundland, orange vermillions. Labuan, 6 in red on 16 blue. Barbados 1d. on 5/-. B. E. Africa, ½ on 2 signed A.D. Dum-Dum (Calcutta) post office book showing early post-marks.

G. A. Combs (Bath). A fine collection of triangular Capes.

E. Heginbottom (Rochdale). Barbados, Virgin Is., used, complete, St. Vincent 5/- star (used). ½d. on half 6d., 1d. on 6d., Lagos 1885, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, all used, collections of Gibraltar, Malta, Cyprus, Gambia.

R. Hollick (Birmingham). African Colonies, including a nice lot of "Post Paid" Mauritius in all stages of the plate, Cape wood blocks and many other rare stamps; sheets of Indian native states.

G. F. Jackson (Birmingham). The complete and rare collection of Spanish stamps which was awarded the silver medal of the L. P. Exhibition.

G. Johnson (Birmingham). Hawaiian Islands, 1862-'04, including errors of surcharge; reconstructed sheets of English.

C. F. Larmour (Calcutta). Complete sheets of Indian with margins uncut, including ½d., 1d. and 2d. of first issue.

H. Loveridge (Wolverhampton). Complete collection of Tasmania, including reconstructed sheets of plates 1 and 2 of the first issue 4d.

H. F. Lowe (London). A fine collection of Ceylon, including 4d. and 8d. imperf. on originals; 2d. deep green C.C.; 25c. on 32c., perf. 14 × 12½; also a grand collection of St. Helena, including the error of 1863, 6d. without surcharge.

G. Mackey (Birmingham). Block of 12 1d. black Royal Reprint; block of 11 L. C. imperf.; block of 84 Prince Consort essay; block of 84 2d. blue, no lines.

J. A. Margoschis (Birmingham). An artistically-arranged frame of Colonials, mostly unused, but including 4d. and 8d. imperf. Ceylon, used.

W. Pimm (Birmingham). Fine collections of Canada, St. Lucia, St. Christopher and Tobago, used and unused.

J. E. Sparrow (Aberystwyth). A fine display of triangular Capes of all values, in mint condition, in large blocks as well as in singles, pairs, &c.

Major Stockdaie (Plymouth). A very good collection of French and French colonies.

Miss J. Weston (Bournemouth). St. Vincent nearly complete, making up a very nice collection.

C. F. Tanner (Birmingham). A good lot of unused Colonials and U.S.A.; the Ceylons, Victoria, St. Lucia, St. Vincent were especially good.

Mr. Tebay (London). A good collection of Uganda.

F. E. Wilson (Birmingham). Good collections of Austria and Belgium.

W. T. Wilson (Birmingham). One case of stamps on original covers and two cases of rare stamps, including fine copies, used and unused, of the following:—N.S.W. "Sydneys" all values; British Guiana, early issues; British Honduras, ditto; Buenos Ayres; India, provisionals; British Columbia and Vancouver Island; Canada, pence issues; Nova Scotia, 4 1/- and a good number of other values; New Brunswick, 3 1/-; Nevis; West Australia, &c.

On the Thursday and Friday during the exhibition Mr. H. W. Plumridge held a very successful auction sale at the Grand Hotel. Many of the prices obtained were very satisfactory and only some half dozen out of the 500 lots were unsold. Philatelists from far and wide were present at one time or another including such well-known personalities as Messrs. W. Brown (Salisbury), Robt. Reid, jun., Theodore Buhl (London), J. R. F. Turner (Oxford), J. Cansino (Manchester), W. T. Wilson, G. Johnson, R. Hollick, W. Pimm (Birmingham), *et hoc genus omne*, including NON-LEX who kept as much out of sight as possible among these great ones.

Mr. Plumridge is the prince of auctioneers—genial, generous and gentlemanly and, although prices might have ruled a bit better, the results were fairly satisfactory on the whole, and he seemed perfectly satisfied with the people he met, who, so NON-LEX think, reciprocate the feeling. Space forbids the reproduction of the prices obtained, but the following are a few of the more interesting:—

	s.	d.
Barbados, 5/-, unused, no gum ..	60	0
Dominica, 1/-, CA. perf. 14, unused, lilac rose ..	52	6
Great Britain, V.R., 1d. black ..	162	6
Mauritius, CC. perf. 14, 5/-, block of 4 ..	58	0
Tobago, CA. perf. 14, 4d. green, unused ..	18	0
St. Vincent, 6d. green, no wmk., block of 4, unused ..	72	0
U.S.A., 9c. Periodicals ..	20	0
Virgin Isles, 1/-, perf. 15, single lined border, unused ..	46	0
Barbados, 5/-, rose, wmk. small star, used ..	35	0
Canada, 6d., imperf., on thick paper ..	137	6
Cape of Good Hope, 1d., dark red, wood block ..	44	0
Ceylon, 8d. brown, star, imp., slightly torn ..	160	0
„ 8d. yellow brown, rough perf., fine copy ..	72	0
„ 1/- perf. pair, mint unused, violet ..	42	0
„ 16c., CA., perf. 14, pale lilac, unused ..	160	0
Gold Coast, CA., perf. 14, 20/- green & carmine ..	105	0
Great Britain, 6d. 1 lac, imp., rosette wmk. trial oblit. ..	67	6

Grenada, 2½d., claret and black, wmk. broad pointed star ..	65	0
Newfoundland. 2d. or. vermilion, fine, no gum ..	17	0
„ 1/- or. vermilion, fine in every respect ..	220	0

New South Wales, Sydney view, 3½., very fine ..	28	0
Queensland, 6d. imperf., on piece of original ..	32	0
St. Lucia, 1/-, CA., perf. 14, very fine ..	42	0

A fine collection of 1,402 Colonial stamps brought £45, and another collection of United States, embodying 663, was sold for £20.

Mr. Plumridge has not expressed his intentions with regard to another sale in Birmingham, but when he does come all Birmingham philatelists will unite to welcome him, foremost among whom in spirit—though humbly occupying the background in person—will be found NON-LEX.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

OH, that exhibition! I went—yes, I went several times but alas, to no purpose—it was off! decidedly and distinctly OFF! They would *not* leave me alone in the place for one single minute. Once I did think it might occur. I was ready for the deed, when the massive form of Mr. G. J. loomed at my side. "Oh, yes, admiring the Post Office Mauritius, are you? Nice things to have in the house, eh? There are only &c., &c.," and so he went on. The best opportunity I found, was simply frittered away—and my collection of Mauritius yet lacks the keystone of its completeness.

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I wouldn't have the things as a gift, now. I believe Post Office Mauritius will soon become a drug in the market. Messrs. Plumridge and Co., offer a pair for sale and so does Mr. F. R. Ginn, and others have them on offer, I believe. The price is a mere bagatelle—a couple of thousands or thereabouts—perhaps it's more than some of us would care to give—I, for instance, should not like to squander a month's salary on a pair of stamps, more especially as I have firmly made up my mind not even to accept them as a gift, now.

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There was a merry little gathering after proceedings closed on Friday. Lemonade and other things drinkable, cigars and other things smokeable (I don't know whether the spelling's correct—alter for yourselves if it isn't), and billiard tables and other things playable were the order of the day. I don't know a lot about shell-out, but the game played that night was a peculiar variety for there were at least 87 balls on the table at the start—I want an explanation of that game when I see any of the players. How shell-out

can be played with 87 balls I don't know. There were about sixteen players, who struck three or four at a time—altogether it was a most mysterious game and requires a lot of explanation.

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Well, it was a jolly party all the same, and I hope to meet all the members of it again—either collectively or individually. In the meantime let one and all accept a Postman's blessing, go on and prosper.

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The S.C.F. inform us that Mr. F. C. Fisher, of Bristol, has inaugurated a Strip and Block Society. This is a novel departure which cannot but be most interesting to those taking part in its proceedings and it will doubtless lead to a considerable increase of philatelists eventually.

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Mr. W. G. Bowden is the latest to be and go and do it. Yes, Cardiff has lost an item of population, inasmuch as Mr. W. G. Bowden and a fair native of that city have become one. May they be an undivided pair is the POSTMAN'S wish—likewise he sends them his blessing.

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N.B., P.S., and likewise Take Notice all you, whom it may concern. The Northern Stamp Company, late of Great Horton, are now to be addressed at 6, Parkside Road, West Bowling, Bradford. Also, The Co-operative Stamp Co., late of Sydenham, are now to be found at Forest Gate, London, whither all letters must be addressed. This is final. The POSTMAN'S stock of blessings is running a bit short or he would send one to each of the above firms. Never mind, don't cry!

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

FISCAL-POSTALS.

MANY collectors may still be unaware of the precise terms of the "Customs and Inland Revenue Acts" of 1881-2, which conferred franking power on certain stamps not previously available for postage. By the letter of the law only such stamps—of the values of one penny to two shillings and sixpence—as were inscribed merely "Inland Revenue" were admitted to postal privileges: thus virtually excluding the blue "Receipt" and the brown "Draft" stamps of 1853, as also the lilac stamp issued in 1885, combining both those uses. But the notice issued by the postmaster-general, in pursuance of these acts, happened to make use of the

term "Ordinary receipt stamps," which was evidently only meant to refer to the small lilac "Inland Revenue" then in use. Thus the wording of this notice admitted of considerable latitude in its interpretation by the officers of the post office: hence the reason why the greater number of the 1853.5 penny fiscals, which have been used for postage, were allowed to pass unchallenged. But the acts themselves have never been altered or rescinded since, so it still depends upon the view taken by individual officials whether any given variety inscribed otherwise than "Inland Revenue" shall be taxed or not. The rather scarce stamp of 1860, overprinted vertically with "Inland Revenue" in red, is, of course, a legally constituted postage stamp.

SCOTT'S CATALOGUE.

If the foregoing remarks should give occasion to transatlantic readers to look up the stamps I have mentioned in their "Scott's" it will do them a service if I here point out that, on page 242 of the 58th edition, the first four varieties are not listed in right order, and that they refer wrongly to the illustrations, numbered R.1 and R.2 respectively. The 1d. brown "Draft" (No. 204) is of the first type, which is also "type i." of the blue "Receipt": these two should therefore be placed first. The block "R.2" correctly illustrates "type ii." of the blue stamp, which exists on both white and blue papers—thus there is no "variety" besides those of the 2 illustrations. Should the catalogue be corrected, the list would stand thus—the illustrations remaining as they are:—

201	R.1	1	penny	brwn,	"Draft."
202	"	1	"	blue,	"Receipt."
203	R.2	1	"	"	"
204	"	1	"	"	" (bluish).

EARLY USE OF ½D., PLATE 9.

In a recent number of his "Weekly Circular" Mr. H. Ewen records a dated specimen of this stamp, post-marked Gateshead, Dec. 5th, '71,—thus spoiling my previous best of Jan. 16th, '72. This plate, as Mr. Ewen points out, having been registered Dec. 23rd, 1870, some still earlier instances of use may yet be found, though possibly the plate might not have been used until some months after registration.

A very EARLY DATE.

But here's another record, which I expect to hold considerably longer than that above referred to. I have a 1d. Mulready cover, used—according to post-mark—at Stowmarket on May 14th, 1481!! Someone will say that the two middle figures transposed would give a much more probable date of use, and I suppose I must accept that explanation, at the expense of making my venerable Mulready some 360 years younger. A much less startling case of this

kind occurred at Malta during 1859, when for several weeks the final figure of the date was inverted; so that 2d. blue English stamps, with letters in all corners (not issued until 1858) may be found post-marked Malta, apparently in 1856.

THE 3D. AND 6D. OF 1883.

The overprint on this unique little issue continues to furnish fresh points to the observant variety-finder. So long back as January 1897, I recorded the two regular varieties in the distances of the pair of dots from bottom of the d. in both values: this I have confirmed by subsequent observation; a good specimen being invariably assignable to either the "higher dots" or the "lower dots" division. I have lately noticed some very distinct shades: I saw a 3d. in particular with the overprint very pale, but not faded, as it was on a mint copy, and the background design was of normal colour. Another variety was a 6d. with very faint dots, one being barely visible; and the latest is a 3d. with both dots at least double the usual size: they are not blurred, but very clear and perfectly formed; this stamp is of the "higher dots" type, and is lettered KA in lower corners. Can anybody match it, or show a 6d. with similar peculiarity?

1jd. GOVT. PARCELS.

A variety of the purple and green stamp—no longer in use with this overprint—may be found, on which the leg of the P has a decided curve under its body, apparently endeavouring to kick the left foot of its neighbour, A.

GIBBONS' NEW CATALOGUE.

The publishers announce that they will now be able to fully illustrate English Stamps: so we may expect to see this worthily carried out in Vol. I, which is to be ready during this month. Vol. III (the "Locals" of the World), will include British Railway Letter-post Stamps; whilst Vol. IV will be the part devoted to "entires." Thus all parts, except Vol. II, will treat of our home stamps.

IMPERIAL PENNY POSTAGE.

○ N and after Christmas Day, our colonial cousins and ourselves will be able to exchange greetings for the humble but useful penny—at any rate as far as all the important colonies are concerned—Australia alone excepted. These concessions will, let us hope, pave the way for international penny postage. The penny rate will henceforth apply to the following: Aden, Bahamas, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British India, Canada, Cape Colony, Ceylon,

Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Fiji, Gambia, Gibraltar, Gold Coast, Hong Kong, Lagos, Leeward Islands, Natal, Newfoundland, Niger Coast Protectorate, St. Helena, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Straits Settlements, Trinidad, and Tobago, Turks Islands, Uganda, Windward Islands.

Australia declines to join. Let us, however, charitably attribute her decision to the fact that she is still suffering from the financial crisis through which she not long since passed. Mr. Henniker Heaton's appeal to Australia to join in the penny postage within the Empire is a natural expression of disappointment that the Colonies with which his early manhood was peculiarly associated should alone refuse to grace his triumph. It is common knowledge that Mr. Henniker Heaton has had a remarkable career. He emigrated to Australia at 16, owned about three million acres there, helped to found a still powerful journal, and did a good deal of journalism himself. He had a large hand later in shaping the construction of the Mauritius, and, returning to England, has devoted thirteen years to the Imperial penny postage question. It is also regrettable that the United States hesitate, but with them the "penny" problem is only a question of time.

The new Imperial penny postage stamp issued in Canada gives a diminutive map of the world, upon which the British possessions are indicated by deep red colouring. Over this map is a Royal crown, and beneath it a bunch of oak and maple leaves. Along the upper edge of the stamp are the words, "Canada Postage," and on the lower edge "Xmas, 1898," being the date of the inauguration of the penny postage. On each of the lower corners is the figure "2c." indicating the value in cents, and running from one side to the other, is the quotation, "We hold a vaster Empire than has been."

MANCHESTER PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

WE have received a copy of the Prospectus of the International Philatelic Exhibition, to be held at Manchester next year, and have great pleasure in drawing the special attention of our readers to some of the details of the scheme. The Exhibition, to which H.R.H. the Duke of York has graciously given his patronage, will be opened on June 29th, 1899, and will remain open for a week. The arrangements are in the hands of a committee of members of the Manchester Philatelic Society, to whose care no collector need hesitate to entrust his treasures, and a most suitable locale has been secured in the shape of the Manchester City Art Gallery.

In the scheme of the Exhibition, the Committee draw attention to the fact that the interests of general collectors have been carefully protected. It is with the first object in view that more divisions have been made in the Prospectus than was the case in London, and for the latter purpose that certain favourite and most difficult countries have been introduced twice; in the first instance as a country complete, which the advanced specialists can exhibit, and secondly, after omitting the earlier and usually rarer issues, for the benefit of those who specialise in these countries but are not strong enough in such issues to compete with collectors of the first rank.

The number of prizes offered is very large, and should be sufficient to induce collectors of all countries and conditions to compete; the Committee has allotted twelve Gold (including one Special), thirty-eight Silver, and forty-four Bronze Medals to the various classes and divisions, and, in addition, eight Gold, twenty-eight Silver, and five Bronze Medals have already been promised by various societies and individuals, the list of which will no doubt be considerably increased before it is finally closed.

Further information can be obtained from the Secretary, and we recommend all our readers to write for a copy of the Prospectus and to study it carefully. There are few collectors who will not find an opportunity of exhibiting, and we hope that all will combine to make the Exhibition of 1899 as great a success as that of 1897.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

CEYLON.—A new counterfeit is announced. It is the Ceylon provisional stamp of 5 cents on the 8 cents, yellow, with "inverted" surcharge. It is easily detected for the word "Five" is in larger type than in the originals. The "Five Cents", on 4 cents, lilac-rose, with inverted surcharge has also been counterfeited, probably by the same party. This is more dangerous for here the type is so nearly like the originals that it can hardly be told. All these stamps are cancelled with bluish ink, quite different from that ordinarily used by the Ceylon postoffices. Beware of blue cancellations on Ceylon surcharges described above.

FRANCE.—Mr. Chas. J. Phillips calls attention to a new and dangerous forgery of the 1 fr. orange, 2nd Republic. The forgery is an excellent imitation, but

the paper is slightly thicker. The chief points of distinction are:—

- | Genuine | Forgery. |
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| 1. The shading under the eye and on the neck consists of well-defined parallel lines and dots. | 1. The shading under the eye cannot be resolved into parallel lines, that on the neck consists of parallel lines, but is much less pronounced. |
| 2. The Greek border at the sides of the frame consists of a bent ribbon, both edges of which are very clearly shown in perspective. | 2. The Greek border on the left side consists of a single bent line with traces only of a second line. On the right side the second line is slightly more noticeable, but it is far from being as clear as in the originals. |
| 3. There is an indent of colour in the middle of the line of the upper lip which almost amounts to a defect in the drawing. | 3. The indent is entirely absorbed into the curved line of colour of the upper lip. |
| 4. There are three lines of shading above the eyelid and beneath the eyebrow. | 4. These are absent. |

NAPLES AND SICILY.—The forgeries of these stamps are rather well made, the embossing of the head is, however, not as sharp as in the genuine. In the frame of the genuine, at top and bottom, there are twelve pairs of white dots or dashes, at the right side there are fourteen pairs and on the left side fifteen pairs; the "B" of "BOLLO" is opposite the "c" of "FRANCO" in the genuine.

NEW CALEDONIA.—The *Courier des Timbres Poste* learns from good authority that an engraver of Marseilles, France, recently cut a copper die representing the surcharge "Nlle. Calédonie" as imprinted upon the provisional issue of 1892 of New Caledonia. This die was ordered by an unscrupulous dealer of Marseilles and any stamps of that character should be looked upon with suspicion unless received from a reputable dealer.

MR. MORLEY'S REVENUE ALBUM.

(VOL. I., ANTIGUA TO INDIA).

THE first volume of the revenue album has come to hand and a grand book it is at the price, 12/6. It is a neat and handsome volume, well-bound in dark cloth with gold lettering and contains some

180 pages of heavy, good quality paper, thus making it a thick book. The pages are 11 inches by 9 and every single item of printing and arrangement is carried out with the utmost neatness. The pages are printed on one side and descriptions of the stamp are so placed that there is no necessity to move a stamp at all after once placing it in the album. There is ample room for all the revenue stamps of the countries included, for instance, Canada takes no less than 35 pages, whereon are spaces for every known variety up to date. As the collection of these beautiful revenues is growing more popular every day upon the other side of the Atlantic, this item should be very interesting to collectors there.

In England the collection of revenues has been neglected but there are those who have been quietly "amalgamating" and "bloating" with a view to the inevitable future, and the issue of this magnificent album is a big stride on the way. We must confess that when we saw the price at which Mr. Morley proposed to issue his book, we did not picture anything half so good as the reality and we do not see how Mr. Morley could possibly make the venture pay, unless it be by the increased business that will fall to his share as the revenue stamps get more in demand. We propose to refer to the album again later on and discuss, also, some other features connected with the collection of fiscals and, in the meantime, we can decidedly recommend the album under notice. [Post free, from Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, for 12/6.]

GROUP COLLECTING.

AFRICAN COLONIES.

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

SIERRA LEONE.

Wmk. Value.	Face Value.	Present Actual Market Value.	
		Unused. s. d.	Used. s. d.
1861 issue, no watermark.			
6d. violet, imperf.	..	200 0	
6d. deep violet, perf. 14,	on <i>bluish</i> ..	10 0	3 0
6d. pale violet,	on <i>white</i> ..	17 6	4 6
6d. mauve,	" ..	12 0	3 0
6d. "	perf. 12} ..	25 0	7 0
1872 issue, wmk. Crown CC., perf. 12.			
1d. rose	..	5 0	5 0
2d. magenta	..	12 6	12 6
3d. yellow	..	5 6	4 6
4d. blue	..	10 0	5 0
1/- green	..	20 0	12 6

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

1/2d. bistre	..	1 6	2 0
1d. rose	..	2 6	2 0
1 1/2d. violet	..	1 0	0 9
2d. magenta	..	2 6	0 9
3d. yellow	..	2 0	1 0
4d. blue	..	35 0	1 0
6d. mauve	..	3 0	2 0
6d. brown lake	..	2 0	2 0
6d. violet br'n	..	1 0	1 9
1/- green	..	4 0	2 0

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

1/2d. bistre	..	4 6	4 0
2d. magenta	..	4 6	1 6
4d. blue	..	£25	7 6

1884 same type, watermark and perf.

1/2d. green	..	0 1	0 1
1d. rose	..	0 3	0 2
1 1/2d. lilac	..	0 3	0 3
2d. grey	..	3 0	0 4
2 1/2d. blue	..	1 0	0 2
3d. yellow	..	0 10	0 7
4d. brown	..	0 7	0 4
1/- salmon	..	3 0	2 0

1894 provisional, wmk. Cr.C.C.

HALF-PENNY on 1 1/2d.	..	30 0	30 0
Wmk. Cr. C.A.			
HALF-PENNY on 1 1/2d.	..	1 0	3 0

NOTE.—This overprint may be found inverted and with F instead of E, the latter due to defective printing.

1896 new design, wmk. Cr. C.A., perf. 14.

1/2d. lilac and green	..	0 1	0 1
1d. ,, carmine	..	0 2	0 1
1 1/2d. ,, black	..	0 2	0 2
2d. ,, orange	..	0 3	0 2
2 1/2d. ,, blue	..	0 4	0 1
3d. ,, slate	..	0 5	0 3
4d. carmine	..	0 6	0 2
5d. black	..	0 7	0 2
6d. lilac	..	0 9	0 6
1/- green and black	..	1 3	0 7
2/- ,, blue	..	2 6	2 0
5/- ,, carmine	..	6 0	3 0
20/- brown on red	..	23 0	10 0

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

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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Oct. 20.—The Meeting was devoted to a discussion *re* Exhibition to be held in December.

Nov. 10.—The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. W. Scott, H. F. W. Deane, J. H. Telfer, R. Lajos, O. Gilstad, S. Frascati.

The programme for the remainder of the season is:

Jan. 19.—Exchange Discussion, short papers.

Feb. 2.—Display. N. S. W.

„ 16.—Exchange, etc.

Mar. 2.—Paper. New Zealand. Mr. W. PIMM.

„ 16.—Exchange, etc.

Apr. 20.—Display. Paper. Mr. R. HOLLICK.

May 18.—Exchange, etc.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

Members are requested to make a special effort towards getting a good packet for January. Please send good sheets early as possible. New members proposed this month are: E. Parry (Pontypridd), R. A. Blakeborough (Brighouse), E. G. Serghiades (Constantinople), G. L. Edwards (Falmouth), W. F. Dicks (London), E. I. Ireland (Manchester), W. Hine (Leeds), B. Bryson (Glasgow), A. J. Sharpe (Coolgardie), P. N. Escarpidis (Constantinople), A. Baldock (Loughboro'), F. Maloney (Edinburgh), T. S. Simpson (Caterham), F. K. Terrey (Bracknell). Rules, etc., from the Secretary. All philatelists are invited to join. Good references are always required.

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CHRONICLE.

BRAZIL.—A number of surcharges will be issued by Brazil in order to replace certain values that are exhausted. The series of 1890, showing the Southern Cross, is to be surcharged as follows:—

50 reis on 20 r.	100 r. on 50 r.
500 r. on 200 r.	700 r. on 300 r.
1000 r. on 500 r.	1000 r. on 700 r.
2000 r. on 1000 r.	

The stamp of 100 reis of the current issue is entirely exhausted and the other surcharges are intended to more evenly distribute the values in proportion to the quantities actually required. A similar shifting of values is also intended for the newspaper stamps, the large stock of which the government hopes to reduce much more rapidly by permitting the use of them for letter postage, which was formerly forbidden. The first of the latter series is the surcharge of the newspaper stamp of 100 r. purple, transformed into the value of 200 r. by a black surcharge of the new value and the year 1898.

The postal cards of 40 and 80 r. are withdrawn from circulation as well as the old letter-cards of 100 and 200 r.

CANADA.—The 8c. and 10c. with figures of values have been issued.

The first of the new imperial stamps, issued on December 7th, had a light lavender colour to represent the sea. About December 20th this was changed to a light blue and now the sea has assumed an even deeper tint. The first printing threatens to become uncommon. On January 1st the rate to any part of Canada or the United States was also reduced to two cents. This means the dropping of the three cent stamp and further supplies of the two cent will probably be printed in red according to the Postal Union recommendation. We are indebted to Mr. G. H. Grundy for the above interesting information.

CEYLON.—A new value 6c. will be required here for the Imperial Penny Postage rate and will shortly be issued, in the meanwhile no surcharges will be made the rate being made up with two 3c. stamps.

COLOMBIA.—*Die Post* notes a new issue here of the 1c. stamp with arms in a circle, "CORREOS" on a scroll above and "REPUBLICA DE COLOMBIA" in a curve below the circle. At bottom centre is the figure of value in a circle with value in words on either side,

1c. red on yellow, perf. 13.

ECUADOR.—The 50c. fiscal having been surcharged "CORREOS—5 CENTS—OFICIAL" in green and also in black has now been surcharged in red.

Off. 5c. in red on 50c. violet.

HONDURAS.—Of the locomotive type there are two more values to mention.

50c. orange red.
1p. blue-green.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—The 2c. orange has been used up and the 2c. in carmine will be issued at once.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The *M.J.* has met with a copy of the following:—
Off. 3d. green, perf. 12½, wmk. double lined 6, O.S. in black.

MEXICO.—The complete set of current issue on the no watermark paper is:—

4c. orange.	20c. rose-red.
10c. pink.	50c. mauve.
12c. olive-brown.	1p. brown.
	10p. blue.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co. inform us of the following new issues:—

5 soles, light green.
10 " lilac.

PORTUGAL.—The 15r. and the 25r. both of Portugal and of Angra, Funchal, Horta, and P. Delgada are to be changed in colour to
15r. black and green,
25r. " red.

PORTO RICO.—The following are chronicled with surcharge "Habilitado—Para—1898 y 99."

5c. light-green, 1891, carmine surch.
6c orange, " "
3c. brown, 1898 " "

QUEENSLAND.—We have received a copy of the new ½d. The head is in a circle, value in all four corners, and inscriptions at sides, "QUEENSLAND" at left, "HALFPENNY" at right.
½d. green.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Perak.* The 50c. instead of being lilac and black is now:—
50c. green and black.

POSTCARDS, &C.

ARGENTINE.—The reply cards of 1892, 2c. and 3c. have been surcharged "HABILITADO—4—CENTAVOS."

GREAT BRITAIN.—The ½d. wrapper is in use without the instructions.

½d. brown on buff, no instructions.

HAITI.—There are the following cards with the portrait of the President at right and arms at the left upper corner.

P.C. 1c. blue on white.
1+1c. " on grey.
2c. orange on rose.
2+2c. " on pale lilac.

3c. green on cream.
3+3c. " on mauve.

PERU.—Messrs. Williams and Co., Lima, send us specimens of four new postcards. They all bear views and the stamp is an embossed head in an oval. There are forty varieties of views altogether but only four values, viz.:

- 1c. black and violet on white.
- 2c. " carmine on eyish.
- 3c. " lavender on white.
- 4c. " brown on greyish.

CUBA.

POSTAGE stamps for temporary use in Cuba are on sale. The new stamps are United States stamps with the addition of distinguishing imprinting upon the face.

The denominations are one, two, five and ten cents. Across these is printed the word 'Cuba' in black ink, with the amount in pesos near the lower edge. The letters are small, but sufficiently distinct to prevent mistakes. The green one-cent stamps pose as the '1-cent de peso,' the red 2 as '2½ cent de peso,' the blue five as '5-cent de peso,' and the brown ten as 10-cent de peso.'

The Post Office department had under consideration several designs for permanent use, and only after considerable deliberation was a selection made. One design submitted contained a bust of Gen. Calixto Garcia, but this was rejected, because the intention is in every way to avoid giving offence to any class in Cuba. It was finally decided to substitute for the Garcia bust either the profile portrait of Columbus or one of the well-known statues of the discoverer. Another denomination will bear the typical Cuban scene and other will typify "Industry."

One stamp will contain a representation of a cane mill with a cane field in the rear. For another denomination the subject will be "Commerce." The design will show a full-rigged clipper ship on the water, and in appearance the stamp will be similar to the 12 cents issue of 1869, one of the most attractive stamps ever issued by the U.S. Government. The rate of letter postage in Cuba, 5 cents for half an ounce, will not be changed for the present.

The new provisional stamps were shipped from Washington city post office on December 27th. The first order was given on December 12th, but on the 14th ult. this order was modified and the following quantities were sent to the Island:

- 1,000,000 1c. de peso on 1c., green.
- 1,000,000 2½c. de peso on 2c., rose.
- 4,000,000 5c. de peso on 5c., blue.
- 400,000 10c. de peso on 10c., light brown.

In addition to the above the department has now given a second order for the Bureau to prepare another shipment to consist of the following denominations and quantities:

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It was found necessary to add a 2c. de peso as there was a demand for this value. The rate of postage to any country or from one province to another in Cuba is 5c. de peso for an ordinary letter and the local rate is 2½c. de peso.

The new plates for the regular set have been ordered, but as yet no work has been done on them.

PUERTO RICO.

Through the kindness of my old friend, Mr. N. Morera, of San Juan, P.R., I can now give the official quantities and denominations of stamps of this island surcharged "Habilitado para 1898 y 99," also the words of the decree authorising the surcharge.

The text of the decree may be translated substantially as follows:

"CENTRAL TAX AND REVENUE OFFICE,
"ISLAND OF PUERTO RICO.
CIRCULAR.

"The Honourable the Secretary of the Treasury, as suggested by this office, has ordered that such quantities of postage, bill of exchange, insurance policy, bank share and custom fee stamps of the years 1896-1897 as may be necessary for the biennial consumption, be made good for the years 1898-1899 by means of a rubber stamp with 1898 and 1899.

"This order must be published in the *Official Gazette*, &c., &c.

"Signed,
NICOLAS DAUBON."

The following is an official list of postage stamps, surcharged June 8, 1898.

"Habilitado
para
1898 y 1899."

200,000 of	1 milésima.
500,000 of	2 milésimas.
100,000 of	4 "
300,000 of	1 centavo.
300,000 of	2 centavos.
2,000,000 of	3 "
100,000 of	4 "
300,000 of	5 "
300,000 of	6 "
70,000 of	8 "
50,000 of	20 "
25,000 of	40 "
6,500 of	80 "

My friend has been authorised to say that officially no other stamps have been surcharged in San Juan, Puerto Rico, since 1873; that the so-called "Provisionals" are fraudulent; that the changes in value other than the changes to 2 and 5 centavos on the War Tax stamps are likewise fraudulent, and that the surcharged 4 milésimas on the 5 milésimas, 1898-99 type, is the greatest fraud of all.

J. M. ANDREINI.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE RAREST ENGLISH WRAPPER.

MS but very few readers can have seen a specimen of the rare type of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green wrapper—issued in October, 1875—with three lines of instruction, a copy of the text of that inscription will be interesting information. It runs thus:—

This Wrapper must be used only for Newspapers, or for printed papers which may be sent under Book Post; otherwise the packet will be charged with postage.

|| indicates the divisions of the lines. The type used is slightly larger than that of the well-known five-line inscription which superseded it in November, 1875. This was in its turn replaced by four lines in block capitals in 1888 (not 1878 as given by Gibbons); and now during the past year instructions have altogether ceased to appear on wrappers.

GIBBONS' NEW PRICES.

The prices of used English adhesives in the 12th edition (Part I.), are on a plane averaging quite one-third lower than that of the two preceding editions. This was fully to be expected, judging from the constant supplies of good medium and scarce stamps—the property of both collectors and dealers—circulating in the exchange clubs for some time past, the valuations of their owners showing that Messrs Gibbons had in most cases over-valued their wares. But as their quotations now stand the basis is a fair one for perfect and lightly-cancelled stamps: very few could be called dear, and perhaps least so those which have been advanced in price, while several which had already found their proper level remain unaltered. In unused there are many slight reductions, relieved by a sprinkling of advances. On the whole the pricing of English displays careful and discriminating revision.

GENERAL.

In an interesting article on "Early English Adhesives" Mr. G. A. Foster gives the numbers of 1d. and 2d. stamps issued during 1840-42 as follows:—

Years.	1d.	2d.
1840	74,856,960	7,597,960
1841	110,878,344	3,391,800
1842	121,648,080	2,866,080

These figures represent the numbers as issued from the Stamp Office in London, but it is probable that many of the 7,000,000 2d. stamps given out in 1840 did not find their way into the hands of the public till 1841, 1842, 1843 or 1844. It is evident the expectation of a large demand for the twopenny stamp was not realised.

The earliest date of use of the 6d. buff of 1872 is given as August 9th, but I have recently met with specimens postmarked July 16th and 18th, 1892, evidently originally used on telegram forms. The shade is a particularly pale one.

The Letter Fee Stamps of the Waterford, Limerick and Western Railway may shortly become obsolete. The Kauturk and Newmarket is the rarest of those issued by Irish railways.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

YOUR humble has to thank Messrs. G. Hamilton Smith & Co. for the present of a really grand perforation gauge of excellent quality and absolute accuracy. They don't say the market price or I'd tell you. Messrs. Errington & Martin also cheered a lone Postman's heart by means of a Christmas card—or rather a set of three—of a decidedly novel character, being the $\frac{1}{2}$ tanga Portuguese Indian post cards, 1898, with views. Messrs. Hamilton Smith & Errington now figure 19th and 20th in the Postman's list of those to whom he will send post OFFICE MAURITIUS stamps next Christmas—if he gets any in the meantime, that is to say.

There seems to be doubt in every mind as to what colonies have adopted the penny rate. The postman, himself, paid 2½d. for postage to India and then, after the letter had gone, found out he had wasted three-halfpence. For the guidance of others he now gives a list of the colonies who have *not* yet joined the penny circle: British Bechuanaland, British Borneo, British New Guinea, Cape of Good Hope, Jamaica, Labuan, Malta, Mauritius, New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland, South Australia, Tasmania, Victoria, Western Australia, Zanzibar.

In the year 1840, when the penny post commenced, the inhabitants of Kingham and several adjacent villages chose a boy of ten years old, named Thomas Phipps, son of a retired miller, to carry their letters to and from the post town of Chipping Norton,

Sundays and week days, a distance of four miles. Phipps has continued to do this from 1840 to nearly the close of 1893, a period of fifty-eight years, and it is computed that he has walked during that period a distance of 440,000 miles.

EXHIBITION AT PLYMOUTH.

BY W. A. WALKER, HON. SEC. PLYMOUTH P.S.

THE annual philatelic display of this Society was held on Saturday afternoon and evening, Jan. 14th, in 9a, Princess Square, Plymouth, and proved a most gratifying success—the exhibits being unquestionably in advance of all that had preceded. A large number of philatelists and philatelic friends inspected the stamps, and among those present were the Hon. Lady Fremantle, Lieut.-Col. Crookauder, Major G. Stockdale, R.E., and several members representative of the trade. In themselves the exhibits were very varied and well-mounted, though the room unfortunately did not lend itself to setting off the stamps at their best. To Baron A. de Worms certainly fell the honour of the finest display. His mint collection of St. Helena and British Honduras were deservedly the attraction of the room, and comprised in the St. Helena blocks of the 6d. perf. and imperf., the 1d., both sized bars, a pair of the 1/- green, short bar (difficult enough to procure unused in the single copy), and four varieties of the pale blue 6d., shown also in pairs; while in the Honduras one noted a pair of the 6d. orange and 1/- grey, two mint specimens of the 50 cents on 1/- and the 3 cent on 3d., 12½ perf. C.C.—this last stamp perhaps the *pièce de résistance* of the many good things shown by Baron de Worms. The Rev. E. T. Fyfe, R.P. contributed several striking copies of the first issue of India, with interesting specimens of proofs, but reached high watermark in the very handsome display of Sydney views that he also sent in. These included a very fine plate of the 1d. die ii, with clouds, of July 1850—the stamps being all in fine colour—along with several impressions of varying plates of the 2d. value; all in fair condition. From Major Stockdale, R.E. came an exhibit of both quality and quantity, embracing Ceylon, Egypt, Persia, Spain, France, Luxemburg (unused and complete), Malta (unused), Gibraltar (unused) with copies in mint of the two early 1/-. Among some of his most coveted treasures were to be seen unused copies of the 10d. imperf. Ceylon, and of the 9d., 4d., 5d. and 1/9 star issue of the same country. Indeed his Ceylons were very complete and fine, and included a number of the rare 2 cent surcharges on red lilac. Major Stockdale's French, which were also much admired, were those recently exhibited at Birmingham. An

equally full assortment of European issues in fine used condition had been sent by the Rev. E. A. Donaldson. His Germany was practically complete, and in addition Mr. Donaldson showed very full collections of Bremen, the two Sicilies, Wurtemberg, Parma, Romagna, and Holstein—breaking ground also into Italy. Among the plums of this continental dish the collector picked out the ½ Tornese of the two Sicilies, the two shades of the 70 kr. Wurtemberg, the 50 and 100 lira unused 1884 of Italy, and several fine Oidenburg. The New World found its best exponent in the Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Newfoundland issues exhibited by the Rev. E. R. Hudson. These comprised a superb copy of the 6½d. orange-vermilion, used, of Newfoundland, the 1/- of the same issue but with poor margins, and the 1/- values of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the latter also lacking environment. Great Britain was also shown by the same collector, the 1d. values in mint and often in pairs. Nor were West Indians forgotten. Mr. R. T. Stevens, the Society's vice-president, contributed a fascinating little group of Antigua, Dominica, St. Vincent and Tobago—but a tithe of what he could have shown had more been called for; and in Dr. Houghton's collection of Turk's Island a very complete and choice lot of stamps had been got together, including, as these did several rarities, such as a pair of the ½d. surcharge on the 4d. grey. Africans were looked after by Messrs. H. W. Mayne and W. A. Walker. The former besides sending in some very nice St. Helena displayed British East Africa, inclusive of a pair of the 2 anna imperf. used—with Uganda, used and unused. Mr. Mayne had also on view an effective mounting of Gibraltar, with some of its later issues in pairs and strips.

It would be impossible to enumerate everything on the walls, but special mention must be made of one of the most interesting features of the display: this was the exhibit in a couple of glassed frames of forgeries of rare stamps, both modern and old (e.g. Swiss Cantons, &c.). These had been most kindly sent by Messrs. Alfred Smith and Co., of Essex Street, Strand, London, and distinctly formed one of the attractions of the day.

Lastly to the Executive Committee, which carried out the display, and in particular to Dr. Russel Rendle and Mr. H. W. Mayne, the thanks and congratulations of all present must be heartily accorded on the complete success of the Society's gathering.

FISCAL STAMP COLLECTING.

THE advance in this branch of Philately during the year 1898 was phenomenal. The study of Revenue Stamps abroad has long been recognised as a prominent and constituent part of Philately

but hitherto the British collector has looked upon the humble but necessary Revenue Stamp with a feeling akin to contempt. Yet there is no valid reason for this. Fiscal Stamps are every bit as interesting as Postage Stamps. They offer a rich variety of design and shape, are of earlier origin, have a more lengthy and varied history and offer a far larger field for study. They certainly fail to provide the minute and intricate variations of Postage Stamps, but this is probably an advantageous failing, for it acts as a check upon both the faker and the speculator.

Fiscal collecting is not the expensive pursuit that its twin hobby has become. Fiscal and Telegraph stamps are now very cheap but the signs of the times point to a decided increase in their popularity and a natural advance in their value—ergo, now is the time to collect if at all.

It is abundantly clear, also, that a boom in the telegraph stamps of Great Britain and other countries is now commencing, and it will be such a boom as postage stamps have never experienced. Of course, the telegraph stamps of our own country have always been more or less earnestly collected and studied by British Philatelists. The same thing is observable to a greater or less extent in most other countries employing these stamps, but so far it has always been a case of a man going in for the fiscals and telegraphs of his own country only, but now this state of things is threatened with complete revolution, for fiscal collections are getting more far reaching every day.

The production of Mr. Morley's album to which we alluded last month, is not a high-water mark by any means, although it is the finest adjunct to this branch of philately yet attempted. When this album is filled (and, by the way, I am informed that the book will not bulge in that contingency, although one press notice suggested the possibility) the fiscal collector will be asking for something further, and this something will no doubt come in good season. Anyhow, for the present, we can only advise would-be collectors to get the album and try to fill it—and for this there is no time like the present.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

SPAIN.—2 Reales 1851. Genuine.—The colour is red orange or pale orange; the *o* of *dos* is oval; there are six diagonal lines of shading at the bottom of the bust, the twelve lower horizontal lines

of shading in the neck are of about the same length; the eye-brow is rather flat at the top.

Forgery.—The colour is bright orange; the *o* of *dos* is round, there are five diagonal lines of shading at the bottom of the bust; the lowest two lines of shading, on the neck, are shorter than those above them; the eye-brow is quite curved

6 Reales 1851. Genuine.—The colour is bright blue or pale blue; the vertical lines of shading in the band of hair are quite heavy and distinct; there are six diagonal lines of shading at the bottom of the bust. These lines are quite clear and easily counted; in the central pearl of the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th cluster of the jewels from the left there is a crescent shaped dash; between the 2nd and 3rd cluster of jewels there is a pearl which is perfectly round.

Forgery.—The colour is dull blue; the vertical lines of shading in the band of hair are very light and indistinct; the lines of shading at the bottom of the bust are so blurred and indistinct that they cannot be counted; the crescent shaped dash in the central pearl in the 3rd and 4th cluster of jewels is so close to the border as to form almost part of it; the pearl between the 2nd and 3rd cluster of jewels is oval and very flat at the top.

2 Cuartos 1854. Genuine.—The vertical inner frame line on the right does not touch the horizontal line below *CORREOS*; the vertical line dividing the upper half of the shield does not touch the horizontal frame line at the top of the shield; none of the vertical lines of shading in the upper left quarter of the shield touch the horizontal frame line above; the *c* of *cs* in the lower label is perfectly straight; the *c* and *o* of *correos* are close together.

Forgery.—The vertical lower frame line on the right touches the horizontal line below *correos*; the vertical line dividing the upper half of the shield almost touches the horizontal line above it; two or three of the vertical lines of shading in the upper left quarter of the shield touch the horizontal frame line of the shield; the *c* of *cs* leans a trifle towards the right; the *c* and *o* of *correos* are not close together.

1 Real 1854. Genuine.—The first jewel from the left in the band of the crown is the right half of a diamond \triangleright , the lower stroke of which is sometimes invisible, and the second is an open pearl; the vertical line dividing the upper half of the shield does not touch the horizontal frame line of the shield; the horizontal line dividing the shield does not touch the frame on its right, and forms an angle with the first vertical line of shading in the lower right quarter of the shield; none of the vertical lines of shading in the upper left quarter of shield touch the horizontal line above; the end of the tail of the lion in the lower left quarter of the shield is forked.

Forgery.—The two jewels from the left in the band of the crown are merely dots; the vertical line dividing the upper half of the shield almost touches the

horizontal line above it; the horizontal line dividing the shield touches the right frame of the shield; some of the vertical lines of shading in the upper left quarter of the shield touch the horizontal frame line of the shield; the end of the tail of the lion in the lower left quarter of the shield is not forked.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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

December 1st, 1898. The following were unanimously elected members: Messrs. J. J. Smith, A. H. Stamford, W. E. Lake and J. N. Keynes; on Dec. 15th the following: Messrs. R. Plant, Vittorio Durani, A. W. Chaytor, J. B. Brevcort, G. D. Welding, E. Heginbottom, H. de Lacey Ahearne. Monsieur Jules Bernichon was unanimously elected a honorary member of the society.

A report of the exhibition was presented showing that the total cost to the society was about £24. This would be borne entirely by the funds and nothing would be accepted from private members. It was felt that as dealers and collectors in all parts of the world were most enthusiastically supporting the society it in turn should do something for philately. The exhibition had been most successful, over 700 seeing it during the two days and a half it was open, and we feel sure that it will have a marked and permanent effect. It was decided to send artistically arranged votes of thanks to all exhibitors as a memento of a very pleasant and successful exhibition.

January 19th, 1899. The following were unanimously elected members: Mrs. Tillotson, Messrs. A. G. Farrar, A. D. Arter and H. H. Buijs.

Votes of thanks were given to Messrs. H. Ferrier Kerr, Bright and Sons, Gelli and Tani for presentations to the library.

It was also decided to purchase Philbricks and Westoby's Stamps of Great Britain (new edition); Postage Stamps of India; and the Indian Philatelist.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The January packets were of excellent quality and the February should be even better. Will all members please send a sheet upon seeing this, providing they have not already done so. New members proposed this month are: A. E. Hudd (Bristol), G. Ayverinos (Constantinople), J. Carr (Newcastle), H. V. Collins (Leicester), N. J. Heller (Penzance). New members joining have the advantages of the Exchange free until July 1st. Good references are indispensable. Rules, &c., from the secretary.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Owing to the holidays fewer sheets were received for the December packets which contained 189 sheets and were put into circulation on December 28th. All July accounts have been duly balanced. The members enrolled during the past month include: Miss D'Albiac (Brighton), I. Cohen (Tangier), F. Phillips (Westgate), W. Crothers (Guildford); Miss Poynter (London) and F. Boone (Newmarket). Non-contributors wishing to see packets are requested to notify the Secretary as no supplementary rounds will be sent out in future. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The third general meeting of this Society was held on January 5th when the following office-bearers and committeemen were duly elected for the present year: President, Mr. J. P. Lloyd; vice-president, Mr. F. F. Ellison; hon. sec. and treasurer, Mr. R. Dalton; hon. librarian, Mr. T. C. Cartwright; hon. exchange packet secretary, Mr. J. P. Way; committee: Messrs. A. Bird, N. G. Heaven, D. H. McPherson and J. H. Reynolds. The programme for the season was arranged commencing with the "Mauritius" on January 19th, when a general wish was expressed that the society had a townsman like Mr. W. B. Avery to show us an old "Post Office." Mr. Cartwright then alluded to his connection nearly fifty years ago with a movement for the promotion of ocean penny postage; and a congratulatory resolution to Mr. Henniker Heaton was adopted at the meeting.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—At a general meeting held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on January 3rd it was resolved that a room for meeting be reserved at Anderton's for the remainder of the season. The following were proposed and elected as members: Rev. Dr. Chetwynd-Atkinson (life-member), F. R. Ginn, G. C. Ginn and J. W. Jones. At the termination of business, Mr. C. Forbes gave a reading on Persian stamps and a display of his practically complete collection of the stamps of that neglected country. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Forbes for his entertainment.

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is the tendency to simplify the series of colours employed in the printing of the set; it is thought that five principal colours will be altogether sufficient according to the following schedule:—

	Red.	Violet.	Brown.	Blue.	Green.
I Type,	1c.	2c.	3c.	4c.	5c.
II Type,	10c.	15c.	20c.	25c.	—
III Type,	30c.	40c.	50c.	1 franc	—

HUNGARY.—Reliable advices from Hungary state that the new watermarked paper has not been used for all the values of the current set as yet. Not a sheet of the 8 kreuzer has been printed on the new paper so far. The value of 1 florin although the supply has been exhausted for a year will not be reprinted on the new watermarked paper, and of the 3 florins a sufficient stock remains to last some time.

JAPAN.—New 2, 4 and 10 sen adhesives were announced for January 1st, but they have not yet come to hand.

MALTA.—The promised new issue seems to have made its appearance. We have seen the 4½d. and 5d. value. The 4½d. is black-brown and shows a felucca in full sail within a circular medallion. The 5d. is red and represents a galley under sail and oars. The Maltese Cross is prominently displayed in each stamp.

QUEENSLAND.—Mr. Albert H. Hall says that Queensland has abandoned perforations. Some weeks ago he received word that a change was in progress, and this week he received the 1d. stamp *perce en scie* or with "saw tooth" roulette.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. W. N. Cullin sends us a new 4 cent on 8 cent blue which has been specially issued for the Imperial penny postage rate. The Malay States, however are allowed to use the tiger head stamps for over-sea postage since January 1st, 1899.

4 cent on 8 cent blue, black surch.

Messrs. Turner and Co., Haddington, inform us of a 4 cent on 5c. brown. There may be two provisionals but we have only seen the 4c. on 8 cent.

ST. VINCENT.—The new set of the British Colonial type went into use January 1st. The new set is of the bi-coloured series, of the following denominations:—

½d. lilac and green.	5d. lilac and black.
1d. " and carmine.	6d. " and brown.
2d. " and blue.	1/- " and carmine.
3d. " and olive.	5/- " and blue.
4d. " and orange.	

All are the small sized stamps. This does away with one of the best engraved sets of stamps, and the large 5/- St. Vincent stamp of 1883-88 will always be a favourite among collectors. It may be a good time now to secure this stamp if one does not have it in his collection,

UNITED STATES.—Our old friend and correspondent, Mr. Roger Wilson, sends us the 2c. adhesive in its new colour.

2c. vermilion.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—Mr. A. J. Sharpe, Coolgardie, informs us that the 2d. slate has been changed to a light orange-yellow. Both the 1d. carmine and the 2d. have a new watermark consisting of a crown between the letters W. A. thus: W. crown A. The changes were effected on January 9th, 1899.

2d. orange-yellow.

POSTCARDS, &c.

CANADA.—The 3 cent envelope stamp will be replaced by a 2 cent envelope, the die for which has been cut in England; consequently we will have three different types of envelope stamps for the values of 1, 2, and 3 cents.

JAPAN.—Messrs. Turner and Co. inform us of a new 1 cent postcard which has been issued.

UNITED STATES.—Mr. Roger Wilson sends us the 2c. envelope in vermilion. He informs us that the 1c. has been changed to green, as also the wrappers to match.

E. 1 cent, green.

E. 2 " vermilion.

A REVISED LIST OF THE EARLY ISSUES OF PERU.

By JOS. B. LEAVY.

IN the January (1898) number of the *London Philatelist* there appeared an article by T. W. Hall, entitled "A Few Notes on the Early Issues of Peru." This article so fired my ambition that I immediately commenced collecting these stamps, and as the writer states, "the stamps of Peru are certainly not fashionable at the present time," so that I found no difficulty in forming a very fair collection at a merely nominal outlay, and at the same time gleaning a budget of information which I believe will be of interest to all true philatelists. I agree perfectly with Mr. Hall in his statement "there are few more interesting studies in Philately than the stamps of Peru," and only deplore that the speculative curse which has blighted so many of the South and Central American countries, should have fallen so heavily upon a field where the harvest was so rich.

I believe that I can best and most clearly set forth my little discoveries by mixing them up with information already published, and attempting to write "A Revised List of the Early Issues of Peru," ignoring the stamps of the Pacific Steam Navigation Company,

and commencing with the first official issue by the Government.

March 1st, 1858—*Lithographed on White Wove Paper.*

Un dinero, pale blue, light blue, bright blue, blue, deep blue, light ultramarine, and ultramarine.

Una peseta, red.

Medio peso, red.

Medio peso, orange yellow, and yellow buff.

It is generally believed that the Medio peso red is an error, although an unsevered pair is known to exist; it is usually found in an unsevered condition *se tenant* with the Una peseta. There are numerous little varieties in the Un dinero, but only one which I consider worthy of note: this shows a white leaf-shaped mark in the solid background to the left of the shield.

Variety. Un dinero, pale blue, blue, deep blue.

January, 1859—*Lithographed on White Wove Paper.*

Un dinero, light blue, greenish blue, slate blue, dark slate blue.

Una peseta, vermilion, red, brick red, deep rose, pale rose, old rose.

April 1860—*Lithographed on White Wove Paper.*

Un dinero, dark blue, blue, bright blue, ultramarine.

Una peseta, red, brick red.

Lithographed on Bluish White Paper, 1861 [?]

Un dinero, dark blue. (Worn plate).

Una peseta, vermilion, carmine, rose red. (Worn plate).

Although I have listed the bluish white paper, I am undecided whether it is really a difference of tint in the paper, or merely the worn condition of the plate, which gives the paper a bluish tinge.

In the original plate of the Un dinero, the lines in the outer framework are continuous and unbroken, and the letters are all of equal height; the ground-work back of the cornucopia in the shield is composed of 36 vertical lines. In about a year's time the plate became badly worn, which is most noticeable in the impressions of the lines back of the lettering and back of the cornucopia; in some cases the letters and cornucopia appear to be on a white ground, the lines being just barely visible with a strong glass; this wearing led to the re-touching of the plate.

There are two stages of the re-touched plate, which for the sake of convenience I am going to call first and second re-touch. In the first re-touch, the lines back of the letters have all been re-drawn for their entire length, with the exception of the fifth line from the outside on the right, which has not been re-drawn beyond the second R of CORREOS (although traces of the original line may be found in the lower corner of all the re-touches) this re-drawing of the lines has

given the letters a blurred appearance in most cases. The lines back of the cornucopia have all been carefully removed, except in the infinitesimal space between the base of the tree and tail of the cornucopia. This cornucopia on white ground must not be confounded with the one mentioned above, for that is from a badly worn plate with many partly obliterated lines, while this stamp has all its lines clearly impressed.

In the second re-touch the lines are re-drawn the same as in the first re-touch, but the letters have also been re-touched, relieving the blurred appearance and making the O of PORTE, the CO of FRANCO, and the O's of CORREOS, a trifle larger than the other letters, and extending them a bit above the line of the others in height; the letters are all somewhat thicker and more rounded than in the original. The background of vertical lines has been restored to the cornucopia, only there are but 33 lines as against 36 in the original. The breaking at the angles of the zigzag lines of background, I think has been caused by wear. I believe that the entire plate, or a large portion of it, existed for a time in the condition described as the first re-touch. I have in my collection a horizontal strip of four, and a vertical pair, which proves that the stamps are more than errors occurring at odd places in the plate. I have also two distinct shades, showing that there was more than one printing. Unfortunately all the copies of the first re-touch which I have seen, with but one exception, have design cancellations, the one exception bears a date cancellation of 10th of April, 1862. The earliest date cancellation which I have been able to find upon the second re-touch is 12th of April, 1862.

In the original plate of the Una peseta, the lines of the outer framework are all clearly drawn, and the letters are of uniform height; there are 35 vertical lines in the background of the cornucopia. This plate after about a year's time showed even more traces of wear than the plate of the Un dinero, the lined background of the letters and cornucopia disappearing entirely, as well as the shading of the flags. The plate was then re-touched to correspond with the second re-touch of the Un dinero, the lines of the frame were re-drawn, and at the left an extra line added, making ten fine lines between the thick inner and outer lines of frame, as against nine in the original; the letters were re-drawn exactly the same as in the Un dinero, and the lined background restored to the cornucopia, the lines being 33 in number, as against 35 in the original; the flags were not re-touched, and as the rest of the design was made stronger, in comparison they appear much whiter than in the worn state of the plates. The earliest date cancellation I have been able to find in this re-touch, is the 19th of May, 1862. This stamp also comes on a pelure paper; the earliest date upon which I find it is 11th of September, 1862.

Lithographed on White Wove Paper, April, 1862.

Un dinero, 1st retouch. Bright blue, light blue.

2d. retouch. Pale blue, ultramarine. May, 1862.

Una peseta retouched. Bright vermilion, red, pale red.

Lithographed on Bluish White Perlure Paper, Sept., 1862.

Una peseta. Vermilion, pale red.

The plates for all the foregoing issues were made in Lima.

We now come to the embossed issues; these stamps were made by the Lecocq machine, a French invention, which printed the stamps one by one on a strip of paper just wide enough to receive the impression and leave a decent margin; where one strip ended, another was pasted to it, and it very often happened that a stamp was impressed upon this joint. I find most of these stamps on two papers, one a fine white machine wove paper, such as was in use in France at the time, the other a coarse yellowish hand made native paper. I believe that a number of finished stamps, together with large quantities of the paper strips accompanied each machine from Paris, but am unable to distinguish between the Paris print and the native print on French paper, so for the sake of convenience shall call all stamps Paris prints that are not on native paper. The earliest date I have yet found upon the native paper is 9th of March, 1864.

Typographed on thin white wove paper. Paris print, Nov., 1862.

Un dinero. Red, pale red, rose red, vermilion, pink.

Variety. Framework half inverted, bringing the words Un dinero at right instead of bottom.

Un dinero. Pale red.

January, 1863. Una peseta. Brown, bistre brown.

Typographed on thick yellowish wove paper. Native print, March, 1864.

Un dinero. Pink.

In 1866 the American Bank Note Company of New York engraved a series of three stamps for the Peruvian Government. At this time the Bank Note Company was using a hard finely woven pure white paper. The stamps appeared on the following dates.

June, 1866. 5 centavos. Green, yellow green.

July, 1867. 10 centavos. Vermilion, dull scarlet.

July, 1867. 20 centavos. Brown.

In 1868 the Government returned to the embossed stamps, adding a third stamp to the series of the value of 5 centavos, commonly known as the locomotive stamp. All the catalogues agree upon the date of issue of this stamp being April, 1871, yet I have in my collection, three stamps bearing the

following dates. 9th May, 1870, 4th August, 1870, and 29th September, 1870. These stamps are all printed on the machine made French paper. The earliest cancellation I can find upon the native paper, is Oct. 26, 1871. I stated above that it was my belief a quantity of stamps were printed in Paris and sent on with each machine; this discrepancy in dates would seem to corroborate my assertion, especially as the earliest date on which I find the Un dinero upon native paper, is April 27, 1871. I believe the catalogue date to have been taken from some Government record which took cognizance only of the first Lima printing.

Typographed on thin white wove paper, Paris print, July, 1868.

Un dinero, light green, pale yellow green.

May, 1870, 5 centavos, dull vermilion.

Typographed on thick yellowish wove paper, native print, April, 1871.

Un dinero, yellow green, pale green, green, apple green, olive green.

5 centavos. dull vermilion, bright carmine.

February, 1872.

Una peseta, orange.

March, 1873.

2 centavos, bright ultramarine, pale slate blue.

June, 1873.

Un dinero, pale blue green, dark blue green.

In 1874, the engraved issue of 1866-7 was re-issued together with three new values in different designs. At this time, the American Bank Note Company was using an entirely different paper from that in use in 1866, somewhat thinner, very coarsely woven and of a slightly yellowish tinge.

1874. 2 centavos, violet,

5 " green,

10 " dull vermilion,

20 " brown,

50 " green,

1 sol. old rose,

1876. 10 centavos, green, (new design)

1877. 5 " blue, " "

1878. 20 " dull carmine "

1879. 1 centavo, orange " "

2 centavos, mauve,

5 " ultramarine.

And here my labor ends; perhaps at some future date I may have something to say about the surcharges, but at present I could not attempt to separate the necessary and authentic from the unnecessary and speculative issues.—*The Post Office*.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

SIZE "C" PENNY ENVELOPES.

ACCORDING to Gibbons, the earliest issue of this size ($5\frac{1}{4} \times 3$ in.) is given as July, 1866, and with stamp of type ii. But I have recently been shown three specimens on white paper, dated respectively in 1864-5-6, and which necessarily bear stamps of type i. This size therefore should certainly have been accorded a place among those of the first-dated issue, although very probably it was not in use so early as were the A1, A2, and B sizes. It seems strange that Messrs. Gibbons should not have known of it, as though evidently rare, it is not more so than several other varieties in their carefully-tabulated list. Size C, Type i, is given in Morley's 1897 catalogue, but is not priced. Mr. B. W. Warhurst tells me he has the same size on *blue* laid, dated 1-2-60. This must be a great rarity, being hitherto, I believe, quite unknown. Of course all the envelopes here referred to are those issued by the Post Office, with the pink seal device on a tongue-shaped flap.

SHADES OF THE CURRENT SET.

During the 12 years that the "Jubilee issue" has remained in use almost every value has varied considerably in shade; pale and deep tones of all colours may be found, more particularly those of the 2d., 2½d., and 6d.: while as for the 3d. its colour seems the most erratic of any, for dark and light browns are often in circulation at same time; evidently it is a colour very difficult to keep uniform. I have, too, seen 3d. stamps in more than one shade of ink on the scarce "orange" paper which was employed temporarily about 1891.

"PAID" POSTMARKS.

Collectors of stamps and ditto of postmarks have much in common. Indeed, I have heard it opined that the postmarkist is a species of the genus *philatelistus*. And one thing in particular they should have an equal interest in is the red hand-stamped "paid" mark: as showing the place and date of posting it is a postmark, but it is just as certainly a postage stamp, being a receipt—generally showing the amount—for cash received in payment of postage on the packet which it franks, and an adhesive stamp is nothing more. Thus these "paid-marks" combine points of interest which constitute them a worthy object of study for all collectors, but up to the present they have not received the share of attention they merit. This system has been continued to the present day, with modifications from pre-adhesive times, and many shapes and styles may be found. Formerly, I believe, their use was confined to London offices, but now they emanate from at least twenty of the larger provincial towns also. Particulars of the conditions

under which they are now employed may be read in the "Post Office Guide" under the heading "Pre-payment of letters, &c., in Money" on page 29 of the current edition. A recent development which compels philatelic attention is the insertion of the word "postage"; this I have seen on an official cover posted in London, the name "London" being in an arched label *outside* the circle, while immediately beneath it, but *inside*, is the word postage in a curve and "PAID" in its usual position across the centre. The amount paid is not indicated in this mark. I think that the claim of these paid-marks to be regarded and collected as stamps can be no longer ignored by the all-round collector of English.

1D EMBOSSED ON GOVT. FORMS.

A two-page form, which I may term for want of knowing its official title a "Clergy Returns" form, was issued on January 1st, 1867, bearing a penny stamp embossed on each half. The first bears the words "To the Minister of —" printed in the proper relative position to the stamp; and on the other side appears "To the Lord Bishop of —." The inside of the form consists of 29 questions with blanks for the answers, and states that it is "transmitted pursuant to the provisions of Act 1 and 2 Vict. cap. 106, sec. 52," &c., &c. The imprint at foot is—12,600. 10/66. H. & S. (3875). I have examined some thirty of these documents and find the date of stamps on all to be 8/11/66 with two exceptions, and they are 6/11/66. I regard them as of purely official origin, and therefore highly collectable as varieties of stamped stationery in such company as vaccination certificates, corn returns, &c., &c. All that I have seen are postmarked during January and February, 1867.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE POSTMAN is much obligated to Messrs. Nunn, Graves, and Co., for their new edition of "Stamp Dealers of Great Britain." He would be glad to see them re-issue that valuable booklet, "How to deal." To Mr. C. T. Reed he is also obliged for the present of his January price list. Also to Mr. W. N. Cullin, of Penang, Straits Settlements, for his price list of sets of Straits and Eastern Stamps which are offered at very reasonable rates.

Another migration to the little village. Messrs. Bright and Son, Bournemouth, have taken a shop and premises at 164, Strand, London, W.C., and will open the same on April 10th. Mr. Oliver, the experienced manager, who has controlled the business during the last five years, will still remain at the helm. The Postman has received Messrs. Bright and Son's Wholesale Price List, which he strongly

recommends to his friends of the dealing persuasion. For every one, dealers and collectors alike, he would also suggest a careful perusal of the price list, latest edition, issued by Messrs. Ed. Cooper and Co., 14, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.

THE U.S. PERIODICAL STAMPS.

THE postal department has decided as regards the periodical stamps, and collectors throughout the country will now be able to buy them at \$182.93 less than their face value, namely, as previously predicted, at \$5 per set.

Uncle Sam has decided to sell 50,000 sets at this figure. There has been no restriction put upon the number of sets to be sold to anyone, and it desires to be distinctly understood that not one set in addition to the 50,000 will be sold, and if after the 31st of next December all these sets are not sold they will be destroyed.

No stamps of the older issue will be placed on sale, but they will all be destroyed at once. This is done because there are only a few complete sets on hand. It is also stated that the stamps are to be placed on sale at all first class post offices throughout the country, but this is probably an error.

Plate number and block collectors will be glad to know that the stamps will be sold in strips or blocks, although complete sets must be taken in each instance. The department, however, does not guarantee that the stamps sold will be well centered or perforated on all four sides. The sets sold will not be surcharged in any way but in their original condition. We have not heard definitely whether this applies to the \$5 stamp as well as the others.

MESSRS. WILLIAMS & CO., LIMA.

THE following is a translation from Friedl's *Illustriertes Briefmarken Offertenblatt*, dated January 25th, 1899:—

WARNING.—A recently-established firm in Peru who, on account of their big advertisements and open letters have attracted the attention of dealers as well as collectors, but who were unable to provide satisfactory references. They style themselves Williams and Co. of Lima. The large orders which I, as well as several of my business friends, received from above-named gentlemen induced me to apply to the German consulate there for information. I publish two of the answers received.

"In reply to your favour of 3rd October I beg to inform you that the firm mentioned are quite unknown here, and I advise you to abstain from entering into business relations with them.

N. N. General Consulate."

Second letter:—"In reply to your postcard of 3rd October asking for information about the firm of W. and Co. I can give you the following information. The post box is rented under the name in question. However, the only conductor is an ex-official of the cable company lodged at an hotel, where he has rented a small back room. His great emporium is his portmanteau, with which no doubt as soon as he has duped enough fools will depart to nobody knows where. Hoping that my information will suffice, always at your service.

N N . . ."

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NEW WORLD BUDGET.

ALL of the Canadian numeral design has appeared, viz., ½c., 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 6c., 8c., 10c.

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The Scott Stamp and Coin Company have issued a supplement to their 58th catalogue, on account of the fact that their 59th will not be out till next season.

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In reference to the above, if parcels are mailed without the customs declaration they are sent to the dead letter office.

As an evidence of the haste the U.S. postal authorities were in when they surcharged the present issue one and two cents with "I.R." for revenue

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By this time I suppose the majority of English philatelists have seen the new Canadian penny postage stamp. They were put on sale at the different offices on or about the 10th December. As they may be used in Canada at face it is not likely they will be a very scarce article.

STOKES.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

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Forged.—Engraved in *taille-douce*, on smooth, white wove paper, white gum. I have only the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange, so that the absence of watermark is no test. The stamp is somewhat larger than the genuine, measuring 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ \times 22mm. There is a strong, dark outline all round the portrait, this being especially noticeable in the front of the neck. The outline of the base of the crown is not prominent, being far lighter than the outline of the face, &c. The nose is

very decidedly arched in the middle, the mouth is closely shut, and the chin very weak and retreating. The face is covered with a sort of cloudy stippling, light and irregular, the back of the neck being shaded by strong oblique lines. The background, behind the head, which is much the darkest part of the whole stamp in the genuine, is lighter than the frame in this counterfeit, the lines being scratchy, thin, and wide apart. The corners of the stamp, between the oval and the frame, are filled with thick, scratchy dark lines on a light background, and do not form any particular pattern. There are only eight lines of shading on the right side of the garter below $\kappa\rho\alpha\tau\omega$ and the upper hole in the garter does not anything like fill up the width of three lines, while the two lower holes on the same side exactly fill up the width of two lines of shading. The general appearance of the portrait reminds one of that on the old St. Lucia stamps.

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NOTICES.

GIBBONS' 1899 CATALOGUE.—Part I. has been issued and ordered copies supplied. The book is a bit of an eye-opener as regards prices—reduction all round is the order of the day. West Indians, especially, have fallen, the reduction being from 90 to 60 per cent. That it is not a particular class of stamps that is affected can be exemplified by that worthy old favourite the Barbados 5/- of 1873, which falls from 60/- to 40/- used, and from 120/- to 95/- unused. That the stamps are now priced nearer real value than before goes without saying, but the new prices will compel members of stamp exchanges which allow 50% to price their unused stamps above catalogue, or else lead to a general revision of the 50% rule. (The catalogue may be obtained from the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, post free 2/3.)

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5c.	...	2 0	...	8 0	2c.	...	1 6	...	
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<i>Jubilee Issue:</i>					<i>Numeral Issue, 1898</i>				
1c. new	...	10 0	...	4 0	4c., 6c., 8c.,	...	4 6	...	
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2c.	2 0	1c.	...	0 9	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. Combined membership over 400.

THE Manchester Exhibition of next June promises to be International in more than name. The promoters have made a bold bid to secure the support of the body catholic of Philately, and they seem destined to reap the due reward of their efforts. The prospectus shows a fine array of societies and individuals who will lend their support—either substantively or morally—to the scheme, and the list shows practically all the best societies and best names in the stamp world. The executive committee is well chosen and representative and the officials could hardly be improved upon. A wonderful array of names appertaining to prominent philatelists who have promised their support appears on the prospectus—everyone of light and leading at home and abroad being represented there. *En passant* one might enquire whether too much detail of the name has not been given in some cases. There seems rather a plethora of description about Mr. So and So, F.R.A.S., F.R. Met. Soc., and Mr. Someone, M.I.C.E., M.I.M.E., M.I.N.A., while the Italian gentleman described as Cav. uff. Vittorio E. Capanna must feel very unhappy. Yet all are good philatelists and banded together in a righteous cause, and what's in a name after all? Nothing—unless it be a lot of graphic effort when it takes the form of Jonkheer C. Ph. L. van Kinschot!

CHRONICLE.

CUBA.—The Department has decided upon four designs, and is now having them prepared. The 1c. de peso stamp will be a representation of the beautiful statue of Columbus, now located in the court-yard of the Captain General's palace in Havana.

The 2c. de peso stamp will show the allegorical figure of Cuba, known to all Cubans as 'La Cubania,' now situated on the plaza at Havana.

The 3c. de peso will represent commerce and ocean postage and will bear a representation of a merchant ship on the sea.

The 5c. de peso stamp will depict an agricultural scene, with tobacco plants, towering palm, and a sugar mill.

No conclusion has been reached by the Department relative to the design for the 10c. de peso. Suggestions are being received from all over the country, but no selections have been made up to this time.

FRANCE.—Mr. A. Grase, Lille, informs us that the 5 centime stamp was changed to pale green about February 20th.

5c. pale green.

INDIA.—A permanent stamp to replace the $\frac{1}{4}$ anna provisional has been issued. The design shows the Empress-Queen in her widow's weeds. The value is expressed in pies—3 pies = $\frac{1}{4}$ anna.

3 pies, carmine

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The following stamps are issued in conformity with the Postal Union colours. Types are unchanged.

$\frac{1}{4}$ d. deep sea green.

$2\frac{1}{4}$ d. indigo blue.

6d. orange.

QUEENSLAND.—The *perecé en scis* stamps referred to last month were an experiment of the Post Office to secure a cheaper method of perforation than that of the "comb" machine. The operation demonstrated the economy of the fresh method, but it failed to do its work to satisfaction and was dropped after 5,000 sheets of one penny stamps had been perforated.

QUEENSLAND.—The $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. in Postal Union colour is out.

$2\frac{1}{2}$ d. violet on blue paper.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. A. Grase, Lille, France, received the 5c. stamp on March 7th in green, to conform with the Postal Union colour. Mr. A. Peesond sends us a copy of the stamp.

5c. green.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—These islands have abandoned the Leeward Island confederation and again issued stamps of their own. The design represents a female dressed in a halo (*inter alia*) and apparently "playing on de old banjo." Inscription: VIRGIN ISLANDS—POSTAGE—REVENUE. Watermark: C.A. and crown, perf. 14

$\frac{1}{4}$ d. green

1d. red

$2\frac{1}{4}$ d. ultramarine

4d. brown-violet

6d. dark violet

7d. deep green

1/- yellow brown

5/- dark blue

POSTCARDS, &c.

CANADA.—The new 2 cent envelope was first printed off in purple, but these were of a limited number and difficult to obtain. The envelopes were afterwards struck off in the permanent colour—red-*vermilion*. Wording CANADA—POSTAGE—TWO CENTS. We are indebted to Mr. Chas. E. Stewart for early information of this issue. 6,000 of the purple were struck off. We are also informed that all the 3 cent envelopes have been surcharged two cents.

CUBA.—According to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* 1,000,000 1c. postal cards, and 583,000 2c. cards, have been surcharged 1 and 2c. de peso respectively.

THE OFFICIAL STAMPS OF URUGUAY.

THE following is a list of all the service stamps that have been issued officially. Numerous forgeries of these stamps exist, and we trust this list will bring some light into the darkness that has hitherto enshrouded them.

The various surcharges may be divided as follows:

OFFICIAL from left top corner to right bottom corner A
 " from right bottom corner to left top " B
 " Double surcharge either crossing or " C
 " in same direction cornerwise }
 " from left bottom corner to right top corner D
 " from top right corner to bottom left corner E

20TH AUGUST, 1880.

On the issues of January, 1872, 1st January, 1877, and 1st May, 1879.

1.	1 centesimo, brown, surch. black	A B
2.	5 centesimos, green, " "	A B
3.	10 " red, " blue	A B
4.	25 " yellow, " "	A B
5.	20 " yell.-br., black "	A B
6.	50 " black, surch. red	A
7.	1 peso blue, " "	A

NOTE.—The black surcharge on the 10 cent red and the 15 cent yellow was never used postally, the blue surcharge on the 15 cent is sometimes so dark as to appear black.

18TH FEBRUARY, 1881.

On the lithographed stamp of 23rd Oct., 1880.

8. 1 centesimo brown, surch. black A B

NOTE.—The sheets contain 104 stamps and the last four are great rarities, as the surcharge is horizontal.

24TH SEPTEMBER, 1881.

On the issue of 25th August, 1881 (Suarez).

9. 7 centesimos, blue, surch. red A

NOTE.—The same stamp with black surcharge is a rarity.

11TH MAY, 1882.

On the issue of 1st May, 1879.

10. 1 peso, blue, surcharge black A

1ST JANUARY, 1883.

On the issue of 15th May and 1st July, 1882.

11. 1 centesimo, green, surch. black A B C

12. 2 centesimos, rose " " A B D E

3RD AUGUST, 1883.

On the issue 1st April, 1883.

13. 10 centesimos, dark brown, surch. blue A D E

NOTE.—This value was afterwards surcharged in ultramarine (not deep blue), to comply with the rules of U.P.U.

1ST FEBRUARY, 1884.

On the issue of 16th March, 1883, with surcharge "Franco," instead of "Oficial."

14. 1 centesimo, green, surch. black A B

12TH APRIL, 1894.

On the issue of 1st March, 1883.

15. 5 centesimos, blue, surch. red A B

NOTE.—All later surcharges are in black.

15TH APRIL, 1894.

On the issues of 1st April, 1883, 13th to 25th Jan., and 10th April, 1884.

16. 2 centesimos, red A B

17. 1 centesimo, prov. on 10 cent., red A B D

17a. Exists also with small figure 1

18. 2 centesimos, rose, surch. prov. 1884 A B D

19. 5 " blue, Type i. A B

20. 5 " " ii. A B

NOTE.—A very small quantity of No. 19 seems to exist. No. 20 exists horizontally imperforate.

30TH JULY, 1884.

On the issue of 1st May, 1884.

21. 1 centesimo, green A B C

21a. 1 " grey A

22. 2 centesimos, bright red A B C D

23. 5 " Prussian blue A B

24. 7 " bistre A

25. 10 " brown A B

26. 20 " violet A B

27. 25 " grey violet A B

29TH OCTOBER, 1887.

On the issue of 1st January, 1877.

28. 50 centesimos, black A

10TH FEBRUARY, 1888.

On the issue of 1st January, 1888.

29. 1 centesimo, bright green A B

20TH MARCH, 1888.

On the issue of 1st January, 1888.

30. 2 centesimos, carmine A B C

5TH JUNE, 1889.

On the issue of 1st January, 1888.

31. 5 centesimos, light blue A

32. 7 " orange A

33. 10 " violet A B

34. 20 " brown A B

35. 25 " red A B

12TH AUGUST, 1890.

On the issue of 1st December, 1889-1, May, 1890.

36. 1 centesimo, green A B

37. 2 centesimos, rose A B

38. 5 " blue A B

39. 7 " brown B

40. 10 " green A B

41. 20 " orange A

42. 25 " red brown A B

43. 50 " blue B

44. 1 peso, violet B

NOTE.—The ink of this surcharge was too oily, the letters are grey on the face and deep black on the back of the stamps, on the dark colours they are hardly visible. Consequently a new ink in deep black was ordered to be used in addition, as follows:—

45. 1 centesimo, green, surch. grey, A surch. black A

46. 2 centesimos, rose " B " " A

47. 5 " blue " " A " " A

48. 7 " brown " " B " " B

49. 10 " green " " A " " A

50. 20 " orange " " B " " A

51. 25 " red brown " B " " A

52. 50 " blue " " B " " A

53. 1 peso violet " " B " " A

NOTE.—It is possible further combinations of this double surcharge exist, though writer never succeeded to obtain specimens which were undoubtedly genuine. After the foregoing set was used up, only the stamps surcharged in black were issued.

54. 1 centesimo, green A B D E

55. 2 centesimos, rose A D

56. 5 " blue A

57. 7 " brown A D E

58. 10 " green A D E

59. 20 " orange A D

60. 25 " red brown A D

61. 50 " blue A D

62. 1 peso violet A D

NOTE.—In this issue the error *UFICIAL* appears for the first time, but is only caused by the bad state of the die or a broken O. The die with which the stamps were surcharged contained the word *OFICIAL* fifteen times in three rows, the broken letter is to be found in the last stamp of the first row, and occurs quite regularly.

7TH SEPTEMBER, 1891.

On the issue of 19th August, 1891. Provisional.

63. 5 centesimos, red on lilac A

5 " " " Error 1391 A

5 " " " B

5 " " " Error 1391 B

NOTE.—Officially only five sheets were surcharged with the word "Oficial," and can be recognised by the thick letters, afterwards some more sheets were sur-

charged to oblige some collectors, but the letters are thinner and regular.

10TH OCTOBER, 1895.

On the issues of 15th May, 1894, 2nd June, 1894, and 5th October, 1895.

64.	1 centesimo, blue	A
65.	2 centesimos, red brown	A
66.	5 " red	A

1ST NOVEMBER, 1895.

On the issue of 2nd June, 1894.

67.	50 centesimos, violet	A
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NOTE.—All the other values of the issue of May and June, 1894, were not surcharged officially, and all surcharges are forged.

15TH DECEMBER, 1895.

On the issue of 1895.

68.	2 centesimos, greyish blue	A
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18TH DECEMBER, 1895.

On the same issue.

69.	7 centesimos, green	A B
70.	10 " brown	A
71.	20 " green and black	A
72.	25 " brown and blue	A

31ST MARCH, 1896.

On the same issue.

73.	1 centesimo, yellow brown	A B
74.	50 centesimos, blue and black	A
75.	1 peso, blue and brown	A

NOTE.—The higher values (2 and 3 pesos) were never surcharged.

2ND SEPTEMBER, 1897.

On the 1896 (Saurez) issue.

76.	1 centesimo, lilac and black with prov. red surcharge	A
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7TH SEPTEMBER, 1897.

77.	5 centesimos, blue and black with prov. red surcharge	A
78.	10 centesimos, red and black with prov. red surcharge	A

19TH OCTOBER, 1897.

On the 1897 issue.

79.	2 centesimos, lilac	A
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15TH NOVEMBER, 1897.

80.	5 centesimos, green	A
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22ND JANUARY, 1898.

81.	1 centesimo, greyish blue	A
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THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE Williams and Co. matter is a blow to philately but we shall probably get over it. Many are hard hit. Your own POSTMAN writes with a sobbing pen and tear-diluted ink, upon mourning

paper of the most pronounced brand. All sorts of rumours are afloat, but the *Revue Philatelique Francaise*, which was the first to publish doubts concerning the firm, states in its issue of February 28th that Williams, alias Casnough, was staying in Paris until the first denouncement appeared. He has since gone to parts unknown. Description: English, big, blonde, no beard, front teeth gold filled in the upper jaw. His possible destination is London.

Don't forget the BIG ISSUE of *The Advertiser* on April 1st. The date suggests a possibility if you do miss sending an advertisement.

Mr. M. Giwelb has secured fine shop premises, situated at 4, Northumberland Avenue, Charing Cross, London, W.C., where he is carrying on his business in British and foreign stamps. The position of the above premises for a stamp business is unique, as besides being easily accessible from every part of the Metropolis, Northumberland Avenue is one of the finest and quietest thoroughfares of London, and free from that congestion of traffic which makes some of the other thoroughfares so troublesome to traverse.

An old friend has re-appeared under a new name. Mr. Walter M. Dawson, who was for a long time the Grimsby agent for the *Philatelic Chronicle*, has resumed stamp business under the title of "The Su-Chu Stamp Co." Sounds like Chinese locals, but it only means "suit you," and he will—if my past experience is of any value.

There were two Richmonds in the field. Several papers advertised a Midland Counties Stamp Exchange under the guidance of Mr. Barker, of Sheffield. Needless to say Mr. Barker and his friends had overlooked the existence of the old-established exchange at Birmingham, which is now in its fourteenth year. Upon having his attention called to the matter Mr. Barker expressed his sorrow most handsomely and his exchange is now termed the Yorkshire Stamp Exchange Club.

Mr. I. Causino has removed from Market Street to No. 7, Blackfriars Street, Manchester.

According to a contemporary, on Monday, December 19th last, a man walked into the office of Mr. R. C. Bach, of Montreal, and sold him a British Guiana, 2c., of the first issue. On December 21st, he brought him four of the 8c. green, same issue. This is heralded as ANOTHER GREAT FIND, with a sub-head in capitals just as big. The old hair trunk story is clearly obsolete. The fish and snake story merchant is also out of date. Had David lived until this century-end he would surely have felt entitled to repeat calmly and deliberately the words he formerly spoke in haste.

An explanation of the great rarity of the 1847 postage stamps of Mauritius may interest my readers. In that year the heads of departments, Civil Servants and members of the Governor's staff agreed to give a ball, in return for a like entertainment given by the officers of H.M. 12th Regiment. A consignment of stamps for the postal service in the island had been received some days previous to the issue of the invitations. This was the first time postage stamps were used there, and the Postmaster-General, who was on the ball committee, thought it right to have the envelopes containing the invitation-cards stamped, by way of introducing the system to the inhabitants. But the Radical element was then strong in the legislative council, and the chance of having a slap at Government House was too tempting to let slip. So at the next meeting of Council a resolution was passed declaring that postage stamps for a small island were quite unnecessary, and an order was given that they should be destroyed. The only stamps used were those on the invitation cards, between 200 and 300 in number. This statement I give on its merits. It certainly contains the elements of self-contradiction.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

2d. BLUE, 1840.

THE British Specialist Stamp Exchange has the honour of including in its February packet two *unused* copies of the 1840 2d. blue (no white lines); they are only priced 40/- apiece nett, so it is very unlikely that they will be in their places on return of the packet.

2½d. ARMY OFFICIAL, ERROR.

Mr. Upton, of Pembroke Dock, has shown me a copy of the 2½d. with the foot of the L broken so that the word reads like OFFICIAL, followed by a period. The specimen is unused, and has margin attached showing it to belong to the right-hand edge of the sheet. The same gentleman tells me he has also seen a used specimen of the same variety.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ENVELOPES.

If asked to describe the *first* postage envelopes issued in this country after the inauguration of the penny rate, I expect 99½ per cent of collectors would produce their treasured Mulreadys, or trot out their ideas of that justly famous issue, if not actual possessors. But not more than the remaining half per cent may be aware that special envelopes were provided for the use of Members of Parliament during the earlier months of 1840. In Morley's catalogue is given a list of eight varieties under that date, some of which, however, are only minor differences of type and paper. The principal varieties are five in number, viz. :—

House of Lords, 1d. red, on yellowish wove,
 " " " " bluish laid.
 House of Commons, 1d. black, on blue wove,
 Houses of Parliament, 1d. black, on blue wove.
 " " " " 2d. " " laid.

Not for several years had I seen a specimen of any of them, and had almost forgotten they existed, when I recently came across the specimen now before me, and which is the only variety I can at present minutely describe. The following inscription appears in three lines (printed in red) on front of the envelope, near the top :—

“(Temporary.)

“To be posted at the HOUSE OF LORDS only.

“Post Paid.—ONE PENNY.—Weight not to exceed ½ oz.”

The size of the envelope is 5½ × 3½ inches, paper very pale blue, diagonally laid, a watermark consisting of a seated figure of Britannia, in double-lined oval surmounted by crown, appears in the front portion of the paper; but this *may* be the paper-maker's mark, and may or may not show in all specimens. This envelope was used on March 30th, 1840, and it is cancelled by a mark similar in type to the M.P.'s “free” franks—single-lined circle with crown above—except that it has the word PAID instead of “free.” There is also “more to pay” in a double-lined circle; both marks are in red, and “more to pay, 1d.” also pen-marked, the letter being evidently above the prescribed weight. I think I am right in stating that the franking system (by M.P.'s), was abolished with the advent of the penny rate, and if so, these envelopes would have to be paid for at the value expressed upon the face of them. As to the Mulready envelopes, and the adhesive 1d. and 2d. labels were not issued until May 6th, 1840, it follows that the Parliamentary envelopes were really the first postal issue, though a restricted one.

Any readers having specimens of these envelopes would greatly oblige me if they would send same for inspection, or describe them, with date of use, &c., and I hope thus to be enabled to refer again to the subject, and to describe some of the other varieties of this very interesting series.

Mr. Morley also catalogues a wrapper, under date of 1850, inscribed “Post Paid (to be posted at House of Commons only)” but does not say whether it expresses any value.

THE NEW WORLD BUDGET.

THE present issue of United States is undergoing a change of colour. The 10 cent is now brown, the 15 olive-green, the five blue, &c., &c.

Various opinions are expressed regarding the Canadian Imperial stamp (also known as the “Mullock stamp”). Poems and articles innumerable have appeared in many of the daily and weekly

papers. Some praise it, others ridicule it, but nearly everyone objects to Christmas being contracted to 'Xmas.

The present issue of 2 cent numeral is found in lilac as well as purple. The colour has been changed to red, but none will be put on sale until the supply of purple ones are exhausted.

The printing of the Omaha stamps has been discontinued. It is said that nearly 148 plates have been used. The supply that remained at Washington has been sent to Omaha, the quantity being as follows:—

1 cent	..	..	500,000
2	"	..	1,000,000
4	"	..	100,000
8	"	..	50,000
10	"	..	100,000
50	"	..	20,000
1 dollar	..	..	500
2	"	..	2,000

This supply should last about three months.

New Issues:—Envelopes, 1 cent green, 2 cent red; wrapper, 1 cent, black. The design of the envelope stamps consists of her Majesty's head (early type) embossed, with a coloured background, surrounded by an oval in which is the word "Postage" above, and the value below, and outside the oval at the top "Canada."

The latest news from Newfoundland is that all the plates, dies, &c., of Newfoundland stamps, of the issues of 1866 to 1896, in possession of the American Bank Note Co. of New York, were destroyed a few days ago. Among the plates were the 6c. pink, 12c. brown, 13c. orange, 24c. blue. As the plates in possession of the British American Bank Note Co. of Montreal were destroyed several months ago, and also the plates of the Cabots, there will be no more reprints of Newfoundland, for which we ought to be truly thankful. It may be of interest to some of the wiseacres to say that the first shipment of Newfoundland Cabots also conveyed a reprint of the 6c. pink.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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

February 2nd. Miss S. M. D'Albiac and Mr. A. Still were unanimously elected members. Mr. W.

Pimm showed his collection of N. S. W. which is strong in the early issues, and includes some exceptionally fine re-constructed sheets, every stamp being in fine condition.

February 16th. Messrs. T. E. Laurenson and L. König were unanimously elected members. Mr. T. W. Peck gave a short paper on U. S. A. watermarks, illustrated by a large number of strips and plate numbers.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The March sheets are of excellent quality. Members are requested to do their best for April. Will all members put the section plainly on each sheet to save trouble. The following new members are proposed: L. S. Holmes (Liverpool), W. C. Bell (Helensburgh), H. C. Webb (London), L. Riley (Edinburgh), H. J. Guest (Birmingham), and there are vacancies for one or two others. Good references indispensable. Rules, &c., from the secretary.

THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The 36th meeting of this society was held on the 2nd inst. One of the members showed an album containing part of his general collection, and Mr. T. C. Cartwright passed round five sheets of the "U. S. A. Carrier and Local Stamps" which in their variety and simplicity of design are interesting records of what private enterprise attempted before the State took the entire control of postal matters.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A general meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on March 7th at 7 p.m. Mr. Harold J. White (hon. president) in the chair. After business concluded, the hon. president gave a display of his famous collection of English stamps of Gold Medal fame. A special vote of thanks to Mr. Harold White for his interesting and instructive entertainment was carried with acclamation and brought the proceedings to a termination at 9 30 p.m. H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—September packets have come back and accounts duly rendered for that month. October packets are expected back very shortly. 187 sheets, valued in the aggregate at £1,914 15s. 2d., were made up into four packets and despatched on the February circuit in good time. Stamps were priced so reasonably that good sales should be the result. During the past month two resignations were accepted and ten members duly elected. Applications for membership should be accompanied by references. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

UNITED STATES.—I.R. Surcharge.—We regret to announce that some one has been trying his hand in counterfeiting the I.R. on some of the rare I.R. plate numbers. They are not difficult to detect as the colours are off, but are apt to deceive the unwary. Those submitted to the writer came from Chicago and were a bottom strip of 526 1c. and a top strip 525 2c. The blue of the 2c. was too light and the letters were a little broader than the originals in both cases and slightly rounded instead of angular in the corners. The periods on each position of plate numbers and in fact on each stamp on the sheet vary, but are uniform and a very good safeguard. The exact number of all scarce 1c. large I. R. as well as the rare 2c. 525 I.R. and their whereabouts are pretty accurately known to the writer as a record of all finds has been kept.

It is also reported, that seven or eight sheets of counterfeit inverts and a few plate numbers were sold in Nebraska to dealers. The party who made them is said to have repented later and destroyed all he had left. It is not stated whether they were 1c. or 2c. stamps.

URUGUAY.—120c., blue; 240c., red.—Firstly, the blue colour is too much of an ultramarine, and the red colour too orange, in these forgeries. The distance between the first 'c' of 'CORREO' on the left, and the outer border above 'MONTEVIDEO,' is 15 mm. on the forgeries, and $14\frac{1}{2}$ – $14\frac{3}{4}$ on the originals. There is also a slight difference in this measurement on the right side, but not so pronounced. In the forgeries of these two values the 'x' in 'CORREO' on the right has curved lines on the top and bottom ('E'), which is not the case with the originals. The left eyebrow is straight in the forgeries, and curved in the originals. These are the chief differences.

"The 100.—The dash after 'CORREO' on the right is scarcely visible, and the word 'CORREO' slightly larger than in the originals. The colour of this stamp is too much of a brownish hue, and there are discrepancies in the position of the rays. This is the most dangerous of the three.

But even with these detailed warnings before him the young collector is in danger of being defrauded, for the forgeries have a very guileless and respectable look. Early Uruguays, in fact, should only be purchased on the guarantee of some responsible person.

WURTEMBERG.—70 Kreuzer issue.—Lately forgeries of this rare stamp have appeared and to put collectors on their guard we give the following points of difference.

1. The stars in the corners are less clear and are larger than those in the originals.
2. There is no inscription in the scroll under the coat of arms. The words "Furchtlos" and "treuw" can be easily read in the originals.
3. The mouth of the stag is open in the originals, whereas it is closed in the forgeries.

NOTICES.

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2c.	8 0	...	1c. 0 9 7 0
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6c. new	... 24 0	3c. 2 0
8c. "	... 10 0	Imperial Penny	...
Sets ½c. to 50c.	...	84 0	...	Post Stamp, un.	... 9 0
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" " " 1/4 green	0	8	4	6
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2	" Provl.	1	0	1	Prov.
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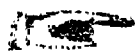
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MOROCCO AGENCIES.—There are two varieties of surcharge in these stamps, formed by the difference of type used.

MALTA.—The island has agreed to the Imperial 1d. rate from April 1st.

NEW ZEALAND.—The new issue contains distinct shades in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 5d., and 6d., at least.

PARAGUAY.—The 15c. of 1877 has been surcharged 10 centavos.

10 on 15 c. orange, black surcharge.

SIERRA LEONE.—A correspondent has sent us a registered envelope, part of the prepayment of which consisted of the sixpence long fiscal stamp surcharged ONE-PENNY only, and with the original value barred out.

ONE-PENNY on 6d. lilac and green.

VIRGIN ISLANDS.—Some varieties are made, owing to defective type, in the $\frac{1}{2}$ of the new issue. The words HALF in one case, and PENNY in the other contains a defective e and f respectively.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The 5 c. envelope of 1894 has been surcharged TWO CENTS in small black capitals.

2 on 5 c. white paper, black surcharge.

2 on 5 c. blue paper, black surcharge.

EGYPT.—From March 1st the rate for post cards has been reduced to 4 mill. for the single card, and 8 mill. for the reply. In consequence, the 5 mill and 10 mill postcards have been surcharged :

4 m. on 5 m., carmine, black surcharge

4+4 m. on 5+5 m., carmine, black surcharge.

THE STAMPS OF TONGA.

FROM 1886 TO 1894.

1886-7. Portrait of King George I., in oval, inscribed "TONGA, POSTAGE AND REVENUE." Engraved

and printed from electrotypes at the Government Printing Office, Wellington, N.Z., on white wove paper, watermarked N.Z. and star.

A., perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1d. rose.
2d. mauve
6d. blue,
1s. green.

B., perf., 11 $\frac{1}{2}$

1d. rose.
2d. mauve.
6d. blue.
1s. green.

NOTE.—The books of the Chief Post-master, Tonga, show the first dates of receipt as follows : 1d. and 2d., 27th August, 1886 ; 6d., 9th October, 1886 ; and 1s. 15th April, 1887.

10TH NOVEMBER, 1891. The 1d. and 2d. of the previous issue surcharged with new values in black.

"Fourpence." on 1d. rose and black.

"Eightpence." on 2d. mauve and black.

Variety, without period after "pence."

"Fourpence." on 1d. rose and black.

29th NOVEMBER, 1891. The 1d. and 2d. of 1886, surcharged with a small black star in the upper right and lower left corners.

1d. rose.
2d. mauve.

Varieties, with 3, 4 or 5 stars.

1d. rose.

15th AUGUST, 1892. Same type, paper, etc., as 1886 issue. Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

6d. yellow.

10th NOVEMBER, 1892. Arms of Tonga (for the 1d. and 4d.) Portrait of King George I. (for the other values.) Engraved by A. E. Cousins, Wellington, and printed from electrotypes, at the Government Printing Office, Wellington, N.Z., on white wove paper, watermarked N.Z., and star. Perf. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1d. rose.
2d. olive-brown
4d. lake.
8d. mauve.
1s. sepia.

NOTE.—In 1893 the Postal Union Rates of postage were adopted for international correspondence, and pending the preparation of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, the 1d. stamp was allowed to be cut in halves, and each half used as a $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value. These "splits" may be found cut vertically, horizontally, or diagonally from left to right, or vice versa—eight varieties!

21st AUGUST, 1893. The preceding types, printed in different colours and surcharged with new values. Same wmk. Perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1d. blue, surcharge in red.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 1d. blue, surcharge in black.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 2d. green, surcharge in red.
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 2d. green, surcharge in black.

"Five Pence" on 4d. orange, sur. in red.
 7½d on 8d. rose, surcharged in red.
 1894. Previous types overprinted vertically
 in black **SURCHARGE.—HALFPENNY** and
SURCHARGE.—2½, Wmk. N.Z. and star. Perf.
 11½, 12½ x 11½.
 ½d. on 4d. (1892) lake.
 ½d on 1s. (1892) sepia.
 2½d. on 8d. (1892) mauve.
 2½d. on 1s. (1887) green.
Variety. Without period after "Surcharge."
 ½d. on 4d. lake
 ½d. on 1s. sepia
 2½d. on 8d. mauve
 2½d. on 1s. green

NOTE.—*Pairs of the 4d. may be found so tenant with and without overprint. Some of the sheets have also been stuck together, and in the process of separation some of the stamps have been "skinned." The surcharge having been subsequently applied, fragments of a 4d. or a 1s. design may be found with a full overprint, part on colour and part on the skinned portion of the stamp.*

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

OFFICIAL OVERPRINTS: MORE VARIETIES.

THE halfpenny "Army Official" exists with only a faint trace of the stem of the Y, making the upper word read very like ARMY; and the twopenny "Govt. Parcels" may be found with the top of the T in "Govt." below the line of the tops of GOV.

The extra heavy type "I.R. Official" on the one penny of a year or more ago seems to have been only a temporary phenomenon, as copies now current certainly have the thin letters of 1885 again.

THE 1½D. EMBOSSED ENVELOPE.

This value presents a far more varied succession of colours than any other denomination of the stamped-to-order series. To begin with, it is the only value whose colour was altered during the earlier years of the system; its change from pink in 1874 being due to the too close resemblance it had hitherto borne to the colour of the one penny envelope. Then it took unto itself "a suit of russet brown," and between 1875 and 1892 it wore almost every imaginable tone which the term brown could include. At the rearrangement of colours in 1892, the three-halfpenny envelope found a yellow uniform assigned to it; uniformity, however, never had been its forte, so it is not surprising to note that its chameleon-like instincts continued to assert themselves, and down to these

latter days it has imitated most of the golden and paler tints worn by certain juicy fruits not altogether unknown in Spain and Italy respectively. Then apart from colour, its dies and types have been diversified in ways not always shared by the higher values, so that altogether it holds undisputed place as the most interesting member of the embossed series. The three-halfpenny, however (like the 4d. in this respect) has never had the 5-dot variety of florets, which appeared (in what had until then been the date-holes) on the 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- stamps during 1894-5. All values having florets have since then had the 9-dot variety only.

THE RAREST TELEGRAPH FORM.

I have recently had an opportunity of inspecting a few—a very few—copies of that most desirable but very seldom attainable item—the 10d. blue embossed stamp. Telegraph forms bearing this stamp were issued to a small extent early in 1892, this value being introduced for that purpose not long before the tennence took again its original hue of brown. The specimens I have seen are on white wove paper. (The blue stamp, like the brown, exists on both white and yellow). There are two distinct shades—a full mid-blue and pale clear sky blue; the die is numbered "5 w.w." and the impressions are probably early ones as they show none of the spots or flaws attributed to that die by Ewen's catalogue.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ENVELOPES.

I am making investigations about these in likely quarters, and one reader has, since last month's notes appeared, sent me for inspection a variety which will be an addition to the list. The loan of any of these early envelopes dedicated to the exclusive use of the Temple of Talk, which may be in the possession of readers, will assist me in more fully describing the series in a future note.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

ON March 17th a correspondent received a letter from Mr. Reginald C. Farrant, of the Williams and Co. firm, stating that Mr. Casnough had absconded on January 1st. *The Perforator* of March states that it received a letter from Reg. C. Farrant dated February 11th, 1899, giving the same information, but with more detail, and saying that there were hundreds of letters, registered and ordinary, which had arrived since January 2nd. Mr. Reg. C. Farrant considers it his duty to return them and will do so on receipt of return postage as he is not in a position to do it at his own expense. Mr. Farrant may be anxious to assist the firm's victims—or he may not. The thing savours to us like a scheme to get a bit

more from philatelists, but those who have sent valuable consignments or money which would reach Lima subsequent to the time mentioned will probably exercise their own judgment as to whether they risk a bit more or not. *Quien sabe!*

I may say that Mr. Farrant's address is the same as that of the firm, and that he was the manager and correspondent with European newspapers.

Mr. Mulock's vaster stamp than has been still continues to be issued by the department. As the stamp is dated "Xmas, 1898," it appears to us that its life has been elongated beyond all reason. People are tired salivating such a big area of mountains, lakes, rivers and oceans, and Canadians are beginning to learn that after all this holding of vaster empires than has been has its drawbacks when it comes to the sticking point. If it were only Great Britain and not Canada, that held both these vastnesses, everybody in this parish, at least, would be overjoyed. We would be better pleased to simply own a vaster P. M. G. than has been and leave these Japanese handkerchiefs with vast quotations to England, where they properly belong.—*The Flesherton Advance* (Ontario).

The following are, individually and collectively, an advertisement. Please pass on to the next caravan. "I have always had more answers from short advertisements in your paper than from any other. W. T. Brass." "I received about fifty answers to my last advertisement. W. V. Hammond." "I would say my last advertisement was quite satisfactory. C. A. Crane." These, of course, refer to *The Advertiser*. All received since last issue was published.

Mr. John Veun has removed to 91, Morland Road, East Croydon, formerly Wimbledon. The Western Stamp and Publishing Co., of 59, Amhurst Park, N., are issuing a paper called *The Western Philatelist*.

Mr. C. P. Roberts, one of our numerous Antipodean subscribers, wishes us to publish a few poems about stamps and stamp collecting. Will my readers tell their own Postman what they think about it. We used to do so, once, but we trod on so many corns that we gave it up from motives of charity and handed the post over to the County Asylum people. Still we can get him back. The cellar is yet in existence and his chains are in fairly good repair.

The Virginia Philatelist is the smartest philatelic paper that comes across the pond.

The new issue of Cuba is not going to encourage the schoolboy trade. "A cane mill, with a cane field in the rear" needs no demonstration as Euclid so pertinently remarks!

The quotation on the Imperial postage stamp is from Mr. Lewis Morris' "Song of Britain," and may be found in the volume entitled "Song of Empire":

We love not war, but only peace,
Yet never shall our England's power decrease!
Whoever guides the helm of state,
Let all men know it, England shall be great!
We hold a vaster Empire than has been!

In 1840-41 the consumption of adhesive postage stamps of 1d. and 2d. was about ten millions per month. Now the consumption of stamps of 1d. is more than 140 millions per month.

Says Mr. H. Heaton referring to telegraph rates:—"The Post Office can make no mistake. That is why Saint Peter (telegraphically) is one word and saltpetre is two. Edge Hill (Liverpool) counts as two words, Edge Hill (Warwick) counts as one. West Derby is two words, West Kirby is one. Fish market is one word but cattle market is two. Mme. d'Orsay is one, Mme. d'Albany is two. Ironworks is one word, steelworks two. Coffee-mill, broadcloth, figure-head are each one word, but auger-head, paper-mill, tea-cloth are considered two. Upstairs is one word. Downstairs is two words."

The project of a grand Philatelic Exposition in Paris in August, 1900, is taking shape and will probably be realised, as the suggestion met with excellent success on all sides. A number of philatelic societies have stepped forward to contribute funds and thus have assured the solid foundation. Among the supporters of the movement are in first place: M.M. Arthur Maury of Paris; J. B. Moens, Brussels; Hugo Kroetzsch, Leipzig; Stanley Gibbons, London; Dr. Diana, Rome; and George Kirchner, St. Petersburg.

Though he is only a four-year-old, Prince Edward of York has been enthroned already, for the Newfoundlanders have put him on their new half-cent stamp, the value having been apparently selected with due regard to the Prince's size. The name of the future Edward VIII.—for the Prince of Wales will possibly be called King Edward, and not King Albert—is a conglomerate of all the countries that he represents—Edward, for his grandfather and the line of English kings of that name; Albert, for his great-grandfather; Christian, for Denmark and his grandfather; George, for Merrie England; Andrew, for Scotland; Patrick, for Ireland; and David, for Wales. But why not have added an Oriental name for the Indian Empire? Two of our King Edwards (the second and fifth) were murdered; the sixth died as a lad of 18; but the rest had fairly long reigns, Edward III. holding the throne for 50 years.

The United States postal authorities have apparently determined that there shall be no

Hawaiian remainders, for an order has been issued from Washington to the various postmasters interested to the effect that hereafter Hawaiian postage stamps shall be received at their face value for the payment of postage on all articles mailed in Hawaii, whether for delivery in the United States or elsewhere.

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The resolution adopted by the Postal Union Congress concerning the colours of the $\frac{1}{2}$ l., 1d., and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamps, to take effect next January, was not compulsory, but more or less permissive, and that though many countries, especially our colonies, are already falling into line, yet our own home authorities have no intention of making any alteration in the colours of British Stamps.

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The Italian Government has resolved to levy a duty on imported used stamps. They come under the heading of "coloured illustrations." The Italian postal authorities have started what seems to us a very good idea—that is to say, in transmitting small amounts of money, postage stamps to the required amount may be attached to a special form of postcard. These stamps are then obliterated, and their value handed to the receiver of the card.

THE NEW WORLD BUDGET.

Plate number three of the Imperial stamp has appeared.

The two cent, purple (error) envelope is bringing one dollar and fifty cents, as a starter.

The fourth annual Convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held in Toronto, taking place on June 30th and July first.

There is a movement on foot to have a Philatelic Exhibition at the time of the Convention.

Since the reduction of the rate on letters from three to two cents, a few thousands of remainders of the three cent envelopes have been surcharged "2 c." This is Canada's first surcharge, as the number is small they are in demand.

A quantity of the three cent letter cards have also been surcharged two cents. I said it was remainders that were surcharged, but there were very few of these, it being principally quantities purchased by certain wholesale houses, for their correspondence, and to prevent them losing the difference, the postal authorities had them surcharged, and made good the loss.

The stamp papers a few weeks ago chronicled some Canada adhesive postage stamps as having been surcharged. A communication received from the officials at Ottawa states that such stamps are "fakes." It

is stated that no stamps were so surcharged officially, and any postmaster so doing would be liable to severe censure; and that any letters mailed with such stamps would be sent to the dead letter office, unless there were other stamps on the cover to pay the postage.

The Imperial stamp has appeared with the seas in various colors and shades, as follows:—lavender, light blue, gray, light green, medium green, and dark green.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

TUSCANY.—There are numerous dangerous forgeries of the stamps of Tuscany, some of them being printed on old paper with the genuine watermark, others with a forged watermark. The following description of some of the peculiarities of the genuine will assist in distinguishing these from the forgeries.

1851-53 issue.

With the exception of the inscriptions in the lower label, all the values are exactly alike. The words "FRANCO BOLLI" measure 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and "TOSCANO" measures 12mm.

There are thirty-two lines of shading on the back of the lion of which the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 10th and 12th from the top are not complete.

The outer frame line at the bottom is always broken at the left hand of the denomination of value; I have never seen a genuine stamp which had this frame line unbroken.

In the watermark of the 1851-52 issues, the lines forming the crowns are about $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. thick and the vertical and horizontal lines surrounding the crowns are about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. thick. The minimum width of the space between the two horizontal lines, is 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and the maximum width 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The minimum width of three horizontal lines is 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm., and the maximum width 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. On all the forgeries seen by us, the horizontal lines are $\frac{3}{4}$ mm thick, the minimum width of the space between two horizontal lines is 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. and of three lines is 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. In the watermark of the 1853 issue (interlaced loops) the lines are about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. thick and the width of any loop ranges from 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. The forged watermarks which we have seen had the lines $\frac{3}{4}$ mm. thick and the minimum width of any loop was 7mm.

In the 1860 issue the measurements of the inscriptions are the same as in the earlier issues and the

frame line at the bottom is always broken. In the 3 lire the "rr" in the lower label is punctuated.

We also wish to call attention to some clever forgeries of the 60 crazie made by changing the color of a genuine 9 crazie and replacing "9" by "60" this fraud however is easily detected by measuring the word "CRAZIE" which is 9mm. long in the 60 crazie and 10½mm. in the 9 crazie.

Another forgery of the 60 crazie has been made by replacing the inscription in the lower label of a genuine 1 crazie by a forged inscription "60 CRAZIE."

THE UNIVERSAL STANDARD CATALOGUE.

WHITFIELD KING'S new Catalogue supplies a distinct want in this country. The usual catalogue has become so complicated by reason of the vexatious minor varieties so persistently listed that *Bradshaw's Railway Guide* would now make a very poor second in the race for incomprehensiveness to the mind of the uninitiated. The "Universal" is compiled on a different system to any other existing catalogue. Every known government issue is included, but *little* varieties of type, perforation, &c., have been rigidly excluded. We say "little" advisedly, as every important variety, and, we venture to say, every necessary variety to the general collector, is included. The compiler is Mr. H. M. Gooch, and an excellent job he has made of it. To him the thanks of all general collectors should be accorded. [The price is 1/3 post free, and it can be supplied by The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth].

THE BRITISH STAMP DIRECTORY.

THIRD EDITION.

THIS book, after a delay of nearly three months, was published on March 30th. Much as it is to be regretted, the delay was unavoidable. Several reasons contribute to it, but one will be sufficient to mention—and sufficient, almost, to excuse—that is, the determination of Mr. Fred. A. Wickhart to have the book as near perfection as possible. This necessitated the sending of every proof sheet to London for correction and addition, and the result justifies the trouble. The delay in publication had one certain advantage, inasmuch as a very large number of

names and addresses of "new" collectors are included in this edition. To Mr. Wickhart, alone, is due the re-arrangement in absolutely alphabetical order and this change makes the present edition twice as valuable as its predecessor. The addresses were all verified up to Christmas. Some have probably changed since then, but that even the most energetic of compilers could not avoid. The present edition requires twenty more pages to accommodate the new information and these add 50% to the cost of postage, but the price remains the same, viz: 1/- post free, from The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NEW BRAZIL SURCHARGES.

REPRINT OR OFFICIAL FALSIFICATION?

The following report is sent to us by a Rio de Janeiro correspondent:—

LITTLE more than three months have elapsed since the General Administration of the Brazilian Post announced the issue of the surcharged stamps of 100 reis and 300 reis, for which purpose the obsolete journal stamps of 50 reis and 200 reis, respectively, were used, and the Post Administration have already conceived the idea of a new emission.

It may, therefore, interest collectors to be informed of the projected issue, and I herewith submit you the translation of the advice of the 15th February last and the result of my investigations. The following is the text of the advice:—

*"General Administration of the Post.
"Obsolete Newspaper Stamps to be put into Circulation Again.*

"By order of the General Administrator, and in conformity of Article 23 of the law as instituted by Decree 2,230 of 10th February, 1896, the public is informed that, in accordance with the notice of the Minister, dated 17th May, under No. 164, the newspaper stamps of 50 reis, declared to be obsolete, will be again sold surcharged.

"This stamp, which was used for franking newspapers and issued in 1890 is of a bistre colour, it bears the words: CORREIO at the top, BRAZIL at the bottom, JORNAL in the centre, and also the words, 50 and Reis.

"The surcharge of 100 reis will be in light violet ink, the original value will be effaced, and the word JORNAL will also be replaced by the figure of the year 1896, also in light violet ink; *this surcharge being made with hand-stamp.*

"This stamp can be used for any kind of correspondence.

"Given in the Capital, 15th February, 1899.
"Manoel de Jesus Valdetaro."

On making a comparison between this advice and that of 12th November last, and taking into consideration that nearly the whole stock of the bistre 100 reis stamp, issued last year, has been purchased by a stamp merchant of this city, it is evident that the new stamp will merely be a reprint. This appears to be, in fact, the intention of the Post Administration, otherwise the surcharged 1898 on a stamp issued in 1899 would have no sense.

I may add that the original surcharge is executed in lithography, whilst the new one will be made by hand-stamp, according to the declaration of the Post Administrator.

In conclusion, I would further call your attention to the difference in the colours. As the advice says, the surcharge on the reprint will be of a light violet colour, whilst the original was of a dark violet colour.

It has been suggested that the only purpose of this subsequent second edition was to help some collectors who were not able at the first issue to get this rarity; but the suggestion seems very improbable.

In my opinion the case is absolutely identical with the Luxemburg S.P. surcharged stamps of 1882, which are nothing but reprints—what may be termed "official falsifications." Thus all philatelic friends who esteem their collections may be warned against this kind of stamp.

ALPHA.

Our correspondent has since sent us the reprint in question. It is poorly executed with a rubber stamp, apparently. Only 5,400 were issued.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

Honorary President :—W. B. AVERY, Esq.

President :—W. T. WILSON, Esq.

Vice-Presidents :—R. HOLLICK, Esq.; W. PIMM, Esq.

Committee :—Mr. H. R. BEWLAY; Mr. P. T. DEAKIN; Mr. W. F. WADAMS; Mr. T. W. PECK; Mr. C. A. STEPHENSON; Mr. W. S. VAUGHTON.

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

No report yet to hand.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The following names are proposed for membership this month: C. H. White (Dublin), W. Reed (Fresingfield), H. G. Bolton (Lancashire), R. W. Adam, (Spain). The present is a good opportunity for joining as no subscription is due until July and thus would-be members have a good chance of seeing the value of the Exchange before permanently joining. Good references are necessary. Rules, &c., from the Secretary, post free upon application.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A general meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, on Tuesday, April 11th, at 7 p.m. Present: Messrs. H. R. Oldfield, W. A. Bois, E. Airlie Dry, S. E. Bradbury, G. Gaffe, E. Bounds, O. Forbes, J. W. Jones, M. Z. Kuttner, W. Simpson, C. R. Sutherland, F. A. Wickhart, E. J. Nankivell (visitor), and H. A. Slade. The minutes of the last meeting having been read and confirmed, the following were proposed and duly elected members of the Society: Mrs. Edgar Watkin, S. J. Anderson, Hubert Warren. It was determined that the close of a successful season be celebrated by a dinner at headquarters on May 2nd. At the conclusion of business Mr. Herbert R. Oldfield gave a display of his magnificent collection of Swiss stamps accompanied by lucid and interesting explanations of the various issues. A cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Oldfield for his entertainment brought an enjoyable evening to a close at 9-30 p.m. H. A. Slade, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—October packets have come back from circulation, and accounts have been promptly rendered and settled. November packets are expected back within the next fortnight. Six applications for membership were received during the past month, four of which were accepted. Members of the principal foreign clubs are invited to send selections, while British buyers, sending good references, will always be welcomed. For copy of rules and full information apply to the Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society was held on the 6th inst., when Mr. Perrett read a paper on "Early Reminiscences of Stamp Collecting," in which he gave his experience of 40 years ago—when stamps now valued at £20 to £30 apiece could be had for a few pence and even bartered for apples or marbles. Some of the earliest catalogues, consisting of a few pages in paper cover were passed round. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Perrett for his both interesting and amusing paper. The next meeting will be on April 20th, subject "British Guiana and British Honduras."

THE ADVERTISER.—*The Advertiser of Wants and Offers* (Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Birmingham), is the very best advertising medium for philatelists in the world. With the largest paid subscription list of any philatelic paper in the English language, to say nothing of the large number of necessary specimen copies periodically sent out, it would be surprising if it failed to give satisfaction to its supporters. For foreign business it has no rival. In America it has more subscribers than three-fourths of the American papers and in the English colonies no other paper even pretends a rivalry. Since its inception many papers on both sides of the Atlantic have imitated its chief features, but *The Advertiser* had got too big a start to fear any opposition. Imitation is the sincerest form of flattery, and the little paper has been flattered in this vein by practically every one of the British philatelic journals, who—wise in their generation—have carefully copied its name or its methods, the only thing they have so far failed to imitate being its success and its large circulation. To show that results are still satisfactory to advertisers, a few out of the many congratulatory remarks that have reached us during the last few weeks are appended. Considering the undoubted success of the paper, comparatively few of the more important dealers have ever tried it—yet those who have done so have remained steadfast ever since. "Once an advertiser—always an advertiser" is the principle, but we would naturally be glad to find many more working with us to mutual advantage. The rates are very cheap, but we are always willing to make them even cheaper to secure good advertisers for longer periods. Read a few of *this year's* (1899) congratulations:—

Mr. H. B. Backhouse: "I hope to run a larger advertisement in your paper for some time. I have had very good results."

Mr. A. G. Padgam: "I hope the advertisement will bring as many replies as the last."

Mr. Ralph R. Scudamore: "Very much pleased with last advertisement."

Mr. H. Bristow: "Kindly stop our advertisement, we have had so many replies."

Mr. Elie Noyer: "I have great satisfaction in my announcement in your esteemed paper."

Mr. Ernest A. E. Slinger: "I cannot complain of results from giving you ads."

Mr. W. T. Brass: "I am very pleased with the success of my former ad."

Mr. J. Carr: "The advertisement you put in for me was very satisfactory."

Mr. Robert Kirby: "As a compliment to your paper, I have been deluged with replies from all parts."

Mr. H. H. Hipwell: "Your paper is wonderful, how it is I have not come across it before I don't know."

During twelve months over 5,000 advertisements appear in "*The Advertiser*," divided among 20 issues, or about 250 separate advertisements per issue, ranging from a whole page to an adlet of a few words, and the most gratifying feature is the noticeable fact that the majority of advertisements come from the same parties time after time, while almost every day new supporters appear by the recommendation of one or another old supporter. Our friends do their best for us, we reciprocate according to the best of *our* ability—and the result is mutual advantage. These lines are not penned without an object. We wish to get every philatelic advertiser with us and the facts we have set out in the foregoing are a bait to draw them into the net from which they will never have the desire to escape.

CANADA WHOLESALE.

The following prices are for stamps in good condition and lightly cancelled.

	per 12		per 100		per 100		per 1000		
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
3d. beaver	...	2 0	...	8 0	10.	1 0	
5c. "	20.	1 6	
3c. large red	...	2 0	30.	0 9 7 0	
<i>Jubilee Issue:</i>					<i>Numerical Issues, 1898</i>				
½c. new	...	10 0	½c., 6c., 8c.,	
1c. "	4 0	equally mixed	4 6	
2c. "	8 0	1c. "	0 9 7 0	
3c. "	2 0	2c. "	1 0 8 0	
6c. new	...	24 0	3c. "	2 0	
8c. "	...	10 0	Imperial Penny	
Sets ½c. to 50c.	Post Stamp, un.	9 0	
new	...	84 0	1st, 2nd, & 3rd	
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Bermuda, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 1
Grenada, 1, 2, 3, 6, 8, 1/-	...	" 2 2
Gambia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 0
St. Lucia, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 10
Trinidad, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 1
Turks Island, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 0
Leeward Islands, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 1/-	...	" 3 2
Jamaica, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 1/-	...	" 2 1
British Guiana, 10, 20, 40, 50, 60, 80, 120, 240	...	" 2 1
" " Picture Series, 10, 20, 50, 100, 150	...	" 1 8
British Honduras, 10, 20, 50, 60, 100, 120, 240	...	" 2 0
Barbados, 2/6	...	each 2 9
Jamaica, 2/-; British Guiana, 48c	...	" 2 3
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	per 12		per 100		per 100		per 1000		
	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	s.	d.	
3d. beaver	...	2 0	...	8 0	1c.	1 0	
5c. "	...	2 0	...	8 0	2c.	1 6	
3c. large red	...	2 0	...	8 0	3c.	0 9	
<i>Jubilee Issue:</i>					<i>Numerical Issue, 1898</i>				
1c. new	...	10 0	...	4 0	½c., 6c., 8c.,	4 6	
1c.	8 0	equally mixed	0 9	
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" " " ¾ green	0	8	4	8
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10	W. Australian... ..	1	0	7	British Guiana		
2	" Prov.	1	0	1	Prov.	1	6
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the Secretary of the Post Office to England for a new set of stamps similar to those of New Zealand, with designs representing various local scenes. Well, we can't help it! We must endeavour to cultivate the philosophical attitude of those in Spain upon rainy days, when—we have proverbial authority for believing—they let it rain!

CHRONICLE.

CANADA.—Of the 1897 jubilee issue the following quantities were issued:—

- 1-2c. black, 150,000.
- 1c. orange, 8,000,000.
- 2c. green, 2,500,000.
- 3c. bright rose, 20,000,000.
- 5c. deep blue, 750,000.
- 6c. rich brown, 75,000.
- 8c. violet, 200,000.
- 10c. brown violet, 150,000.
- 15c. steel blue, 100,000.
- 20c. vermilion, 100,000.
- 50c. ultramarine, 100,000.
- \$1 wine red, 25,000.
- \$2 25,000.
- \$3 25,000.
- \$4 25,000.
- \$5 25,000.

Of the 1898 maple leaf issue the following quantities were issued:—

- 1-2c. black, 2,000,000.
- 1c. green, 34,000,000.
- 2c. purple, 12,000,000.
- 3c. bright rose, 44,000,000.
- 5c. dark blue, 3,500,000.
- 6c. brown, 500,000.
- 8c. orange, 1,400,000.
- 10c. plum, 500,000.

CHILI.—Mr. Weller, of Valdivia, Chili, informs the *Philatelist* that the General Director of Mails and Telegraphs of that country announces a new issue of postage stamps, consisting of the values of 1, 2, and 5 centavos only. This set will appear very shortly and the design will be radically different from that of the present series. The reason of the new issue is commonly understood to be the discovery of very clever counterfeits of these denominations of the present set, which have been spread wholesale at great damage to the postal service of Chili. New telegraph stamps are also to appear of the values of 1 and 5 centavos as the new tariff for dispatches necessitates such stamps.

GERMANY.—Five new stamps are said to be in course of preparation, 30 and 80pf. and 1, 2, 5 marks.

ORANGE FREE STATE.—A 1/- brown is reported. Possibly an error of colour.

PERSIA.—We have received from Teheran the 1 and 2ch. apparently surcharged in violet, with a design or lettering difficult to define.

SAMOA.—The 1d. has been surcharged 2½d.

TASMANIA.—A 10d. stamp has just been, or is about to be, issued wmk. TAS, perf. 14.

10d. purple-brown and green.

TUNIS.—The 5c. has been changed to the same colour as that of France.

5c. yellow green.

NOVA SCOTIA.

SO much has been written about the stamps of Nova Scotia that one may reasonably ask: what further may be said of interest to the collector of this beautiful series? Very little indeed; but I may be pardoned if I offer a little criticism on the catalogue.

The first stamps issued were the 3d., 6d. and 1/-, and as the 3d. dark blue (or more properly speaking the 3d. blue on dark blue paper) was in use for a much longer period than the light blue (or blue on white paper), the former stamp in a used condition is very much more common than the latter.

According to the catalogue the reverse would be the case. I have handled large quantities of three-pennies and the dark blues have outnumbered the light ones almost ten to one. Being the provincial rate they would be more common at home than abroad, and my opinion is shared by every collector who has handled any quantity of them.

The relative pricing of the sixpence is more accurate and tends to confirm what I have said in regard to the threepence, as the dark green sixpence was used during the same period as the threepence on white paper.

There are two distinct varieties of the dark green sixpence, one on white paper exactly like that on which the light blue threepence is printed, and the other on a paper densely blue and similar to that on which the one penny is printed. This latter is a very rare stamp and is so different from the other that it should be catalogued.

The shilling is also printed on the dark blue paper and is very rare thus.

It may not seem the thing to say so but I cannot help thinking that the shilling is an overrated stamp. Fashion has set it on a lofty pedestal. I remember

when a boy at school with what feelings of admiration, tinged perhaps with envy, we viewed the fortunate mate who possessed a shilling. The boy who unearthed a shilling Newfoundland, then as at present a much more valuable stamp, did not cut any figure to speak of.

The five cent unused with original gum is not an easy stamp to pick up. At the time of confederation with Canada the stock on hand was almost exhausted. None were found among the remainders sold by the Government two years ago.

The discovery of the remainders has had, no doubt, a bad effect on the sale of pence issues, as many collectors not unnaturally imagine that shillings and sixpennies may turn up in quantities at any time. I can assure such people that their fears are groundless. When the currency changed in 1860 the pence remainder, together with the stamps called in from country offices in exchange for Cents issue, were burned in the square adjoining the Provincial Building in which the local Government offices are situated.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

MAVE you seen the new British Stamp Directory? No! Well you must get one at once. It is double as good as the last—and that was worth treble the amount charged for it. I have been making a calculation and I find that the actual cost for material, labour and postage of each copy is 1/10. Where the profit comes in is the mystery to me. It must be like the old woman's eggs—the quantity that pays.

Mr. Herbert J. Guest has sent me an envelope upon which the postage stamp is obliterated with a design of straight lines on the American plan. It is to be hoped our Government are about to adopt this vastly superior system of postmarking.

Please don't—*don't*—DON'T forget the Manchester Exhibition. It opens June 29th, and your very own POSTMAN wants you all to be there between that date and July 5th. Undeterred by his narrow escapes at the London ditto the POSTMAN will again venture among a righteously indignant philatelic public and give the world his opinion on the matter—that is if the pecuniary aspect of things is favourable and if the committee send him a ticket.

Of the newspaper stamps put on sale by the U.S. Government, all below \$5.00 were originals. Of the

higher values we give a table of the number of originals on hand and the number reprinted to make up the 50,000 sets.

	Originals.	Reprints.
\$5 00	155	49,845
10 00	11,640	38,360
20 00	8,780	41,220
50 00	16,245	33,755
100 00	7,685	42,315

What will those poor dealers do whose conscience will not allow them to sell reprints?

THE POSTMAN has received a very useful price list from Mr. Wm. Bradbury—simply full of bargains. He prepared a goodly order therefrom and gleefully sealed the envelope and then—alas, the following unpleasant legend met his eye “Strictly net cash with order.” Mr. Wm. Bradbury will *not* figure among his list of creditors at present.

The two cent Columbian *unused* bids fair to become a very desirable stamp. The common two was never thought of while the Columbians were on sale, every one at that time was buying the high values; now when they want them collectors are surprised to find that they cannot get them everywhere.

The new watermark of the Hungarian stamp is practically the result of an accident. The explosion of a boiler in the paper factory, which formerly supplied the paper to the government having destroyed that plant, a supply was ordered elsewhere and the manufacturer furnished at short notice, paper with the new watermark. The design pleased the postal authorities and has since been permanently adopted. The new watermark represents the Hungarian crown in a circle covering about six stamps.

The story of the discovery in the Post Office of a few old envelopes was so magnified in the course of its transit from one relator to another, that at last it attained such proportions as to make it likely to swell the Post Office revenue. A somewhat similar discovery was made in the Geneva Post Office in 1868, when, on the occasion of an alteration in the office, a press was removed, behind which 800 envelopes were found. A curious discovery was made a very few years since in one of the Government Offices in London. A large sheet of pasteboard had been knocking about for years, when, in the course of wear, it showed some printing like that on the Mulready envelopes. It was put into a bath, when, lo! it was found to have been made of some six or eight sheets of Mulready envelopes pasted together. They came off as fresh and clean as when first printed, the paper being only a little stiff from the paste not having been entirely soaked out. We write from a specimen before us.

THE SWISS POSTAL SYSTEM.

IN Switzerland besides undertaking to forward persons and luggage by diligence, the post office undertakes the collection of money against the delivery of letters or parcels; the collection of drafts, the office accepting instructions as to protest or otherwise in the event of dishonour; payment of subscriptions to newspapers; the delivery of books or music on approval with free return within four days if not approved; the delivery into the hands of the addressee of a letter or parcel specially marked for such delivery. With regard to charges, for 5 centimes a letter up to half a pound in weight can be sent to any distance within 10 kilometers, and for 10 centimes to any part of Switzerland. There are also no limitations on the weight or size of parcels.

In addition to this the Swiss post office accepts full responsibility for loss or damage where the value is declared, the extra charge for declaration being merely nominal. It also accepts liability within certain limits, even without declaration of value, where a registered letter or package has been lost, damaged or even delayed in transit. Another point worth notice is that the system of fining the addressee where a letter is unstamped or insufficiently stamped—a system against which I have repeatedly protested—is not in force in Switzerland, where all that is charged to the addressee is the deficiency in the postage.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

IONIAN ISLES.—The genuine Ionian stamps are rarely found postmarked, and a genuine post-marked specimen is worth as many pounds as the unused ones are worth shillings. The only two postmarks with which I am acquainted are Nos. 96 and 97, in "Album Weeds," second edition. No. 96 consists of two concentric circles, with blank centre, CORFU between the circles, with a small ring or circle before and after the name, and a similar ring or circle at the bottom, with a very small ring each side of, and touching it. This is in blue and also in black. No. 97 in the said book is a transverse oval, sharply pointed at the ends, the lines being very thick in the

centre, and tapering to nothing at the points. This oval encloses FRANCO. There are three other forgeries described in "Album Weeds," two of them very old, and all three lithographed, and not likely to deceive; but the newest counterfeit is something far better. I may say here that, if any of our readers possess new and dangerous forgeries of any kind, and will send them to me, I shall be pleased to see them.

NEW BRUNSWICK.—The ordinary New Brunswick counterfeits are very poor, but I have lately come across a much better forgery, which is, of course, not described in "Album Weeds." My specimen is surcharged FAC-SIMILE, in small capitals; but no doubt the stamp exists without the surcharge, and in that state might be dangerous to the unwary, although the size condemns it. I have only the 3d., and do not know whether the other values have been imitated in this style.

GENUINE.—Engraved in *taille-douce*, on stout, blued wove paper. The stamp is 22½mm. square. The orb on the top of the crown bears an inverted L on its face. The cross *patée* below the centre arch of the crown shows three wedge-shaped white arms, there being no bottom arm. The eight-pointed star to the left of the crown bears a spray of three shamrock leaves, which can hardly be said to overlap one another at all.

FORGED.—Engraved in *taille-douce*, in pale, brownish-red, very different from the rather bright red of the genuine. The stamp is not square, and is decidedly larger than the genuine, measuring 23½ by 23½mm. The orb on the top of the crown has a four-armed white cross on its face. The cross at the base of the crown, below the centre arch, has four rectangular white arms. The shamrock-leaf at the end of the spray overlaps the leaf to the left of it very distinctly. The engine-turning is unlike that of the genuine in several places, but a verbal description is difficult. I hope the illustrations will be clear enough to show the differences. **POSTMARKS.**—The genuine stamps have usually a small outlined oval, with thin bars running the short way of the oval; and I have also seen bars forming an oval, but without outline. This counterfeit is uncanceled, but my specimen as I have said, bears the surcharge FAC-SIMILE.

TURKEY.—Messrs. Hissard & Co. call attention to an imitation of the 25 piastres 1865, now being circulated in Constantinople. The stamp is to be seen both used and unused. The points of difference are as follows:—

GENUINE.—Orange or Vermilion colour, paper moderately thick, very regular perforations.

FORGED.—Colour dull red, paper thin, the perforation is very coarse, but the rest makes a very successful imitation.

THE STAMPS OF VENEZUELA.

SINCE 1859 the stamps of this country have had the different values in each issue conform to the adopted design, but differing in detail, each value being separately engraved. This is the case with the stamps of the 1866 issue.

We do not know whether there had been imitations of the 1859 and 1861, but all we can state is that all the stamps of 1863 and 1866 have secret marks, more or less discernible, as follows:—

The $\frac{1}{2}$ real, 1st type, 1863, has a coloured dot in one of the pearls at the top, and a vertical line in another pearl on the left hand side of the circle. The 1 real, 2 reales $\frac{1}{2}$ and one centavo have only the vertical line on the left-hand side.

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ real, 2nd type, 1865, we can only find the coloured dot in one of the pearls at the top.

In the 1866 issue we find in the knot of the scroll bearing the inscription, *Dios y federacion* (if well printed).

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ real; a vertical line in the centre.

In the 1 real; on the left two horizontal lines, in the centre one small and one thick vertical line, on the right one horizontal line, and in the cornucopia a G towards the left.

In the 2 reales; three large dots.

In the $\frac{1}{2}$ centavo; the letter N in the middle, and a dot on the left-hand side.

In the 1 centavo; a large dot in the middle.

In the 2 centavos; a dot in the centre and an oblique line on the right-hand side.

ISSUE 1866, JANUARY, $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. 1ST TRANSFER.

We do not know how many stamps a sheet contained. We suppose there are 135 stamps similar to the 1870 issue in 15 rows of 9.

The cornucopia on the left-hand side has four long lines.

The horse's tail is formed by a thick coloured dash, which nearly touches the shield on the left.

The laurel branches partly cover the flowers falling from the cornucopia.

The palm leaves on the right-hand side are bent, especially the fourth (the fifth is very close to the scroll).

The inscription on the scroll: *Dios y federacion* is composed of three distinct words, the letters are of a uniform size, and the ends of the scroll are split into two even parts.

The s of *los* is straight.

The stars before and after the value are evenly formed.

The gum is white and smooth.

The paper was at first more or less thin, slightly bluish, and the colour generally light; in later printings the paper was white and the colour a little deeper.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, pale brown violet.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ real, dark brown violet.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ real, bright brown violet.

No tête-bêche pairs exist in this transfer. The stamps were made at Caracas by M. Felix Rasco.

ISSUE JULY 1870, $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. 2ND TRANSFER.

The necessity for a second printing arose in 1870, and the stamps were first issued about July of this year.

The sheets contain 135 stamps in 15 rows of 9. The third, sixth and ninth stamp of the fourth, eighth, twelfth and fifteenth horizontal row are reversed, this shows that the lithographer must have made transfers of 12 stamps (4 rows of 3) leaving the first row out in order to get his last three rows to complete the sheet.

They were printed on dull white paper, at first thick, but later on thinner and less white.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, lilac rose.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " bright and dark.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " brown rose.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " red brown, pale and dark.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " carmine.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " pale brown.

All these shades exist tête bêche.

1870 $\frac{1}{2}$ REAL. FORGERY (?)

If we remember rightly the shades of the stamps, the colour and thickness of the paper, the stamps of this issue must have appeared about the same time as the last issue. They can be recognised by the following points:—

The cornucopia on the left-hand side is heavily shaded by nearly vertical lines.

The horse is thicker and shorter, the tail is formed by a small coloured dash and ends $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. from the shield on the left-hand side.

The laurel leaves are more bent and do not touch the flowers of the cornucopia.

The palm leaves on the right are stiffer, and not bent like those of the 1866 issue, and there is a space between the fifth leaf and the scroll.

The inscription on the scroll: *Dios y federacion* forms only one word. There is a white spot over the letter y, which letters seems to have been added afterwards seeing that it is different in every one of the 12 stamps of the transfer; the letters *cion* are larger than the others, especially the final letters *on*, the ends of the scroll are not evenly split, they are open on the left and closed on the right-hand side.

The s of *los* is large and thick-set.

The stars before and after the value are badly formed. The gum is yellowish-white and shows clearly brushmarks. This gum often is hardly perceptible. The plate has been formed exactly the same way as the one for the July, 1870, issue. There exist, therefore, 12 tête bêche pairs on each sheet.

$\frac{1}{2}$ real, lilac rose.
 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " bright.

- ½ „ brown rose.
- ¾ „ red-brown, pale and dark.
- ¾ „ carmine.
- ¾ „ pale brown.

All these shades exist tête bêche.

We have only found these stamps obliterated *Caracas* and *La Guaira*. We suppose they were only put fraudulently into circulation in these two towns for the following reasons:—

It seems impossible to us that the lithographer employed at the same time for each printing since 1870 (the different shades prove this) plates of different types. If more ½ real stamps than any of the other values were required, it was much easier to make one plate of 300 stamps than of 135, as was done in the case of the stamps of the 1874 issue. Common sense would have counselled to make 2 plates of one type instead of two types, of which one was an imitation of the other, if it was absolutely necessary to print with two plates.

When the surcharged stamps appeared in January, 1874, which type was employed? That of 1866. If the 1870 type had been genuine, is it not more reasonable to suppose that by preference the last plate had been taken, which being more recent had been less used?

This surcharge (an inscription in two lines) which has never been properly explained, was assuredly only a precaution taken by the postal authorities to guard against imitations, such as we have described. And who knows whether it was not the absence of the secret marks that first drew attention to this fraudulent issue.

We will now describe the means the postal authorities took in 1874 to guard against such imitations.

(1) The sheets contain 300 stamps (in 20 rows of 15) instead of 135.

(2) By the elimination of tête bêches.

(3) The paper commences to be very bluish.

(4) By a surcharge consisting of an inscription in two lines.

This surcharge appears in different characters, the words are spelt various ways, there are also letters that are sometimes large, sometimes small, we have even found a stamp without this surcharge. Under these conditions, what guarantee did this famous surcharge offer?

We have carefully gone through our stock without however finding a single imitation. We do not know why the forgers did not pursue their work, whether they were caught or whether they had made enough money. The fact remains, that the government found in their possession forged stamps, and as proof we may add that we got them from that source in whole sheets.—*The Timbre Post*.

excellent part it is. All merely local issues have been eliminated and only governmental issues listed. The book is on improved paper and is better printed than the last edition, and the illustrations are far in advance of that book both in number and usefulness. As a catalogue Part II. is vastly superior to Part I., for the information upon and illustration of minute and intricate varieties is simply excellent. The old system of grouping countries is persisted in, but searchers after Norway will now have to look among the S's—rather an absurd arrangement considering that Norway and Sweden are absolutely independent of one another, even to the flag they display. The details of reprinting are very complete and most useful—reflecting the utmost credit upon Mr. E. D. Bacon who is responsible. Altogether Part II. is a valuable book—equally useful to the general collector and the specialist and is remarkably cheap at 2/3, the price at which it can be procured from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons or The Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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

March 2nd. The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. S. G. VLASTOS, C. P. W. ANDREA and G. AVERINOS.

Mr. Pimm gave a very interesting paper on the stamps of New Zealand, illustrated by his own fine collection of that country and also by those of Messrs. W. T. Wilson and T. W. Peck; the former showing all varieties in ranges of shades, used and unused, and the latter fine blocks of imperfs in mint condition and other rarities in exceptionally fine condition.

The paper was interspersed and followed by remarks and discussion as to the various shades in use at certain dates, and a good number of copies with dated postmarks and stamps on original including some of the rare watermarks, roulettes, &c., materially helped the discussion.

April 20th. The following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. W. NATHAN, J. VENN, W. MORGAN, C. E. PRICE, and A. N. HAYNE.

Mr. R. Hollick then showed his collections of New South Wales and Tasmania, carefully explaining to any who required it the numerous varieties and retouches of the plates in the early issues of the former colony. Many very fine copies and shades of these early issues were shewn, and this was the cause of a subsequent discussion on catalogue values and discounts from which it appeared that most of the members would only be glad to get satisfactory copies at full catalogue rates or even more, but such copies are a steadily decreasing quantity, and for them there is always a good demand which is gauged to a very small extent by quotations of auctions or catalogues.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The May packets are scarcely up to the usual excellence, and members are requested not to let their contributions fall off during the summer. There are vacancies for two or three members. Subscriptions will not be charged until July, so that ladies or gentlemen joining now have an excellent opportunity of judging the merits of the Exchange before becoming members. Good references are requisite. Rules and all information may be obtained from the Secretary.

CENTRAL PHILATELIC CLUB.—At a committee meeting held on Monday, April 6th, a discussion of the rules of the exchange packet with reference to the pricing of stamps took place, when the following proposition was carried: "That the words 'by Stanley Gibbons' catalogue' be erased and the words 'at member's discretion' be inserted. Rule 1. will now read "Stamps to be priced at member's discretion subject to a discount of 50 per cent. As I am anxious to make the packets a great success I trust all members will help me by sending sheets regularly. The packet was sent out on the 11th ult., but future packets will be issued promptly on the 5th, sheets to be sent in by the 1st of the month. C. Forbes, Secretary.

PLYMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The eighth session of the Plymouth Philatelic Society, which will shortly close so far as active winter work is concerned, has been a most successful one. Nineteen new members have joined since October, 1898, and fourteen ordinary meetings have been held at which papers have been read in conjunction with alternate evenings for discussion and exchange. The following have contributed to the readings:—Major G. W. Stockdale (president), twice on the "Issues of France"; Rev. E. A. Donaldson and Mr. H. W. Mayne on the "Collecting of Entires"; Rev. E. T.

Fyffe, R.N., on "Auction Prices and Catalogue Values"; and Mr. W. A. Walker on "Breakers Ahead" On the 14th of January, 1899, an exhibition of stamps was held which proved a most gratifying success, and the exchange branch of the society shows a very marked development—its monthly packets averaging over £100 in value. A silver medal has also been contributed to the forthcoming Manchester Philatelic Exhibition. The present session will end shortly with a lecture on "Philately," to be contributed by the Rev. E. Bell, of Saltash. Hon. secretary and treasurer, W. A. Walker, Esq.; hon. secretary, exchange branch, Dr. C. E. Russel Rendle.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—The November packets have come back from circulation, and accounts were duly submitted and settled within four days. December packets have nearly finished their rounds, and sheets will be returned as soon as possible. The following have lately been elected as members:—Dr. Atkinson (Ashton), Capt. Stokes Roberts and Major Nathan (Waltham Abbey), E. W. Shackell (Cardiff), Pryce Curson (London), Wilcox (Dunedin), and F. C. Pigott (London). Three applications were held over. Collectors living abroad are invited to send selections regularly, and non-contributors can see as many packets as they like, though their names are placed last on the list. Applications for membership should be accompanied by references to prevent delay. Rules, &c., from the hon. sec. H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The close of the season for 1898-99 was celebrated by a dinner at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, May 2nd, 1899. Present: Messrs. F. A. Wickhart, W. G. Cool, M. Z. Kutzner, C. R. Sutherland, C. Forbes, E. Bounds, J. C. Sidebotham, L. E. Bradbury, G. Haynes, H. Warren, E. F. Lawrence, E. P. Airlie Dry, F. Henderson, G. Gaffe, H. Haynes, P. L. Pemberton, M. P. Castle and H. A. Slade. Mr. Castle then offered the members an opportunity of inspecting his famous collection of unused Spanish stamps, practically complete, and abounding in varieties seldom heard of by the ordinary collector. In response to a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for his courtesy Mr. Castle thanked the members for his reception and expressed his readiness at all times to further the cult of philately. He congratulated the Society on its management and future prospects, and intimated his willingness to attend again next season. A pleasant evening terminated at 10 p.m. The annual report will be published and forwarded to members in September, and the first meeting of the 1899-1900 season will be held on the first Tuesday in October next. Exchange packets will be circulated throughout the summer if sufficient sheets be received. Applications for membership should be accompanied by two references. H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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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. Combined membership over 400.

THE magnificent weather of the last few weeks has not been exactly conducive to philatelic yearnings, and probably few of us have indulged in anything more than the merest shadow of a yearn. Still the earnest collector never altogether forgets his hobby and can always be depended upon to revive enthusiasm enough, even in the middle of summer, should occasion demand it. We venture to think that occasion does demand it at this moment—the special occasion being the Manchester Exhibition which opens on the 29th inst. We trust that it will be well patronised, and we wish it every success.

CHRONICLE.

BARBADOS.—Under date May 13th Mr. A. D. Knight, of Bridgetown, Barbados, informs us that the postal authorities of the island have issued a new 2d. stamp. No description is given.

BRITISH GUIANA.—The following are the varieties of the recent surcharges—2c. on 10c. and 2c. on 15c., indicating the quantities issued of each kind.

	Issued,
2c. on 10c., inverted surcharge	60
Small "E" in "CENTS"	500
No period and narrower "c" in "CENTS"	1,600
"CENTS" instead of "CENTS," no period after "CENTS"	500
2c. on 15c., comma between "T" and "S" in "CENTS"	2,000
Dash between "2" and "CENTS"	2,000
Comma between "N" and "T" of "CENTS"	1,800
Double surcharge	50
No period after "CENTS"	2,100

CUBA.—Mr. J. M. Bartels furnishes to the *Metropolitan Philatelist* information in regard to the new stamps to be issued for Cuba. He describes the designs which have been approved for the stamps of the values of 1, 3, 5 and 10c, and states that the

designs for the 2c. stamp and 10c. special delivery stamp are in hand and will be submitted for approval as soon as finished.

"1c. green. Statue of Columbus with one hand resting on a globe. At top CUBA in curve; CENTAVO at bottom with figure '1' at each side."

"3c. Colour undecided. Allegorical statue of Cuba, La Cubana. CUBA at top; CENTAVOS at bottom with figure '3' at either side as well as in upper corners."

"5c. dark blue. Merchant vessel in full steam flying two flags, probably an American and a Cuban. CUBA at top in curve. Left side beautiful border with tall palms, at base of which is undergrowth with cordate shaped leaves; 5 CENTAVOS at bottom in straight line."

"10c. Colour undecided. Man ploughing field with yoke of oxen. In background some tall straggling palms and farm houses. CUBA at top; 10 CENTAVOS 10 at bottom in straight line."

GREECE.—The Northern Stamp Co., Bradford, send us a curious strip of five 1 lepton stamps perforated top and bottom and at both ends, but imperforate. Apparently the sheets are perforated this way to suit the convenience of the postal clerks in serving out "ha'porths" of stamps.

GUAM.—United States stamps of 1c., 2c. and 5c. have been surcharged for this island. From the *N. Y. Times* we learn that they were shipped on the "Yosemite."

NEGRI SEMBILAN.—The 8c. stamp has been surcharged FOUR CENTS in black.

4c. on 8c. lilac and blue.

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SIERRA LEONE.—We have seen the Revenue stamps, 1d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-, surcharged REVENUE on parts of envelopes and postmarked May 4th, 1899, at Freetown. As these stamps were sold cheaply as remainders years ago it is rather peculiar that they should have been used to prepay postage this year.

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3d. " brown " "

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3 cents, brown.

TASMANIA.—The 10d. of current type is ready, but it is not yet certain that it has been issued to the public. Perf. 14, wmk. TAS.

10d. purple-brown and green.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

IT goes against the grain, but it has to be done. Fancy stamps in the middle of June, and such a June—the loveliest since 1893. But it has to be done though it goes against the grain—with that sapient remark I started and, with it again as a final protest, here goes :

First of all a little announcement on our own. The British Stamp Directory is still on sale. Notwithstanding the leviathan daily demand the big edition yet holds out, and the price is still 1/- sterling—for five pounds worth of information.

The Midland Stamp Co., so long located in Northampton Street, Birmingham, has migrated to Castle Bromwich, *vide* advertisement in *Advertiser*. Mr. Birch, the manager of the company, considers the *Advertiser* the best advertising medium he knows. For foreign business he considers it has no remote competitor even, much less a rival. This is a big recommendation coming from a firm which is the most important in England in its own line.

Our old friend Mr. L. T. Brodstone, Superior, Neb., U.S.A.—"Smiling Broddy" of American philatelic and cycling circles—writes me with a suggestion for a general universal meeting of philatelists at Paris in August next year. Perhaps some of my readers will give their poor old POSTMAN an idea or two on the subject before next issue.

Messrs. Monteith and Co. have sent me a specimen of the new edition of their ruled sheets. They are very neat and artistic, and are useful for domestic or foreign trade.

Mr. Charles Purdom, of Lambeth, issues a monthly circular of quite a novel character. It is produced from writing by means of one of those thingumbobs—I don't know what they are called—in tin trays—sticky things that you press the paper on and get a reproduction in a sort of violet—you know! Well, he gives a list of new issues, various interesting items and price lists—all, I believe, free, gratis and for nothing.

Marseilles, France, is a hotbed of philatelic counterfeiters and this accounts, perhaps, for a joke in a French comic paper, which is here translated: "First Marseilles collector. 'I bought a Gibraltar stamp yesterday, but while the stamp is genuine, I find that the surcharge is counterfeit!' Second Marseilles collector. 'Oh, that is nothing I have been served even worse. I bought a surcharged Ceylon stamp the other day, of which the surcharge is genuine, but the stamp itself is a counterfeit!'"

At the penultimate meeting of the Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society Mr. Cartwright read a letter he had received from J. Henniker Heaton, Esq., M.P., acknowledging the receipt of the congratulatory resolution sent him by the Society for the success of his labours on behalf of Ocean Id. Postage and in which he said, "I beg to tender you my most grateful thanks for your congratulations on the termination of the struggle which has ended in victory for cheap Imperial communication. While the world lasts never again shall we be troubled by that awkward, incomprehensible, and irritating 'twopence half-penny for postage.'"

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

FIRMS' NAMES ON 1D. RED

THE system of theft-prevention by printing supplies of stamps for firms,—with their name on back before the gum was applied—would seem to be a little older than may hitherto have been supposed. In Morley's catalogue the earliest known plate number of 1d. red is given as 74, the name being that of Messrs. Copestake. I have, however, found a 1d. stamp with stars in upper corners, on the back of which is—"J. and C. Boyd and Co.,—7, Friday Street"—in red; the earliest number having this firm's name is given by Mr. Morley as 119.

1D. ENVELOPE; A CURIOUS ERROR.

Mr. M. Perkins, of Dudley, has shown me a curiosity in the shape of a 1d. embossed envelope of the thin or "commercial" quality which appears to have had contact with the stamping die after most of the colour had been absorbed by a previous impression. The oval and head are only faintly outlined in colour, and only part of the lettering is visible. This differs from the few *albino* errors known, which are caused by two sheets being placed under the die at once, thus both getting embossed, but only the upper one the colour.

FIVEPENNY OF 1884.

Mr. Ewen's catalogue informs us that "a variety of the 5d. green is known with a line instead of a dot under the *d* of value, but is of extreme rarity." I have never been fortunate enough to find a specimen with this peculiarity, and do not know to what extent it may have been issued. Shortly before April 1st, 1884, a card bearing illustrations in colour of the new issue of that date was sent to all post offices; and recently I was examining one of these cards, and noticed that the 5c. is represented thereon with a

dash under the "d" instead of a dot. So evidently this detail was part of the original design, but altered before the issue became general—probably only existing on a few trial sheets, some of which perhaps went into circulation with others. On the card above-mentioned the lilac 1½d. stamp—being precisely of the same design as the 5d.—shows the same kind of dash, but this value does not appear to have been issued so as a stamp.

HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT ENVELOPES.

Since referring to these in March, I have endeavoured to obtain some further particulars of the other varieties known to have been in use, besides the "House of Lords" envelope then described: but the exceeding rarity of the whole series makes it a very difficult task. I have, however, found out that other varieties may be found (if distinction between "laid" and "wove" papers is made), than those enumerated in Morley's catalogue: for instance, there is one inscribed for use "at the Houses of Parliament only" value one penny, inscriptions in black, on bluish *laid* paper—the specimen I saw being used as early as January 22nd, 1840. Another was a "House of Commons" 1d. black—on thin *white* wove, used March 18th, 1840. I have also seen a specimen of the "House of Commons" 1d. on the *bluish* wove paper, as catalogued; this being used April 29th, 1840. Neither of these three have the word "Temporary" at the top, as had the "House of Lords" 1d. red envelope.

With regard to the wrapper for the House of Commons described by Mr. Morley under date 1850, I have seen a specimen which is probably one of the same, though the date of use is much earlier. It is inscribed in 3 lines in black:—

Par. Pro.

To be posted at the House of Commons only.

POST PAID.

This was used March 23rd, 1842, penmarked 1d. in red, and also bearing the usual red paid-mark of the period, used for letters which bore no adhesive stamp: thus it appears that postage had to be paid on the package in cash, or possibly the "post-paid" may be taken to mean that the "Parliamentary Proceedings" documents were exempt from postage. In either case, the wrapper bearing no expression of value upon it, cannot be regarded as having the same philatelic interest that the envelopes have. I intend pursuing the study of these issues, and hope in a future note to give a synopsis of all the varieties known to exist.

For much of the foregoing information, and for loans of envelopes, &c., I have to acknowledge the courtesy of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Major E. B. Evans, Messrs. Walter Morley, Wm. Alder Ridley, and M. Heslop.

BRITISH STAMPS USED IN THE SPANISH WEST INDIES.

PREVIOUS to 1877 the native post offices of the Spanish West Indies carried only internal correspondence; foreign mail matter was forwarded either by the steamship companies, or else through the consulates. Branches of the British post offices were established in 1865. The same conditions and regulations applied to the conveyance of letters from these branches as to those posted from home offices. As ordinary British stamps were used, the postmarks are the only means of determining where they were used.

At Havana stamps were first put on sale. The letter rate was 1/- per *foz.*, and the stamps used was the 1/- green, wmk. heraldic emblems, which only catalogues 8d. (when posted in Great Britain). For book post postage was 1d. per oz., but the only known stamp of smaller denomination than the shilling is the 4d. of 1862. This stamp in its ordinary use is another common value, but in 1867 three other denominations, and another shilling issue, which catalogues somewhat higher are known to have been put on sale. They were the 10d. red-brown, the 1/- green, and the 2/- blue, wmk. spray of rose, and the 5/- wmk. Maltese cross. The best of these, singly, is only worth 2/6, but an entire envelope with this stamp and the Havana postmark, though many doubtless were used during the next ten years, would be prized at many times this price.

Simultaneously with the opening of the British post office branch in Havana stamps were put on sale at the consulate in the capital of Porto Rico. Lower denominations than the above-mentioned, it is known, were sold at this and other places, though the rates were the same as those in Havana. At that time the place was not commonly called San Juan, and Porto Rico is the name found on the postmarks.

Santiago was thirty years ago another important harbour for British sailors. It is therefore probable that many letters bearing British stamps left what was then the post office of St. Jago de Cuba. The stamps discovered to have been used at this port are of a common variety; but there are others than philatelists who would be glad to possess a set with the mark of the Santiago post office.

Eight years after this system had been established in these Spanish colonies, at four other places in Porto Rico were branches opened. These were the ports of Ponce, Aguadillo, Arroyo and Mayaguez. The stamps used were of the variety sold at the home offices from 1873 to 1877.

In the latter year the Spanish West Indies joined the Postal Union, the same year that Porto Rico, which had hitherto used surcharged Cuban stamps, issued adhesives of her own.

As to stamped envelopes of Great Britain, there is no record of any ever being sold at these ports, but it is possible that some were used.

The above seven branches were the only ones known to have been established by the post office department of the United Kingdom. Hence letters from the interior, or other outside places, which went through the British offices were franked with a native stamp, as well as with the postage for foreign correspondence.

THE EDUCATIONAL VALUE OF PHILATELY.

ON Wednesday, May 10th, under the auspices of the Plymouth Society a most enjoyable lecture was delivered at the Athenæum by the Rev. E. Bell, M.A. (of St. Stephen's, Saltash), on the educational value of philately. Premising that the hobby was a scientific pursuit the lecturer dwelt on the threefold division of philatelic humanity into the ignoramus, the timbromaniac, and the philatelist proper or collector who found in stamps an intelligent interest and a valuable training. With this introduction the political histories of France and Spain and the unification of Italy were ably traced through the postal issues of these countries, lantern and screen combining most effectively to illustrate the points of the lecture. From Southern Europe Mr. Bell passed to South Africa, and reviewed the vicissitudes of our politics in the Transvaal, showing how marked an object lesson was to be found in the issues of that Republic. Equally impressive, but more pleasing, was the lesson to be learned from the stamps of Fiji, where British rule had kept and not relinquished its hold. The diagrams that followed on the screen were now of the more varied type and illustrative of different phases of philatelic interest, æsthetic bearing, or educational value. Thus on one striking group the heads of five sovereign monarchs were depicted, four of whom had met with the bitterest reverses of fortune; the effigies of our own Queen in varying stages of her rule were also presented and colonial enterprise and sentiment fitly illustrated in the symbolisms of New South Wales, Cape Colony, and Canada. Finally after a series of plates that typified the debt of philately to the natural world in its designs of bird, animal, reptile and fish, the lecturer made an eloquent appeal on behalf of the hobby of stamp-collecting with its æsthetic and educational training in contrast to the destructive and wanton enthusiasms of the ornithologist and entomologist.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Bell for his lucid, interesting and most suggestive address was then proposed by Mr. R. T. Stevens, seconded by Mr. H. W. Mayne, and unanimously accorded by all present.

THE STAMPS OF TONGA.

FROM 1894 TO DATE.

May, 1895. The 2d. stamp of 1892, printed in pale blue on unwatermarked paper. "Surcharge One Penny, 1½d., 2d. or 7½d." in carmine. Perf. 12, 11 × 12.

1d. on 2d. blue.
1½d. on 2d. blue.
2½d. on 2d. blue.
7½d. on 2d. blue.

Variety, with error "Surcharce."

2½d. and 2d. blue.

June, 1895. Full-face portrait of King George II. in circle. Lithographed at the STAR office, Auckland, N.Z., on white wove unwatermarked paper. Perf. 12, 12 × 11.

1d. grey-green.
2½d. pale rose.
5d. pale blue.
7½d. yellow.

NOTE.—The 1d. stamp may be found cut in halves diagonally and used as ½d. value, in conjunction with a 6d. yellow, or a 5d. and 1d., to make up the ordinary 2½d. rate and registration fee of 4d.—6½d.

August, 1895. The 2½d. stamp of the previous issue redrawn, printed in vermilion and overprinted in black. "Surcharge Halfpenny, one Penny, or 7½d." No wmk. Perf. 12.

½d. on 2½d. vermilion.
1d. on 2½d. vermilion.
7½d. on 2½d. vermilion.

Variety, with error "Surcharce":

½d. on 2½d. vermilion.

July, 1896. The 2d. stamp of 1892 with overprint of May, 1895, bearing the additional vertical overprint in black, "VALUA OE BENI," and with further horizontal typewritten inscription "Half-penny" in two lines in purple. No. wmk. Perf. 12.

½d. on 1½d. on 2d. blue.
½d. on 7½d. on 2d. blue.

Varieties: (a) With "VALUA OE BENI" reading downwards; (b) with periods instead of hyphen after "Half," and "Penny"; (c) with surcharge "Halfpenny" inverted.

½d. on 7½d. on 2d. blue (a).
½d. on 7½d. on 2d. blue (b).
½d. on 7½d. on 2d. blue (c).

1st June, 1897. Engraved on steel and printed by De la Rue and Co., London, on white wove paper, watermarked with a pattern of turtles swimming in different directions. Perf. 13½.

½d. blue—Arms of Tonga.
1d. red and black—Tree.
2d. bistre and black—Portrait of King George II.
2½d. blue and black—Portrait of King George II.

3d. emerald and black—Prehistoric Monument.
4d. lilac and green—Breadfruit.
5d. orange and black—Portrait of King George II.
6d. vermilion—Coral.
7½d. green and black—Portrait of King George II.
10d. carmine and black—Portrait of King George II.
1s. brown and black—Portrait of King George II.
2s. blue and black—View of Haabai and yacht.
2/6 purple—Parrot and foliage.
5/- orange red and black—View of Vavau.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

13th February, 1893. Types of Nov., 1892, printed in bright blue, and overprinted "G.F.B." (*Gave faka bulcaga*) in carmine. Watermark N.Z. and star. Perf. 11½, 12 × 11½.

1d. ultramarine.
2d. "
4d. "
8d. "
1s. "

Same types with additional overprint of new value in black.

½d on 1d. ultramarine.
5d. on 4d. "
7½d. on 8d. "
2½d. on 2d. "
10d. on 1s. "

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

NOVA SCOTIA.—Among beautifully executed stamps none hold higher rank than the two Nova Scotia sets. They are engraved in *taille douce* and in every way are fine examples of the good work possible under that method. Compare the workmanship there found with a modern Nicaragua emission and how cheap and tawdry appears the latter.

The Nova Scotia Stamps furnished the sensation of the year 1896. The large remainders then discovered formed a topic of conversation for every philatelist. The publisher who failed to write an editorial on the large discovery, drawing a wise conclusion from the facts, missed the opportunity of a lifetime. Whether the remainders did harm or good for philately is ere this settled to the satisfaction of all. But one result produced by the great unearthing of the obsolete

stamps is particularly noticeable. Nova Scotia emissions are now among the most popular of stamps. They are now as low in price as ever they can be, and as soon as the remainders are disposed of are certain to rise. In view of this fact, collectors everywhere are filling up the album blanks under Nova Scotia.

Their popularity has caused a careful study of them to be made. Interesting facts are encountered in great profusion in studying the Nova Scotia Stamps. Almost every stamp was bisected and issued thus as a provisional.

Despite the fine engraving, the Nova Scotia labels have been largely counterfeited. Quite a number of these are very crude and would not deceive any but the least informed beginners. But of those likely to lead a well-informed collector amiss there are also a goodly number. Of these, the following have come to my notice:

One Penny, 1853.—A fine counterfeit of this stamp appeared several years ago, and although I have heard nothing of it lately, it had better be watched for in buying stamps from any but the best known dealers. In the original the apex of the square central frame around the portrait is nearer the "O" than the "N" of "Nova." The eyebrows are very faint. In the counterfeit the apex is nearest the "V," while the eyebrows are heavy.

Sixpence.—A fine counterfeit of this stamp is mentioned by the catalogue for advanced collectors. Even though the fake is lithographed, to make the distinction between it and the original is by no means easy. In each corner of the stamp is a small square, containing the figure of value. In the originals these rectangles are squares, the sides being equal in length. In the counterfeit, the lozenge between "NOVA" and "SIXPENCE" is not square, the side next to "NOVA" being about $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. longer than the side next to "SIX," and the opposite side is the same proportion. I recently found a specimen of this fraud in the album of a friend who is accounted well advanced in philatelic learning.

Only three or four years ago one of the most dangerous of Nova Scotia counterfeits appeared on the market. This imitation I have never seen, but it has been accurately described several times. The fake is a lithograph, while the original is steel engraved. The imitation paper is rougher and coarser than the genuine. To plainly see the difference between the two stamps a microscope is required. Under the glass many small variations are noticeable if the two stamps be placed side by side, but seen apart the distinction is hard to make. The colour is a very dark yellow-green, somewhat different from either of the genuine shades, but this distinction is valueless unless you are thoroughly familiar with the Nova Scotia Issues. In the upper star is a rose. In the original the stem of this rose turns to the right.

In the counterfeit it turns to the left. Through the main part of the design of this stamp runs a white curved line, forming a four-pointed ornament, one point in each corner. On each side of this line in the genuine stamp is a fine coloured line connecting the ends of the shading lines crossed by the white line, the inner one being the heavier. In the counterfeit no line is found on the outside and the inner one is very dim.

Another imitation is known which is even finer than the one just described. In paper, colour and printing, this stamp is almost a perfect duplicate, being engraved like the genuine issues. But in the left-hand star is found a distinguishable difference. One of the points of the eight-pointed star is directly above the **j** of "SIX" in the counterfeit, while to be exact, it should be above a point between "**j**" and "**X**."

One Cent.—In purchasing old collections all copies of this stamp should be carefully examined, as about twenty years ago counterfeits were rather common. They were not good imitations, but because of their age have deceived many people—one of those old time frauds. I found one a few months ago in the album of a friend who has been collecting since 1865. When I pointed it out to him as a bogus stamp he said it was impossible and told me he had removed it from the original cover before placing it in the album. Even after I had, with the aid of a glass, explained to him the ways in which it differed from the genuine specimen in my album, and read to him a description of the fraud in a paper issued several years ago, he hardly believed me, so strongly had its age convinced him of its genuineness. The counterfeit is lithographed, and not very well done at that. In the original the bust of the queen appears to stand out from the background, the eye has the lid very clearly drawn, but without a pupil, the nose is considerably curved or aquiline and a large part of the ear shows below the hair. In the counterfeit the head is flat against the background, the eye has a pupil, the nose is absolutely straight and only a very small part of the ear can be seen. The originals are perforated 12, while the imitations have 12½ perforations within the space of two centimeters.

Two Cents.—A splendid engraved counterfeit of this stamp is known, but its maker was not acquainted with perforation varieties, as he made 13½ holes to every 20mm. of its edge, instead of the correct 12. The nose is straight, instead of curved, as in the genuine issue. Another forgery of this stamp exists, which was evidently made by the same person as the one cent I have described. The distinguishing differences are the same and it was probably printed from the same stone, with the value altered. This may also be said of a counterfeit of the five cent stamp, undoubtedly emanating from the same source. The genuine can be told by the eye, ear, etc., as already mentioned.

8½ cent.—Counterfeit perforated 13½, genuine perforated 12. The entire genuine stamp measures 20½ × 26 mm. and the printed part is 16 × 20 mm., while the counterfeit is somewhat smaller. The difference is less than a millimeter in the specimen I own, but a careful use of the gauge will plainly show the difference. The oval containing the portrait is in the original composed of an inner broad white line, shaded at the top; outside of this is a heavy coloured line, which in turn is enclosed in a more narrow white line which is within still another coloured line, both considerably finer than the two inner ones. Outside of this is a very minute white line hidden by the frame and ornaments at the top and bottom, absent on the right side and thus showing but a short distance in the left portion of the stamp. In the counterfeit this outer line is not found at all.

Two Cents.—Two very plain facts are noticeable about this fraud. It is lithographed and perforated 12½. Genuine stamp shows Queen Victoria as possessing very light eyebrows, quite a distance apart, but the counterfeiter evidently believed this untrue to life and made these hirsute ornaments heavy and extended them so that they meet at a point above the nose. The bogus issue has no pupil in the one eye to be seen, although a genuine stamp plainly shows this necessary part of the sight organ. An imitation of the 12½ cents stamp exists which differs from the original in the same parts as the ten cents just described.

12½ cents.—Original perforated 12, counterfeit perforated 13½. The broad white line forming the inner part of the central oval in the genuine stamp is shaded with two very fine parallel coloured lines. In the counterfeit we have only one line at the top of the oval, in which part they converge.

Great care should be used in purchasing the bisected stamps, as not only have they been bisected and a spurious cancellation applied, but much of this fraudulent work has been done on the original cover. Better have a favourable expert opinion given before you invest in any of these interesting issues.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The June packets are of excellent quality. There are vacancies for one or two new members. Subscriptions do not commence until January, 1900, so ladies

or gentlemen desirous of joining would have a good opportunity of gauging the advantages of the Exchange before permanently deciding. Good references indispensable. Monthly settlements. Rules, &c., from secretary, as above.

THE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The revised rules have been distributed and members seem very pleased with them. The provision of an insurance fund to protect members against loss caused by defaulters is evidently likely to be an attraction to the Society. The March sheets have all be returned and by the time this is published all April and part of May sheets will probably have returned to members. Settlements are monthly. For rules and particulars apply to H. Clark, Winona, Angmering, Worthing

THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society was held on April 20th, and another on May 4th, the vice-president in the chair. It was determined that no exchange packet should be sent out after the one for this month until the end of September. "Italy and its States" was the subject for the evening, but Mr. Cartwright's was the only collection displayed. The last meeting of the present season was held on the 18th inst., the president occupying the chair. The programme for next season, commencing on October 5th, was then arranged, and the annual general meeting was fixed for January 4th, 1900. Messrs. Lloyd, Dalton, and Reynolds then exhibited their stamps of the Leeward Islands, those of Nevis and St. Vincent and the Virgin Isles being very much admired, containing as they did many exceptionally fine specimens.

THE SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB—December packets have come back from their rounds, and sheets have been returned and accounts settled. Three good packets have been made up and despatched on the May circuits. Many good stamps were priced at less than 50% off catalogue quotations. New members that have joined during the past month include A. Barker (Cambridge), J. J. Bingham (Deal), T. C. Chaloner (London), and J. K. Morrison (London). H. A. Slade, secretary.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY, EXCHANGE SECTION.—The February and March packets have been returned and accounts duly settled. May packet was despatched on the 26th ult. H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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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. Combined membership over 400.

THE great Philatelic Exhibition at Manchester has come and gone. Favoured with good weather everything was successful, and there can be no doubt that a big fillip has been given to philately by its success. Mr. HENNIKER HEATON made a most interesting speech at the opening ceremony, alluding to philately in its scientific and business aspects in a manner which showed that if he be not a philatelist himself at any rate he takes a lively and intelligent interest in the pursuit. Mr. H. J. WHITE carried off the blue ribbon of the Exhibition with his matchless British collection, while Baron A. DE WORMS captured several well-deserved medals, as also did Messrs. VERNON ROBERTS. S. M. CASTLE, H. J. DUVEEN, H. R. G. CLARKE, and H. R. OLDFIELD, while Mr. J. S. HIGGINS, JUN., seems to have made a clean sweep of the prizes awarded for junior collectors. The BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY, in the person of its President and Vice-President, was represented in the prize list, for Mr. W. PIMM gained a silver medal for his St. Lucia, and Mr. W. T. WILSON one for his Mexico. Among the lady medalists were Mrs. HENRY HETLEY and Mrs. HARRISON.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH GUIANA.—A correspondent states that the 5c. of the jubilee issue is to be surcharged "Two Cents" in order to use up the surplus on hand.
Provisional stamp.
2 cents on 5c., brown and green.

CUBA.—The new set has just been shipped to the island. They have been fully described in these columns heretofore, so extended comment is unnecessary. We have received copies of the 2c. on 2c. United States surcharged with name only, the figures of value being omitted.

1 centavo, green.
2 centavos, red.
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Special Delivery Stamp.

10 centavos, orange.

Provisional stamp.

2c. de peso on 2c., carmine, black surcharge, variety.

ECUADOR.—We have seen the 10c. of the new set, several values of which we have listed recently. It bears the portrait of Mejia, and is printed in lilac and black.

10 centavos, lilac and black.

NEWFOUNDLAND.—We have received the 5c. with portrait of the Duke of York. It is a very handsome stamp, both in design and workmanship.

5 cents, blue.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—It is stated that three new values are in preparation, 11p. and 2s. for parcel post use and 2s. 6p. for general use.

NEW ZEALAND.—The postal department notify that in order to meet the requirements of the Postal Union as agreed upon at the Washington Convention, it has been decided to alter the colours of the ½d. 1d. and 2½d. stamps in use in New Zealand. From an early date the ½d. stamps will be printed in green, the 1d. in red, and the 2½d. in a darker blue. This change is also to be adopted by the Australian post offices. The colours of the 4d. and 6d. stamps will, owing to this change, require to be altered, but the new colours have not yet been decided on.

VENEZUELA.—The new set, several values of which we have chronicled includes 50c. and 1b. stamps. *Mekeel's Weekly* says the 50c. is printed in black, but the 1b. has not been seen as yet.

50 centavos, black.

POSTCARDS, &C.

CUBA.—We list the new envelopes for this colony, which have just been shipped to the island. The design of all is the same; vignette of Columbus in centre, surrounded by five embossed circles, the outer or first circle being dotted; the space between the second and third circles is larger than the space between the other circles, so as to include the lettering, which is also embossed. In this space the word "Cuba" is directly above the head of Columbus, and the words of value just beneath the bust. Directly in

the front and back appear figures of value, and between "Cuba" are two dots and two leaves.

1 centavo, green.
2 centavos, red.
5 centavos, blue.

JAPAN.—The new 1½ sen postal card, which is to be issued and put for sale on and after the 25th inst., is heavier and thicker in paper than the old kind. Owing to its hasty execution, however, the new card lacks somewhat in its design as well as in engraving. It is said that the improvement in the quality of the paper will cost the government an extra 20,000 yen. The inscriptions remain the same, except the one at the right, which reads "This side for address only."

1½ sen, pale blue.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

PHILATELY is in a languishing condition just now—thanks to the general desire of the great British Public to make holiday while the sun shines. The office-boy has given us notice that he intends to take a trip to the "briny oshing" in a week or two, so goodness knows when the August number will see the light—anyhow, you can take your very own POSTMAN'S word for it that, as far as he is concerned, it can wait for publication until the Greek Kalends—always supposing this weather holds out.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.'s wholesale price list for July and August—excellent as usual. I believe Stanley Gibbons, Part III., Catalogue is out but I have not yet seen it.

POSTE

PAYÉ

There is an interesting local reported from Jacmel, a small town on the island of Hayti. Mons. Maury having been asked as to his opinion about a small rectangular stamp, evidently a hand-stamp, showing the words "Poste Payé" in an upright rectangular frame and dating from 1891, replied that he had seen several envelopes sent from Jacmel in May and June of 1891 bearing the mark described. It seems, he says, that stamps must have run out in that city and for a few weeks postage was collected in this form, the stamp being imprinted upon the envelope and the amount written across. These imprints took the place of adhesive stamps, therefore Mons. Maury thinks they should be classed and catalogued as local provisionals.

The union of the Transvaal Republic and the Orange Free State is likely to be realised and one of its consequences will be the withdrawal of the current

postage stamps of these two countries and the creation of a new series for the new federation which will probably adopt the name of "United Republic of South Africa."

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A Zurich paper has a description of a newly found variety of the Swiss Rayon III., 15 rp., with the larger figures and of which several copies have since been recognised in the stock of local dealers. The new variety has the figure one (1) incomplete and this type can easily be traced on the reconstructed plate as number 3.

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A promising postage stamp as concerns rarity is the 8 mila de peso, bistre, of Porto Rico of 1890. This stamp which is quoted 50 cents in the last edition of Scott's Catalogue and only about half that amount in European price lists has become quite scarce within the last few months. It is reported that only a short time ago a Porto Rican collector offered a stamp dealer in Porto Rico 400 pesetas (£16), for a block of four of these stamps, but the merchant considering the offer insufficient kept his block.

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Sir Rowland Hill in his "History of Penny Postage," states that it was impossible to burn the vast quantity of Mulready covers and envelopes, and a machine had to be made for their destruction. The accounts, which are not given by Sir R. Hill, show that in the first year 5,600 reams of the paper with silk threads were delivered. Each ream weighed about 39lb., and cost 10½d. per lb. Upwards of thirty millions of envelopes and covers were printed, as there were 5,760 produced from each ream of 480 sheets.

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Roumania will issue a commemorative stamp upon the occasion of the dedication of its new Postal Building in Bucharest. This stamp will be three times the ordinary size; its design will be of the Byzantine style, the center representing the facade of the new building, flanked by Byzantine columns. Above will be a medallion portrait of King Karol at either side of it the emblems of the Postal and Telegraph services. The die was cut by the Roumanian engraver Popescu at Paris.

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The *Timbrophile Belge* announces that the hexagonal telegraph stamps of Belgium (also used as special delivery stamps) are being changed. The type of head was large and will be smaller now. The 60 centimes has appeared in the new design and the values of 10 and 25 centimes and of 5 francs are to be issued soon, these three values having been printed and being ready for distribution. A larger postal card is to be issued and a competition for a new design is being arranged for.

SOME RARE CANADIANS.

F. BEST.

STAMPS having fallen into disuse are always considered a coming scarcity, and apropos of the recent change in the stamps of Canada a short article on the above subject might be of interest to collectors and other of your readers. When in 1869 the Canadian post office brought out the series—1, 2, and 3c—of stamps, they certainly did not intend to keep up the design and colours for nearly thirty years. They did continue the design but made some valuable changes in the tints.

The one cent denomination first appeared in a dull straw colour on thick porous paper and was perforated same length as the larger stamps which preceded it, but was never known to show the perforation in the width. These are very rare. As far back as 1872 Young, Stockall and Co., Liverpool, priced them at 2s. 6d., and according to the advance of prices since that date, 80/- should be a low figure at present.

The 3c first appeared in a bright maroon colour, but was soon followed by a dull lake or carmine. Young, Stockall and Co. in 1872-3 catalogued the maroon tint at 1s. 6d., and they must be very scarce now as the writer has not for over fifteen years seen a specimen outside an old collection. The second colour, dull rose, was in 1876 priced by Ridpath and Co., Liverpool, at 10d. This stamp is not counted by the 10,000 to-day as are the latter tints.

There is one or maybe two more of the old tints which are scarce—the brown of 1835 and the blood red of 1888-90, but they are not near as rare as the two first named. Of the five cent denomination there is nothing of note as regards the colour.

One of the rarest if not the rarest of the whole series is the six cent 1872, which was issued at first in a dull Vandyke brown. This variety was priced in 1874 at 5s. Very few have been seen for many years. There are, as you know, a vast number of shades in the three cent stamp, and you may sometimes think that you have a maroon, but look at the paper on which it is printed,—they are on porous paper of a rather thick nature. There are many very scarce stamps in colour or tint which are found on different papers.

THE MANCHESTER PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

HELD AT THE CITY ART GALLERY, MOSLEY STREET, MANCHESTER, JUNE 29TH TO JULY 5TH, 1899.

THERE was a large attendance at the opening of the exhibition. The chief part of the ceremony was taken by Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P. Mr.

W. D. Beckton, the president of the Manchester Society, occupied the chair, and there were also on the platform the Lord Mayor (Mr. W. H. Vaudrey), the Lady Mayoress, Mr. H. O. Harley (the postmaster at Manchester), Mr. C. F. H. Gibson, Mr. Ernest Petri, and Mr. G. B. Duerst.

The Chairman, in introducing Mr. Henniker Heaton, said the exhibition was held to commemorate the inauguration of an Imperial system of penny postage.

Mr. Henniker Heaton, M.P., in declaring the exhibition open, expressed first of all his acknowledgments for the help he had received from Manchester in carrying out the reform to which he had devoted so much of his life. It had been wittily said that the task of his life had been that of sticking the British Empire together with a postage stamp. (Laughter). For that reason probably he had been honoured by the invitation to open this important exhibition. They were well aware that the invention of the postage stamp made penny postage successful in England. Without this simple invention he trembled to think of the enormous difficulties there would now be in the way of the Postmaster General and of the people in dealing with penny letters. In the course of his speech Mr. Heaton referred to the best known collectors and collections. He said: The most valuable collection in the world was undoubtedly the celebrated collection of Herr von Ferrary, of Paris. Mr. Ferrary had been collecting about twenty-four years, and during that time had purchased many very old English collections. Amongst others that he had absorbed was the Philbrick collection, for which he paid £8,000, the collection of Sir Daniel Cooper, for which he paid £3,000, and which had now increased in value to at least £15,000, and the specialised collection of Mr. E. D. Bacon, of Japan, and of Mr. W. B. Thornhill, of Australian stamps. At the present time it was estimated that Mr. Ferrary's collection was worth from £250,000 to £300,000. The next best collection was the national one in our British Museum, most generously left to the nation by his friend the late Mr. Thomas K. Tapling, M.P. for Loughborough division of Leicestershire. This collection was now estimated to be worth about £100,000. The honour of having the third best collection probably belonged to Herr Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg, and one of the international judges of this exhibition. Two other very valuable collections, which must certainly be placed in the first six of the world were those possessed by the leading English collectors, Mr. H. J. Duveen, of London, and Mr. W. B. Avery, of Birmingham. Both these gentlemen possessed collections worth approximately £40,000. As to the highest prices obtained for single stamps, the two Post Office Mauritius, 1d. and 2d. of 1847, were bought two years ago by a Parisian dealer for the sum of £960 each. The next highest price on record was for the United States Postmaster stamp, issued in

Baltimore, namely: the 10 cents, of which only one specimen was known. This was sold two years ago in New York for a sum equal to £910. Three Post Office Mauritius were sold in this country last year (two of which, he understood, were shown in this exhibition) for a sum which was stated to average between £800 and £900 per stamp, but the exact figures had not been given. The first issue Hawaiian Islands 2c. had been sold for a sum of £740. The highest price ever paid for a single collection would be as follows: Mr. M. P. Castle, one of the judges of this exhibition, some years ago sold his collection of Australian stamps to Stanley Gibbons, Limited, for the net sum of £10,000, being the highest price ever paid for one collection.

In modern times one of the most remarkable discoveries had been that of about 100 very rare stamps of St. Louis, which were found in a courthouse in Missouri, U.S.A. The discovery arose through the porter, who was burning up the old documents in the boilers. A friend standing by noticed many of the letters had old stamps on them, and offered the porter a drink and 25 cents for the bundles. This was accepted, and the stamps passed through two or three hands, and eventually realised between £6,000 and £7,000. Mr. Heaton enlivened his address with a number of anecdotes. One of these had reference to the United States issue of 1869, which was printed in two colours, the stamps being very valuable when the centre portion of the design was inverted. A boy went to a well-known dealer in New York and bought a 15c. stamp of this issue for about a dollar. Next day he went back to the dealer and said: "I say, mister, you sold me a bad stamp yesterday. Look here, this thing has got the centre printed upside down." The dealer was certainly surprised at having sold a stamp worth £30 for the sum of 4s., and was only too glad of the chance to get it back again. Just as the boy was going out of the shop he put his head back and shouted out, "Ho, there, mister, done yer again. I didn't get that damaged specimen from you, but from someone else." (Laughter).

Among the most noteworthy exhibits of British stamps were:—

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strips on white paper; 8d. brown, block of 9; block of 4, 5/-, wmk. Anchor, on bluish, and magnificent shades of the commoner varieties. The 10d., plate 1, wmk. Emblems, and plate 3 (hair lines) are represented by used copies, but the 10d., plate 2, wmk. Spray, is unused.

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J. E. HEGINBOTTOM.—The feature of this exhibit is the arrangement of the stamps according to the postmarks they bear, the various varieties being shown with English, Scotch, Irish and other obliterations.

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C. F. DENDY MARSHALL.—A fine collection of railway letter stamps containing most varieties in pairs, and showing the various printings. Amongst the best things may be mentioned Furness Railways three printings; London and Northern Western, 2nd issue, unused (scarce thus); London and South Western, perf. 14½, fine pair, very rare, unused; Manchester South Junction and Altrincham first numbered issue (one other known); Metropolitan, 1st issue, unused; North Eastern, 2d. green, with vertical control number, unused; N. London, set of the two issues, unused (only two other sets in the hands of collectors); Somerset and Dorset, with fractional control number only 10 known; Portpatrick and Girvan Joint, used (only two others known); Castleberg, perf. 10; Cork, Bandon and South Coast, 1st issue, unused; Finn Valley used, Kanturk, unused.

J. S. HIGGINS, JR.—A very fine collection of Great Britain, in three volumes, used and unused. Amongst others may be mentioned a mint block of six 1d. black; 2d. blue, no lines, strip of five; 2½d. rose, plate 3, orb; fine shades of 2/- blue; 2/- brown; two copies of the 1½d. red, error, OP-PC; 10/- and £1, Cross and Anchor, &c., &c.

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W. B. AVERY.—Double Geneva, block of six, unused, and nine used and six halves.

VERNON ROBERTS.—Post Office Mauritius, two copies of the 1d. value on entire envelope; Cape error, 1d. blue.

LIST OF PRINCIPAL AWARDS.

FOR BRITISH STAMPS.

H. J. White, Special Gold Medal, the Grand Prize of the Exhibition; Gold Medal, Class I., Division I.; Gold Medal given by W. H. Peckitt.

W. T. Willett, Silver Medal, Class I., Division I.; Silver Medal given by W. H. Peckitt.

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J. S. Higgins, jun., Silver Medal given by Mr. J. E. Heginbottom for the best exhibit in Class IV.

C. F. Dendy Marshall, Bronze Medal for the best Collection of Railway Letter Stamps.

O. Frith, Silver Medal, Class V., Division I.; Silver Medal presented by the Bradford Philatelic Society.

COLONIAL STAMPS.

Baron A. de Worms.—Ceylon, Gold Medal, Class II. Division I. Gold Medal for the finest Special Collection of any one Country having regard to the difficulty in forming it, apart from the monetary value, given by the London Philatelic Society. Bronze Medal for Lagos and Sierra Leone.

Vernon Roberts.—Cape of Good Hope, Gold Medal. Gambia Gold Coast, Bronze Medal. Rare Stamps, Gold Medal. Collection in finest condition, Gold Medal, given by Mr. Peckitt.

H. J. Duveen.—Newfoundland, Silver Medal. British Guiana, Silver Medal. British Guiana, Gold Medal, given by W. D. Beckton.

W. B. Avery.—Confederate States, Silver Medal. Switzerland, Silver Medal.

S. M. Castle.—United States, Gold Medal. Silver Medal, given by W. T. Wilson. Bronze Medal, given by G. F. H. Gibson.

W. D. Beckton.—West Indies, Silver Medal. Gold Medal, given by J. E. Heginbottom.

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H. R. G. Clarke.—New South Wales, Silver Medal. Sydney Views, Silver Medal, given by G. H. Callf. Australian Stamps, Gold Medal, given by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.

FOREIGN STAMPS.

H. R. Oldfield.—Columbian Republic, Gold Medal. Silver Medal, given by Herts. Philatelic Society. Servia, Bulgaria and Montenegro, Silver Medal. Bolivia, Silver Medal.

C. Stewart Wilson.—India, Silver.

F. Ransom, Trinidad.

W. T. Willett, Nevis, Silver.

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W. Pimm, St. Lucia, Silver.

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J. N. Marsden, Portugal, Silver. Azores and Madeira, Silver.

A. H. Harrison, Norway.

T. Wickham Jones, Japan, Gold.

Major Hancock, Afghanistan, Silver.

C. F. Larmour, Portuguese Indies, Silver.

Baron A. de Reuterskiold, Philippine Islands, Two Silver.

Hyman Marks, Transvaal.

R. Frenzel, Mexico, Silver.

W. T. Wilson, Mexico, Silver.

E. T. Roberts, Brazil.

T. W. Hall, Argentine Republic, Silver. Corrientes and Cordova.

E. S. Davidson, Cuba and Porto Rico.

F. A. Von Sobbe, Greece, Germany, and Italy, two Silver and one Bronze.

W. Hadlow, Queensland.

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Mrs. Hetley, Australia, Silver.

W. B. Thornhill, Shanghai.

D. P. Mason, Cashmere, Gold.

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Medals have also been awarded to the following for

general collections, &c. :—

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Altogether the exhibition must be considered a great success. The weather, however, was against the dealers who did very poor business on the whole.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

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FRENCH COLONIES.—Head of Liberty, the 2 and 4 centimes come with counterfeit margins, which are very well attached to the stamp. Upon the examination of the stamps the cancellations are generally found to be some indistinct provincial postmarks.

FRANCE.—Stamps of the 1849 series cancelled with the oblique grill in black, blue and red. These are reprints with very well imitated cancellations.

FRANCE AND COLONIES.—Postage due stamps of 2 France, red-brown. Very dangerous counterfeit, exceedingly well designed and can be recognised only through tint, which is slightly darker than in the originals.

FRANCE.—The 80 centimes, 1854, carmine, *tête-bêche*. Both stamps are counterfeits, but they are splendid imitations. But the paper is too thick and fibrous and much more yellow than the originals; furthermore the figure 8 in these stamps is defective.

JAPAN.—1893 issue. The 4 sen envelope stamp has been fraudulently perforated and sold for the rare adhesive stamp of this value and colour. The fraud can easily be detected by comparing the syllabic character. In the adhesive it is enclosed in a rectangle, and in the envelope in a hexagon.

SAXONY.—5 Neugroschen brown, 1856. This counterfeit can be detected by the design of the band in which the word "Sachsen" appears, and in the letter "N" of that word. The cancellation of this stamp is not to be distinguished from the original except by the inky black; it seems the counterfeiters have obtained one of the old original cogwheel dies.

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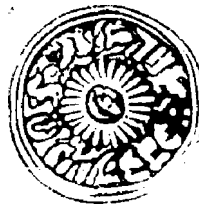
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HOLLAND.—Mr. R. C. F. Schomberg has sent us specimens of the new issue. The lower values are oblong with the value in an oval, while the higher values are of the ordinary shape with a crowned bust of Queen Wilhelmina.

MAURITIUS.—Mr. W. F. Dick has received a new surcharge in red on the current 18c., 6—CENTS.

6c. on 18c.

NORWAY.—The 2 ore has been issued in the current type.

2 ore buff-brown.

SAN MARINO.—This little Republic is altering the colour of its stamps in conformity with the Postal Union regulations.

SIAM.—The undermentioned surcharges have been issued.

1 att on 12 atts.

2 atts on 64 atts.

3 atts on 12 atts.

POSTCARDS, &c.

ARGENTINA.—Wrappers with the new stamp have been issued.

½c. carmine on buff.

1c. blue "

2c. grey-blue "

4c. green "

INDIA.—A new ¼ anna postcard is reported. Royal arms at left.

QUEENSLAND.—A wrapper has been issued with figures in all four corners.

1d. red on yellowish.

MEXICO.—Two new reply postcards have appeared.

1c. + 1c. green, inscription in ultramarine.

2c. + 2c. red, inscription in deep red.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE office boy having returned from his holiday very brown and cheekier (if possible) than ever, the Boss decided to publish this issue after all. Your very own POSTMAN was quietly rusticated among the beauties of Worcestershire when he received a peremptory telegram commanding his presence—and he came though reluctant. [N.B.—To avoid misunderstanding please note that the beauties above referred to are the natural beauties of that most lovely shire in England—notwithstanding libellous stories to the contrary.]

Well, having returned from the lovely valley of Sabrina and left boating, swimming and forest rambles behind, I suppose I must do something for the miserable pittance that rewards me for prostituting my mighty intellect to the purposes of philately, so here goes for a few snippings to start with—I hope to goodness the Boss will not expect anything original this month.

The machines used by the American Government for counting and tying postal cards in small bundles were made in Connecticut, and the two are capable of counting 500,000 in ten hours, and wrapping and tying the same in packages of 25 each. In this operation the paper is pulled off a drum by two long "fingers" which come up from below, and another finger dips into a vat of mucilage and applies itself to the wrapping paper in exactly the right spot. Other parts of the machine twine the paper around the pack of cards, and then a thumb presses over the spot where the mucilage is, and the package is thrown up on a belt ready for delivery.

Says Mr. Dolph Ostara, the well-known Manchester dealer and Auctioneer, in his terse and business-like manner:—"The Manchester Exhibition was a huge success, NO EQUAL. Exhibits and entrance big, though financially a loss owing of having no dealers' stalls as in London. I had my hands full, have been on four committees, especially the hanging was very trying to us. I am glad it is over and all responsibility off our shoulders."

Here is some pretty poetry for you my children!

O, merchant, in thine hour of e e e,
If on this paper you should o c c,
And look for something to ap p p p
Your yearning for £ s. and d d d,
Take our advice and now be y y y,
Go straight ahead and advert i i i,
You'll find the project of some u u u,
Neglect can offer no ex q q q,
Be wise at once, prolong your d a a a,
A silent business soon d k k k ;"

or the question may be put more terseley' in this forms:—

If you are wise and wise to rise,
Then pitch right in and advertise ;
If you are not, then sit down sot,
And let your business go to pot.

I thought these couplets were very applicable to the present time and I recommend them to those collectors and dealers who have not yet decided to advertise in the Big Issue of *The Advertiser* on October 28th.

Several changes are contemplated in the French Colonial postage stamps according to the *Courrier des Timbres Poste*. Guadeloupe is to have a set of its own, entirely different from the type common to all the French colonies. Indo-China will also receive postage stamps of new designs, the territory now covered by the name being divided into four distinct sections each of which will have a type of its own. The division made will embrace Indo-China proper, Cochin-China, Cambodia, and Annam and Tonkin.

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The average collector appears to entirely overlook the fact that a priced catalogue, published by a firm of stamp dealers, is issued mainly with the object of informing their customers what goods they have in stock, and what prices they want for those particular goods. And instead of realising this he is evidently under the impression that the publisher is a philatelic philanthropist.

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With these few remarks we will now pass on to the next caravan. "This is the ape, the Barbary ape, who"—Tut, tut—I wander! I should say there are many countries in Europe of which *used* stamps are by no means difficult to obtain, in Norway, Sweden, Denmark, German Confederation and Empire, Belgium and Holland, there are hardly any expensive stamps, in France, Italy (not Italian States), Russia, Turkey, Greece, and Great Britain, the varieties *used* are by no means expensive, and in Switzerland, in which all things considered there are perhaps a greater number of expensive stamps than in any other country, these rarities are principally confined to the Cantonal stamps and in the Federal issues much amusement, pleasure and profit may still be derived, and powers of observation receive an excellent training and reward.

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M. Marcel Pouget discovered a philatelic curiosity of Sierra-Leone by accident the other day. When the change in the postal rates necessitated the creation of a 2½d postage stamp the postal authorities first used the stock of ½d. and 2d. stamps, and when these had been used up they began to employ one half of the 1d. and one half of the 4d. stamps cut diagonally and pasted together so that it appeared like a stamp of two colours. The cancellation B 31 must cover the two halves without break in order to show its genuineness.

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M. Maury's correspondent at Mauritius writes that the sale of surcharged stamps at the post office was the cause of riots and that the police had to quell the disturbance raised by stamp collectors who fought for a place near the stamp window. As a consequence the Governor ordered the surcharged stamps taken to

the Treasury and deposited there. It is now thought that the large commemorative 36 cents stamp of the Queen's Jubilee will be re-perforated so as to make two stamps of each, worth 18 cents apiece; at the same time the large stamp will be retired from circulation.

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During the past few months the postal authorities of the Argentine Republic have been employing a method similar to that of the Tunisian officials for replacing postage due stamps which do not exist in either country. The amount to be collected on letters, postage on which was insufficient or not paid at all, has been attached in ordinary postage stamps perforated with the letters "C Y T" which stands for Correos y Telegrafos. These stamps are being used in a number of post offices and are said to be authorised by the government although no announcement has been made officially, according to the *Revista Postal*.

THE POSTAL SERVICE IN THE MOUNTAIN VALLEYS OF ANDORRA.

ALL the world knows of the little Republic of Andorra situated in the midst of the mountain fastnesses of the Pyrenees, wedged between the French Republic and the Kingdom of Spain. It is nevertheless one of the oldest commonwealths of Europe, which has preserved its absolute independence for more than eleven centuries, although nominally it is to-day under the double suzerainty of the Spanish bishop of Urgel and of the French Government. Practically the 6,000 inhabitants of the little realm know no rulers except those chosen by themselves as elders.

It will perhaps surprise our philatelic friends to learn that Andorra, the only country of Europe that has no postage stamps, has a well organised postal and telegraphic service, although there is not even a wagon road in the entire little land, the only means of communication being hardy mountain ponies and mules.

Letters from Andorra to points in France are centralized in the city of Andorra, the capital, until 10 o'clock of the evening; next morning at five a messenger takes the package and carries it across the mountains to So deu, the last Andorran settlement, where he meets toward eleven o'clock in the morning the French mail-carrier coming alternately from l'Hospitalet or Forté the nearest French post offices.

At Soldeu they exchange their mail sacks and each courier returns to his starting point. At Andorra the mail coming from France is distributed daily between three and four o'clock in the afternoon. French postage stamps are used, for which the Andorran messenger pays in cash according to the number of letters he hands to the French courier, these stamps are affixed by the agent in the French post office from which they are practically mailed.

Letters intended for Spain are carried by messenger to the Spanish post office at Seo-de-Urgel (See of Urgel), Spanish postage stamps being attached by the Andorra carrier. They do not, however, pay the war tax on letters coming from Andorra and no attempt has so far been made to compel them to do so.

The most interesting part of the Andorran postal service, however, is that between the various settlements and townships of the little realm. This internal service is absolutely gratuitous; it is sufficient to place an envelope containing a letter, or even a small package in care of the village postman, without using a stamp or paying anything. It will arrive at the address given that same evening or the next morning. The service is performed entirely by young boys who run along the mountain paths, probably the most-primitive kind of regular postal service in the whole world.

Lately the French government has established a telegraph line from Porté to the old city of Andorra by way of Soldeu. There is no telegraphic line connecting Andorra with Spain and if a telegraphic message is to be sent to Seo-de-Urgel it must be sent around France and by way of Perpignan to Barcelona. The entire postal and telegraphic service of Andorra has been organised by an enthusiastic philatelist, Mr. Charles Romeu, and probably he, more than anybody else, suffers under the obstinate refusal of the Andorran elders to grant authority for the issuing of a set of postage stamps. This refusal is caused by their being perfectly satisfied at paying no postage whatever within their own country as much as on account of their being opposed to a change in their customs.—From "*Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste.*"

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

UNITED STATES.—A new forged or reprinted issue of the pony express stamps has recently come to light. It is reported the plates were found in the old established printing-house of Britton

& Rey, and a series of reprints of these interesting stamps were at once made. As far as can be found out only a limited number of reprints have been produced.

The reprints differ from the originals in various respects. On all of them the color is not quite the same as on the old ones, and the back-ground differs materially from the originals, being, in cent values, composed of straight lines without the slight ornaments in the upper corners. The hoof of the right forefoot of the horse is nearly separated from the foot; the mouth of the horse is cut into about half way up to the eye; the shading in front of the horse's head is missing; the hat of the rider is too little shaded and appears therefore too white; and after the word dollars in the two and four dollar stamps, the reprints have a period which the originals have not.

From this it is quite evident the plates have been touched up, or perhaps transfers have been made. It follows there will not be the slightest difficulty in distinguishing the reprints from the originals made from the same plate many years ago. Not content with reproducing the entire set in normal colours, the promoters of the work have struck *all* the values in *all* the colors. Every value can *now* be had (as a reprint) in red, (two shades) blue, green, black and brown. All of which does not affect the status of the originals or lessen their rarity.

TWO STOLEN STAMP BOOKS.

AT the Esplanade Police Court, Bombay, on July 4th, before Mr. J. Sander Slater, Chief Presidency Magistrate, the hearing of the charge of receiving stolen property, made by Inspector Sanderson against Ebrahim Khamisa, a shopkeeper was resumed.

The complainant was Mr. H. Riberio, who stated that in April and May, two of his postage stamp-books—one of Colonial stamps, valued at £35, and another of Native States stamp, valued at Rs. 150—were stolen by his poen, Bala Luximon, since convicted, from whom the accused subsequently purchased the property.

The defence was that the charge was trumped-up against the accused by Ali Mahomed, whom the accused had removed from partnership in his business of selling stamps. At the request of accused's counsel, Mr. Vakharia, a witness summons was issued on Mr. J. M. Moses, who was reported to have sold used stamps to the accused. Mr. Vakharia addressed the Court, but he did not call any evidence for the defence. Accused was convicted and sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

THE GERMAN COLONIAL STAMPS.

GERMAN East Africa was the first German colony to receive postage stamps of its own, mainly because of the different currency used in that country. The first issue—1893—without the name of the colony consisted of the following values: 2 pesa on 3 pf. brown; 2 p. on 5 pf. green; 5 p. on 10 pf. red; 10 p. on 20 pf. blue; and 25 p. on 50 pf. red-brown. The second issue—1896—consist of the same values surcharged "Deutsch Ostafrika," and a new value diagonally across the stamp.

Of German Southwest Africa there are two distinct issues. The name of the colony in the first reads "Deutsch Sudwest-Afrika," in the second "Deutsch Sudwestafrika." Of the former—1897—only the 3, 5, 10 and 20 pf. were ever issued in that colony. There was no use for a stamp of 25 pf. and 50 pf., postage stamp was only ordered after the second issue was circulated. The second issue was prepared in the fall of 1898. The first values to appear with the second line of the inscription in one word were the 10 and 50 pf., in October 1898 and the 20 pf. on December 7th. No. 25 pf. postage stamp has ever been introduced into the colony and the 3 and 5 pf. postage stamps have not as yet been issued to the colonies for there is a sufficient stock of the first issue on hand. Full sets of the second issue were obtained from the Berlin Colonial office and cannot come from the colony; yet some German catalogues quote this set new or used.

There seems to be but very little information abroad about the actual issues of the German colonial postage stamps. The catalogues are all more or less incorrect, the dealers cannot obtain some stamps and have never seen some others, yet all of these stamps are quoted with prices for both used and unused specimen in some European catalogues. Thus a dealer of Aix-la-Chapelle quotes 3 pf. of the Marshall Islands used (!), although this value has never been printed. This state of things has caused much trouble in Germany among philatelists in general and the Germania-ring, a union of philatelic societies, has taken the initiative in clearing up the mystery. They have published a complete list of the German colonial postage stamps actually issued and many mistakes in albums and catalogues can now be corrected according to this list.

It is an easy matter to explain how the values never officially issued were catalogued by ordinarily well informed stamp papers. When in the experimental stage, from January to March, 1897, about 1,000 sets were printed as proofs, or essays, in the following manner. German current sheets of stamps

were surcharged with the names of the five colonies alongside of each other, all on the same sheet, so that there were twenty stamps of each colony on each sheet, arranged in two vertical rows. As values intended to be used only in one or two colonies were surcharged like all the others, proofs are in existence of values never issued. These proofs having been sent out to the bureau of the International Postal Union at Berne, soon found their way into hands of some dealers and, quite naturally, were duly recorded and catalogued as authentic, long before they were issued by the German government, which entirely ignored whatever was written or said about the philatelic aspect of these stamps.

The five colonies thus printed together on a sheet were: German South-west Africa, Cameroon, Togo, German New Guinea and Marshall Islands in order given. This arrangement appears twice on each sheet of one hundred stamps. It also accounts for the existence of German colonial stamps of different colonies in blocks. The writer has seen a block of six stamps showing horizontally the three Africa colonies. Not one of the proof sets has ever been intended to be sent to the colonies for actual use. These sets were exclusively printed for "internal" use as the respective decree plainly indicates. Yet a few sets were sent to their respective colonies, particularly by employees of the colonial office, with the instruction to paste the entire set upon one envelope, cancel it and return it "within another envelope" (for protection from soiling as well as from scandal!) to the sender. Several such envelopes, obtained by the connivance of postal officials, have reached the philatelic market and, of course, command very good prices. I have seen a full set of the stamps of South-west Africa (1st issue) including the 25 and 50 pf. (never issued) used postally on an envelope that had never been sealed and cancelled "Windhoek" in June 1897, before the stamps had actually reached that colony.

EMINENT MEN WHO HAVE NEVER MET US.

THE object of this panegyric is Major Henry Apples Chapman, of Rocky-town-on-the-trolley, Con. The major is only so by brevet, his ostensible occupations being farming in the summer and catching trolley cars in winter. This last sport is quite *au fait* in the east and in the west we have a modified form called "jumping electrics." Though somewhat past twenty our friend is a young man in philately, his advent dating back only a few years,

He is tall, standing several feet besides the two in his stockings. He weighs twenty stone stripped of seal-skin overcoat and gum boots. He is dark, but fair in his dealings and sports a wavy moustache that is the despair of every passing breeze. He has a Roman nose which he carries with him constantly and which gives an air of determination and force to otherwise benevolent features.

Major Chapman first riveted the attention of the stamp world by commencing the publication of the *Perforator*, which achieved much fame and a certain position in the journalistic world. He disposed of this to Mr. J. W. Stowell, of Federalsburg, Md., and the *Pennsylvania Philatelist* was afterwards married to it. After being relieved of publishing cares, Major C. became at once in demand as a contributor to the press generally and as a review editor. In the latter capacity it may be remarked that he is review editor for nearly all the monthly publications, except those which employ Miss Swift for that office. The Major was born a printer, had Linotype operating thrust upon him, and achieved farming. It is in the latter role that he most delights his friends and neighbours. His comprehensive ignorance of all things bucolic is really delightful to contemplate. Horny handed sons of toil on farms come for miles to see the Major in his great farming feats, such as feeding the pig with one hand tied behind him, and shoeing a husky calf with dignity and a fence rail. As indicated by our title, Major Chapman has not yet achieved his pet dream, but we have agreed to meet him half way if he will come to Colorado. Our friend has a wife and one son, both of whom are interested in stamps, but in different ways and from different points of view.

Long may the Chapman family wave!—*The Stampman*.

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The summer packets have been very fair, consider-

ing the hot weather, those for June amounting to £2457 11s. 10d., those for July to £1632 1s. 3d., and owing to the reduced prices, the percentage of sales is very good, many of the better class sheets being well cleared, and anything in the shape of really fine old stamps at fair prices is quickly snapped up, for instance, the first 12 have bought £160 1s. 10d. off July Balance.

Seventeen members of our Society won 30 medals, besides diplomas, at the recent Manchester Exhibition. W. B. Avery, silver medal, Switzerland; silver medal, Confederate States. P. M. Bright, (Bright and Son), bronze medal, Philatelic Literature. W. Brown, bronze medal, Great Britain (used); bronze medal, post cards. H. Buckley, silver medal, Norway; silver medal, Scandinavia. S. M. Castle, gold medal, U.S.A.; bronze medal, Best exhibit shewn by a member of a Provincial Society; silver medal, Best exhibit shewn by a member of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. R. Dalton, bronze medal and diploma, Albums. W. Hadlow, bronze medal, for best exhibit shewn by a member of the Birmingham Philatelic Society. J. E. Heginbottom, silver medal, Great Britain (used); bronze medal, Ceylon, Queensland, Victoria; bronze medal, Barbados, St. Vincent, St. Lucia. P. Kohl, bronze medal and diploma, Albums. F. W. Lake, bronze medal, rare stamps. C. F. Larmour, silver medal, Portuguese Indies. J. N. Marsden, silver medal, Portugal; silver medal, Azores, Madeira; silver medal, given by I.P.S. W. Pimm, silver medal, St. Lucia. C. J. Phillips (Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.), bronze medal and diploma, Philatelic Literature; bronze medal and diploma, Albums; diploma, Philatelic Accessories. T. Ridpath, silver medal, Post Cards. W. T. Willett, silver medal, Great Britain (unused); silver medal, Nevis; silver medal, most meritorious exhibit in Class 1. W. T. Wilson, silver medal, Mexico; bronze medal and diploma, Albums.

The Annual Meeting will be held at 8 p.m., Oct. 5th, when the Annual Report will be presented showing considerably increased membership, and a very satisfactory percentage of sales in the exchange packets. The total value of the packets is somewhat less as in all exchanges, some of the members having locked up their duplicates until another catalogue appears, and others are sending less, as in numerous cases the cutting down process has been far too drastic. The prospects of the coming session are very bright, for we have more members and more applications than we have ever had, and the status of the applicants is as high as ever.

Our next session commences on Oct. 1st (when all subscriptions are due), and we welcome English, Foreign, and Colonial collectors, and dealers of good standing, feeling confident that we can offer exceptional benefits to all. For years past we have circulated more valuable packets than any other Society in the world, and our list of members, including the

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The Philatelic Chronicle in addition to its very large circle of subscribers, is sent to all the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society and Midland Counties Stamp Exchange, being the Official Journal of these Societies. Combined membership over 400.

AT or about this time last year we ventured to predict a good season for stamps. We were presumptuous. We forgot the advice of that sagacious journalist across the big pond "Never prophesy unless you know" and, in racing parlance, we came unstuck, for it was not a good season. Since then many things have happened, principal among which is the fall in prices, and the coming season bids fair to be a great improvement upon the last.

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With this issue the great majority of subscriptions to the *Philatelic Chronicle* end—this being the last number of volume eight. With our next month's publication we commence volume nine, and our friends would confer a very great favour by renewing their subscriptions at once. For would-be subscribers the next issue offers an excellent opportunity for starting as the season 1899-1900 and the volume nine commence together.

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During the past twelve months not a single issue of the *Philatelic Chronicle* appeared without stamp articles of the utmost value to collectors. The more advanced were suited by monographs upon the intricacies of some particular series or the varieties of some special stamp, the medium collector and the beginner were well catered for in the same manner and both were guided by such articles as MR. WEBB'S Notes on English and warned by the Philatelic Frauds collated and exposed by NON-LEX. We honestly think that every number was well worth the penny charged

for it and, by maintaining the quality of the last twelve months, we hope and anticipate an even greater share of patronage from the philatelic public. The efforts of NON-LEX will still be directed in the direction of Philatelic Frauds, MR. WEBB will concentrate his attention upon English Stamps, THE POSTMAN will regularly talk upon things in general. Our more occasional contributors will help fill our pages as heretofore and we hope to get a very valuable series of articles upon French stamps from a well-known pen. In conclusion we beg to thank all our friends for the support of the past year and venture to hope that we have deserved a continuance of their favour.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—The current 5c., 25c., and 50c. stamps have been surcharged with the word "REVENUE," in small capitals, in *black*. These stamps pass, or can be passed, for postage.

CANADA.—We have received the 3c. maple leaves, surcharged 2 CENTS, and also the 5c., blue, with letters in lower corners.

2c. on 3c. red, black surcharge.
5c. blue, figures in lower corners.

COOK ISLANDS.—The 1d. of 1894 has been surcharged ONE HALF-PENNY in three lines.
½d. in black on 1d. blue.

COREA.—A set of stamps of the design of 1895 has been issued, but much better printed, and with a different perforation.

Adhesives. 5 poon, green, perf. 13.
10 " indigo " 12.
25 " lake " 12.
50 " mauve " 13.

HOLLAND.—The full set of the new adhesives was issued on the 1st of August. The values up to 2½c. inclusive are of oblong shape, with numerals in a transverse oval in the centre, "NEDERLAND" above, and value, "½ CENT," &c., below. The higher values have a portrait of the Queen in an oval, as upon the 1 gulden stamp, but up to 50c. inclusive are of ordinary size, and have the arms of Holland in the upper spandrels, "NEDERLAND" at foot, and value, "3 Ct.," &c. in the lower corners. The 22½c., 25c.

and 50c. are in two colours, the centre in the first colour given in the list. The 2½ and 5 gulden are identical in design with the 1 gulden of last year. The values up to 50c. are perf. 12½, and the two higher are perf. 11.

Type I. ½c., mauve.
1c., red.

2c., pale brown.
2½c., deep green.

Type II. 3c., orange.

5c., rose.
7½c., deep brown.
10c., grey-lilac.

12½c., blue.

15c., light brown.
20c., yellow-green.

22½c., olive-green and brown.
25c., ultramarine and rose.
50c., brown-red and silver.

Type III. 1 gl., slate-green.

2½ gl., dull lilac.
5 gl., olaret.

MALTA.—The ½d., 1d., 4d., and 1/- have been surcharged with the word "REVENUE," but have not yet been seen postally used.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 2½d. has been locally printed, and we are informed that local impressions of the 5d., 6d., 8d., 2/-, and 5/- have also been made, and may be expected to appear shortly. The 2½d. is in a distinctly different shade of *blue*. It is on an inferior paper, resembling that with the N Z and Star, but we cannot find any watermark in it, and the perforation is 11. The impression, as might be expected, is not quite so good as that done in London.

Adhesive. 2½d., dull blue; perf. 11.

QUEENSLAND.—A new 1/- stamp has been issued of similar design to that of the 5d., but with numerals in the four corners.

Adhesive. 1/- mauve; wmk. Crown and Q; perf. 13.

SARAWAK.—Two surcharges have been issued here consisting of a numeral and "CENTS" on the stamps of 1871.

2c. in black on 12c. red on lilac-rose.
4c. in red on 8c. blue on blue.

ZANZIBAR.—A fresh issue has appeared with portrait of the new Sultan. The values and colours, &c., are the same as the old issue.

POSTCARDS, &c.

HOLLAND.—The new postcards bear stamps of the designs of the corresponding adhesives at the right, arms at the left, and the ordinary inscriptions.

2½c., deep green, on *pale green*.

2½+2½c. "

5c., rose on *pale rose*. "

5+5c. " "

MAURITIUS.—According to the *C. de T. P.* the 8c. card has been surcharged "6 cents."

P.C. 6c. in black on 8c. rose on buff.

TONGA.—The 4d. registered envelope has been issued in a new type similar to the second issue 6d. It now has the value at sides in figures and is without the value in words at bottom.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

OUR POSTCARDS.

AFTER several years of "Do-very-well-as-we-are" policy, the post office is about to provide us with up-to-date ½d. postcards. The new issue is to be of the same size as the current 1d. card— $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{1}{4}$ in.—which gives slightly more floor space than the square or "court" card, and is decidedly a more businesslike shape. Whether or not a new stamp and inscription, or a change of colour, is to accompany the new size, we must wait till 1st November to see.

Private unstamped cards bearing the royal arms are now on sale by stationers,—a thing which was contrary to regulations a few years ago, and which may be so still, but the letter of the law is no longer enforced. Some of these cards have the line of instruction, identical with the official wording, except that "only" is very properly omitted.

I have discovered a certain means of distinguishing between the post office ½d. white card with arms of type II, and those of the same type which somewhat later were stamped to order on private material, much of which so closely resembled the texture of the official card that there has often arisen a difficulty when a collector has had to decide whether a given card of this type should be classed in the official or private section of his collection. The simple test is this, and I don't think it has ever been noted before: all cards sold by the post office had a period after the line of instruction; whereas none of those of private issue ever had both the arms and the stop after "side," though, strange to say, those cards without the arms (1884-8) all show the stop. I have already propounded the theory, that the plates employed for the production of "official" and "private" cards respectively were at no one time identical, but the above discovery leads a step further, and it may now be assumed that no single variety of post office cards corresponds with any of private issue of whatever date. This fact clears up an old difficulty, and yet adds to the interest of collecting English post cards.

ENGLISH "LOCALS" (AS PER GIBBONS).

Part III of Messrs Stanley Gibbons' catalogue (12th edition) has little for collectors of English, except those who go in for the Railway Letter-fee

stamps. Of these a list of 140 varieties is given, of which 88 belong to England and Wales, 11 to Scotland, and 41 to Ireland. The chief merit of this list is its conciseness, but this is attained at the expense of ignoring all shades of colour,—a rather important feature of these stamps, and one that goes far to relieve the monotony of their general sameness of design. Dates of issue and perforations are duly noted, but though the terms "Type I" and "Type II" occur several times, no attempt is made to provide means of identifying them, or of distinguishing from each other. The majority of the stamps are priced, none being nominally worth less than 6d., and but few high prices appear; several, however, of the obsolete varieties are unpriced.

The only other English stamps of a local character mentioned in this part, are those of the "Circular Delivery Companies" 1866-7) and the "College Stamps," of neither of which, however, a list is given, but only a brief statement of their origin and nature. In both cases the stamps were suppressed, as the systems under which they were used were considered to be infringements of the exclusive privilege of the Postmaster General. This fact gives some colour to their claim to be considered as bona-fide postage stamps, and therefore I hardly see why the cataloguers should dismiss them so shortly. At the same time, I am of opinion that the collector of average leisure and means has quite enough to do to get together his representative series of the regular issues of Great Britain, and that the "locals" can be left for those fortunate and satiated individuals who sigh for other worlds to conquer.

POSTAL ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

By WM. D. REED.

THE LITHOGRAPHED STAMPS.

THE story of the great struggle of the Southern Confederacy has now passed into history. As Freemans says: "History is past politics and politics are present history." To the philatelist, however, history is told by past postal issues, and stamps are present history. In common with many American philatelists, I first studied the history of the Confederacy in the Civil War by becoming acquainted with its postal issues. This study and my subsequent research as an enthusiastic collector of the Confederate stamps is my only excuse for this article.

The first Confederate Congress, assembled at Montgomery, Alabama, February, 1861, at once entered into negotiations with a New York Bank Note Company for the supply of all stamps, bonds, and bank notes for the new government, but the first

bombarding gun directed on Fort Sumter precipitately shattered the commercial transactions of the New York company with the Confederacy, and the company's representative hurried back to the Northern metropolis. Ultimately, the Confederate Government, by a contract with Mr. Joel White, of New York, received a large supply of paper and envelopes across the Confederate lines in Kentucky. This supply of paper was taken to Richmond when the seat of government was taken thither, upon May 20, 1861, and was used in the manufacture of all the lithographed stamps and some of the engraved stamps. The ink was secured in the North, and was smuggled over the lines at Baltimore. Later on, blockade runners skirted the coast until a chance opening permitted an unobserved landing in a Southern port. One of the blockade runners was captured by a Northern captain and the materials for the Southern presses were confiscated. The supplies were therefore received at very irregular intervals.

The first instalment of material having been received at the seat of the new government in Richmond, the lithographing of the first issue of postage stamps began. The work was executed by Hoyer and Ludwig, of Richmond, Va.

The issues were as follows: 5c., green, October 18, 1861; 10c., dark blue, December 1, 1861; 2c., green, January 1, 1862; 5c., blue, March 1, 1862; 10c., rose, April 1, 1862; 10c., blue (re-issue), August 1, 1862, and these, the first postage stamps of the Confederate States of America were eagerly bought up.

It has always been the policy of the United States to place upon its stamps, coins, and bills, the effigies of her past great men. But the new Confederacy rejected this policy and fittingly represented upon its first stamp its first statesman and President. The 5c. green, therefore, bears the portrait of Jefferson Davis. There are a vast number of shades of this stamp. The execution is poor. For example, notice the irregularity of "cn," and the "d" in the word "CONFEDERATE." The portrait on the 10c. blue is an absurd representation of James Madison, of Virginia, President of the United States from 1809 to 1817. A typographical error appears in the inversion of a v to form the A in "STATES."

There are a few varieties or shades of the 2c. green. Not so, however, of the 5c. blue. At the time of the issue of this stamp the demand for stamps for postage had become very great. The supply of green ink had become exhausted but no cessation of issues could be permitted. A large supply of blue and red ink had just safely crossed the line, and was immediately used in the issue of the two new stamps, the 5c. blue and the 10c. rose. Like the 5c. blue, the 10c. rose also furnishes many shades. These stamps were not issued longer than six months, and are accordingly rare and very seldom found in good condition. The 10c. stamp was re-issued in blue on August 1, 1862,

as the red ink was very expensive. Typographed 5c. stamps were now being supplied by Thomas De La Rue and Co., from England. The issue of March 1, 1862, was supplanted by the new stamps from England, and the blue ink remaining on hand was sufficient for a re-issue of the 10c. denomination.

Many collectors divide these two issues into two dies, A and B; die B showing an attempt to correct the typographical error in the first issue. The first issue is printed in an entirely different blue from the second issue. The impressions of the latter are bleared, and show very poor workmanship.

These first lithographed issues of the Confederacy were used throughout the war in all the Southern States. Although the London firm and later Messrs. Archer and Daly soon succeeded Hoyer and Ludwig in the manufacture of the Confederate stamps, they often passed through the Southern post offices side by side with the better-executed products of the later years.

This period in the postal history of the Confederacy is of the greatest historic and romantic interest, because of the intrigues, the engagements, the captures, and escapes that the custodians of the Southern Post Office Department supplies underwent in transporting them within the Confederate lines—first in Kentucky, later in Maryland and Virginia, or through the Southern blockade.

Benjamin Ficklin stands foremost in the annals of the Confederate Post Office as a blockade-runner. The adventures of this daring government agent would fill a volume upon the story of the Confederacy. It was Ficklin who sent the first typographed stamps to the Confederate government through the blockade. He arranged the contract for these stamps with Messrs. Thomas de la Rue and Co., of London. This contract called for stamps of the one and five cent denominations, but about this time the Confederate government changed its postal rates. As a result the one cent orange stamp was never used.

The FIVE CENT, printed in blue, was used as early as May, 1862. I am unable to state definitely at what date these stamps ran the blockade. Some authorities place it as early as 1861. I do not think they could have reached Richmond before March 1st, 1862. The London printed five cents blue possess a wide range of shades. The paper is fine, thin, and highly glazed. Not so the local impressions, which are printed on a thick paper with a rough surface. Their impressions are not so fine as those from England.

One process of determining whether your five cent blue typographed stamps are of the London or local print, is to immerse the stamp in warm water, and then dry in the sun. If the gum remains on the back and if the stamp, after drying, presents a wrinkled appearance, you have a London typographed stamp. The same process leaves no residue of gum on the backs of the locally printed stamps.

Towards the middle of 1862, the risk and often the loss of stamp consignments from Messrs. De la Rue and Co., through the blockade, became so great that the Confederate Post Office Department bought outright the plates of the stamps and successfully transported them to their seat of government. This change of the base dates the difference between the London and the local prints, and from this time no interruption took place in the issue of the stamps from the General Post Office.

The new emission appeared about October 25th, 1862, and late in the next year the rate of postage was raised and therefore many of the locally printed five cent blue will be found in pairs on the original envelopes.

This rise in postage was, in part, the occasion of the "surcharged" stamps. A lithographic transfer from the design of the five cent was made; the word FIVE was erased and "TEN" substituted. Each TEN on the different stamps of the plate is not strictly uniform with every other.

Another adaption was the ten cent carmine. The letters of the word TEN here differ with the letters of the word CENT. They are shorter, more irregular, and heavier. The genuineness of this latter stamp is doubtful. Other "surcharges" of this kind have appeared that are undoubtedly of fraudulent origin. The financial status of the Confederacy was at a very low ebb at this time, and the backs of these stamps were often used for advertising purposes. Some of these little advertising mediums are of great interest, rarity and value.

CANADA'S RAREST STAMP.

WITHOUT question, Canada's rarest stamp is the 12 pence black, issued in 1851. Now, when great finds are being made and more copies of this desirable stamp are being brought to light, probably a few remarks on that stamp may not go amiss.

This stamp is a peculiar one, among other things is that the value is expressed as 12 pence instead of one shilling. It is rare, without doubt, for although 51,400 of them were prepared, only 1,510 were distributed to postmasters while of this last amount very few were disposed of to the general public, or were used to prepay postage on letters.

The exact use for which this stamp was intended is not very clear. Several have advanced the theory that they were used to prepay letters going to the United Kingdom, others stated for letters going to India. That the 12 pence was especially intended for postage to the United Kingdom is not possible, as the rate at that time to that place was 1s. 2d. sterling, equal to 1s. 4d. Canadian Currency. The more probable theory however, is that it was used to pre-

pay postage to the United States and on heavy provincial letters. To support this latter statement comes the fact that if the intention had been for the stamps to prepay postage to the United Kingdom the value would have been the exact amount required, as was the case later on when the 10d. and 7½d. were issued. Also that 12 pence was just double the amount (6 pence) which was the postage at that time.

Some writers have stated that although the stamps were prepared in 1851 they were not placed on sale till 1854. This, however, is untenable as we find in the Postmaster-General's report for year ending March 31st, 1853, that 100 were issued during that year. The number, as stated above, that were issued for sale is small when compared with the number of collectors who desire them.

They made their last appearance in 1856; but what became of the balance of 49,490 stamps is unknown; they were no doubt burned.

The following figures may be of interest to our readers:

	No. placed on Sale.			
Year ending April 5th, 1852	820
" " March 31st, 1853	100
" " " 1854	325
" " " 1855	265
Total	1,510
Total prepared	51,000
" sold	1,510
Balance}	49,490

MESSRS. HILCKES & CO.,

On July 19th at the Royal Courts of Justice, before Mr. Justice Wright, the petition of Messrs. J. J. Lane and W. B. Kirkpatrick for winding-up the company was heard. After a long hearing his Lordship made the usual order. The publication of *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has been suspended for the past two or three months.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

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"Among the old letters in the British post-office museum" is one from Benjamin Franklin, addressed, to the postmaster general of London, on March 24th,

1776. This letter was replied to in 1783, the writer apologizing for the delay on the ground that he 'had been out of town for a few days' "

It has been suggested several times that we publish a Directory of Colonial Collectors uniform with our "British Stamp Directory." That such a directory would be valuable goes without saying. We could have all the necessary material in hand in a couple of months or so providing we could get the support requisite to make the production profitable. THE POSTMAN will be very pleased to hear opinions on the matter.

The postman begs to acknowledge the receipt of Messrs. Whitfield King's wholesale price list for September and October, as usual full of excellent and cheap lines for dealers. Mr. S. Stewart also advises him that the Stamp Collector's Almanac for 1900 will be published in December.

Will our Canadian friends please remit in surcharged stamps for small amounts?

Are any of our readers acquainted with "Monsieur The President, Club Philatelique, Catania?" Mr. H. Hunt, of Pittsburg, U.S.A., writes that this party sent him rank counterfeits priced at £2/13/0, English currency, and asked for exchange. I understand these were sent without request and Mr. Hunt wrote "Monsieur" to the effect that he could have his stamps back upon sending postage. The same party sent us a similar lot as payment for an advertisement and we returned at our own cost. Later on, to our surprise, another consignment came to the nominal value of 80 francs 35 centimes and we wrote Monsieur in similar terms to Mr. Hunt. Our estimate of value is about a couple of shillings and the stamps are still here, awaiting a reply. THE POSTMAN has noticed "M. The President's" advertisement in other journals and would advise his readers to be careful.

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

COLLATED BY NON-LEX.

[All information and supposed forgeries may be sent to Non-Lex. Doubtful stamps examined free. Return postage must be sent.]

BRITISH GUIANA.—In the report of one of the meetings of the London Philatelic Society, earlier in the year, the following paragraph appeared:—

"Mr. A. W. Chambers showed two specimens of an unchronicled provisional of British Guiana on their

original envelopes. They consisted of the 4c., blue, 1860 type, perf. 10, cut diagonally, each half being used for the local rate of 2 cents. One of the envelopes was dated in 1879."

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons say: We have never looked upon bisected stamps as of any very great interest, but we have since received a letter from Mr. F. Gregory, a prominent member of the Philatelic Society of Barbados, from which it appears that some fifty or sixty copies at least of these curiosities have turned up, all, as far as he could ascertain, in one office, and that he regards the few copies that he has seen with very great suspicion. There is an "embarrassment of riches" in the way of varieties, for in addition to the halves of 4c. there are halves of 2c. and 8c., and thirds of 12c.!

Mr. Gregory is of opinion that a few genuine fragments have been discovered, and that this has led to the manufacture of others. He has been able to examine six copies in all; not one of these was on an entire envelope, and in every case the portion of the envelope where a stamp is more ordinarily placed was missing. The dated postmarks ranged from 1868 to 1872, and one of those mentioned above was used in 1879, indicating that these provisionals were used from time to time during eleven years, and yet they are only heard of twenty to thirty years later! Four of the copies he examined appeared from the date stamps to have been used in New Amsterdam, but the obliteration was "A03," the mark of Georgetown; on the other hand, a fifth copy which, according to the date marks, only passed from one district to another in Georgetown, had the stamp obliterated with the "A04" mark of New Amsterdam! Again, a bisected 4c., doing duty presumably in the absence of 2c. stamps, appears on a letter posted in New Amsterdam on August 28th, 1868; only five days later a bisected 2c. appears to have *franked a letter* from the same place to Georgetown!

We hear that prices which we should consider extravagant even if the things are genuine have been given for some of these curiosities by collectors in British Guiana itself; we can only suggest to our readers that they would do well to receive anything of this kind with extreme caution.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The September packets are of excellent quality considering the time of year. There are vacancies for one

or two new members. Subscriptions do not commence until January, 1900, so ladies or gentlemen desirous of joining would have a good opportunity of gauging the advantages of the Exchange before permanently deciding. Good references indispensable. Monthly settlements. Rules, &c., from secretary, as above.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—We have received the Annual Report of this society with a request for favourable report in the *Philatelic Chronicle*. Having published reports of the society's doings at the request of the secretary throughout the year—having, in fact, devoted more space to it than to any other society save the Birmingham—we feel great pleasure in printing this little acknowledgment of the receipt of its interesting annual. We notice one paragraph in the secretary's report which reads: "The committee record their cordial thanks to *The London Philatelist*, *The Monthly Journal*, *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain*, *The Philatelic Record*, and *Stamps* for their courtesy in inserting notices of our proceedings." We gather, by inference, that our own action in publishing the notices sent to us by the honorary secretary is *not* looked upon as a courtesy, and therefore we offer to the society our most profound apologies for presuming to print the seven reports we have inserted during the past year—promising that we will not so offend in future.

CIRCULO FILATELICO MATRITENSE (THE MADRID PHILATELIC SOCIETY), 10, Victoria Street, Madrid, Spain.—Every member of this club can exchange their stamps through the exchange committee under the following terms: First.—Each member have to send to the committee their sheets or books priced by Belin catalogue, 1898-99, with a discount of 50%. Second: The committee will take care to distribute those sheets or books between the members of the club, who will receive the stamps with 40% discount. Third: The remaining 10% is kept by the committee to cover their expenses. Fourth: On the months of January and July the committee will settle these accounts with the members, receiving or paying the difference in their favour, according to the said terms. Fifth: Prices are understood in pesetas. Correspondent members have no entrance fee to pay, but only an annual subscription of 6 francs. Any review or philatelic paper who will publish this advertisement in their own language will have the right of an equal advertisement in our paper. [ADVT.]

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