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The Philatelic Chronicle in addition to its very large circle
 of Subscribers, is sent to all the members of the
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THE membership of the BIRMINGHAM
 SOCIETY bids fair to reach 300 by this
 time next year and every philatelist,
 abroad or at home, who can be considered
 anybody, seems to become a member. This
 membership, so numerous and influential,
 causes our task as official journal to be a
 difficult one, inasmuch as we are often at a
 loss to make the contents of the paper of
 value to the body of advanced philatelists to
 whom it is sent. The less exacting, we
 flatter ourselves, are catered for fairly well,
 but we should be glad if some of our
 specialist friends would allow us the privilege
 of publishing the result of their study and
 research. They can be sure of one thing—
 their lucubrations would be placed before a
 circle of readers the most advanced of any
 paper published in the language.

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The annual report of the BIRMINGHAM
 PHILATELIC SOCIETY shows another year of
 success. The membership during 1898-1899
 reached 250 and the finances showed a
 balance in hand of some sixty-seven pounds.
 The exchange packets of the Society circu-
 lated stamps to the value of £29,615, and
 over £4,000 worth were sold or exchanged.
 MR. G. JOHNSON is to be heartily congratu-
 lated upon his successful work as pilot during
 the year and, doubtless, he will be able to
 show as good, or better, account of his
 stewardship in twelve months time. At the
 annual meeting a rule was passed prohibiting
 books of stamps in the packets when such
 books were smaller than the regulation
 sheets of the Society.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—Two more values of the new (small) issue have been seen.
 ½d. yellow-green.
 2d. brown.

CANADA.—We have received the 2c. permanent type. There are, at the present moment, four kinds of 2c. current in Canada.

2c. map.
 2c. surcharged on 3c., figures.
 2c. " " maple leaves.
 2c permanent type.

CHILI.—A 30c. stamp has been issued in deep rose.

COLOMBIA.—A 20c. has been issued of the new type.

20c. brown on lilac.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The penny stamp is to issued on New Year's Day in red. The design will remain the same. The ½d., probably, will appear in green at the same time—both changes being in conformity with the Postal Union requirements.

GRENADA.—The ½d. of the current bi-coloured type is reported to have at last appeared.
 ½d. lilac and green.

INDIA.—The 3p. has been issued with surcharge "On H.M.S."
 Off. 3p. black and carmine.

NEW ZEALAND.—The following are reported as having been printed in the Colony, and perforated 11.

5d. reddish-brown.
 6d. yellow-green.
 8d. blue.

SPAIN.—The 5 and 10 centimos have conformed to the Postal Union colour.

5c. green.
 10c. rose.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—Mr. W. Ditchfield has sent us the 5 dollars, ordinary adaptable type, printed in orange with the words STRAITS SETTLEMENTS and \$5 in red.

\$5 orange and red.

VICTORIA.—The following are the new colours. The designs, watermark, &c., are as before.

½d. emerald.
 1d. rose.
 1½d. carmine on yellow.
 2½d. deep blue.
 5d. reddish-chocolate.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BARBADOS.—The registered envelopes now has the flap to fasten on the front, or address, side.

BRAZIL.—The 100 reis envelope with letters of REIS close together has been surcharged "200" over the figures "100."

CANADA.—The A.J.P. notes two envelopes, probably printed to order, with stamps of the 1887 design.

E. 1d. dark blue on amber manilla, size 265 x 133mm.
 3c. red " "

HOLLAND.—The Dutch envelopes have now stamps of the new type.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—The registered envelope now has the flap on the address front.

3d. rose, flap on front.

VICTORIA.—The new colours of the postal stationery are as below.

E. ½d. emerald, on white laid, size 147 x 90mm.

1d. rose-red " "
 2d. mauve " "

W. ½d. emerald, on white wove, with borders.
 1d. rose " "

ZANZIBAR.—The usual supply of entires has been issued with stamp having portrait of the new Sultan.

E. 2½a. ultramarine.

R.E. 2a. brown-red.

P.C. ¾a. green on buff.

½ + ¼a. " "
 1a. carmine on buff.
 1 + 1a. " "

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

TWO TYPES OF DATE NUMERALS.

IF anyone has already noticed and recorded the fact that there are two—and only two—very distinct types of figures to be seen on dated envelope stamps—such record has not come before me. I had long known that these differences existed, but only recently noticed in what order they are found; and I think they will prove of sufficient interest to repay investigation.

Considering the minute varieties in both lettering and figures which are taken notice of on adhesives—whether they occur in the original design or in an overprint—and the prominence given to such differences by most catalogues, it is only consistent in the collector of English envelopes to duly note these types, and have them systematically represented in his collection. The earlier style is, broadly speaking, that of the figures used in ordinary book type, *i.e.*, with strokes of graduated thickness, *serifs* to the figures 1, 4 and 7, and the curves of the 2, 5, 6, and 9 ending in balls. The later style consists of numerals of the "block" or "*sans-serif*" order, having all

strokes of equal thickness and plain ends. A glance at a few specimens of varying dates will suffice to fix the above differences in the mind's eye. The period of dated dies extended over a little more than 38 years, commencing in December, 1855, and ceasing early in 1894. As far as my observations at present go, the first type alone was employed during the first six years or so. as the earliest appearance of the second style I find to be 1862: now comes the interesting fact that from '62 right on to '94 the first type does not appear again in the year numerals, whereas after 1861 the first two plugs (day and month) show both styles promiscuously for several years. Later on the first type gets scarcer and gradually disappears, so that by 1892 the dating is shown in uniform figures of the block type.

Another curious feature is, that there were two sizes of each figure in the first type, the larger one being used when it stood alone in a circle, whilst the smaller did duty as double figures. In contrast to this, the figures of the later style are uniform in size whether single or double. The foregoing remarks are entirely irrespective of the various values, all of which have the peculiarities of the date numerals in common; except, of course, that 1d. stamp was not dated later than 1885.

FORTHCOMING COLOUR CHANGES.

The New Year will see the colours of 4d. and 1d. stamps altered to green and red respectively; this being in accordance with the recommendations of the Universal Postal Union. While they are about it the authorities might with advantage bring the 2½d. stamp to more nearly match the universal blue. I beg humbly to suggest that the present paper and design be retained, but that the impression be made in deep blue, which would, I think, produce a more artistic effect than is attained by the current dull purple.

It is amusing to read the various comments on this subject in the daily papers: in fact, almost anything on stamps that is written by self-evident non-philatelists tends to excite the risibility of stamp collectors. One paper says that the change of colour will "please philatelists," but will make no difference to anyone else. Another has unaccountably imbibed the notion that a change is rendered necessary because we are again to use separate stamps for postage and revenue purposes.

It is a bit of mystery to me why the average newspaper scribbler should waste his ink on what he evidently thinks will edify his readers as little as it interests himself.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

YOUR poor POSTMAN almost succumbed to the exertion of producing the Big Issue of *The Advertiser*, for everyone was pressed into service

and he, notwithstanding his constitutional infirmity which demands constant rest, had to put his shoulder to the wheel with the others. With such assistance what wonder that it is a howling success from every point of view, and those who missed the chance of advertising therein have only themselves to blame. For the benefit of his dear children your own POSTMAN took the trouble to count the new subscribers to *The Advertiser* since November last year. The old book being full on November 24th, 1898, a supplementary subscribers' book was opened. On November 30th forty-two names graced its pages. On October 21st, 1899, less than eleven months later, the total was 547. *New ones, mind!* Perhaps some of the imitators of the little "*Advertiser*" will now turn out their figures. Which of them can show new subscribers at 50 per month, summer included?

The *Metropolitan Philatelist* of September 23rd devotes a page to exposing the doings of Monsieur The President, Club Philatelique, Catania, whose devious ways were commented upon in last month's "Knock." THE POSTMAN has received another complaint, too, about the notorious Frank Coombs, St. John's, Newfoundland. He thought everybody was cautioned about this trickster.

Mr. O. J. B. Yearsley was the first to send me the 2 cents Canada, permanent type. His letter reached me on September 28th, and next day Mr. C. H. White, of Dublin, sent me one. Thanks both!

Mr. S. Stewart has taken over, once more, the publication of *The Stamp Collectors' Almanac*, last year published by Messrs. Campbell, Ingles and Co. The book will be a great advance upon the last and the price is 6d. post free from The Philatelic Co. or Mr. Stewart. Messrs. Smythe and Co. will publish their useful *Philatelic Almanac* as usual and that may be ordered from Philatelic Publishing Co. also, price 4½d. post free.

Many of you received Messrs. Edward Cooper and Co.'s price list with last month's number of the *Chronicle*. Anyone who did not so receive it should write at once for a copy to Messrs. Ed. Cooper and Co., 14, Archway Road, Highgate, London, N.

Mr. Dolph Ostara is now comfortably settled in his new location, 24, Corporation Street, Manchester. The £400 spent in fitting up the shop has not been wasted for Mr. Ostara now boasts that he has the finest and prettiest stamp shop in Great Britain.

Mr. Brown's paper *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has been disposed of to Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Pemberton. *The Philatelic Record*, the doyen of British philatelic papers, has also been sold—to a

syndicate of collectors. *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has gone over to the majority and *The Stamp Collectors' Guardian*, a new paper, has caught the mantle of the departed—if one is to judge by the reading matter of the first issue which is a most interesting and promising number. *Tempora mutantur, et nos mutamur in illis.*

THE POSTMAN notices in the Philatelic Supplement of *The Bazaar* an article entitled "The Educational Value of Stamp Collecting" by Charles Horner, Associate of the College of Preceptors. One paragraph reads: "Moreover, the arrangement of postage stamps in order of value necessitates a knowledge of the corresponding English value of foreign coins, and so one learns that an Indian rupee is worth 1s. 10½d., an American dollar 4s. 1¼d., a French franc 9½d., a Spanish peseta 10d., 10 centimes 1d., and so on. In a country boasting of its commercial supremacy, such knowledge as this is evidently of *much value.*"

"Of much value" evidently refers to the educational value of foreign currency, which is a different matter entirely to the exchange value—for, by the latter, the Indian rupee realises some 1s. 4d., and the Spanish peseta about 7½d., &c. The contribution is entirely devoid of literary merit but, had it been published prior to Rev. E. Bell's lecture on May 10th (The Educational Value of Philately), it might have been considered innocent of plagiarism.

The Supplement contains an article on the United States periodical stamps which would have been news this time last year. The issue bristles with quotations of and from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* which has been dead for five or six months—one sentence, indeed, reads "I have 'just' read in *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.*" What is the reason? Has the respected editor been emulating Rip van Winkle—or, more possibly, are the remnants of last season's matter being used up to avoid waste. As now presented the Supplement has not the slightest excuse for existence.

POSTAL ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

By WM. D. REED.

(Continued from last Number).

THE ENGRAVED STAMPS.

THE awakened interest in the issues of the Confederate States of America is very pleasing to those who have paid particular attention and devoted considerable study to these stamps. Too

little general attention has been given to the subject. Too many are apt to turn over the half filled sheet of the Confederate government issues with a desultory glance. Too many philatelic writers and critics are accustomed to term philatelic investigation on this subject, old and uninteresting. In 1888, in a paper upon the "Government Postal Issues of the Confederacy," Major E. B. Evans stated that these stamps had "received from philatelists as little attention perhaps as those of any State in the world." This statement was quite correct and is very largely true to-day. But I am gratified to find that ten years have changed the aspect of philatelic study; that the press of the South has entered upon a career of practical efficiency and in that revival has taken up the thorough investigation of the Postal Issues of the Confederate States of America.

In the present series of papers we now come to a discussion of the engraved stamp. This stamp is doubly interesting because of the course of events contemporary with its issue. The last paper that had been sent by England to the Confederate Government was captured by a Yankee blockader. This was chiefly bank-note paper. It was later utilised by the United States Government in printing specimens of its postal currency. Accordingly all the paper utilised for the engraved stamps was secured from New York or manufactured in a Government mill near Columbia, S. C.

The firm of Archer and Daly was formed for the manufacture of the new engraved stamp of the Confederate Government. The bust of Davis on the ten cent blue is a finely executed engraving from a photograph taken for the purpose. The die was made by Mr. Archer. The new stamp appeared in January 1863. A second die was executed by another engraver of the firm, an improvement on the first, and we have the more common 10c. blue. Both plates were used conjointly, but the die of the TEN was early injured in the process of transfer and finally abandoned.

We have 10c. BLUE, DIE A; 10c. BLUE, DIE B, and the 10c. BLUE with outer line. The 10c. blue, with the line around antedates Die B. Specimens of this stamp date as early as April, 1863. I divide the die differences of these stamps as follows:

Die A, showing flaw, a division of the beard and a lessened filling of the hollows in the outer edges about the scroll work.

Die B, no flaw, no division of the beard and a greater attention given to the outer edges of the scroll work. We find the paper of these stamps to be of two varieties of texture. Pure blue, bluish green and greenish blue are the prevalent shades of these stamps, existing on both the thick and the thin paper. I have also seen rare shades in dull blue and chalky blue on thick paper. The bluish green on the thick paper is a very rare shade. Do not expect to readily find all of these shades since some of them are as rare as the TEN.

The 2c. rose was issued in the middle of the year 1863. The small demand was supplied by few printings and there is but a slight range of colour. I give the date 1864 to the 20c. green. This stamp presents many interesting shade varieties.

The contract of Archer and Daly expired in 1864. This contract was not renewed and the printing of the stamps that were used during later days of the Confederacy was done by Keating and Ball, of Columbia, S.C.

The question of perforation furnishes an eligible item of philatelic interest and discussion. There were never any official perforation issues of the Confederate States. Sheets of each value were perforated by the Confederate Post Office Department as an experiment. The machine used was worked by hand. It was slow and unwieldy. The South was at war. Time was vital. Therefore the unperforated stamp remained in use and the few perforated specimens were exhibited as curiosities in the departmental headquarters. When the offices at Richmond were vacated and the Government fled southward, the majority of these perforated specimens were lost. Specimens of the 10c. blue had, however, previously been sent as curiosities to the heads of the various departments of the Confederate Government and from these perforated sheets were eventually used for postage. Among other similar philatelic curiosities are to be classed the privately rouletted and perforated stamps.

Another distinguished feature of the early and later issues of this stamp has aided me in forming an opinion upon the existence of the two dies.

Thus, in Die A the curving line above the words "Confederate States" is broken immediately above the first "T" in "States." In Die B this line is almost always unbroken. The defect in the completed engraving of the early issue of this stamp was realised by the Post Office Department but the demand necessitated an immediate supply and the stamp fulfilled its purpose until a better could be made.

I am indebted to a co-worker in the broad philatelic field of the Postal Issues of the Confederate States for the following table of comparative rarity of used copies of the Confederate issues, with which I will conclude:

1. 10c. blue, engraved, perf.
2. 10c. blue, engraved, outer line.
3. 2c. green, lithographed.
4. TEN c. blue, engraved.
5. 10c. red, lithographed.
6. 2c. rose, engraved.
7. 20c. green, engraved.
8. 10c. blue, lithographed, Die A.
9. 10c. blue, lithographed, Die B.
10. 5c. blue, lithographed.
11. 5c. green, lithographed.
12. 5c. blue, typographed, local print.

13. 5c. blue, typographed, London print.

14. 10c. blue, engraved.

CRETE.

DURING the occupation of Crete, certain stamps are said to have been issued by the authorities.

Nobody seems to have them now, but possibly the dealers will have a supply ere long. The issue is of a decidedly apocryphal character. There are four types as follows. Type 1. Russian Eagle in centre, inscriptions in French. Type 2. Russian Eagle in centre, inscriptions in Greek. Type 3. Trident inscribed oval in centre, with a star on each side of the oval. Type 4. Similar to 3 but without the star. Types 1 and 2 are imperforated, and are surcharged with a large handstamp covering a portion of four stamps. Types 3 and 4 are perforated, and the handstamp is small, and each stamp has its own impression. The coinage is in 'metalik' or 'metallik' of which four equal 1 'grosion' or piastre equal to about 2½d.

Type 1. 1m. blue, handstamp lilac, imperf.

" 2. 1m. green, " blue, " 2m. grey-black, handstamp, blue imperf.

" 3. 1m. rose, handstamp lilac, perf. 1½.

2m. blue, " " "

1g. green, " " "

" 4. 1m. rose, " blue, " "

1g. " " " "

1g. blue, " " "

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.]

GREAT BRITAIN.—Collectors are warned against British stamps with forged perforation. All stamps printed on spray paper and lettered D or H in the lower right-hand corner should have a plain margin *within* the perforation on the right-hand side and those lettered E or I should have a similar margin on the left-hand side. All stamps printed on garter paper and lettered F or G in the same corners should have a margin on the right or left-hand respectively (except in the case of a few 4d., pl. 17, and 8d. orange, printed in 1880). As is well known, specimens are often found with this margin cut off, and it is the practice of certain firms on the Continent to perforate the cut edge. It seems also that this is now being done in England as a collector recently sent us a 2/- brown so perforated and stated that he had had it done himself! The lettering at once proved that the margin had been cut off and the edge re-perforated.

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND.—A number of forgeries of the first issue are being offered in America. The *Australian Philatelist* mentions another pigeon post with the two stamps triangular in shape, the lower 6d. blue for messages from the Island, and a 1/- red for messages to the Island, but they should be received with caution.

HAYTI—We are informed that the Haytian stamps of 1886 perforated 14 and 16, generally considered to be the rarities of this island, are frauds. This discovery is supported upon undoubted authority. Since August, 1889, when the first stamp perforated 16 was chronicled philatelists have had faith in this stamp, they have looked for it and paid high prices for it, unused it was one of the greatest rarities and now it has been discovered that they were made lithographically by some one at Cap Haitien and used by him to defraud the post office. The forgery is not such a good one after all and it is a great wonder they have not been discovered long ago by philatelists.

ITALY.—The "Unpaid" 1870 has been manipulated by carefully removing the central numeral by chemical means and re-printing in an inverted position. I have seen the 2c., 40c., 50c., and 90c. (*sic.*) thus treated. What the 90 means I do not know, but suspect that the forger got confused as to the relative positions of the numerals when inverted (meaning to re-construct a 60) or, what is more probable, only manipulated the 6 instead of both figures. Upon examining the stamps carefully with a good glass, the impression of figures in the normal position can be distinguished in the paper—besides, in those I have seen, each stamp bore a slightly greasy appearance in the neighbourhood of the numerals. The numerals themselves are perfect and look as though they had been transferred from a genuine by some means.

VENEZUELA—Enormous quantities of forged Venezuela of 1896 are on the European market. They were offered to Europeans dealers in whole sets.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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

Oct. 5th, Annual General Business Meeting.

The Officers for 1899—1900 were elected as above. The accounts, showing a balance in hand of £64 19s. 7½d. were audited and found correct. The membership for the past session was 250, the highest yet reached.

The election of the following was confirmed :—Mrs. N. Roach, Messrs C. G. Roberts, W. P. Williams, W. Houtzamer, Rudolf Friedl, A. Sempad.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Lieut. Col. E. Beresford-Coke, Rev. A. E. Woodward, Mrs. H. H. Ashworth, Messrs L. L. R. Hausburg, B. A. P. J. Lloyd, W. Ditchfield, R. T. Morgan, A. Beddig, W. J. Grant, O. Allen.

The exchange packets for value circulated and amounts sold have again easily maintained their position as the best in the world.

The Programme for the season is as follows :—Oct. 5th, 1899, Annual Meeting. Nov. 2nd, Display. South Australia. Dec. 7th, Paper, Mexico, with exhibition of collection, Mr. W. T. Wilson. Jan. 4th, 1900, Display, with notes, British North America, Mr W. Pimm. Feb. 1st, Paper, Egypt, Mr. G. Johnson. March 1st, Display, West Indies, April 5th, Paper, Mr. R. Hollick. May 3rd, Display, African Colonies.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The October 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.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Since the last Club reports were issued the February, March and April accounts have been settled and sheets duly returned. May packets have come back from circulation and are being dealt with as quickly as possible. Applications for membership, which should be accompanied by two references, to be made to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE S. W. LANCASHIRE EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—This Society maintains its proud position as "Cock of the North." October sheets numbered 71 and totalled £694 7s. 1½d., an average of nearly £9 15s. per sheet. With one or two small exceptions all accounts are settled and sheets returned to end of August. Judging from the greatly increased contributions, sales and membership the Secretary is looking forward to a most successful season. The Secretary also wishes to take this opportunity of notifying all members and intending members that books of duplicates, whether large, small or medium in size will on no account be circulated with packets. Rules and particulars will be furnished at request by the secretary, W. Ditchfield, S.E.P.S., 194, Dornin Street, Wigan.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—Copy of a resolution passed at the committee meeting of the Herts Philatelic Society on Tuesday, October 3rd:— ‘That this meeting be directed to express the regret of the Society at the clerical error in the annual report whereby a record of thanks to the *Philatelic Chronicle* for its courtesy during the past season was omitted, and to transmit to the Editor an acknowledgment of the kind insertion of the Society’s reports in his paper.’ At the annual meeting the reports from the librarian, secretary and treasurer were received and passed. The outgoing officers were re-elected except C. R. Sutherland vice Rev. Walter Jenks on the committee. Mr. M. P. Castle accepted office as vice-president. Messrs. W. B. Avery, O. Firth, R. Frenzal, T. W. Hall, R. Meyer, and E. J. Nankivell become hon. members on the invitation of the Committee. A special meeting was held on Tuesday, October 10th. The meeting has been specially convened to give members an opportunity of welcoming Mr. Avery to the Society and of examining a portion of his wonderful collection. The countries selected by Mr. Avery for display were British North America and the United States, and for two hours members were occupied in admiring rarities such as 12d. Canada, U.S. 1869 inverted centres, Newfoundland shillings of 1857 and 1860, &c., &c. At the close of the display, the Chairman (Mr. G. Haynes) congratulated the members on the splendid entertainment they had enjoyed, and in passing a very hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Avery for his courtesy, hoped he would honour the Society in a similar manner on some future occasion. An acknowledgment from Mr. Avery, who wished success to the H.P.S., and a vote of thanks to the Chairman brought the meeting to a close.

THE LADIES’ STAMP EXCHANGE.—From this society poor men is excluded in every shape and form. No dealers are admitted, monthly payments are the rule, references are required and new members wanted. The hon. secretary is Miss L. Haynes, 19, Kensington Park Road, N. Kensington, London, N.

BRISTOL & CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY:—On the first fortnightly meeting of the society Mr. Dalton (hon. secretary) gave a description and display of the stamps of South Australia. In order to exactly illustrate each of the six varieties of type in the “TEN PENCE surcharge,” and also as a means whereby to detect a forgery Mr. Dalton has contrived a very sure and simple test in the form of a transparent film on which is printed a facsimile of each type, which can be so placed as a gauge on the surcharge that the type thereof can be determined precisely. A printed card showing all these various types was kindly presented to each member present by the inventive hon. secretary. On the proposal of the president, seconded by Mr. Cartwright, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Dalton for his very interesting paper and display.

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COINCIDENT with the Great Exhibition of Paris next year will be held a Philatelic Exhibition under the patronage of the SOCIETE FRANCAISE DE TIMBROLOGIE and with the co-operation of the chief national societies of the world. The time is well chosen—in fact no such opportunity has presented itself before or is likely to do so again for many years—for all the world and his wife will be at the gay city next year. Following the example of 1878 the SOCIETE FRANCAISE is organising a Philatelic Congress at which stamps, and all appertaining to them, will be discussed from every point of view. Every philatelist, the world over, is invited to this Congress and, all who have written, or can write, upon stamps—their varieties, their history or the processes employed in their manufacture are specially requested to attend or to send their papers to the Society for recitation by one of themselves. The Congress is far more important than the Exhibition but each adds vastly to the usefulness of the other. Exhibitions we have held in divers places and often—all doing something towards furthering the stamp-collectors pursuit—but this Congress, properly managed at this uniquely opportune time, should have a lasting influence on philately which will throw all previous efforts entirely into the shade.

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We very much regret that "Notes on English" must be omitted from this issue on account of sickness and bereavement in the family of the author. We are sure MR. WEBB has the earnest sympathy of all our readers.

For the Christmas issue of the "*Chronicle*," among other attractive matter, we have secured an interesting illustrated article upon Transvaal stamps from the pen of a well-known writer. This issue is not to be confounded with the Big Issue of the "*Advertiser*" published December 4th. The Christmas "*Chronicle*" and "*Advertiser*" will appear December 20th. We earnestly request our friends to send in early applications for the December Big Issue as we anticipate a great demand for space and, as it may be necessary to add special pages, we wish to know early in order to save delay.

CHRONICLE.

GERMANY.—The following are the particulars of the new issue now in preparation. The values are to be 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, and 80 pfennig and 1, 2, 3 and 5 mark. We append a more detailed description of the lower values.

3, 5, 10, 20 pf., colours as at present, white paper; design, bust of Germania.
 25pf., printed in black on yellow, with orange frame.
 30pf., black on chamois, frame orange.
 40pf., black on white, frame carmine.
 50pf., black on chamois, frame violet.
 80pf., black on rose, frame carmine.

Design of values 25 to 80pf.; Germania in centre, "Reichspost" at top and value below.

The higher values are to be of pictorial designs similar to the U.S. Columbus issue.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Private information states that the postal authorities of New South Wales will at an early date introduce three new denominations of postage stamps into the current series, viz.: 11d., 2/-, and 2/6. The first two have become necessary for the franking of postal packages; the latter is a value never before used in the postage stamps of this colony, but will furnish a happy medium between the 1s. and 5s. now in use.

NEW ZEALAND.—The 2½d. New Zealand print has appeared on unwatermarked paper, some very roughly perforated and some perf. 11. The rough will be very scarce, only a few sheets having been issued. The following no watermark 1898 issue print N.Z. have appeared: 2½d., 6d., 5d., 8d., 9d., 2/-, 5/-. The 1d. and 4d. were changed as regards plate, original

1d. plate is the 4d. and original 4d. is 1d., 1d. rose 4d. blue and brown, but this caused confusion and has been withdrawn for the present. The ½d. 1898 will be changed to a green, and this will probably necessitate the change in colour of 6d. We are indebted to Mr. Hayne of Wellington, N.Z., for this information.

It is considered possible that New Zealand may adopt the measure of Imperial Penny Postage ere long. The local tariff between cities has been reduced from 2d. to 1d.

PERSIA.—There are 16 values, in the new issue, all of the same design as the 1898 issue, and perf. 12½.

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16 shahi, similar colours to 1898 issue, but printed on bluish tinted paper.

1k. carmine.
 2k. dark green.
 3k. lilac,
 4k. orange-red.
 5k. brown.
 10k. dark blue.
 50k. light brown.

The latter are on white paper. The *raison d'être* of these changes appear to be obscure. Altogether Persia has produced 81 new stamps in the last 9 years, which number seems more than ample for Persia's legitimate postal needs.

QUEENSLAND.—The 1/- violet with figures of value in lower corners is now in use.

SAN MARINO.—The little republic of San Marino has issued some values to conform with the decisions of the Universal Postal Congress at Washington, but it is understood that this occasion will be improved by the changes of colour of several values not absolutely required. So far the 5 centesimi stamp has been changed to bluish-green from olive, a change which was not absolutely indispensable; the 10c. is now brown-red instead of green and the 25c. is dark-blue. This last denomination has not been in use since the series of 1892 was issued.

SELANGOR.—The \$10 postage stamp of Selangor which has figures in all the catalogues ever since 1895, but which no one had seen heretofore has only just been issued. Its colour is green and violet.

URUGUAY.—The early issue of a new series of postage stamps for the Republic of Uruguay is announced. The series will comprise: 1 centesimo, green, of the type issued in May, 1890; 2 centesimos, scarlet, of the type of 1889 and 10c. violet, of the type issued in September, 1897. The stamps are being issued because these denominations of the current series have run short and will be used for a short time only. After that they will be withdrawn from circulation. Here are provisionals without surcharge, only a change of colour distinguishing them from former issues.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE big issue of *The Advertiser* is on December 2nd, and don't forget it. This date is tentative only, for it looks at present as though the week beginning December 4th would see its birth, as there is such a rush for space, and consequent increase of labour involved in its preparation. Anyhow, it will be published by Wednesday, 6th December, but any applications for space must be made by November 27th to make sure. It is not too near and not too far off Christmas and should provide an admirable opportunity for dealers' looking out for the Christmas trade.

From earth's furthest bounds come testimonials to the *Advertiser's* value: I got into trouble for filling up with a lot of such notes some many months ago, but I must risk running in a couple received last week, No. 1 from India, dated September 19th: "Regarding inserting advertisements in your *Advertiser*, I beg to say that from the very first beginning I have found out its merit. I have received so many letters answering to this last advertisement of mine that I have nearly run out of stock." No. 2 from *la belle France*: "Un ami me disait dernièrement: Le meilleur et le plus intéressant est toujours le petit '*Advertiser*.' C'est bien la Vérité."

There will be an International Philatelic Exhibition at Paris from August 25th to September 10th, 1900. Persons desiring to exhibit must notify the Secretary (Monsieur A. Coyette, 138 Rue de Rivoli, Paris) before the 31st May, 1900, and sign the specified form.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly publishes an important paper, by Mr Basset Hull, giving a list and a description of a large number of Dies, Plates, Electro-types, etc., from which various issues of the stamps of New South Wales have been printed, and which have now been destroyed as being no longer required for use. Some of these articles possessed a certain amount of historical interest, and it might have been more satisfactory to philatelists if they had merely been carefully defaced and had then been consigned to some museum for safe custody; but it is certainly a great relief to know that no more reprinting of obsolete New South Wales stamps can now take place unless the old copper plates which so mysteriously disappeared are still in existence.

The first and only British philatelic weekly paper seems to be going very strongly. A catalogue of British Colonial stamps is being published in which all minor varieties are completely ignored. This is meant as a guide to collectors who, while devoting their attention to one special country, yet wish to have

a general collection at the same time. The idea, although not new, is carried out in cold type for the first time. Mr. Ewen congratulates himself, with reason, upon the success of his paper so far.

Scott's catalogue for 1900 is now on sale. It can be procured from The Philatelic Publishing Co., at 2/4 post free.

Sure Major Ewan has a pretty wit! In the October *Monthly* he remarks that he trusts "that our old friend *The Philatelic Record* may have a new lease of life and a long one. In the meantime we may note that it has beaten all previous "records" by producing four monthly numbers within two days! Twins we know, triplets we have heard of, but this is almost of the nature of a "litter"-rare achievement!"

Messrs. R. T. Morgan & Co. are giving prizes in a competition wherein purchasers of their packets have to reconstruct a jumbled picture, entitled the birth-place of LLSRRDIINWOHA—Locality DDEERR IIKMTNS. Your Postman cannot claim any previous acquaintance with the gentleman or the locality, but there is a whiff of Welsh Wales about them to his fancy.

Mr. Gray, the Glasgow stamp auctioneer, has initiated a novel and satisfactory method of satisfying those who send him bids for lots put up to auction. He sends back, with any lots purchased, the prices fetched by all lots for which his client sent bids, so that one may know how near or far away was the offer. In another column will be found the list of ten philatelists in connection with Mr. Gray's scheme for giving away ten Eclipse Interchangeable Albums. As these albums are worth £1 17s. 6d. each those lucky enough to secure one are to be congratulated.

From *The Globe*:—"Miss Sarah M. Burks carries the United States mail twice a week over a wild and desolate region in Arizona, where the stealthy Indian of our childhood still counts his scalps and utters weird war-whoops. The *Cincinnati Enquirer* calls the intrepid Miss Burks an 'advanced new woman,' which justifies the old protest against the feminine movement, even if it accounts for her courage. She is a mail woman."

 POSTAL ISSUES OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

THE articles that have appeared in the *Philatelic Chronicle* during the last two months have drawn considerable attention to these stamps. The talented editor of *Stanley Gibbons Monthly*

Journal criticises the first article in the October number, and we have very great pleasure in reproducing his authoritative opinions:—

The interest that has arisen on the other side of the Atlantic in the stamps of the Southern Confederacy shows no signs of dying out. The bitter feelings occasioned by the struggle have passed away, and the present generation of American philatelists can look dispassionately upon these stamps as possessing a vast amount of historical and local interest. The Annual Convention of the Southern Philatelic Association was held at Richmond, where so many of the Confederate stamps were produced, in the latter part of September, and a fine exhibition of those stamps formed a very appropriate part of the entertainment provided for those attending the Convention. Many of the great rarities amongst the local stamps were, we believe, on view, as well as a complete show of the Government Issues, in which we personally take a greater interest. We are still hoping that research upon the spot may produce information as to the actual dates of manufacture and the true order of issue of some of the varieties of these stamps, matters which still remain in doubt; in the meantime we should like much to know what authority a writer in *The Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* has for the definite dates which he gives in a paper on the "Postal Issues of the Confederate States of America." As far as we are aware, all except one of these dates are purely conjectural, and some are shown by the documents we quoted in June last to be quite erroneous. The same may be said as to the statements about the "surcharged" stamps, the writer in question terms them. This expression he applies to the fancy labels in blue and in carmine, made by means of a lithographic transfer of the design of the 5c. stamps of the De la Rue type, with the value altered to "TEN CENTS." There can be little or no doubt that no such stamps as these were ever issued; even if there was any intention to produce 10c. stamps in this manner (and we know of no evidence that there ever was any such intention), it certainly was never carried out, and the only impressions of these things that are known are of later—in most cases of much later—date. In connection with these curiosities the article goes on to say: "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." We wonder whether the writer ever saw a Confederate States stamp with an advertisement on the back of it. We possess sheets of the lithographed labels alluded to above with a handbill printed on the back, but these sheets do not profess to be anything better than reprints of comparatively recent origin: we obtained our copies in 1889 from the person whose advertisement is on them. But this is the first time that we ever heard

it suggested that the Confederate States Government let the backs of its stamps for advertising purposes.

LABUAN.

THE Imperial 1d, rate equal to 4 cents, has been the cause of the issue of a large number of surcharges, both here and in North Borneo. The surcharge consists of '4'—'CENTS' in two lines. The following letter is from a correspondent of the *London Philatelist*.

"Referring to your note in the July *L.P.*, in reference to North Borneo, in which you mentioned the proposed issue on the occasion of North Borneo and Labuan—old offenders—entering the Imperial Penny Postage ranks, of a provisional 4c. stamp, I was under the impression that this rumour had been contradicted. I find, however, from a letter received this morning (October 13th, 1899) from a friend in Labuan, that not only has one provisional 4c. stamp been issued, but that in the case of Labuan no less than nine different values have been surcharged 4c. My friend, in sending me these fifteen stamps—he was only able to get two sets—writes as follows:—'You will notice that there is a big gap in the values of the North Borneo stamps, viz. 5c. to 25c. It appears that three intermediate values were surcharged, but some enterprising individual, presumably in the Singapore Post Office, opened the packet (a brown paper one) and abstracted the whole of the three missing values! So far there is no trace of them. Before the date of issue of these surcharges, the postmaster received, under cover, a large parcel of envelopes from someone in London, stamped with the new surcharges to be posted back to London from Sandakan. As, however, the stamps were not at that time issued in Sandakan, he very properly confiscated the lot. This shows, however, that the British North Borneo Company were selling the stamps in London before they were issued here, or else they were forgeries. Those that were sent out were all sold in Sandakan in about two hours, and although I arranged with the Doctor here to share some sets with him, and his application was received in good time, for some reason or other it was overlooked, and he never got the stamps. With some difficulty I have succeeded in getting a set for you, and one for myself. Dealers in Hong Kong are offering 40c. each for the low values, and \$1 each for the 4c. on \$10. Two sheets of the Labuan surcharge had a double surcharge 4c., I know who bought them and will endeavour to obtain one for you.'

"I thought the above extracts would probably interest you and perhaps the readers of the *L.P.* generally. The following is a full list of the surcharged stamps sent me, and which I shall be happy to forward you for inspection if you would like to see them:

North Borneo, 4c. on 5, 25, 50, 2, 5, \$10.	
Labuan, 4c. on 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25, 50c., \$1."	
4c. in black on 5c. black and green.	
4c. ,, 6c. ,,	carmine,
4c. ,, 8c. ,,	rose.
4c. ,, 12c. ,,	red.
4c. ,, 18c. ,,	clive-brown.
4c. ,, 24c. blue and lilac.	
4c. ,, 25c. black and green.	
42. ,, 50c. ,,	marone.
4c. ,, 1\$. ,,	blue.
4c. on 18c., double surcharge.	

—*Philatelic J. of Great Britain.*

POST OFFICES IN SPAIN.

CURIOUS METHODS OF HANDLING THE MAILS. POOR PLACE TO SEND LETTERS.

A FOREIGNER in Spain sees many irregularities, especially in the post offices. In Potes, a village of twelve hundred inhabitants, in northern Spain, the postmaster was an old man who was usually found asleep, and resented being stirred up to deliver a letter. In the larger post offices the height of confusion is reached, because letters are put into pigeon holes, alphabetically arranged, according to the fancy of the postmaster.

"Mr. John Smith," says Dr. Gadow, in his 'Northern Spain,' "will, on enquiry, probably be told there is nothing for him, because the letter is safely lodged under J, the postmaster having mistaken Smith for an additional surname; but John Smith, Esq., will as likely be regulated to E, and, unless the postmaster is amicably inclined, your letter has a good chance of remaining there until the quarterly or annual clearance, when it may be returned through the dead letter office. I say 'may,' because such letters are considered troublesome, and have a knack of disappearing."

Doctor Gadow, having obtained an introduction to the postmaster of Potes and exchanged compliments with him, was invited to look through his shelves and take his choice. He came across a letter addressed to a gentleman in Cabezon, a town at some distance from Potes. On asking why it had not been sent on, he received this startling answer: "That man is a foreigner—is he not? Well, numbers of strangers come to Potes, and he is as likely to turn up here as at Cabezon!"

At San Sebastian, Doctor Gadow called at the post office twice for a registered letter containing a remittance from his lawyer, and was assured that nothing had arrived. On procuring a note from the English Consul the letter was forthcoming, with the excuse that the post had just come in. He pointed out that the local postmark was five days old; then the postmaster answered that as Gadow ended with "w"

a letter represented in Spanish by double "o" or double "v" the name was a difficult one to pigeon hole.

W. J. PORTER.

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.]

ECUADOR.—The 1865 set of Ecuador was officially counterfeited in 1890. They are not reprints, as somecall them, for they are smaller than the original, hence cannot be reprints.

GREAT BRITAIN.—Specialists in British stamps are warned against early 1d. and 2d. stamps with brilliant green Maltese Cross postmarks, which there is every reason to believe are many years younger than the stamps on which they are found. The source appears to be Edinburgh. The stamps will be found to be more or less carefully cleaned used specimens, one specimen of 1d. black shown to us having a distinct red Maltese Cross under that in green. It may be remembered that Edinburgh was also the source of the ½d. red, plate No. 12 on one side and 13 on the other, a fraud exposed in 1893.

LOMBARDY.—Issue 1850 and 1861. Dr. Diana describes dangerous forgeries of the 15c. red, 1850, type II.; the 45c., type I., and 10 soldi, Eagle type.

ROUMANIA.—1869 issue. 10 bani blue. Lately we found a very good forgery of this stamp, which would have easily passed the post office without detection if it had been made when the stamps were in circulation.

The face, well-drawn, has a different expression, especially the beard and the moustache denote the forgery. The lettering is very well done, but the ornaments at both sides of DECE are faulty.

The colour and the paper are exact and we cannot warn our readers enough to be careful when purchasing this stamp.

SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.—1850 issue. 2 schilling rose. The *Mitteldeutsche Phil Zeitung* brings a very dangerous forgery of the above rare stamp. The points of difference are so small that the greatest precaution must be taken.

The best indication of the forgery is the regular S in the top left corner, this S in the original is quite misshapen, the upper half being too small. The O in POST is scarcely open enough. The number of the feathers in both wings is smaller than in the originals and, especially those on the right hand side, they are too irregular.

The paper is too thin and the silk thread is only pressed into the paper. The colour however, is nearly identical.

TUSCANY.—The stamps of Tuscany upon wove paper: are they proofs or reprints? Dr. Emilio Diena is of opinion that the so-called reprints on white wove paper are really printer's proofs, and that no reprints were ever made. It is true that the 2 soldi, 60 crazie and 3 lire printed in 1866 were partial reprints from the original die, but the separate dies used for adding the different values could not be found and had to be re-engraved.

UNITED STATES.—One of the best counterfeits that has ever been offered is that of the high value "State." I speak of this in the singular as all four values were on one plate.

They came in blocks of four, were very good as to colour and as near like the originals as a lithograph can be to an engraved stamp. Between the upper two lines of the inscription ("Department of" and "State") appears in small black letters, the word "Facsimile." They are of German origin, I believe, and were freely offered and sold some few years ago.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

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

November 2nd. Display. South Australia.

The following were unanimously elected members:—Dr. L. F. Houghton, Messrs. H. M. Hepworth, G. L. Edwards, J. W. Etherington, A. McDonald, J. W. Heath, H. Reeks, E. W. Smith-Delacour, W. E. Fowkes, and F. H. Thompson. It was incidentally mentioned that 41 members of the London Philatelic Society were members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society.

A vote of thanks was given to Mons. T. Lemaire for two bound copies of his catalogue.

The following a very interesting display and discussion of the stamps of South Australia, illustrated by the collections of Messrs. W. T. Wilson, W. Pimm, and T. W. Peck. The discussion brought out the fact that many of the varieties cannot be supplied at catalogue values and that collectors would do well to fill in gaps before the rise which must inevitably take place in the next catalogue and which has already taken place in sales.

MIDLAND COUNTIES STAMP EXCHANGE

(Established 1886).

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

The November 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.

BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A meeting of this society was held on September 19th. In the absence of the president, Mr. N. Glyde Heaven was requested to take the chair. Mr. D. H. McPherson showed about a dozen sheets of the stamps of British Guiana, beginning with the issue of 1860; the various perforations and shades were well represented in each succeeding issue, and were examined with much interest by the members present, of whom there was a very good attendance. The stamps of Austria and Austrian Italy will be the subject for the next meeting on November 2nd.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A general meeting was held at Anderson's Hotel, Fleet Street, on Tuesday, November 7th. At the conclusion of the ordinary business, the Chairman (Mr. Sutherland) announced the death of Mr. W. A. S. Westoby, an esteemed hon. member, and an expression of regret was passed and entered on the minutes. Mr. Frentzel then gave a display of the stamps of Mexico from 1856-83 issues. His collection, which was practically complete, was accompanied with explanatory notes giving an account of the different issues, and varieties of paper, surcharges, postmarks, &c., &c. The splits of the 1856 issue, the 1861 errors, three superb copies of the 3 centavos Eagle issue, the uncatalogued varieties of the 1866-67 issue and the Guadalajoras were perhaps the most noticeable. A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Frentzel for his courtesy was suitably responded to and an enjoyable evening was brought to a close at 9.40 p.m. H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—May packets have come back from circulation, and accounts have been rendered and sheets returned. The newly-joined members include: S. F. Annandale (London), H. Buckley (Christiania), Burton F. Cooper (London), P. J. Fraces (Bushire), Sergt.-Major Glover (Aldershot), T. A. Rance (London), O. Tait (Oporto), W. S. Webb (Walpole). Applications for membership must be accompanied by two references or delay will ensue. Blank spaces, or any other irregularities, should be

reported to secretary direct. Club stationery only should be used; a supply forwarded on application. Secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE LATE MR. W. A. S. WESTOBY.

WE deeply regret to have to inform our subscribers of the death, last month, of Mr. W. A. S. Westoby.

About 1859 Mr. Westoby, then living in Paris, laid the foundation of his collection, but it was not until some years later that he became known to English philatelists by his writings in the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and the *Philatelist* as "A Parisian Collector." He edited the *Philatelic Record* from 1885 to 1895. In 1891 he joined Mr. Philbrick in compiling the London Society's work on the *Postage and Telegraph Stamps of Great Britain*, the second edition of which had just been completed for the press at the time of his death. His work on the *Adhesive Postage Stamps of Europe* was also near completion, all but a few parts having now appeared. In addition to these, he published in 1890 a smaller work on the *Postage Stamps of the United Kingdom, 1840-1890*. For the last 20 years he has edited Messrs. A. Smith and Sons *Monthly Circular*.

Philately has lost in him one of the most respected of its leaders, and his place is difficult to fill even if the task is not impossible.

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- 2.—Miss K. Hilton, Oaklands, Westbere, near Canterbury.
- 3.—M. J. Harding, Esq., 6, Havelock Road, Shrewsbury.
- 4.—H. P. Greenhorn, Esq., Kamesboro', Wynnstay Grove, Fallowfield, Manchester.
- 5.—W. Gilbert, Esq., 37, Kings Road, St. Leonards, Sussex.
- 6.—Arthur Fenwick, Esq., Lynwood, Newcastle-on-Tyne.
- 7.—H. C. Elliot, Esq., 103, Moscow Drive, Liverpool.
- 8.—J. M. Dear, Esq., Gothre House, Baldock, Herts.
- 9.—Miss M. H. Campbell, Nether Place, Manchline, Ayrshire.
- 10.—Mrs. Bailey, Dundas Crescent, Kirkwall, Orkney.

As stated in the advertisement a copy of the above list with certificate of posting was forwarded to the Editor of the "Philatelic Chronicle" immediately after the circulars were posted. ROBERT S. GRAY, 14th Nov., 1899. 213, West Campbell St., Glasgow.

[Notice.—The above list was received by me, in a sealed envelope October 9th, 1899, and opened this day, November 14th, 1899.—Editor P.C. & A.]

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16c. orange.	10 " " green.
20c. lake.	30 " " red.

BOLIVIA —The new set is a handsome lot after the style of the late Argentine issue.

1c. dull blue.	20c. rose.
2c. red.	50c. bistre brown.
5c. deep green.	1 bol., dull mauve.
10c. orange.	

BRITISH HONDURAS.—Current type, 50c. green and red, \$1 green and red, \$2 green and blue, \$5 green and black.

CEYLON.—Large, handsome stamps of value 1 rupee 50c. and 2r. 25c. have been issued.

1r. 50c. rose.
2r. 25c. blue.

GERMANY.—The new stamps will be issued January 1st. The values are 3 pfennig to 5 marks, in various designs.

GUATEMALA.—Mr. Rottmann has sent us a new provisional—the 5c. of 1888 surcharged—UN 1 CENTAVO—in red.

LABUAN AND NORTH BORNEO—1,000 copies of each variety of the surcharged stamps 4 CENTS were sent out to the East but *ten thousand* of each were retained for sale in London so that they are not likely to be of much value as a speculation.

NETHERLANDS.—The new issues have been surcharged Ned. Indie 10c., 12½c., 15c., 20c., 25c., 50c., 2½ gulden; Curacao, 25c., 1g. 50c. on 2g. 50c.; Suriname, 50c., 1g., 2½g.

TURKEY.—The following notice appears in the Official Gazette:—"NEW POSTAGE ISSUE FOR 1316. A new issue of postage stamps for the financial year 1316 (March 1st, 1900), is being prepared at the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. This new set will comprise two series, eight each, for inland and foreign postage, and will be printed under the superintendence and according to the designs of Ahmed Nazim Bey, of the War Office. The new stamps will be of 5, 10, and 20 paras, and 1, 2, 5, 25 and 50 piastres." The above information is sent us by Mr. Onnig S. Berberian.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

CHRISTMAS comes but once a year! This is an original thought of mine and I am rather fond of it! I wonder it has never yet occurred to any other of our great writers—but these seemingly obvious truths are really the spontaneous effusions of great minds—simple as they seem when once brought before the notice. This expression of mine will become crystallised in the literature of the language, mark me, and will be quoted as long as the English and the American languages are spoken—yet how few will remember the originator—your poor humble POSTMAN.

No matter! Christmas comes, &c., and your poor POSTMAN once more wishes you all a HAPPY CHRISTMAS. Thanks to a judicious and timely application of the Married Woman's Property Act he will be able, this year, to enjoy his Christmas at ease among his own *lares* and *penates* if only the landlord can be kept at bay.

Allons! A very old friend, Mr. Roger Wilson, writes THE POSTMAN as follows from "The States": "United States colonials (!) occupy still first place in local interest. The Porto Rico set, surcharged on current U.S. is practically obsolete, and in future the

ordinary unsurcharged set will do duty in the island. "Guam"—a set, including the \$1, is to be surcharged with the name of this "colony" and possibly 5% of these labels will do postal service—the rest will be unloaded on the long-suffering collector, to the huge profit of a few privileged dealers over here, who will have the handling of them, and, encouraged by this, it is only a matter of a short time before the official hucksters in Washington will issue a full set, including dollar values, for the urgent requirements of a few hundred half-naked savages, inhabiting the newly-acquired Samoan islet!"

For thirteen years the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange has been in existence. The oldest stamp exchange in the United Kingdom, as well as one of the best, the Secretary believes that the coming year will be the record one in its existence. To show how the members appreciate the exchange I quote a few words from the letter (Nov. 11th, 1899) received from a member. Mr. W. E. Sprange, who is compelled to resign upon taking his residence in the far East: "I am glad to say of all the clubs I belonged to I consider yours is the best regulated." Owing to the natural relapses which occur at the end of the year there are three or four vacancies that require filling. The rules provide that members who join after December do not pay subscription until July, in order to give an opportunity of trying the club. This is very fair, for new members may then see what they are taking up before permanently joining. Some further information will be found under Society Reports.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons announce a new edition of their catalogue for 1900. They anticipate publishing Part I. (Great Britain and Colonies) in January and Part II. (Foreign Countries) in March. The illustrations will be new throughout, having been prepared at considerable expense during the last few months. Orders for either part may be booked, 2/3 post free, from the Philatelic Publishing Company, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB

POSTAL PAID-MARKS.

CONFIRMING all I said of these should-be-collected items in our number for February last, I now follow it up with a list of the towns—apart from the many varieties and names in the Metropolitan District—from which I have seen specimens in the modern style; viz.:—Birmingham, Bristol, Dudley (Worc.), Glasgow, Halifax, Hull, Leeds, Manchester (4 types, 1883 to 1899), Newcastle-on-Tyne, Walsall, and Wisbech. There are probably

several more; and if readers will report to me what others they know of, we may get a fairly complete list. With regard to London, a mark in red bearing the word "paid," but no expression of value, was in use 20 to 30 years ago (and perhaps more recently) which is usually found impressed on the front of incoming foreign and colonial letters of that period, which had been fully prepaid by the stamps of the country of origin. Also at Liverpool a red mark was similarly used for incoming ship mails. These appear to have been used merely to indicate official endorsement of the correctness of the prepayment by stamps, and are therefore postmarks pure and simple, not to be classed with those paid-marks which are in themselves the sole receipt for postage paid in cash, and therefore are a sort of postage stamp.

PHILATELY OF THE P.O. SAVING-BANK.

What direct connection can there be between this useful and popular branch of our post office system and stamp collecting? This is not a conundrum, though they are in season, and if it were I could hardly hope for the answer, as the magic link is, I fear, but slender and perhaps may never have been perceived before; but if not conundrumical, I am here getting enigmatical, so, as you give it up, let me explain. The acknowledgment, which each deposit brings by post from the Chief Office, is franked you will observe by a hand-stamped mark in red, bearing the words "London, Official Paid." This, of course, has some philatelic interest, under the claims alluded to in the preceding note, though by most people regarded as "only a postmark." But, but once upon a time these acknowledgment forms had a printed stamp, and that too, so far as I am aware, of a type all to themselves. I distinctly remember seeing several of them some 15 or 20 years ago (more or less), and though even then I was a stampist I had not developed sufficient philatelic instinct to annex any for my beloved young collection, though I might have had any number for the asking. But alas! those documents had a knack of getting destroyed periodically, for nobody wanted to save them longer than the next annual balancing of their books. Yet there may be still in some forgotten pigeon-hole of the old family "bureau" a few stray survivals of these unique papers—certainly very collectable now as a desirable variety of stamped official form. To describe the stamp is simple: it was a double line circle, within which was the word LONDON above, with PAID across the centre. So far as I remember there was nothing more. It was clearly and neatly printed in bright red on the blue paper still in use for these forms. I shall be very glad to hear from any reader who can lay hands on one or more examples of this nearly-forgotten stamp, our appreciation of which is so entirely posthumous.

POSTCARD DISTINCTIONS.

In the November issue of *Stamps* Mr. W. T. Wilson in his "Postcard Notes" kindly puts me right on the subject to which I directed attention in September (page 91) viz., the means of telling for certain whether any given white card with arms of type III. is a "post office" or "private" one. Mr. Wilson says that though my statement about the stop after "side" is correct it is not a safe way of distinguishing them, inasmuch as the stop is sometimes absent on cards of undoubted P.O. origin; granted, Mr. Wilson, but are not such cards invariably of the arms III. (current) variety? As the present size of arms has never been used for private stamping at all I saw no reason to bring them or their accompanying varieties into the question.

Mr. Wilson pertinently points out that he *thinks* the arms themselves are the best test, as there are two varieties of the size usually known as type II. (14½ mm. wide): that used on Government cards showing the chain intact on the neck of the unicorn, whilst on the private cards the chain is absent from the neck, only showing below the body. I am obliged to Mr. Wilson, and I recognise that his test is as good as mine, as freely as I hope that he now sees mine is as good as his. Now I take the liberty of questioning his closing statement that the "mutilated type II. arms appeared *exclusively on private cards!*" What sort of arms, friend Wilson, do you find on threepenny postcards? They were not stamped to order, you know

THE TRANSVAAL REVENUE STAMPS.

BY WALTER MORLEY.

[For illustrations of the different types see plate given with this issue.]

THE prominence of affairs in the Transvaal is not without its effect on the philatelic community as the increased demand recently both for the postage and fiscal stamps testifies, and the Editor of the *Philatelic Chronicle* having evinced a desire to inform his readers what revenue stamps have been in use in this State I have prepared the following list from the stamps that are known to me or in my own collection.

The dates of issue are mostly taken from the stamps bearing the date of cancellation, and without any official records or documents to refer to it is probable there will be errors and omissions, and I hope collectors will inform me or the Editor of any varieties they possess that are not chronicled here.

1874. Type I.

6d. red on blue, imperf.

1/- red on green, imperf.

1/6 black on yellow, imperf.
 2/- red on white, imperf.
 5/- black on orange, imperf.
 10/- black on green "
 £1 black on rose "
 £2 " " white "
 £5 " " blue "

NOTE.—Most of above issue are found rouletted, and also in varieties of shades, and I have the 2/- value in my collection pin-perforated—apparently the same perf. as exists on the postage stamps.

1877. Surcharged v.B. TRANSVAAL in black. Type II.

6d. red on blue, imperf.
 1/- red on green "
 1/6 black on yellow "
 2/- red on white "
 5/- black on orange "
 10/- " green "
 £1 " rose "
 £2 " white "
 £5 " blue "
 6d. red on blue, inverted surcharge.

1/- " green " "
 1/6 black on yellow " "
 2/- red on white " "
 5/- black on orange " "

NOTE.—So far I have not noted any errors in the surcharge except the inverted varieties chronicled above, but it is possible some exist. I have not found any of this issue surcharged in red, though I have the £1 value in my collection acubly surcharged in black and red. Some values are found rouletted and I have also a number of copies divided which were used for half their original value.

1878. Surcharged v.B. Transvaal in red. Type III.

1/- black on blue, imperf.
 " " variety with smaller T to Transvaal.
 " " without stop after R.

NOTE.—This is evidently a change of colour both in the stamp and surcharge. This is the only value I have seen with this surcharge, and as a change of Government came into force in this year with an entirely fresh series of stamps it is uncertain if any other values were altered in colour, &c. I have not met with this stamp unsurcharged.

1878. Type IV.

6d. rose, perf. 14½.
 6d. lilac-rose "
 1/- blue "
 1/6 green "
 1/6 sage-green "
 2/- brown "
 2/6 vermilion "
 5/- green "
 10/- slate "
 £1 yellow-brown "
 £2 black "

£5 carmine, perf. 14½.

£10 brown "

£20 green "

NOTE.—This issue is somewhat similar to the postage stamps of this date and is a very attractive set. I have half of the 6d. rose used as 3d. in my collection, and proofs on card of the 5/- in pale rose and £5 in blue.

1884? Type I.

£5 blue on white, perf. 12.

NOTE.—This stamp is another puzzle, especially as to the actual date of issue, and it is not known if any other values were prepared or issued so perforated.

1888. Type V.

This issue consisted of 12 values, and the following perforations are found 14, 11½, 11½ x 14. The 14 perf. was evidently that first in use, but I am unable to say at what date the others came into use, neither have I been able as yet to find a complete set in either perfs. and I give a list of values only as found by me in each variety of perforation.

6d. rose, perf. 14.

1/- greenish-yellow. "

1/6 brown " "

2/- orange " "

2/6 violet " "

5/- bronze-green " "

10/- yellow " "

£1 brown " "

£2 violet " "

£20 blue " "

NOTE.—The £5 and £10 not found with above perf.

6d. rose, perf. 11½.

6d. carmine " "

1/- greenish-yellow " "

1/6 brown " "

2/- orange " "

2/6 violet " "

5/- bronze green " "

£1 brown " "

NOTE.—The 10/-, £2, £5, £10, £20 not found in this set.

6d. rose, perf. 11½ x 14.

1/- greenish-yellow " "

1/6 brown " "

2/6 violet " "

5/- bronze-green " "

10/- yellow " "

£1 brown " "

£2 violet " "

£5 sage-green " "

£10 green " "

NOTE.—The 2/- and £20 not found in this set. The £5 and £10 appear here but not in either of the other two perfs.

THE PENNY VALUES, 1876 TO 1895.

I have taken this value separately, as up to

Revenue Stamps of the Transvaal.



Type I.



Type II.



Type III.



Type IV.



Type V.



Type VI.



Type VII.



1895 an embossed stamp somewhat similar to our "cheque stamps" was used on various coloured papers and it is at present much too difficult a subject to assign them correctly with the various issues of the other values. They appear and have been thought by many to be non-adhesives. Possibly the same die may be used for stamped paper, if such is in use in this State, but those described are undoubtedly adhesives and are frequently found in pairs.

1876 (?) Inscribed "Zuid Afrikaansche Republiek, Een Penny."

1d. plain embossed on white paper, imperf.

1878 (?) Inscribed "Transvaal, One Penny."

1d. plain embossed on white paper, imperf.

1d. " " " pale rose "

1d. " " " pale green "

1895. Type V.

1d. pale blue, perf. 11.

REGISTRATE AND PERMIT (CUSTOMS).

1893. Type VI.

6d. green, blue and rose on white paper, perf. 11½.

1/- blue, red and green " " "

5/- red, blue and green " " "

RAILWAYS.

Type VII.

6d. blue, perf. 11½.

1/- red "

NOTE.—A 1d. and 3d. value are stated to exist but I have not seen them.

Collectors will see from above notes that there is plenty of room for a specialist for study and research, and I would like to draw the attention of specialists in Transvaal Postage Stamps to the serious study of the revenues. Many of the postage stamps are found used fiscally.

THE STAMPS OF SCHLESWIG-HOLSTEIN.

BY REV. H. WENDT.

IT is interesting to know how the stamps of these two small countries came into existence, and how they soon disappeared. On March 24th, 1848, the provisional government of the dukedoms was constituted, and on April 25th the constitution was made public. The postal affairs in the dukedoms were performed before the year 1848 by the secretaryship of the general post direction in Copenhagen. With the new government a post bureau was established, controlled by the finance department.

The manager of this bureau was Dr. Hans W. Ahlmann, jun. This energetic man reorganised the whole postal affairs, and in March, 1850, brought

before the highest convention of the people a sketch, or better, bill for the introduction of stamps. This bill was accepted by the House on March 26th and made public on April 8th. The next step was to find a suitable party who would undertake the work. Negotiations were made with a Mr. Wiener to engrave the first stamps, but as he asked too much for labour a contract could not be made. Soon after, May 15th, a Mr. Rindermann lithographed a number of stamps and sent fourteen to the government as samples. They were blue and black on different papers. Of these three copies are known to exist yet.

Finally, the book printers, Kœbner and Lehmkuhl Co., in Altona, received orders to send proof impressions to the government. As they received no orders in regard to denominations, &c., they prepared a great number of different values. The bureau, however, only accepted the 1sch and 2sch. stamps, and on July 5th, 1850, ordered 2,000,000. The company went to work, and from November 10th, 1850, to February 1st, 1851, they delivered 1,300,000 1sch. blue and 700,000 2sch. red. Accordingly, on November 15th, the same day as in Russia, the first Schleswig-Holstein stamps were put on sale. However, Denmark had again taken possession of Schleswig, consequently the stamps could only be used in Holstein, and even there for only a short time. The civil magistracy prohibited further sales on February 1st, 1851, because the coat of arms of the dukedoms adorned the stamps. The stamps already in the hands of the public were good for postage until August 31st, 1851.

So we find that the Schleswig-Holstein stamps were sold from November 15th, 1850, to February 1st, 1851, and were used as late as August 31st of the same year. According to Rosekrantz only 8,701 stamped letters passed through the post office during this time. The postage on these letters was 15,731 schillings, so about 8,000 1sch. and 4,000 2sch. stamps were used. Two millions were issued. What became of the o. g. stamps? Until 1864 they remained in the archives at Copenhagen. It is thought that the greatest number came into the hands of dealers.

These facts reveal the scarcity and therefore the high price of the used Schleswig-Holstein. Moral: As a rule one should collect used stamps.

A SOUTH AMERICAN SWINDLER.

THE party referred to above has no connection with the engineers of that gigantic philatelic swindle, Williams and Co., of Lima, Peru, he has his *locus operandi* upon the other side of the continent "and the places thereunto adjacent."

Without further introduction I may say that he has masqueraded under a number of aliases since 1896 (if not earlier), the object being to victimize philatelists

and the methods partaking very much of the character of those employed by the notorious firm referred to above.

He was known in 1897 as Samuel W. Carter, and his address was 101, Regent Street, Georgetown, Demerara. Early in 1899 he was Wm. A. Reid, c/o Cyril Brewster and Co., Port of Spain, Trinidad, and about June of this year he was Wm. A. Reid, 28, Tyrrell Street, St. George's, Grenada, West Indies. In the intervals he was a firm of stamp dealers at Georgetown, Demerara, whose name, having no definite proof, I prefer not to give, while, at the present moment, I have a suspicion that he is a reverend gentleman of British Guiana who has recently adopted a system of philatelic letter-writing, but whose identity I only surmise.

Early in this year Messrs. Healey and Co. were applied to by Mr. Reid, writing upon the note-paper of Cyril Brewster & Co., Lim., general importers and manufacturers' agents, of Demerara—but having branches at Barbados, Trinidad, and St. Thomas. The applicant wanted choice stamps—none to catalogue under 2/6 each, and immediate cash payment was promised. Messrs. Healey, who are not quite so child-like as some, although having no special reason for suspicion, sent stamps to the value of £50 addressed to the firm, requesting their return if the "firm's" employee was not considered reliable. Here the correspondence abruptly ended. The "firm" was annoyed at even the slightest shade of suspicion attaching to their employee and, in their just indignation, dropped the correspondence—at least that may have been the reason for Messrs. Healey heard no more of their stamps.

Eventually, other means having failed, a letter to the Governor of Trinidad elicited the information through the local police that there was no such firm in Trinidad, but that two men, Brewster and Reid, were in the habit of calling at the Rose Hill post office for letters. Some time previous to July, Reid told the postmistress that he was going away. He did not state whither, he has not been seen since, nor does anyone in the neighbourhood know either himself or his confederate. So the matter stands.

The later letters of Reid have been type-written. His own handwriting is large and uneducated. As Carter he despised capital letters and had the utmost contempt for grammar and orthography, but the typewriter has modified—or at least made less objectionable—these qualities. I would warn my readers, for the present, to be very careful with the correspondent in British Guiana and not to deal with strangers from the islands unless the home references are unimpeachable.

[THE GREEN ON RED MALTESE CROSS POSTMARKS.—This interesting article is held over until next month by reason of lack of space.—ED.]

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND STAMPS.

BY NON-LEX.

IN "Philatelic Frauds," October instalment, I gave a warning about Great Barrier Island stamps. I very much doubt whether many people have been taken in by these things for surely philatelists are not such dullards as to buy this utter rubbish—whether forged, faked, or so-called genuine. They are all tarred with the same brush, for, if John Smith, of Auckland, N.Z., can issue a label for a two-penny halfpenny island a few miles away I see no reason why John Smith of Walsall may not do the same although he is some few thousand miles further from the spot. The status of the labels is clearly shown when we consider that they were used for a few days or weeks—at least the exploiters say they were used—for the benefit of the four or six people who reside in the island and then . . . they are sold—lock, stock and barrel—to the dealers for the benefit of philatelists! In my opinion the stamps of Trinidad, as issued by the late lamented Baron Hickey, were infinitely more genuine, for he *did* claim a proprietorship of the island. Still, the Barrier stamps were accepted by the dealers for the use of philatelists, and then another party thought he would like to share the spoil and made a second series—or was it that he *imitated* a second series? I do not know as I am neither an expert in nor a holder of Barrier Island stamps—one of the few things I have to be proud of!

I do not propose to tell the tale myself. I will merely preface with the information that some time ago the *Montreal Philatelist*, owned and edited by Mr. R. C. Bach, announced that two companies were operating a pigeon post (all things considered, how splendidly "pigeon" post embodies the whole operation) and describing the variations in the stamps, I will let the cuttings from various papers tell the rest of the story, but first I am commissioned to give the heart-felt thanks of the Barrier Island inhabitants to those who have so generously catered to their wants. There is only one complaint to make—they would have preferred a couple more companies to have "operated" in order that each inhabitant might have patronised his own separate fancy! . . . The following are cuttings:—

When the Canadian Government called for 1,000 volunteers to serve in the Transvaal War, the Editor, Mr. R. C. Bach, was amongst the first to offer his services to fight under the flag that "for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze." The journal is now in the able hands of Mr. Wurtele. . .

About three weeks ago I went into a local dealers and happened to pick up a little rubber stamp that was on the table and stamped it on a piece of paper. To my surprise I read "Great Barrier" above, and "pigeon service" below in a circle, and in the centre in a straight line, "Apr. 3, '99." As soon as he saw

I was handling the stamp he snatched it out of my hands. . . . The stamp is a forgery and the forger, or one of them is a Montrealer. As soon as he saw he was discovered he sold his shop and went away. The gentleman who bought the business found a whole lot, with a few cuts, in an old box on which was marked "Personal Property, Don't Open." . . .

The *Montreal Philatelist* for November has appeared under the management of F. W. Wurtele, trustee of the estate of R. C. Bach, who has gone to fight the Boers. It is thought by some that fighting the Boers will be much more pleasant than the fighting he would have had at home since the leaking out of the Great Barrier Island swindle, for which the Dominion Stamp Co., of which he was manager, is responsible.

Quite a sensation was caused among the philatelists of this city when it came out that the "Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post" stamps (?), with which the country has been flooded, had been printed, perforated and cancelled in this city. Although there has always been a strong suspicion that these stamps were not "all right" it was hardly thought that they were being manufactured in this city. The whole scheme was worked by the manager of the Dominion Stamp Co. who is now on his way to South Africa with the Canadian Volunteers. But this is not all, as it is said that in the same box in which the stock of Pigeon Post stamps were found, there were several hundred counterfeit 3d. Canada which were evidently awaiting the cancelling stamp. . . .

The statement made by your Canadian correspondent regarding the fake Great Barrier Island stamps, caused me no surprise, as I have known for some time that the stamps were undoubtedly forgeries. The minute I received a consignment from the party who has the name of making them, I doubted their authenticity. People should have been taught a lesson when the same party claimed to have found some old and rare British Guiana stamps and which were, I believe, submitted to Mr. C. E. Hussman of St. Louis, who pronounced them crude forgeries. When Bach visited this city last spring, he informed the writer that he had received an offer (*by cable*) for the stamps from England. I believe the price was \$600. Whether he disposed of them or not I am unable to say. Mr. Bach was rather reticent on the matter when questioned closely.

The Great Barrier Pigeon Agency has discovered that inhabitants exist on the Hen and Chicken Islands, about 80 miles north of Auckland, and has kindly placed a postal service at their disposal by surcharging the "Pigeon" stamps, *Marotiri*, the Maori name for the islands, in blue. The inhabitants don't know anything about it yet but are expected to greatly appreciate the favour later on. A malicious rumour has been circulated that the said inhabitants are sea-birds and wild hogs. I hasten to assure philatelists

that this statement is misleading, if not erroneous. There are several inhabitants of the human species on the islands, who are making rapid advances towards civilisation thanks to the occasional visits of stray whaling vessels—indeed, I understand they have almost entirely abandoned their cannibal propensities already. The local currency is as follows:—25 cowries = 1 yam, 100 yams = 1 hog, 5 hogs = 1 bottle of rum. The next issue of stamps will be priced in this currency. The usual discount, of course, will be allowed to dealers.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On December 1st the following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. C. R. Corfield, L. P. Hernandez, E. Tautz, J. M. Minwala, W. Ackland, J. M. Bartels, D. Agemiau, F. E. Remfry.

Mr. W. T. Wilson then showed his superb collection of Mexican stamps.

It was a great treat to all those who were present, and showed the immense possibilities there are in this extremely interesting country and the great rise there will be in prices when the relative rarity, in many of the earlier issues, is recognised.

A large amount of very interesting information was given which we trust, for the good of philately, will at no distant date be accessible to all students of this country's stamps.

The chief points touched upon were naturally the difficult ones. (1) The arrangement and re-arrangement of the plates as shown by the different spacing between the horizontal rows of the 1856 issue; (2) the sub-consignment numbers of the 1864-7 issues; (3) the reasons and necessity for the surcharge of town and district names on all the issues down to comparatively recent years.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, the last packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E. but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until July 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal) if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road Handsworth, Birmingham.

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Early in this year Messrs. Healey and Co. were applied to by Mr. Reid, writing upon the note-paper of Cyril Brewster & Co., Lim., general importers and manufacturers' agents, of Demerara—but having branches at Barbados, Trinidad, and St. Thomas. The applicant wanted choice stamps—none to catalogue under 2/6 each, and immediate cash payment was promised. Messrs. Healey, who are not quite so child-like as some, although having no special reason for suspicion, sent stamps to the value of £50 addressed to the firm, requesting their return if the "firm's" employee was not considered reliable. Here the correspondence abruptly ended. The "firm" was annoyed at even the slightest shade of suspicion attaching to their employee and, in their just indignation, dropped the correspondence—at least that may have been the reason for Messrs. Healey heard no more of their stamps.

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The later letters of Reid have been type-written. His own handwriting is large and uneducated. As Carter he despised capital letters and had the utmost contempt for grammar and orthography, but the type-writer has modified—or at least made less objectionable—these qualities. I would warn my readers, for the present, to be very careful with the correspondent in British Guiana and not to deal with strangers from the islands unless the home references are unimpeachable.

[THE GREEN ON RED MALTESE CROSS POSTMARKS.—This interesting article is held over until next month by reason of lack of space.—ED.]

GREAT BARRIER ISLAND STAMPS.

BY NON-LEX.

IN "Philatelic Frauds," October instalment, I gave a warning about Great Barrier Island stamps. I very much doubt whether many people have been taken in by these things for surely philatelists are not such dullards as to buy this utter rubbish—whether forged, faked, or so-called genuine. They are all tarred with the same brush, for, if John Smith, of Auckland, N.Z., can issue a label for a two-penny halfpenny island a few miles away I see no reason why John Smith of Walsall may not do the same although he is some few thousand miles further from the spot. The status of the labels is clearly shown when we consider that they were used for a few days or weeks—at least the exploiters say they were used—for the benefit of the four or six people who reside in the island and then . . . they are sold—lock, stock and barrel—to the dealers for the benefit of philatelists! In my opinion the stamps of Trinidad, as issued by the late lamented Baron Hickey, were infinitely more genuine, for he *did* claim a proprietorship of the island. Still, the Barrier stamps were accepted by the dealers for the use of philatelists, and then another party thought he would like to share the spoil and made a second series—or was it that he *imitated* a second series? I do not know as I am neither an expert in nor a holder of Barrier Island stamps—one of the few things I have to be proud of!

I do not propose to tell the tale myself. I will merely preface with the information that some time ago the *Montreal Philatelist*, owned and edited by Mr. R. O. Bach, announced that two companies were operating a pigeon post (all things considered, how splendidly "pigeon" post embodies the whole operation) and describing the variations in the stamps, I will let the cuttings from various papers tell the rest of the story, but first I am commissioned to give the heart-felt thanks of the Barrier Island inhabitants to those who have so generously catered to their wants. There is only one complaint to make—they would have preferred a couple more companies to have "operated" in order that each inhabitant might have patronised his own separate fancy! . . . The following are cuttings:—

When the Canadian Government called for 1,000 volunteers to serve in the Transvaal War, the Editor, Mr. R. C. Bach, was amongst the first to offer his services to fight under the flag that "for a thousand years has braved the battle and the breeze." The journal is now in the able hands of Mr. Wurtele. . .

About three weeks ago I went into a local dealers and happened to pick up a little rubber stamp that was on the table and stamped it on a piece of paper. To my surprise I read "Great Barrier" above, and "pigeon service" below in a circle, and in the centre in a straight line, "Apr. 3, '99." As soon as he saw

I was handling the stamp he snatched it out of my hands. . . . The stamp is a forgery and the forger, or one of them is a Montrealer. As soon as he saw he was discovered he sold his shop and went away. The gentleman who bought the business found a whole lot, with a few cuts, in an old box on which was marked "Personal Property, Don't Open."

The *Montreal Philatelist* for November has appeared under the management of F. W. Wurtele, trustee of the estate of R. C. Bach, who has gone to fight the Boers. It is thought by some that fighting the Boers will be much more pleasant than the fighting he would have had at home since the leaking out of the Great Barrier Island swindle, for which the Dominion Stamp Co. of which he was manager, is responsible.

Quite a sensation was caused among the philatelists of this city when it came out that the "Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post" stamps (?), with which the country has been flooded, had been printed, perforated and cancelled in this city. Although there has always been a strong suspicion that these stamps were not "all right" it was hardly thought that they were being manufactured in this city. The whole scheme was worked by the manager of the Dominion Stamp Co. who is now on his way to South Africa with the Canadian Volunteers. But this is not all, as it is said that in the same box in which the stock of Pigeon Post stamps were found, there were several hundred counterfeit 3d. Canada which were evidently awaiting the cancelling stamp.

The statement made by your Canadian correspondent regarding the fake Great Barrier Island stamps, caused me no surprise, as I have known for some time that the stamps were undoubted forgeries. The minute I received a consignment from the party who has the name of making them, I doubted their authenticity. People should have been taught a lesson when the same party claimed to have found some old and rare British Guiana stamps and which were, I believe, submitted to Mr. C. E. Hussman of St. Louis, who pronounced them crude forgeries. When Bach visited this city last spring, he informed the writer that he had received an offer (by cable) for the stamps from England. I believe the price was \$600. Whether he disposed of them or not I am unable to say. Mr. Bach was rather reticent on the matter when questioned closely.

The Great Barrier Pigeon Agency has discovered that inhabitants exist on the Hen and Chicken Islands, about 80 miles north of Auckland, and has kindly placed a postal service at their disposal by surcharging the "Pigeon" stamps, *Marotiri*, the Maori name for the islands, in blue. The inhabitants don't know anything about it yet but are expected to greatly appreciate the favour later on. A malicious rumour has been circulated that the said inhabitants are seabirds and wild hogs. I hasten to assure philatelists

that this statement is misleading, if not erroneous. There are several inhabitants of the human species on the islands, who are making rapid advances towards civilisation thanks to the occasional visits of stray whaling vessels—indeed, I understand they have almost entirely abandoned their cannibal propensities already. The local currency is as follows:—25 cowries = 1 yam, 100 yams = 1 hog, 5 hogs = 1 bottle of rum. The next issue of stamps will be priced in this currency. The usual discount, of course, will be allowed to dealers.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

On December 1st the following were unanimously elected members:—Messrs. C. R. Corfield, L. P. Hernandez, E. Tautz, J. M. Minwala, W. Ackland, J. M. Bartels, D. Agemiau, F. E. Remfry.

Mr. W. T. Wilson then showed his superb collection of Mexican stamps.

It was a great treat to all those who were present, and showed the immense possibilities there are in this extremely interesting country and the great rise there will be in prices when the relative rarity, in many of the earlier issues, is recognised.

A large amount of very interesting information was given which we trust, for the good of philately, will at no distant date be accessible to all students of this country's stamps.

The chief points touched upon were naturally the difficult ones. (1) The arrangement and re-arrangement of the plates as shown by the different spacing between the horizontal rows of the 1856 issue; (2) the sub-consignment numbers of the 1864-7 issues; (3) the reasons and necessity for the surcharge of town and district names on all the issues down to comparatively recent years.

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NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

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MORE POSTCARD ITEMS.

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The "English Stamp Exchange," lately carried on by Mr. G. A. Foster, has been taken over by Mr. W. S. Webb, secretary of the "British Specialist" club, with which it is now incorporated. The united club will henceforth be known as the "Greater Britain Stamp Exchange," and is likely to become one of the strongest of the specialist or restricted exchange clubs. Only British, Colonial, and United States stamps are circulated; rules may be had from the secretary, W. S. Webb, Walpole, Halesworth, Suffolk.

Lest your POSTMAN should, on surreptitiously perusing the postcard conveying the foregoing information, be misled into the notion that the U.S. had lately been quietly annexed by the British, the secretary of the "Greater Britain" has thoughtfully sent him a card direct, volunteering the explanation that he admits U.S. stamps because they represent the *American Edition* of the Britishers: and, lest the loyal sentiment of Canada should feel slighted by this, he adds that of course she is still more nearly and dearly related, being our "American Addition."

A society for Junior Collectors has been formed in London, under the title of the "Junior London Philatelic Society." Fortnightly meetings to discuss stamps, hear papers, &c., have been arranged. On Feb. 3rd is a paper, with lantern views, by Mr. F. J. Melville. The secretary is Mr. James B. Melville.

I understand that the new British Stamps are not to be issued until August.

A contemporary quaintly suggests that the bird appearing on the new Cook Islands ½d. stamp is the "ooff-bird" of fame. Perhaps the editor has seen one of the new pigeon stamps for the what-is-it country, New Zealand way—the Cock and Hen Islands I think they are called. These bear a representation of the gull—allegorically representing the Philatelist who will swallow anything—even pigeon stamps from the Non-existent Islands.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

MORE POSTCARD ITEMS.

FIRST, I must correct a misprint in last month's note on postcards—on page 19, col. 2, line 6—where "type III." should of course read type II. This error must have rendered the paragraph somewhat vague reading to many.

The new ½d. and 1d. cards are, to my thinking, a worthy addition to our collections, and moreover very acceptably and usefully big: not, however, a new size, being of precisely the same dimensions as were the

brown 1d., 1½d. and 2d. cards, which with the 3d. red, were current in 1890, the 1d. Jubilee card of that year being also of the same size.

The court-shape card has been brought up-to-date, its legend being made identical with that of the larger card by the omission of the word "from." The first specimen I saw was posted in Birmingham on January 1st, but its *debut* may have been a little earlier. I can detect no difference in type or setting between the two sizes of ½d. cards now current except that there is a wider space between the wording and the stamp on the larger card. In December I saw a stamped-to-order card of the large size, the whole impression on which was identical with that latterly found on the now obsolete small card of the same class—viz., arms type IIb. stamp Die A, and no instruction as to address; this card had *not* the extra space between "card" and the stamp;

THREE DIES OF POSTCARD STAMPS.

Some collectors may not yet be clear on the subject of the three types in which the present design of ½d. postcard stamps may be found: full and illustrated details of these may be found in Ewen's catalogue; also in Mr. W. T. Wilson's "Postcards of the British Empire," which ran in *Stamps* during last year. Calling them dies A, B, and C, the differences may be briefly stated thus:—Die A has eight distinct white curves or loops along the top—4 on either side of the arched label. Dies B and C have portions of a fifth curve just showing above the rising frame of the label on both sides of it; this point distinguishes them from die A, whilst they differ materially from each other in the thickness of the inner white line of the square frame—a line which by the exigencies of the design is left to imagination except at its four angles. In die B these corner lines are thin, whereas in C they are much broader. There are also slight differences in the lines of the hair, and in the shading of the ribbons. Die A has invariably accompanied the small size of arms (type II.), being at present only used for stamping private cards. Dies B and C have been in concurrent use for post office cards since 1888, being employed to about an equal extent. As a rule the reply cards have not the same type of stamp on both halves: but I have found examples in both dies where the two stamps are alike. That these differences are not so trivial as to be negligible by careful collectors is proved by the fact that, once the details are mastered, they can be readily distinguished *apart*, without necessity of comparison.

FURTHER LIST OF PAID-MARKS.

To the list of towns where these are used, which I gave last month, I can now add the following:—Accrington, Belfast, Bolton, Bradford (Yorks.), Edinburgh, Exeter, Ipswich, Liverpool, Norwich, Nottingham, Oxford and Stoke-on-Trent. For all but one of the above I am indebted to Rev. P. E. Raynor,

of School House, Ipswich—a gentleman who has for some years collected "Postal Paid-marks" as philatelic items, and who thinks that they are now in use in most of the larger provincial head post offices. The only names of provincial offices expressly mentioned in the Post Office Guide are those of Edinburgh and Dublin (the latter not being in above list), "and" it goes on to say, "certain large towns in the provinces." Sixteen different offices in London are specially mentioned, including the G. P. O.

There are also in use special large hand-stamps for parcels prepaid in money, which answer the purposes the usual label, postmark, and postage stamps all in one. These are, of course, also quite philatelic objects. I have seen, once only, a square mark, apparently from a rubber die, in violet, containing this inscription "½d. postage due for return to sender." As this gives neither date nor place of posting, it must needs be both a postage-due and returned-letter stamp in one, but certainly not a mere postmark.

ABNORMAL VARIETIES OF OFFICIALS.

I have come across another specimen of the 2½d. lilac "I.R. Official" with a stop after the word, similar to that of the initials: this makes the third one I have noticed, the lettering in lower corners being respectively KS, LP, and LS. I have also seen the 1/- salmon "Govt. Parcels," plate 14, with a stop after "Parcels"; this stamp was lettered KD. I had previously recorded a similar feature on the 1/-, plate 13, lettered AD. The 6d. green "Govt. Parcels" may be found with the right-hand end of the bar of T slanting downwards, the letter thus reminding one of a railway signal.

NOTELETS

The "Greater Britain" Stamp Club has (or had) in its January packet a mint strip of three of the 1d. black "Royal reprint"—which was struck from plate 66 of the 1d. in 1864. The large crown watermark is inverted, and the stamps of course are imperforate. On comparing an original 1d. black with this rare reprint the differences between Dies I. and II. are brought into unusual prominence.

I have formed the opinion that in all probability our present 2½d., 3d., and 6d. stamps are all printed in one and the same shade and nature of ink; and that the different surface tints are produced by the strong tones of the coloured papers showing through the semi-transparent ink. It may even be that the same ink is employed as for the 1d. and 5d. The purple of the 1½d., 9d. and 10d. is a little heavier.

For a short time about 1883 the contractors' name under the flap of certain registered envelopes of that period was spelt M'Corquodale instead of McCorquodale, the form in which it first appeared, and does to this day. This error is only found on a few of the earliest envelopes with undated stamp.

The much-be-heralded new colours for the ½d. and

1d. are still so new that nobody appears to have yet seen them: another warning of the unwisdom of prophesying before the event.

THE TRANSVAAL REVENUE STAMPS.

Mr. Morley's article in our December issue has been well received by the Philatelic press. *Ewen's Weekly* and the *Philatelic Era* were the first to favourably comment upon it. Two types upon the presentation plates got misplaced owing to their great similarity. Type II. should be Type I. with overprint V.R. TRANSVAAL, but the two got reversed in the setting up. The December number can still be supplied, and new subscribers can have it in addition to the 1900 issues, if they ask for it when sending subscriptions.



TYPE I.



TYPE II.

THE GREEN ON RED MALTESE CROSS OBLITERATIONS.

In the November *Chronicle*, under the heading "Philatelic Frauds" appeared the following paragraph:—

GREAT BRITAIN.—Specialists in British stamp are warned against early 1d. and 2d. stamps with brilliant green Maltese Cross postmarks, which there is every reason to believe are many years younger than the stamps on which they are found. The source appears to be Edinburgh. The stamps will be found to be more or less carefully cleaned specimens, one specimen of 1d. black shown to us having a distinct red Maltese Cross under that in green.

On November 26th I received a letter from Mr. Ernest A. Heginbottom, B.A., of Rochdale, on the subject, enclosing the opinions of experts whom he had consulted with regard to a copy in his own possession which bore this double obliteration. I append Mr. Heginbottom's communications:—

"Woodfield, Rochdale,
25/11/99.

"Dear Sir,—Re your warning against early black and red English with two varied colours of Maltese Cross obliteration.

"As a collector and specialist in used English, for which I got amongst other medals - highest possible medal at the recent Exhibition, I am much interested in your remarks *re* obliterations of Maltese Crosses. We philatelists should be very much indebted to you for pointing out such forgeries for our knowledge and future guidance. Am I right in deducting from your remarks that no genuine early black and red stamps imperf can exist with *two distinct* coloured Maltese Crosses obliteration, one naturally being under the other. If so, I must rather beg to differ somewhat, as although *expert* opinions do and always will differ on *this point* and although no actual guarantee can be given, yet I send you extracts of some correspondence I have had *re* a stamp I have in my own collection, namely a 1d. black with Maltese Crosses in *green and red*. I also have a 1d. red imperf with Maltese Crosses in black and red; but the correspondence alludes really to the *former*, as the latter is simply an example of showing the change in use of red ink pads from earliest black ink ones. Doubtless the black stamps of mine may not be officially attested to in one sense, but there is not much reason to doubt or to hint at it being obliterated by any person away from the post office roof in question. Some say it is a forgery, but I have others who say not so, and, personally, the opinion of the *latter* is as good as most of the *former* in these cases, as some of our leading experts have not studied these early obliterations much. But it all rests on assumption and with this one must be contented, although as before said I am personally in my case inclined to side with probability of genuineness.

"Faithfully yours,

"ERNEST HEGINBOTTOM, B.A

EXTRACTS *Re* 1D. BLACK WITH RED AND GREEN
MALTESE CROSS OBLITERATIONS.

[Stamp was sold to me by a highly respectable Philatelist and one considered an expert in early English obliterations, and he got it himself from a highly respectable London firm, who would not sell unless satisfied.]

"I do not think for an instant colour has been changed in any way, as there is a greasy appearance about the green on the paper at back of stamp, an appearance I always accept as a sign of age and genuineness. My own theory is, that on the 1st application of the hand stamp charged with red the impression was so faint, that it was stamped again from the pad charged with the green colour. I don't think that anyone contemplating a fraud, would be so silly as to choose a stamp to operate upon that *already showed signs of red*. It is an instance of a postmaster, postmistress or postchild, not being satisfied with the first impression, probably from an empty or dried up pad, and adding another obliteration in a different coloured composition. It is plainly

to be seen that *both were* Maltese Crosses. I think all these curious coloured obliterations we get on the black are results of carelessness on the part of the operator in dipping into the pad intended for the postmark. I have twice seen the *violet or purple* colour used on the stamp as a *Maltese Cross*, and on the Cover as a *Post Mark* on the same entie. I have seen the same with the *blue* Maltese Cross obliteration and Postmark. I have also seen a stamp on which a Postmaster has used an old *Maltese Cross* obliteration, and suddenly recollected that '44 obliteration had come into use, and put it on stamp as well as Maltese Cross. Opinions will always vary with regard to certain things which are, after all, mere matters of opinion, and in which there is difficulty of getting an absolutely authoritative opinion as to which a certain appearance of obliteration on an early stamp is official or accidental. I do not for a moment think there has been any change of colour through dampness or oxidation, as I have seen the same green so frequently."

"Your stamps have been first cancelled in red, and one again in black, and the other in green. The black is, of course, o.k. With regard to genuineness of the green, I know no reason why green should not be genuine; green ink was in use in many offices at the time in question, and I have never known a blue turned green by oxidation or otherwise. The blues were of a pretty bright colour, and are usually well preserved. I had at one time some 1d. reds obliterated with the green cancellation—those all came from Ireland, but being a collector of unused only, I sold them out: the appearance of yours are much the same. It is a matter upon which you may not be able to attain to certainty, but I think you will agree with me that any party who states no green is genuine, simply claims to be nothing less than omniscient. Green cross on 1d. red is, of course, not so rare, and I have seen them often.—Faithfully yours,
——" (This was written last Sept.)

I submitted the above quoted papers to Messrs. W. S. Webb and Walter Morley, and their replies were as follows:—

"Walpole, Halesworth,
Nov., 1899.

Dear sir,—Under the circumstances, I think it will be as well to somewhat qualify the warning given *re* 'green over red' obliterations on 1d. blacks. I can quite understand Mr. Higinbottom's feeling in the matter, and there are others like him who possess undoubtedly genuine copies of similar errors perpetrated officially. Anyone who has looked over early stamped covers will know that both green and blue inks were largely employed for the *dated* town postmark, so there is ample foundation for Mr. H.'s hypotheses. Mr. H. himself is a much better authority on postmarks than I can pretend to be, so you cannot do better than take his views almost as

he has set forth. I would suggest that the matter could be perhaps put to a certain test by comparing a well-authenticated copy like Mr. H.'s, with two or more of the identical stamps to which 'Non-Lex' refers. I further opine, that in cases of intended *fake*, the operator would be careful to place his spurious mark exactly upon the corresponding lines of the original obliterations, for in faintly-marked *black* cancellations for instance, no attempt at cleaning would be necessary. On the other hand, in genuine copies, the two marks would almost invariably occupy different positions on the same stamp.—Yours truly, W. S. WEBB."

"15, Brownhill Gardens,
Catford, London, S.E.

Sir,—*Re* 1d. English with two postmarks, these are frequently met with. I have seen red and blue together black and blue, &c., &c., as well. One of them was not intended for the stamp, but for the envelope, as a rule. Green postmarks mostly were used in Ireland. I have seen some green postmarks lately, on which I have passed expert opinion, that they had *changed from blue to green*, either by acids purposely, or by natural action of time and damp. I haven't inspected any copies on which I could say that the postmark itself had been stamped recently.—Yours truly, W. MORLEY."

The original paragraph casts no reflection upon genuine obliterations in the two colours, but obviously suggests recent imitations. That such exist is my opinion, but there can be no question, apparently, that the double obliteration is also to be found, being perfectly genuine. If any reader has any remarks to make upon this interesting point, or fresh light to throw upon the subject, I shall be very pleased to hear from him.—NON-LEX.

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SOCIETY REPORTS.

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SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—A new 3d. has been issued in addition to the stamps chronicled last month. The type represents the Post Office of Adelaide.

3d. emerald green.

TASMANIA.—The picture set mentioned so long ago is now being issued. The 1d. and 2d. are already out.

TRINIDAD.—The new type Britannia issue has been surcharged in black.

3d. on 5d. violet.

POSTCARDS, &c.

HUNGARY.—A new postcard has been issued uniform with the new adhesive.

4 filler, brown on buff.

FALKLAND ISLANDS.—It is stated that an envelope has been issued for these islands

1d. carmine on white, laid paper.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

If ever I run a paper, I'll have no advertising at all. Our manager seems to think it the principal thing, and is always nagging at me because I don't mention this and recommend that—while if I do so, the old editor makes cursory remarks in a manner that causes my few remaining hairs to almost

assume the perpendicular. Between two stools (I had almost written another word not unlike it), your poor Postman must inevitably fall. The Boss says I must call the attention of all my readers to the new edition of the British Stamp Directory in November, while the other—stool—threatens me with excommunication if I do. Under the cirs, dear reader, I think I must refer you to the advertisements in *The Advertiser* and elsewhere and avoid trouble.

The *Chronicle* has a lot of readers in South Africa, some of whom are actively engaged. I received a message from Mochudi, by way of Crocodile's Pool, a few days ago, from Mr. W. A. H. Harbor, who has exchanged stamps by means of the *Advertiser* for some time. He says: "Please communicate through your medium that at present I am unable to reply to my exchange correspondents through the occupation and looting of the Boers here. I have attached myself to the armoured train which is endeavouring, with joint action of the Rhodesian force, to open up communication by rail with Mafeking." I have the more pleasure in publishing this message as one subscriber has complained to me about Mr. Harbor's not replying, but I think he will now have patience with his correspondent who is fighting the battles of his country in the far South.

WAR RELIEF FUND.

DEAR SIR,

In compliance with requests received from numerous intending contributors, the Auction Sale in aid of the above fund will take place at the end of March, instead of the earlier date originally contemplated, before those interested had an opportunity of expressing their wishes.—Yours faithfully,

WALTER BULL, HERBERT R. OLDFIELD,

Joint Hon. Secs.

The Editor, *Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser*.

Another good stamp journal was issued in the New Year. The proprietor is Mr. Walter Morley, and the editor Mr. A. Preston Pearce. The new paper will be devoted to postage, telegraph, revenue, and railway stamps. It will soon be difficult to find a London dealer who does not run a journal "on his own"—well, good luck to them, it makes things all the better for the printing trade.

A U.S. contemporary describes how Capt. Leary, the Lord-High-Everything-Else of Guam, was inundated with orders for stamps to five times his supply before he even set sail for his Governorship. Thinking to do a good stroke of business and put the financial affairs of Guam on a sound basis, he sent in a big order at once to his Government. His schedule was as follows:—1c., 15,000; 2c., 75,000; 3c., 5,000; 4c., 5,000; 5c., 15,000; 6c., 5,000; 8c., 5,000 10c.,

10,000; 15c., 5,000; 50c., 4,000; \$1, 3,000; special delivery, 5,000. The order amounts to about \$11,000 worth of stamps, at face value, sufficient to last Guam's four or five hundred white people for twenty years, and stamps of the fifty cents and one dollar denominations sufficient for a hundred years!

How indeed are the mighty fallen!—N.B.—This is not my original idea. Time was when Uncle Sam—bar a few reprints, specimens of departmentals, official forgeries, proofs, &c.—was comparatively innocent of philatelic speculation and now—the list grows awesome! Centennials were the thin edge of the wedge, and then Columbus issue, Omaha issue, State reprints, Colonial surcharges and what not? to say nothing of corner ornaments, capped figures, shades, watermarks, no watermarks and variations day by day such as were practised about 1894—no wonder philatelic journals across the water are supporting Seebeck issues for very shame!

Hawaii cannot have U.S. stamps, surcharged and ornamented, but American collectors will soon have the state of things improved. When Hawaii was annexed Congress stipulated that the laws of the country should remain in force. It is expected, however, that an effort will be made at the next session of Congress to have remedial legislation. For "remedial legislation" read "surcharges and varieties in stamps."

HE WAS A COLLECTOR.—Teacher: "What are the principal productions of the American Republics?" Scholar: "Unused postage stamps."

A well-known Liverpool firm is retiring from the stamp business owing to lack of time for proper attention. If any of my readers are on the look-out for a good stamp business in these parts, I shall be pleased to put them in communication. I have no permission to disclose the name at present. One remark in their letter was gratifying. It said, referring to their special approval books: "We have sold about 8,000 through advertising in your paper alone, and have had many repeat orders. We are sending by this week's mail, for instance, 150 to S. India, and 300 to New Zealand." The wise advertiser will make a note of this.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

THE THREEHALFPENNY OF 1860.

EXACTLY two years ago I had a "note" on this subject, which concluded with inquiry whether any reader could show me an entire stamped envelope dated 1860—a query which has met with no response.

Since that time I have seen three or four more of the embossed stamps, dated 2 4.60, and always overprinted "specimen;" and recently I acquired one which is on a piece of white laid paper $5\frac{1}{2} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ in., the envelope stamp being embossed near the right hand end, equi-distant from top and bottom edges: whilst in the centre of the slip there is evidence that an adhesive stamp has been thence removed. So I conclude that it is one of the specimen forms sent to postmasters, with notice of the intended new issue—the missing (alas!) adhesive being presumably the desirable 1½d. lilac-rose. Should you, dear reader, find a few similar documents—all complete—please to send one along hitherward, with your compliments, best respects, &c., whereat yours truly will gratefully rejoice.

STAMPED OFFICIAL FORMS.

A form exists of azure wove paper, designated "Army form B.210," and headed, "Application to Enlist in the Regular Army or Militia"—which bears the halfpenny oval envelope stamp (Die No. 30), embossed on it in a very unorthodox position, to wit—at the left of the address portion of the document, when folded for posting. The printed address is:—"The Officer Commanding, Regimental Depot, at——." The words: "On Her Majesty's Service" are over the address, and at the lower left is **RECRUITING**, this word being nearly under the stamp. On a used specimen I notice that a postal servant has protested against the outlandish locality of the stamp by applying his cancellation to where it (the stamp) might be, but isn't. The imprint at foot of the form shows that a supply of 50,000 was printed in October, 1893; rather strange that it should not yet have been placed on record philatelic.

Another new form is one issued by the Board of Agriculture, entitled: "Agricultural Returns of Great Britain, 1899." Though a single sheet, it is printed so as to fold into pages, numbered from 1 to 7, the eighth being blank as far as letterpress is concerned, but bearing a red-brown ½d. wrapper stamp of type II. Each stamp on the batch I saw has a gap of nearly 3mm. in its outer frame, near the top on right side. This form is dated at foot of page 1., September, 1899.

ENGLISH IN GIBBONS' "PART IV."

This, the completing vol. of the 12th edition of Gibbons' Catalogue, appeared in December, and before it gets any older I must bring it to the particular notice of collectors of British envelopes, cards, and such, for in it they may "hear of something to their advantage." Many good and scarce things are offered at a long drop, now hanging within the reach of all, and sundry who have not got them, and even to those who have, my advice is, "have 'em, some more." I need not mention prices, but will specify by the ref. numbers a few lines which are wholly worth buyers' attentions and intentions, unused in all

cases. No. 2 (Mulready, 1d. cover); No. 12 (1d. dated on "Dickinson" paper); No. 13, sizes A1 & A2; No. 14, sizes A & B.; No. 21a (2d. blue, specimen, *all flaps pointed*); No. 308 (Reg. Env.); No. 411 (wrapper, green on buff); 601 & 602 (3d. certificates of posting.) Postcards:—Nos. 1 (also *used*), 6, 7, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 25, 26, 54 and 101. All these are priced decidedly below their true values, some very much so. Get them soon, *while you can*, for it may be *if you can* before long. This volume is well arranged, and a gallant attempt at completeness; yet several important and fairly well-known items are still omitted; for instance, 1d. type 1., dated on "C size" envelope, only sizes given for No. 10 being A1, A2 & B. The tongue-flap variety, *without* official seal, is given and priced on all three sizes of the undated "Dickinson" issue, but a more interesting and definite variety—the tress embossed *without* colour—known as the "white seal," is ignored, and the "florets" (termed rosettes in the catalogue), which followed the abolition of date numerals on the 1½d. and higher value envelopes, still remain undistinguished as to 5-dot and 9-dot varieties—a feature often making a vast difference in value.

In the postcard section I notice a probable error of commission—No. 22: I question muchly whether this card, the thick reply ½d., with arms of type III., exists with the perforated joint. No price is quoted, and I guess the variety is "not was."

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.]

The publishers of *The Post Office* have recently received two rather severe shocks; these shocks were caused by the receipt of two printed price lists of counterfeit stamps; one of the parties issuing these lists even offered them a fine collection of 25 counterfeits, if they inserted his price list a certain number of times in our pages. The parties in question hail from Geneva and Turin respectively, and we believe it best to give the fullest publicity to their schemes. Of course these stamps are offered as *counterfeits* by these dealers, but the trouble is that the parties to whom they sell may not be equally honest (?) in branding their wares and it is well to warn collectors to be on the look out for the stamps in question. The Geneva gentleman is rather modest in his list, as he offers only Swiss Cantonal stamps, and these are sold cancelled loose as well as on the entire; the latter, as he states, upon paper of the time when the stamps were used, and with date cancellation. To recommend his stamps he asserts that they have been engraved with

the greatest care, copying genuine stamps, and that they would defy the eye of the greatest expert. The collection of 25 counterfeits offered to the publishers includes Swiss Cantonals, Reunion, Hawaii, British Guiana, Moldavia, Mauritius Post Office, and 1843 to 1850 issues. We advise our readers to make a mental note of these stamps, and to exercise extreme caution if these stamps are offered at low rates. Our Turin friend is far more ambitious; his 1899 price list comprises 28 pages, and all sorts of scarce stamps are offered from various parts of the world. It is impossible for us to give a complete list of these monstrosities, and indeed a great many of the stamps counterfeited are so common in genuine shape, that it is unnecessary. This gentleman seems to make a speciality of supplying genuine stamps with counterfeit surcharges; among this class he advertises Br. East Africa Company, Bankok, Benin, Cyprus, Eritrea (used), Gibraltar, Great Britain (I. R. Official), Levant, ½p. vermilion surcharged 40 Paras, (counterfeit cancellation), Italy (Levant), Straits Settlements, Madagascar, Niger Coast, San Marino, Siam (1 Tical), Virgin Island (4d. on 1sh.), Zanzibar and Zululand. In United States stamps he offers 1860, 90 cents; 1869, 24 and 90 cents; 1869, with inverted centre, 24 and 90 cents; the latter is certainly interesting, as no genuine specimen of this error is known; 1870 large newspaper stamps; 1875 newspaper and periodical stamps (set of 24 for 2 francs), and 1873 official stamps, set of 4; what these may be we do not know. Of his Swiss counterfeits he says: "My Swiss stamps are an entirely new issue, and not to be confounded with the old counterfeits." In addition to Swiss Cantonals, he lists such rarities as Bavaria 1kr. black; Brazil numerals, perforated; Cape of Good Hope, wood block errors; Two Sicilies, Trinacria and Arms (½ Tornese), Spain, 12c. with inverted centre, both imperforate and perforated; Gambia, complete; Greece (Paris prints); British Guiana 1850 and Provisionals of 1862; Hungary lithographs, Italy (Sardinia), Mauritius 1849 and 1858, Monaco 1855, 5 fr.; Nevis 1861 and 1867, New Brunswick 6d. and 1sh., Nova Scotia 6d. and 1sh., Reunion 1852, St. Helena, nearly all; St. Lucia 1859, 1863, 1874, etc.; St. Vincent 5sh., Star watermark, Saxony 5, 10 ngr, Sicily, complete. Tasmania, first issue; Newfoundland, all the early stamps; Tuscany 60c. and 3 lire; Trinidad 1851; Uruguay 1856—1857, including the rare 180 error. We have, of course, seen none of the productions of these counterfeit factories, and so do not know how nearly they approach genuine originals, but we deemed it our duty to give this matter sufficient publicity to put collectors on their guard.

NOTICES.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' ALMANAC.—This most useful annual arrived too late for notice in our last

issue and space in this number is too limited to admit of the description it deserves. Under these circumstances we content ourselves with saying that the book is considerably larger than last year's while the matter, every inch of it philatelic, is of most excellent calibre. The Glossary of Philatelic Terms alone is worth the money charged for it. It is fully illustrated with many original photographs and some hundreds of smaller cuts.

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THE STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY.—It was not dead but gone before we knew about it, so to speak. I refer, of course, to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, which has bobbed up serenely once again when everyone has mourned it as dead and buried since June last year. Its new proprietor and editor is Mr. Percy C. Bishop, one of the original editors five years ago, but Mr. Bishop does not propose to continue the policy which made so many enemies for the old *Fortnightly*. The second issue under the new dispensation, on January 6th, is a good number and reproduces some congratulations from former subscribers (perhaps agreeably surprised at getting their subscriptions filled) one being described by the editor as "verse," of which eight lines are given—but it's a bit rough on the Anglo-Indian poet to label it *à la Kipling*. Even in the very latest coster-patriotic 'Arry-Tommy-Atkins effusion he does not perpetrate such rhymes (sic) as Boers and store, too and true, pain and again, gone and along. Kipling, too, with all his contempt for rhythm keeps his couplets trimmed down to somewhere about the same number of feet, while his orthography seldom fails him at proper names. But enough—the poetry is decidedly "off," but the *Fortnightly* is most decidedly "on"—long may it flourish.

VICTORIA.

THE 2D. FULL-LENGTH QUEEN ON THRONE.

IN the *Federal Australian Philatelist*, Vol. 1, p. 91, October, 1890, Mr. David H. Hill gives the following information:

"QUEEN ENTHRONED." TWO PENCE.

Plate engraved by Mr. Thomas Ham. Size 9 inches in height, 12 inches in width, and 1-12 inch thick. The engraved portion is 6½ inches high by 8 7-16 inches wide, and contains fifty separate engravings, viz. five horizontal rows, each of ten stamps. The

lower corners of the engravings are occupied by letters, the arrangement of the lettering on a printed sheet of these stamps being as follows:—

1 A E	2 B F	3 C G	4 D H	5 E I	6 F K	7 G L	8 H M	9 I N	10 K O
11 L P	12 M Q	13 N R	14 O S	15 P T	16 Q U	17 R V	18 S W	19 T X	20 U Y
21 V Z	22 W A	23 X B	24 Y C	25 Z D	26 A F	27 B G	28 C H	29 D I	30 E K
31 F L	32 G M	33 H N	34 I O	35 K P	36 L Q	37 M R	38 N S	39 O T	40 P U
41 Q V	42 R W	43 S X	44 T Y	45 U X	46 W Z	47 X A	48 Y B	49 Z C	50 W M

Below the bottom row of stamps are the words—
"Engraved on steel by Thomas Ham, Melbourne."

In *Vindius' Philatelic Monthly*, Vol. VI., p. 89, Jan. 1890, Mr. Hill states that 500,000 stamps were printed by Ham from the plate. These were all the "engraved" stamps printed; they were put into issue in the last week of December, 1852, and were all exhausted in December, 1853. Messrs. J. S. Campbell and Co. then contracted to print further supplies, and during December, 1853, they furnished 128,600, completing their contract number of 2,000,000 on the 8th May, 1854. Messrs. Campbell and Fergusson then printed 1,500,000 up to 30th May, 1855, the 2d. "Emblems" replacing the Queen Enthroned type in 1857.

Mr. Hill continues:—The stamps printed by Mr. Ham from the plate were all of a brown or reddish-brown colour, quite distinct from those of the subsequent contracts. Of the lithographed series, I assign the grey-black and grey to Messrs. J. S. Campbell & Co. and the grey-lilac and red-lilac to Messrs. Campbell and Fergusson. Many of these last show very imperfect printing. The earliest specimen I have met with in the lithographed is dated 12th January, 1854.

"In both contracts the lithographed stamps were printed in sheets of 100, two transfers from the plate being laid on the one stone. Although Messrs. Campbell and Fergusson's agreement stipulated that the sheets were to contain 120 stamps, this was not adhered to, as the numbers issued to the stamp window show that the sheets held only 100, and it is evident that had two additional rows been laid on the stone to make up the number to 120, the "errors" of lettering would be much less scarce than they are, as each sheet would contain ten or twenty pairs of "errors," according to whether the two extra rows were placed so as to be one side of the sheet, or divided and placed at top and bottom respectively.

"Of the 'errors' of lettering in the lithographed series, several combinations are known, and most, if not all, can, I think, be traced to the one stone. M. Mcens, in his catalogue, mentions a vertical strip of five stamps, lettered U—Y, T—X, D—I, S—N, C—H. The lettering of the fourth stamp should, however, have been given as S—W, as none exists lettered S—N. In a sheet printed from the plate, if the stamps are numbered consecutively from 1 to 50, commencing with the top row and counting from left to right, it will be found that the stamps of this vertical strip are numbers 20, 19, 29, 18, and 28.

"The following pairs showing errors of transfer are known:—

Horizontal Pair.	
U—Y, B—F	Nos. 20 and 2
T—X, M—Q	" 19 " 12
D—I, W—A	" 29 " 22
C—H, R—W	" 28 " 42
Vertical Pair.	
W—A, W—A	Nos. 22 and 22

"On comparing the lettering in the above errors, it will be seen that the letters on the left hand stamp of the four horizontal pairs are the same as in the first three and the last one of the vertical strip mentioned by Mr. Mcens. As all the right hand stamps of these pairs belong to the second vertical row in the sheet, and run in their correct sequence, there is no doubt that some injury occurred to the first vertical row, either in laying on the stone or during the progress of the printing, and that it was replaced by transfers from another portion of a sheet. It will be noticed that in their correct position the five stamps of the vertical strip are adjacent to one another, and it is likely that the transfers were cut from a spoiled sheet. From the foregoing it is, I think, evident that the position in the sheet of the left hand stamps in the horizontal pairs mentioned is identical with that of the vertical strip, and consequently these errors are all from the one stone.

"Vertical pairs, consisting of a stamp from the last and first row respectively, as for instance, U—X, E—I, and Z—C, I—N are known, but cannot be called errors, as they are not from the same transfer, one being from the upper and the other from the lower of the two transfers laid on the stone. . . . The insertion of different pairs of letters for each engraving appears to have been an adaptation of the system employed in the lettering of the sheets of early penny and two-pence of Great Britain, though at this distance of time it is impossible say why the same regularity was not preserved throughout, unless it was that the breaks in the continuity of the lettering were considered by the engraver to be an extra safeguard against forgery.

"Impressions are known in the red-brown colour, without letters, and are engraver's proofs, taken before the completion of the plate."

SOCIETY REPORTS.

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Jan. 4, 1900.—Messrs. Preston, Lamb and E. Rizzo were unanimously elected members.

Mr. W. Pimm displayed his collection of British North America, and gave a running commentary on the varieties which needed any such explanation.

Feb. 1.—Messrs. J. Thackrah, A. Saatdjian, and A. de Meester were unanimously elected members.

Mr. G. Johnson then gave his paper on the "Stamps of Egypt," illustrating it by his collection.

The two types of each value of the first issue were explained and illustrated; imperfs of the issue and imperfs—between vertically and horizontally of the 1867 issue were shewn. The 1872-75 issue was arranged so as to show the varieties of perf. simple and compound, certain value being unknown in some of the perfs. The arrangement of the sheet in the case of the so-called 5 paras with inverted centre was shown by means of a small chart.

Mr. W. T. Wilson also shewed an exceptionally good lot, including such desirable stamps as the "high" values of the first issue used; the various inverted surcharges; a block of 9 of the 2½ piastres of the 1872 issue, with the centre stamp inverted.

A subsequent discussion on the 5 piastres 1886 (no wmk.), which is being offered from certain foreign sources at high prices, brought out the general idea that it was a proof with faked perforations.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until July 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their reference are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—President: Mr. Walter Scott; vice-presidents: Mr. E. W. Shackell, J.P., Alderman W. J. Trounce: hon. sec: Mr. W. A. Jutsum; hon. treasurer: Mr. G. N. Thorp; hon. librarian: Mrs. Groves—This Society started on the 6th November, membership being limited to residents of Cardiff and the district within ten miles around. The president gave a paper on the advent of postage stamps and his experiences of collecting, extending back to the early sixties, which was both instructive and pleasureable to the members present. At the second meeting held on the 12th December the members studied the stamps of Great Britain, the president giving a very able paper and exhibiting his collection which was admired by all present. One stamp in this collection is doubtless unique, viz., the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. of 1870 in green colour imperforate.

HEBTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A general meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, Jan. 2nd. Wm. Morley and D. Citroen were elected ordinary members on the recommendation of the Committee. The question of the "Philatelists War Relief Fund" was discussed, and it was agreed that any member proposing to contribute stamps, &c. to the fund should do so through the secretary of the society. Business being concluded, Mr. Robert Ehrenbach gave a display of his well-nigh complete collection of the stamps of Natal accompanied by lucid and interesting remarks on the relative rarity, &c. of the different issues.—A general meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, Feb. 6th. Mr. R. R. Bogert (Paris), was duly elected as an ordinary member. At the conclusion of business, Mr. Rodolph Meyer exhibited his collection of the stamps of Chili, and prefaced his display with an interesting and accurate historical essay on that country. Mr. Meyer's paper and collection were much appreciated by the members who were fortunate enough to be present, and a hearty vote of thanks was tendered to Mr. Meyer. H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer.

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" 30 " blue ...	0 3	2 0	—
1862, 30 " blue ...	0 7	5 0	—
1862, 20 " rose ...	0 5	3 6	—
1868, 2 bani, yellow ...	1 5	—	—
" 2 " orange ...	1 5	—	—
" 3 " lilac ...	1 10	15 0	—
" 4 " blue ...	3 0	—	—
" 18 " red ...	0 9	3 6	—
" 18 " rose ...	0 5	7 0	—
1869, 5 " yellow ...	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue ...	0 9	7 0	—
" 10 " dark blue ...	1 0	9 0	—
" 15 " red ...	0 10	—	—
" 15 " carmine ...	1 0	—	—
" 25 " orange and blue ...	1 6	12 0	—
1871, 5 " carmine ...	1 6	—	—
" 10 " orange ...	1 0	9 0	—
" 10 " blue ...	1 6	—	—
" 15 " red ...	10 0	—	—
" 25 " brown ...	2 6	—	—
1872, 5 " red, perf... ..	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue ...	1 6	12 0	—
" 25 " brown ...	2 6	—	—
1873, 1 1/2 " olive ...	0 1	0 9	6 0
" 3 " green ...	0 3	1 8	15 0
" 5 " brown ...	0 1	0 9	—
" 10 " blue ...	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 15 " brown ...	0 3	1 10	20 0
" 25 " orange ...	0 2	1 0	8 0
" 50 " rose ...	0 7	5 0	—
1876, 1 1/2 " olive ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " brown ...	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 10 " blue ultramarine ...	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 15 " brown ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 15 " yellow-brown ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 30 " red ...	0 8	5 0	—
1879, 1 1/2 " black ...	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 3 " olive ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " green ...	0 1	0 7	—
" 10 " rose ...	0 1	0 7	—
" 15 " red ...	0 8	5 0	—
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*1891, jubilee, 1 1/2 bani, red ...	0 4	2 6	—
" 3 " violet ...	0 10	7 6	—
" 15 " brown ...	1 0	8 6	—
1895, 25 bani, blue, watermark P.R. ...	0 3	2 0	15 0
1893/99, 50 bani, orange ...	0 1	0 6	3 0
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" 5 " " ...	0 6	4 0	—
" 10 " " ...	0 2	1 0	6 6
" 10 " light brown ...	0 1	0 9	5 0

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1881, 30 bani, brown ...	0 1	0 6	4 0
" 30 " light brown ...	0 1	0 5	3 0
" 50 " brown ...	0 4	3 0	25 0
" 60 " " ...	1 0	9 0	—
1890, 2 bani, green ...	0 1	0 8	—
" 5 " " ...	0 2	1 3	—
" 10 " " ...	0 3	1 6	—
" 30 " " ...	0 1	0 6	—
" 50 " " ...	0 4	3 0	—
" 60 " " ...	0 10	7 6	—

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" 25 " black and violet ...	1 5	13 6
1881, 3 stot, red and green ...	0 3	2 0
" 5 " black and yellow ...	0 3	1 6
" 15 " red and green ...	0 6	4 0
" 25 " black and violet ...	2 6	—
" 30 " blue and brown ...	0 6	—
*1884, 1 " violet and grey (Edini) ...	0 3	2 0
" 2 " green (Diva) ...	0 2	1 6
" 30 " violet and green ...	0 2	1 0
" 50 " blue and green ...	0 2	1 4
1889, 1 leu, red ...	0 3	2 0
1892, 15 on 50 ...	0 3	1 6

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1882, 20 cents, black ...	0 4	2 6
" 40 " " ...	0 6	4 0
" 60 " " ...	0 3	2 0

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	per 1	per 10
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1881, 25 cent, green ...	0 3	2 0
" 10 cent, green Lithographic ...	1 3	10 0
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1880, 50 " brown ...	0 3	2 0
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" " " CA, 1/2d. carmine ...	0 9	7 0
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10 green, (change in colour).

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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. The guaranteed minimum circulation of each and every issue is 1,000.

TIME gone by collectors of fiscal stamps complained of neglect on the part of philatelic publishers and stamp dealers—but their cause for complaint has long been removed by the provision of good catalogues and albums and the recognition of that branch of philately by means of articles which are a regular feature in several philatelic magazines. One branch of fiscal collecting however—if it be a branch—has not until now received the recognition due to it and this branch is the one dealing with Telegraph Stamps. Mr. WALTER MORLEY has now changed all that by the issue of a catalogue of the Telegraph Stamps of the world, in 111 pages of letter press and with 369 illustrations so that the collectors of these most interesting labels may now rejoice and be exceeding glad.

CHRONICLE.

CAROLINE ISLANDS.—These islands have had surcharged a set of old German stamps in values ranging from 3 pf to 50 pf. The 5 pf, 10 pf and 10 x 10 pf cards have also been surcharged for use here.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—We have seen the 1c commemorative issue, in green. This set is the one recently issued and we are unable to assign any official reason for the change from brown to green.

10 green, (change in colour).

FEDERATE MALAY STATES.—Mr. Bartels is authority for the statement that the state stamps of the tiger head type have received the surcharge of a heavy black line rendering illegible the name of the state, while the words "Federated Malay States" are printed across the face of the stamps in three lines. These values have thus far been received:

Adhesives (Provisionals):

1c lilac and green. 3c lilac and gray.
2c lilac and brown. 25c green and carmine.

LABUAN.—The 2c carmine, stag, has been changed to green. The 5c is also changed.
2c green. 5c blue.

NORTH BORNEO.—The 2c carmine has been changed to green, in keeping with Labuan.
2c green.

SARAWAK.—The word "CENTS" in the 2c and 4c provisionals just issued showed two errors in each sheet of stamps. The eighth stamp in the top row and the first in the fourth row have each a smaller "s" than that used in the balance of the sheet. We are informed that these errors were corrected in recent printings.

ST VINCENT.—Mr. Proudfoot informs us that all the old issue except 4d yellow, 6d. lilac and 5/- lake were burnt by order of the Government to the total number of 309,000. Further advice from him informs us that the supply of 6d. is now exhausted.

TRINIDAD.—The following is an extract from a letter written by the Postmaster-General: "With reference to your application for the 3d. surcharged stamps, I beg to inform you that such arrangements have been made as will render unnecessary the issue of these stamps and they will be destroyed."

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—In keeping with the fiscals used postally we now have the 3d. lilac, a long rectangular fiscal stamp to add to the list.
3d. lilac.

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE interest of the day is philatelically echoed by Mr. Chas. Nissen, who has issued an instructive little book on the Postage Stamps of the Transvaal, with illustrations. THE POSTMAN is much obliged to Mr. Nissen for sending a copy. He also thanks Mr. Purdom for his always interesting "Circular," and the Yorkshire Stamp Co., Green St., Keighley, for their price list—regretting that he cannot give a more detailed account, but he is very busy just now. [And fearfully idle.—Ed. P. C. & A.]

Another freak of the post office has been discovered at West Bromwich. A firm carrying on business in the Black Country town received a postcard from a Leeds established which was posted on May 1st, 1873! The card bears two official stamps, namely, "May 1st, 1873," and "September 11th, 1899." The card has only been 26 years in arriving at its destination!

The government of Servia has sold the entire remainders of the 1890 issue of postage stamps to a lawyer of Budapest, Mr. J. Dezoe, who has divided them into lots of 100, 150 and 300 series for wholesalers. These lots aggregating a catalogue value of \$600 are sold by him for \$50.

Few stamp collectors are aware of the fact that the network on the postage stamps used in Alsace-Lorraine and in France during the Franco-German war had been used previously on other postage stamps. This is certainly true, however. The Prussian postage stamps issued between 1856 and 1860 were imprinted for protection from counterfeiting with the same plates, a colorless invisible ink being used; this only becomes apparent when a strong solution of sulphide of hydrogen is applied to the paper, when the lines of the network appear dark-brown or black. When the sudden necessity of providing postage stamps for the new provinces across the Rhine arose, these same old plates, that had been laying idle in the Prussian government stores for ten years were brought to the front and used for the groundwork of the new stamps, the rest being printed by type on ordinary book-printing presses.

Mr. Ditchfield, the secretary of the S.W. Lancashire Exchange Society, complains of members who, contrary to rule, send books of stamps for the exchange packets. The rules prohibit such and will rigidly be enforced. The Birmingham Philatelic Society adopted a rule at the annual meeting in order to meet the same drawback.

Some interesting statistics concerning the issues of 1889 are given in the *Revue Philatologique Française* for January. Not counting entires or secondary varieties there were issued as follows:

	1899	1898
Europe	65	49
Asia	116	117
Africa	98	271
America	262	276
Oceania	94	37
Total	635	750

The number issued by the various countries and their colonies are as follows:

Portugal, etc.	23	251
Great Britain, etc.	174	164
Spain, etc.	28	102
Germany	1	0
United States etc.	54	13
Netherlands, etc.	28	5
Russia	11	0
France, etc.	36	1
Miscellaneous	280	214

The total face value of the stamps is about 900 francs or \$180.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

HAND-STAMPED PAID-MARKS.

SINCE last referring to these I have received from Mr. J. H. Daniels, of Brighton—the authority on all matters connected with British Postmarks—a list of the towns from which he possesses specimens. This list brings up the the number of different offices to a total of 63 (exclusive of the Metropolitan District); there may be a few other provincial names not yet counted in, but probably not many. Of course various values are shown in these stamps as the amount of postage paid; ranging from ½d. to 3d. Mr. Daniels states that he has specimens from four towns which are, by error, stamped in *black* instead of the usual red.

SOME CURIOSITIES.

On an exchange sheet recently, I saw a 1d. red, plate 157, with a very distinct and fully coloured negative of the design on the *back* of the stamp: this being probably caused by one sheet having been in contact with another whilst the ink was still wet, and pressure accidentally (or otherwise) applied. The extreme clearness of the reversed impression is most remarkable, showing not only the fine network, but even the plate-numbers.

The 1d. + 1d. is a scarce combination in compound envelopes, and an example of it in a pair of the stamps of type I, dated as early as 17/2/60, is worthy of record: the die No. is 97 on both stamps, which are unfortunately cut close round the outer sides of the pair, so there is no evidence to show what document they came from. The paper is white laid, and the strip is used, being cancelled with a London type of postmark.

I have been shown a halfpenny embossed envelope, the stamps of which having the full colour at *back* as well as front, has been made the subject of a unique experiment by some ingenious stampist. It was sent through the post with the stamp turned back over the front of envelope, and held in that position by an overlapping ½d. adhesive. This combination duly franked the closed letter as one penny; the back of the oval stamp—showing the design and lettering reversed—thus receiving the cancellations.

Adhesive "Inland Revenue" stamps were, by act of parliament authorized for prepayment of postage in 1881—the privilege being at first confined to the one penny value. By a further enactment it was decreed that "on and after 1st January, 1883," all values of Inland Revenue stamps up to 2/6 should be available

for postage. None of the values above a penny have become at all common in the genuine postally-used condition: and probably but very few indeed are known which actually did postal duty *before* their legal admission on the date above-mentioned. Therefore, a large oblong 6d. lilac—postmarked "Newsham, November 30th, 1879"—which I have just come across is certainly worthy of honourable mention.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF A
GENERAL COLLECTION.

BY A GENERAL COLLECTOR.

[The following came to us in the form of a letter from one of the very foremost of Indian collectors. It has a postscript of about equal length and of a most amusing and interesting character which space compels us to hold over until next month—*ED. P. C. and A.*]

I AM a general collector of adhesive postage stamps and have been so for over thirty years. I have a large collection. I collect all stamps of all countries, and am a specialist in three or four countries.

With the exception of the albums for my specialised countries (which are plain books) I want new albums badly. For months I have turned the matter over in my mind as to what albums I should get. Can you help me to decide?

My British Empire Album stamps are in Mr. Skipton's albums. I am told no further edition of that admirable work (in principle, the best printed album ever placed on sale) will appear. My other stamps (thousands and thousands of them) are in an album too unspeakable for words. I loathe the sight of it.

Were I to buy plain albums with movable leaves they would cost me fully £12 for a collection the size of mine, and the mapping out of the countries would take up about two years of my leisure time (working daily), not counting the time that the arrangement of the stamps would take. I would not mind the expense so much nor yet the labour—but plain albums (except for specialist collections when they are unavoidable) are not satisfactory—in the case of a large general collection they are a practical impossibility.

If I lean to the (up to a point, excellent) IMPERIAL Album of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd. I find no chronicle for British plate numbers, for U.S. stamps

with secret marks, &c., and for very many *easily obtainable* recognised shades and varieties of other interesting stamps which I prefer to collect, and no marginal spaces to speak of for pairs, strips, or curiosities (as in Skipton's), and a very, very meagre assortment of spaces for new issues.

I decline to so much as look at any album with pictures of stamps on the stamp bearing page. They are relics of pre-historic philatelic barbarism.

What do you advise me to do?

Mr. Morley is the publisher of some of the neatest catalogues and other philatelic literary productions I know of and is in many ways eminently suited to fashion a series of albums for the men and women, not the children of, and dabblers in, our pursuit. We want albums—not concoctions to catch the eye and the money, but intelligent works for the practical philatelist who takes his pleasure in stamps seriously. No “arms,” details of population, portraits of rulers, maps, and other information, pictorial or otherwise, which a generation or more ago were worked into albums in order to persuade parents or guardians into the belief that their stamp-collecting boys were following a “useful” and “instructive” pursuit and picking up ideas in a backhanded sort of a way. Such things belong to the realm of exploded notions, to an era of grandmotherly legislation for things educational gone and done with at which we can now afford to laugh. Philately should recommend itself and does so, it needs no eternal proclamation of the fact that it teaches geography, history, and a bogus heraldry to aid it to foist itself into public favour and justify its continued existence. Standing four-square on its own basis it can very well get along without these adventitious aids to popularity and general recognition.

“Arms” (good and interesting things when they are really “arms,” and in their proper place) are as out of place in a stamp album as would be the lesson for the thirteenth Sunday after Trinity in the middle of a page of Bradshaw's time-table.

Cannot someone be persuaded to bring out albums to suit me and thousands of other collectors in my position—and not only to suit me and others in a like fix but to preserve as *generalists* thousands of collectors who are now driven out of collecting altogether by reason of the non-elasticity of printed albums and their restricted character as regards blank pages, or who have no course open to them but to become specialists in a few countries only?

Album publishers cater for all collectors but the very class that is the most deserving of all—the steady-going general collector who goes on through the years adding to his stamps and declines to collect none whatever so long as they are good specimens. He asks for stamps and when he gets them he finds that the album publisher says “Oh, dear me, no!

you must not expect me to provide a space in my album for the stamp I have just sold you—I catalogue it in my price list but in my album I know nothing about it—please don't trouble me! Master Tommy Jones, who is fourteen years of age next April—one of my customers—has his stamp-collecting season on just now and I must attend to him; and Mr. Cræsus Smith, who only goes in for Alaskas (and nothing under full panes of them in unused condition) is also waiting to see me—please go away—I am so tired of hearing that you actually want an album in which to place your stamps!”

Again, I ask, what am I to do? How am I to lift my very fine collection out of its (for the greater part) present condition of chaotic confusion?

I shall be so much obliged if you will help me with sound advice, and not merely put me off with the general remark “most specialists prefer plain albums giving them a free hand” or else “it is impossible to provide in a printed album for all possible varieties of stamps issued.” I am a *general* not a specialist collector, and I know it is impossible to provide for *all* stamps, and do not ask that this may be done.

What I do ask for is a series of albums for all the world on the lines of Skipton's British Empire Albums, brought out at frequent intervals, sold unbound, and with at least one blank page after *each* country. I do not mind if the stamp-bearing page be ruled with faint lines only or mapped out in rectangular figures. That is to say with good paper of a business-like size, with excellent type and an intelligent catalogue going much more deeply into the stamps than does the *Imperial*; though, of course, not pretending to list every possible variety, and with ample marginal space on each page for shades, strips, new issues or other desirable acquisitions that may turn up, for though I *am* a generalist I see no reason why when I do get hold of something worth keeping (what the *Imperial* says, in effect, I need not worry about, by closing its pages to it) I should not enshrine it in my album.

The provision of such a series of albums would solve the great album question at which it is the fashion for the editors of philatelic journals to sneer and about which they are fond in their lordly way of making their very funny and sometimes really clever little jokes. Any price in reason might be asked for it, for all generalists would as time went on get it. Its advantages would be those of the *Imperial* plus to a large extent the blank album. Its sale unbound and with blank leaves after *each* country would permit of each collector arranging it for binding in his own way with further blank leaves inserted wherever he chose to place them.

(To be continued.)

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.]

THE *Weekly Philatelic Era* issues the following warning which is not without interest to English readers.

WARNING I

PITTSBURG, PA., Feb. 27, '00.

WEEKLY ERA.

Gentlemen: The following item may perhaps interest a good many of your readers and I think the wider publication given to it may perhaps reach the desired mark, the arrest of the fraud. A party travelling under various names, such as Simpson, Walsh, O'Neil and possibly as many others as he finds convenient, has succeeded in selling under false pretences various lots of stamps (?) to collectors in this vicinity and Columbus, Ohio.

His method of proceeding is to place an advertisement in various newspapers for several days, of old postage stamps for sale. After waiting till he has been well answered, he proceeds to go to every applicant, and forthwith unloads on them his wares, which consist of the following fakes: 2, 6, 10c Executive; 30c Justice; 6, 90c State all on cover; also British Guiana, Scott's Nos. 38, 39, 40 on covers; New South Wales No. 306, on cover; Great Britain No. 307 on part cover; Petersburg Confederate on cover.

Besides these covers his stock apparently consists of \$6, \$9 Newspapers, $\frac{1}{4}$ groshen Nos. 5, 10 Oldenburg; No. 13 Hanover; Antioquia No. 19; Geneva No. 4, fine pair; Roman States No. 13; Indian surcharge Zanzibar, mostly 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ variety; early South African surcharges and fake Afghanistan, Straits Settlements, Perak.

The description of the party is as follows: Man, about 35 years of age, 5 ft. 5in. high, slight stoop, weighs possibly 150 lbs., crossed eyes, shabbily dressed, walks with a long stride, either an Englishman, or speaks with English accent, claims to be a tailor's cutter, born and raised in Westbourne Park, England, but of course his tale, no doubt, varies.

Yours truly,

H. HUNT,

Ex. Man. T. C. P. S.

P.S.—A good deal of his stuff is put up on auction blanks bearing the name of Ventom, Bull & Cooper, London, England.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until July 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their reference are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—September sheets, have been returned to members and accounts duly submitted and settled. Owing to catalogue changes many members refrained from contributing sheets, but it is hoped they will remedy their omission for March. Many good stamps at reasonable prices were sent in, those first on the list having a good selection of real bargains. During the past month five new members have joined and three applications were declined. H. A. Slade, Secretary, Ingleside, St Albans.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A General Meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, March 6th, 1900, when Mr. Herbert R. Oldfield gave a display of his collection of the stamps of Columbia, accompanied by explanatory notes on the different issues under examination. Needless to remark, nothing but perfect copies were exhibited, every variety of shade, paper, and even of error, being well represented. At the conclusion of the display, the chairman (Mr. G. Haynes), tendered the cordial thanks of the Society to Mr. Oldfield for his great courtesy in entertaining the members for the third time during the past two seasons. H. A. Slade, Hon. Sec. and Treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF INDIA.—A General Meeting of the Society was held on the 30th January, 1900, at Mr. Larmour's residence, No. 60, Bentinck

Street, Calcutta, at 6 o'clock, p.m. There was an almost full attendance of members at present resident in Calcutta, Lieutenant-Colonel G. F. A. Harris being in the chair. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. M. P. Castle, Editor of the *London Philatelist*, for a gift of 43 sets of unbound volumes 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 (with supplement) of the *London Philatelist* for distribution to members of the Society. The late Secretary announced that he had presented complete sets (so far as they are now available) of the *Philatelic Journal of India* to Mr. J. A. Tilleard and Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., the Secretaries of the London and Birmingham Philatelic Societies, for the use of their Libraries. Mr. Corfield laid before the Meeting a proposal for the amalgamation (under certain conditions) of the Philatelic Society of India with the Philatelic Society of London (the Society retaining its individuality as the Indian section of the London Society) on and from the 31st December, 1900, and stated that he had suggested a scheme with this in view to the President in Lahore, who had expressed his full approval of it. After a discussion the Meeting cordially accepted the proposal in principle.

DESTRUCTION OF NEWFOUNDLAND STAMPS.

MR. T. HAWKINS sends us the following cutting from *The Evening Herald*, St. John's, Newfoundland.

We hereby certify that we were present on Wednesday, the 3rd. inst., at the 'Royal Gazette Office,' and on Thursday, the 4th, inst., at the General Post Office, and did see the following obsolete stamps first defaced by the printing press, and afterwards destroyed by fire:—

No.	DENOM.	FACE VAL.
49,717	2c. green	994 34
40,638	3c. slate	1,219 14
104,569	5c. blue	5,228 45
34,422	6c. pink	2,065 32
92,966	10c. black	9,296 60
27,162	24c. blue	6,518 88
69,653	12c. p-brown	8,358 36
2,658 (C. Issue)	3c. Cabot	79 74
11,342	5c. Cabot	566 10
Total		\$34,327 93

ARTHUR MEWS, Deputy Colonial Secretary.
 GEORGE COEN, Deputy Minister Finance.
 GEO. W. LEMESSURER, Acct. General Post Office.

E. DEVEREUX, Post Office Inspector.
 WILLIAM CAMPBELL, Stamp Clerk, G. P. Office.

We hereby certify that we were present at intervals on Wednesday, the 3rd. inst., at the 'Royal Gazette' Office, during the defacing of the Postage Stamps enumerated in above certificate; and that on Thursday, the 4th, inst., we were present and did see the aforesaid stamps destroyed by fire at the General Post Office.

J. ALEX ROBINSON, Colonial Secretary.
 J. A. McLEOD, Manager Bank of Nova Scotia.
 J. O. FRASER, Postmaster General.
 F. C. BERTEAU, Comptroller and Auditor General.

DIEGO SUAREZ.

THE exact status of the lithographed Diego-Suarez stamps serving as provisionals, while the local post office was short of the postage stamps supplied from Paris in 1890 and 1891 is very well established in an elaborate article of the *Echo de la Timbrologie*. The quantities printed are as follows: Of the 1890, 4,000 of the 1 centime; 6,000 of the 5 centimes, and 15,000 each of the 15 and 25 centimes. When the regular stamps arrived the remainder of the lithographed provisionals was burned in the presence of a commission. There were destroyed 3,546 of the 15c., and 6,903 of the 25c. values. Of the lower values nothing was left, the stock having been exhausted sometime previous to the arrival of the French stamps. In the Autumn of 1891 the values of 5c. postage and the 5c. and 50c. postage due stamps were sold out another provisional issue was ordered, 3,000 of the first named and 1,500 each of the two last mentioned stamps being printed this time. This provisional issue was entirely exhausted before a new supply came and another provisional of the 5c. was issued, this time by surcharging the 10c. and 20c. values of the early 1892 Colony type. Catalogue values of the 7 lithographed periodicals are in no proportion to their real scarcity and will certainly command more than double before long.

NOTICES.

TELEGRAPH STAMPS OF THE WORLD.—Mr. Morley has issued what seems to be an exhaustive catalogue of

these issues. This is, we believe, the first attempt made at anything like a comprehensive list and very satisfactory it seems. Our own ignorance of Telegraphic Philately, to coin a phrase, prevents us criticising the matter but the book itself of 179 pages altogether of which 111 are descriptive matter is a very worthy one. The illustrations are all photographic and of first class quality, produced upon best quality paper and the descriptive part is upon one side of the paper only, leaving the other side for notes, additions, &c., and the whole is neatly bound in cloth. Mr. Morley deserves considerable and sincere congratulations upon the outcome of his labours.

Telegraphic Stamps of the World, by W. Morley, post free 5/- from Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Birmingham.

THE STAMP COLLECTOR.—The *Junior Stamp Collector* of Messrs Margoschis Bros, has out-grown its adolescence and now appears, in a glorious new raiment of crimson and sable as *The Stamp Collector* without the *Junior*. It still however aims at encouraging the beginner and the issue we have seen provides some excellent information for all classes of collectors.

POSTAL CARDS AND COVERS.—For the first time on this side of the atlantic, the claims of collectors of entire have been recognised by the issue of a quarterly magazine under the style mentioned above. The Editor and Proprietor is Mr. W. T. Wilson, Leeds.

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* " 30 " blue	0 3	2 0	—
1862, 30 " blue	0 7	5 0	—
1865, 20 " rose	0 5	3 6	—
1868, 2 bani, yellow	1 5	—	—
" 2 " orange	1 5	—	—
" 3 " lilac	1 10	15 0	—
" 4 " blue	3 0	—	—
" 18 " red	0 5	3 6	—
" 18 " rose	0 9	7 0	—
1869, 5 " yellow	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue	0 9	7 0	—
" 10 " dark blue	1 0	9 0	—
" 15 " red	0 10	—	—
" 15 " carmine	1 0	—	—
" 25 " orange and blue	1 6	12 0	—
1871, 5 " carmine	1 6	—	—
" 10 " orange	1 0	9 0	—
" 10 " blue	1 6	—	—
" 15 " red	10 0	—	—
" 25 " brown	2 6	—	—
1872, 5 " red, perf...	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue	1 6	12 0	—
" 25 " brown	2 6	—	—
1873, 1½ " olive	0 1	0 9	6 0
" 3 " green	0 3	1 8	15 0
" 5 " brown	0 1	0 9	—
" 10 " blue	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 15 " brown	0 3	1 10	20 0
" 25 " orange	0 2	1 0	8 0
" 50 " rose	0 7	5 0	—
1876, 1½ " olive	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " brown	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 10 " blue ultramarine	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 15 " brown	0 2	1 4	—
" 15 " yellow-brown	0 2	1 4	—
" 30 " red	0 8	5 0	—
1879, 1½ " black	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 3 " olive	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " green	0 1	0 7	—
" 10 " rose	0 1	0 7	—
" 15 " red	0 8	5 0	—
" 25 " blue	0 7	5 0	—
" 50 " yellow bistre	0 7	5 0	—
*1891, Jubilee, 1½ bani, red	0 4	2 6	—
* " 3 " violet	0 10	7 6	—
* " 15 " brown	1 0	8 6	—
1895, 25 bani, blue, watermark P.R.	0 3	2 0	15 0
1893/99, 50 bani, orange	0 1	0 6	3 0
" 1 leu, brown on rose	0 2	0 9	6 0
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" 5 " "	0 6	4 0	—
" 10 " "	0 2	1 0	6 6
" 10 " light brown	0 1	0 9	5 0

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1881, 30 bani, brown	0 1	0 6	4 0
" 30 " light brown	0 1	0 5	3 0
" 50 " brown	0 4	3 0	25 0
" 60 " "	1 0	9 0	—
1890, 2 bani, green	0 1	0 8	—
" 5 " "	0 2	1 3	—
" 10 " "	0 3	1 6	—
" 30 " "	0 1	0 6	—
" 50 " "	0 4	3 0	—
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1879, 5 cents, black	1 0	9 0
" 25 " black and violet	1 5	13 6
1881, 3 stot, red and green	0 3	2 0
" 5 " black and yellow	0 3	1 6
" 15 " red and green	0 6	4 0
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*1882, 1 " violet and grey (Edini)	0 3	2 0
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" 30 " violet and green	0 2	1 0
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1889, 1 leu, red	0 3	2 0
1892, 15 on 30	0 3	1 6

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" 40 " "	0 6	4 0
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1869, 10 para, brown	0 8	6 0
" 20 " blue	0 2	1 4
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" 50 " green	0 5	3 6
1880, 50 " brown	0 3	2 0
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It is never safe to predict until after the event—there may be an Irish sound about this aphorism, although its truth is unquestionable—but it would be almost a safe prediction to say that Australian stamps will, ere long, resume a considerable portion if not the whole of their pristine importance in philately. The event which will probably make this *un fait accompli* is the near-approaching federation of the Australian Colonies. The present position of affairs points to a speedy consummation of the United Commonwealth. New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, South Australia, and Tasmania have all not only accepted the Commonwealth Bill by large majorities, but have despatched it for the consideration of the Imperial Parliament.

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However, as matters now stand, five of the six Australian Colonies are committed to early union, and as in the case of the German Postal Federation, the separate issues of postage stamps for those five States will cease, and one Federal issue will take their place. The Customs Department goes over to the Federal Government, as soon as it is formed, and the Bill provides for the transfer of the Postal Department upon a date to be fixed upon by the Governor-General subsequent to the establishment of the Commonwealth.

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The date of these changes is the one uncertain element. The bill has to be passed through the Imperial Parliament, the new

form of government has to be arranged in its details and the new Governor-General and his staff to be appointed, equipped, despatched from England and landed in the Antipodes. Then the procedure will probably be an Imperial Proclamation and a meeting of the Federated Parliament—after which the new stamps for the Federation will be issued. There are just grounds, then, for supposing that the collection of Australian stamps will receive a fillip in the near future which will restore to them a large amount of the popularity they enjoyed some years ago.

CHRONICLE.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA—A stamp of the value of 2/- has been added to the current set. The design is the same as that of the other high values and the colour is olive and black.

CANADA.—The 3c. 6c. and 15c. stamps are no longer being issued to post offices, but copies in the hands of the public are still available for postage.

COREA.—The current series of stamps has had its inscriptions altered, by means of characters surcharged in red at the ends of the upper and lower labels, so as to signify *Empire of Corea* instead of Kingdom of Corea.

5p., green ;	red surcharge.
10p., blue	" "
25p., violet brown	" "
50p., mauve	" "

Another journal announces that Corea has joined the Postal Union, and that a new series of fourteen values was to be issued on January 1st, and a contemporary chronicles two values of this issue; the design is said to be of rectangular shape, with the Korean device in the centre surrounded by a circular or oval garter bearing Korean characters, and the words "Imperial Corean Post." These were reported to have been issued on January 20th.

2 cheun, blue.
3 " red.

DANISH WEST INDIES.—The 3c. stamp is now perf. 13×12½.

3c. lake and blue; new perf.

FEDERATE MALAY STATES.—In addition to those listed last month a 10c. has been issued.

10c. lilac and orange.

GUATEMALA.—We have seen a provisional con-

sisting of 10c. carmine surcharged in three lines "1900—1—Centavo."

10c. carmine, surcharged "1900—1—Centavo." in black.

GOLD COAST.—The 5/- and 10/- stamps of the 1891-4 issue have recently had their colours changed. The 5/- is printed in green and mauve and the 10/- in green and brown.

LIBERIA.—The 1c. 2c. and 5c. of this Republic have appeared in the Postal Union colours, the designs remaining the same as those employed in 1897. The new stamps are also surcharged "O.S," the 1c. and 5c. in red, and the 2c. in black.

SEYCHELLES.—The following new values have been received at the Post Office Museum, Washington.

6c. rose.
75c. yellow and violet.
1r. 50c. gray ,, red.
2r. 25c. green ,, brown-red.

SAMOA.—The Samoan set has been surcharged in two lines "PROVISIONAL GOVT."

½d. green	surch. "Provisional Govt." in red.
1d. brown	" " " " blue.
2d. orange	" " " " red.
4d. blue	" " " " red.
5d. carmine	" " " " blue.
6d. maroon	" " " " blue.
1 th. lake	" " " " blue.
2 sh. 6d. purple	" " " " red.

SOUDAN.—Mr. Aram Sempad, Cairo, sends us a specimen of the new service stamp, being the ordinary 5m. "Soudan" on Egypt perforated with two large letters S.G.

5m, rose, Service stamp.

SWEDEN AND NORWAY. *Sweden*.—The new 1 krona stamp is not a particularly artistic one. Wmk. Crown; same perforation as the other values.

1 kr., carmine and blue-black.

POSTCARDS, &c.

PORTUGUESE INDIES.—A new card of type of the adhesives of 1898 is reported.

Post Card (Regular) :

½ tanga, green on buff.

RHODESIA.—We list the following cards :—
Post Cards (Regular) :

1d. pale red on white.

1×1d. " " " "

THE POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

EASTER is at hand, and your POSTMAN is looking forward to a short period of rest from his arduous labours. The mental strain of the past few months has been simply tremendous—the

whole responsibility of keeping this journal from utter dissolution appears to have fallen upon me and nothing but my well-known energy and ungrudging devotion of brain work to the paper has saved it from ruin, and an unworthy editor from indigent old age—for he would never get another job if he lost his present one, while after all my efforts, I can only go away for about three days, and that with an ungracious permission. [There are a few remarks in the above paragraph which cry loudly for comment. To preface, I must say that THE POSTMAN is an unmitigated humbug not to say an untruthful person, and only the devoted affection which philatelists in general feel (by some inscrutable psychological influence) towards his person retains for him his position on the staff of this paper. I would comment upon his remarks categorically: (1) arduous labours: the old fraud is simply incapable of work, his nearest approach being the snipping of other people's ideas from contemporary journals as done this month. (2) mental strain: with him an impossibility for physical reasons. (3) well-known energy: in getting advances and loans. (4) ungrudging devotion: to his pipe and bottle (5) only get away for three days, because he was flatly refused a further advance of salary. (6) ungracious permission: the exact words were "You can go when you like and need never come back!" These remarks may be considered strong by his many admirers among collectors, but I assure them that each one is true—his libellous statements regarding myself I pass over with the contempt they deserve.—EDITOR, P. C. and A.]

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The Omaha issue of the United States has now been withdrawn entirely from issue, and the remainders, together with the unsold periodical stamps, were to be destroyed early in March. Less than 25,000 sets of periodicals were disposed of.

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Messrs Butler Bros., Clevedon, have sent the POSTMAN copies of their new wholesale and retail lists. The motto of the firm, "Excelsior," has always hitherto been well applicable to their goods and the two lists mentioned show even greater efforts at excellence than in the past. Every collector and dealer should send for a list, for he "won't be happy till he gets it."

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Two Australian exhibitions are now proposed—one in Melbourne in May next, to commemorate the jubilee of the issue of postage stamps in Victoria, and the other in Sydney in August, to commemorate nothing in particular, but the existence of philately in general.

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The Wedding Celebration issue of Tonga was not got over without one little mistake, which we trust,

however, will not mar in any way the future happiness of the illustrious couple, or cause any doubt to be cast upon the actual date of the ceremony. One stamp in each block of 30 of those received shows the date "1889," instead of "1899." The printer should get into some trouble over this, for when a Royal lady claims that her wedding day was June 1st, 1899, it is high treason to suggest that the marriage took place ten years earlier. It is stated that the Tongan Parliament wished the king to marry a lady of the name of Ofa, and that when he refused and insisted on marrying another lady named Lavinia, there were great riots in the capital, each party endeavouring to burn its opponents' houses, and give trouble generally. The latest news, however, is that matters have been settled, and that a further lot of stamps has been issued, overprinted "TL—TO," which would seem to imply that the king (ever ready to please his subjects) has married both the ladies—a simple way out of the difficulty, which might not have been possible in less favoured climes!

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The "War Fund" Stamp Auction took place in the Council Chamber of St. Martin's Town Hall on Wednesday, March 28th. There was an excellent attendance, considerably more than 100 being present, including many ladies. Mr. Walter Bull acted as auctioneer, and stated that in addition to the presents of stamps, philatelic literature, &c., £65 had been contributed in cash. As there were practically no expenses in connection with the sale, the War Fund should be augmented by a considerable amount. The amount actually secured was £1,002 7s, a sum which plainly shows that patriotism and philately can exist together.

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A section of the philatelic public seem to have an idea that Messrs. Plumridge and Co. are carrying on the auction business of, or are in some way connected with, Messrs. Cheveley and Co. The impression probably arises from the fact that the first-named firm use offices in the same block of buildings as those lately occupied by Messrs. Cheveley. The reason for this is the proximity of the Arbitration Room where the sales are held and which other auctioneers also use, including, probably, Cheveley and Co., but that any connection whatever exists between the two firms is entirely erroneous.

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Owing to pressure of business consequent upon the approach of Easter, Mr. Webb is unable to furnish his useful and interesting "Notes on English" for this issue. THE POSTMAN has expostulated in vain. The call of duty must be obeyed, but I think we may expect something in the way of overweight in next month's "Notes" to make up for the disappointment.

THE ARRANGEMENT OF A GENERAL COLLECTION.

Continued from last month.

I MAY add that it is quite a mistake to suppose that even new collectors do not desire to have other than "standard" varieties provided for in their printed albums. The new collector is as keen as the veteran on the acquisition of varieties and sub-varieties. The following statement is an exaggeration, I cannot prove its truth (though why worry about a proof, even things that are true cannot be proved), but it will serve.

We all know of the penny red Alaska of 1883 surcharged in May, 1887, "one halfpenny" (I am referring to the one in which the seal's head has five whiskers on the left side only—not that with three on both sides), and we all know that one stamp of each printing appeared with an inverted hyphen between the "half" and "penny" of the word "half-penny." It is not known how many of this error were actually officially struck off, probably only a few, but some were sold over the counter by the daughter of the postmistress of a small town in the north of the country named Tomskivosliki (the town not the daughter—her name was Teckhla Strömdidgji, with two dots over the O, it will be remembered). At all events, according to the *Stamp Collector's Defender and Philatelic Beacon* for 14th November, 1888 (pp 73-74) only 17 of these stamps with the inverted hyphen error were then known to exist. All catalogues since that date have listed them however, often unpriced, though no album I know of provides a space for them. I have a copy, Mr. T. Jones, referred to previously, has a copy, Mr. C. Smith, whom I have also spoken of, has a copy, all the collecting friends I have ever met have copies. A block of eleven (two of them *tete-bêche*) was shown at Manchester and I hear that at the coming Paris Exhibition a unique display of this error is already spoken of as likely to cause a sensation. Still the error is to my mind one for a specialist's consideration, and I for one do not think that the album publishers have acted unwisely in excluding space for it from their catalogued albums.

I mention all this as the story serves to point my meaning when I say that collectors are lost to Philately and business to dealers because of the restricted character of printed albums.

Master Tommy Jones, as I have said, acquired a specimen of this inverted hyphen error. He turned to his album and to his utter disappointment found no mention of it there. This happened last Tuesday. His collection is now reported to be on the market and he is apparently open to offers. He says "Philately is all rot," or words to that effect. Again Mr. Crœsus Smith, the celebrated specialist in Alaskas only (I

have already mentioned him), was formerly a generalist, he was an enthusiastic collector of everything, a man after the heart of all dealers and exchange club secretaries. A few hours after the hyphen error (printed in Alaska) was sold across the counter by Miss Teckla in Tomskivosliki, he was offered in the Rue de Henri Quatre, Paris, a copy of this very error. He paid cash down for it at once, took it back with him to Staffordshire and opened his album with the intention of placing his treasure in the nook assigned to it. To his chagrin (a word of French origin of the sort he was just then fond of) he not only found no mention of the inverted hyphen Alaska but also no mention of the unsurcharged variety of the penny red in which the seal has the *five* whiskers. At this he grew furious and afterwards morbid. He refused for a time to see his friends and declined all invitations out to dinner on the plea that he had already accepted subsequent engagements. This was weak of him—but eventually his *general* collection found its way to auction and for several years has devoted his exclusive attention to Alaskas pure and simple—usually simple.

Now I myself (as I have said) do not approve of the course of action followed by Mr. Jones or Mr. Smith, holding as I do that no album compiler could reasonably be blamed for overlooking in his album provision for so trivial a variety as the penny red Alaska of 1833 surcharged on the five whiskered seal's head "one half-penny" with an inverted hyphen between the "half" and the "penny," but what I do blame album compilers for is their refusal to chronicle such varieties as those of the plate numbers of Great Britain and many, many other catalogued stamps equally easy of acquisition and of great interest even to generalists. I do not ask for the hyphen error in any album list, though, as I have shewn, its absence therefrom was undoubtedly a leading cause for the permanent retirement of Mr. Crœsus Smith as a general collector, as also it will be (it is to be feared) in the near future of Mr. Thomas Jones, not merely from the ranks of the generalists but from Philately altogether.

USED v. UNUSED.

THE article by Mr. E. Heginbottom in our January issue was commented upon by the editor of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* in his February issue, and provoked from Mr. Heginbottom a long letter on the subject giving his arguments against the *dictum* that the postmarks were immaterial to stamp collectors. We may reproduce Mr. Heginbottom's letter in full some day but space now only allows us to publish the remarks of *Stanley Gibbons' Journal* with reference to the letter, commending its antithetical force and quiet humour to our readers.

"The question of 'Used versus Unused' is a very

old one. In the earliest days there were enthusiasts who appeared to forget that a stamp was manufactured for any other purpose than that of being obliterated and put in an album, and we remember one of them asking a question in *The Stamp Collector's Magazine* as to how it was that in certain countries so many more unused stamps were issued than used ones! In those days, however, a single specimen was sufficient, either *used* or *unused* (the former preferred by the purists), and to collect specimens in both conditions was considered greedy and extravagant; it is only of comparatively late years that the theory has been propounded that the obliteration can alter the nature of the stamp itself, and that two stamps that are identically the same before they are used, and remain the same if cancelled with the same *black* obliteration, become *different stamps* (philatelically) if one of them is obliterated in *black* and the other in *red* or *blue*. The official nature of the obliterations that our correspondent enumerates we are fully prepared to admit; the fact, if it be a fact, that some of the various coloured inks ought not to have been used for obliterating purposes, does not appear to us to matter much; they were thus employed, and stamps so marked were recognised as obliterated. But our contention is that, as far as the stamp is concerned, it does not matter what colour the obliteration is, the stamp remains the same. The argument that if, in the case of early English stamps, we reject all the varieties of obliteration, we reduce the list to a very short and simple one, is in no way to the point. In the first place, the multiplication of varieties is an evil, not an advantage; in the second place, if these are, as we affirm, varieties of postmarks only, and not varieties of stamps, the simplification of the list merely means reducing it to a list of stamps and not a list of postmarks. In our humble opinion, a stamp with a *red* postmark differs from a stamp with a *blue* postmark, to the eye of a stamp collector, to exactly the same extent as a roast chicken differs from a boiled one to the eye of a naturalist.

"The question whether it is the *used* or the *unused* stamp that we ought to collect is a much wider one. The intentions of Rowland Hill or of the Post Office generally, as to what should be done with stamps do not concern us in the least, because, in the first instance, neither used nor unused stamps were intended to be collected and put in albums. Nothing that possesses any real interest to render it worthy of collection has been expressly made for that purpose; neither stamps, coins, nor medals were originally made for collectors, and even the rarest butterflies and moths were not (we believe) formed by Nature in order that they might figure in glass cases with a pin stuck through them. If it is argued that Rowland Hill intended that *unused* stamps should be put upon letters, it is equally fair to argue that he intended that *used* stamps

should be put in the waste-paper basket. From the official point of view, the obliteration destroys the stamp, and the obliterated copy is no stamp at all; in fact, if a means had been invented by which the stamp could actually be destroyed, burnt off the envelope, without injuring the latter or its contents, that method would, no doubt, have been adopted, and we should have had no *used* stamps to collect. The official view does not matter to us, and it is no use appealing to it either way; but to claim that a *used* stamp is more of a postage stamp than an *unused* one is equivalent to claiming that an empty bottle is more of a wine bottle than a full one—the postal essence has disappeared from the one, like the wine from the other; the bottle has the advantage, for the celebrated *dictum* still applies, that 'it has done its duty, and is ready to do it again'; but the destroyed stamp can do its duty no more.

"At the same time these considerations do not affect the collector's side of the question; the used stamp is still a stamp to us, though it has ceased to be one to anybody else, but it can hardly be more of a stamp or more desirable (generally speaking) than when it was unused: it has been defaced, disfigured, therefore, to a greater or less extent, and can never be quite so good a specimen of the thing we collect as it was when in its pristine condition. There are exceedingly few cases, in our opinion, where an obliteration in itself adds anything whatever to the interest of a specimen; for instance, where we desire to prove that a particular variety has been actually in use, an obliterated copy, if we know that the obliterated is genuine, and was really applied at the period at which the stamp should have been in circulation (points extremely difficult to prove), is evidence of its use; or again, where we want to prove the date of issue of a stamp, a specimen on the original envelope, with a date stamp by its side, will be of great interest, and the stamp must be obliterated, preferably with the date mark itself, to prove that it was really there at that date. But the obliteration is no improvement to the stamp, as a specimen, in either case; and such cases as these are very uncommon."

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

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B RITISH SOUTH AFRICA.—During the seige of Mafeking, the Postmaster of which place is distributor of stamps for the British Bechuanaland

Protectorate, one of the offices in the latter territory ran out of stamps, and was supplied with stamps of the B. S. A. Company. These stamps were not surcharged in any way, but it is resorted that some ingenious person has overprinted certain B. S. A. stamps with the words "Bechuanaland Protectorate," and as these are being offered for sale as provisionals it is well to warn our readers that this surcharge is a fraud.

CUBA.—1870 issue.—We have seen all four values of this issue forged, used and unused. One die for all the values seems only to have been made and the figures of value were inserted afterwards, as the face shows the same points of difference from the originals. The face is longer in the forgeries the chin more pointed and the nose is very badly drawn. The hair on the right hand side is too coarse and the pearl circle of the diadem quite indistinct. The colors and the perforations are pretty accurate, hence they are dangerous.

EGYPT.—A self-styled postage stamp merchant of Alexandria, Egypt, Mr. S. Giorgianni, offers broadcast to reputable dealers of Europe his "excellent imitations" of Egyptian postage stamps. He writes in his circular that he is able to supply all the stamps of Egypt excepting only the current issue at face value. He means business, for with his circular he encloses some "samples," all dangerous counterfeits.

HUNGARY.—According to the *Philatelic Monthly*, there are some very fine counterfeits of the lithographed Hungary being circulated from Turin. They are: 2 kreuzer, yellow-orange; 3kr., blue green; 10kr., milky-blue; 15kr., yellow-brown; 25kr., violet. (The 5kr. is not mentioned in the list; probably it was thought not worth while to forge this value). The journal states that the counterfeits are lithographed in such a way that the design shows absolutely no deviation from that of the originals. The only tests are that the paper is much rougher than in the genuine, and that, while they are all cancelled, the original gum on the back is intact. The journal says that they are perf. "9½, while the genuine ones are perf. 10 or 10½;" but we fancy that these gauges must have been accidentally reversed, as all our originals are perf. 9½.

JAPAN.—Collectors have been and are still being taken in by the counterfeit Japanese stamps sold in sets. They have new foes to meet now, among which are the counterfeit Inter Island stamps of Hawaii. They are very well executed and cancelled like originals, in red, but some have full "original gum" on them and when collectors see used stamps with full gum, they "smell a rat"

VICTORIA.—According to *The Ph. J. of G. B.* an old "fake" is being put on the market again, in the shape of the early 10d. with the rose colour discharged

from the paper in order to make it pass for the 10d. on white paper. These frauds are never, we believe, in the grey colour of the genuine, being of a greenish tint; they also have the watermark "10" instead of "8," which is sufficient to condemn them at once. Our contemporary thinks that the presence of this watermark is not conclusive; but this, we believe, is a mistake. We do not believe that any white paper with watermark "10" was ever used for postage stamps in Victoria.

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March 1st. Display. West Indies and British Guiana, by Mr. W. T. Wilson.

Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau and D. T. Lacunza were unanimously elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Philatelic Society of India and Wilmot Corfield, Esq., for Vols. I. and II. of the *Philatelic Journal of India*.

One guinea was voted to the London Society's Transvaal War Fund.

The English edition of "Swiss Stamps" was ordered to be purchased for the library.

Mr. W. T. Wilson then gave a splendid display of the stamps of West Indies and British Guiana. Fifteen of the first issue circular stamps of British Guiana were shown on the original envelopes, and many other rare errors and varieties quite as scarce. The profusion and quality were such as to make it noteworthy even for a meeting of the B.P.S.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references

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THE juggling with the stamps of New Zealand still continues and looks like continuing for some time. The one penny and the fourpence have changed colour and design the one with the other but the sizes for some reason did not suit, and so with the other low values. The halfpenny and twopence have both been re-engraved and the design made smaller by the very merest trifle—one millimetre at the outside each way—and in other minor respects the designs have been altered. The other values have yet to be dealt with, although, we understand that the 6d. has been issued in the dull purple of the English-printed halfpenny. This being the case Fate alone knows what colour the halfpenny will come in—possibly, the now nearly universal green. Anyhow, the moral for collectors is easy to observe: Look after your New Zealand until you know what's what!

CHRONICLE.

BRAZIL.—Mr. Alph Bruck, of Rio de Janeiro, informs us that the issue in commemoration of the discovery of Brazil was in use only from January 1st to February 23th, and the total issue was 400,000. They will be on sale until the 7th of September, however, in the sets 100, 200, 500 and 700 reis upon which date they will be entirely destroyed. The plates were defaced on 30th December last.

BAVARIA.—Two new values were issued las month. Perf. 11½.
3 marks, olive-brown.
5 " green.

CEYLON.—The 2r.25c. stamps are now in use. The colour is blue.

FRANCE—Mr. Vahan Mozian, Paris, sends us the new 2 franc stamp of the current type (variety a).
2 fcs. bistre on bluish.

FRENCH COLONIES.—Stamps of the current type has been surcharged for use in Vathy, Djibouti, and New Caledonia. The set for Alexandria is now complete.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new halfpenny stamp was duly issued on April 17th. We have to thank Mr. W. F. Dick, West Green, London, for the first copy addressed to this paper. The 1/- value will be issued about August. The 4½d. is not to be printed further. The stamps issued in London had the same space between the two panes filled in with small lined rectangles, but those issued in the provinces, so far, have had a blank space between the panes as in the sheets of vermilion stamps. By the way, the proclamation of the change describes the old stamps as "red." The first copies sold to the public were obtained at the Bedford Post Office where the vermilion stamps ran out on April 14th.

NEW ZEALAND.—Our esteemed correspondent, Mr. H. M. Stowell, has sent us a specimen of the new postage due stamp. A plain design printed in green with inscription N.Z.—POSTAGE DUE contains the value in red numerals. Wmk. N.Z. and star, perf. 11.

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Mr. J. M. Houston, Dunedin, has sent us the new 1d. stamp. The bi-coloured penny and the fourpenny have changed values.

NIGER COAST.—The 1/- black is now printed on Crown and C.A. paper

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—According to continental contemporaries a set of stamps is issued for these districts of the new Sierra Leone, &c., type, watermark C.A. and Crown, perforated 14

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2½d. " blue.	2/6 " blue.
5d. " brown.	

ROUMANIA.—Mr. G. Johnson has shown us a block of nine stamps of the 1893 issue containing eight 5 bani and the error 25 bani, blue.

SOUTH AFRICA.—Mr. Ewen has received specimens of various war provisionals now being used in the Orange Free State.

½d., 1d., 2½d. and 4d., O.F.S., surcharged "V.R.I." All very much discoloured, and needless to say, without gum.

½d. orange, O.F.S., unsurcharged.

Various, overprinted "T.F." Also, several overprinted "Telegraaf." These are old surcharges and specimens sent may not have been of recent use.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The new 1d. rose has been surcharged O.S. in black. The other values probably have been, or will be, also surcharged.

A correspondent has sent us a block of eight one shilling South Australia current shade, &c., imperforated vertically. They were purchased in Adelaide quite recently. The perforating machine had evidently missed the corner of the sheet by some means as the left-hand stamps and the right-hand edging are both perforated. The postal clerk being extra conscientious (the president of the B.P.S. describes him as a "blitherer") insisted on cutting between the stamps as far as the lower edging before parting with them, but the block is still in its entirety for sale.

SPAIN.—A new type of stamp is in course of adoption. The head of the youthful king is turned slightly to the right in a circle. ESPANA above, SELLO-POSTAL on either side, and the value below. The 15 cent is the only specimen out so far.

15 centimos, blue.

SWITZERLAND.—Mr. Vahan Mozian, Paris, sends us the 12 centimes, blue, of current type.

POSTCARDS, &c.

FRANCE.—The 10×10 postcard has been overprinted Alexandrie.

GERMAN COLONIES.—Several of these Colonies have received German postcards with suitable surcharge for their own use.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—It is said that 2,400 envelopes were impressed with 1d. stamp instead of 2d. A second 1d. stamp was afterwards impressed to make up the value.

POSTMANS KNOCK.

THE Grand Old Man of philately has retired from the public gaze. M. J. B. Moens is the *doyen* of stamp collectors. Your Taplings, Castles, Phillipses, and the smaller fry, alike bow down to the great authority at Brussels, nay—but let it be whispered with bated breath—even The Stamp Man himself, the Great Palmer, the One and Only Exterminator of Forgers and The Universal Philatelic King is reported to acknowledge M. Moens as being almost an equal. But times change and men change with them. M. Moens practically commenced scientific philately in January, 1863, when he founded *Le Timbre Post*, and from that day he and his paper have been living monuments of the cult. The POSTMAN humbly trusts that M. Moens will long enjoy his well-earned *otium cum dignitate*, but he grievously acknowledges that philately has known but one other loss so severe—that of the late John Kerr Tiffany.

The position of the philatelic exhibition in Paris is definitely chosen. It will be held in the beautiful home of the National Society of Horticulture, situated near the Boulevard St. Germain and only a short distance from the principal entrance to the Great Exhibition.

This journal is now the "Pilat Chronicle and Advertiser" according to the wrapper of a continental contemporary. Is "pilat" near enough for the Major?
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Mr. G. Preston Pearce is engaged on a scheme which commands the attention of all club secretaries and members. He is endeavouring to arrange a system of insurance for club packets on circuit. The further evolution of this project is full of interest.
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"The following description of the new issue of Hungary in the 'Filler' currency may be of interest. The background of the stamp represents the immense plain of Hungary, and just above the numeral is the crown of St. Stephen. On the left top corner of the crown is one of the 'Crows' Wells,' as the wells are called, which are found scattered sparingly about the plain of Hungary. On the right is the road by which the Magyars entered Hungary for the first time, and which led them to Mohacs, where they rested for the space of forty days and held the tribal meetings, at which Arpad was proclaimed the first king of Hungary. Arpad died in 907. Above the crown there hovers the 'Jurul,' which is the mystical bird of the Magyars, and which, according to the legend, descended from heaven immediately on the proclamation of Arpad as king, and settled upon his forehead. The Hungarians regard the 'Jurul' as the source of supernatural powers confined to themselves. According to M. Moens, this bird is the 'Touroul,' which acted as a messenger between the pagan Hungarians and their god Isten." The above quoted is from *S.G.M.*, but I understand that the opinions of authorities yet differ as to whether the winged creature is the Tooraloral bird of old or the famous Oof-bird of modern times. Personally, I am inclined to the latter opinion as there is a close connection between stamps and that creature nowadays.
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It is rumoured that the light-fingered gentry have been much in evidence at London auctions lately. We are authoritatively informed that all or nearly all the auctioneers have been victimised. Messrs. Plumridge have circulated a description of one lot abstracted from their office. We reproduce it in the hope that it may possibly lead to some clue being discovered:—Description of Lot 327. Queensland: Wmk. star, imperf, 2d. deep blue, a lightly-cancelled horizontal strip of three, two of the stamps being superb large margined copies, and the other very fine.
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We get letters of congratulation practically every day but it is not every day that three testimonials are dated to us on the same day. The following three form a coincidence worth marking. All were sending new advertisements for our April 14th issue—hence, probably, the coincidence of dates: Prague, April 9th. "I am very pleased with the results I have had

up to the present time. Yours very truly, J. H. RUSSELL JONES," London, S.E., April 9th. "Your paper continues to give us satisfaction. Hoping this advertisement is in time. Faithfully yours, THE COLONIAL STAMP Co." Leeds, 9 April, 1900. "Out of 3 ads. in 3 periodicals simultaneously yours was by far the most successful, with gratifying results. Yours &c., W. J. SCOTT."

THE STAMPS OF MEXICO.

(Adapted from a U.S. Contemporary.)

FASHION, which takes hold of stamps as well as other things, frequently seems to be without any reasonable ground, and hence the saying: Fashion is foolish, fads are follies. This saying is only in part true. By closer investigation it will be found that all fashions, all fads, and even all follies, have some reasonable cause. There is always an underlying principle which is quite reasonable, but the application of which is not always readily apparent and sometimes much overdone. The great favour shown to British Colonial stamps is no doubt due to the great rarity of some of them, besides the patriotism and machination of British collectors and dealers; but nothing has helped these stamps more into favour than their beauty, for which stamp collectors have a quick eye. Beauty is probably the principal reason why modern speculative issues hold their own in spite of all endeavours to bring them into general discredit. On the other hand stamps which lack beauty can hardly be raised to general favour though the greatest efforts be made. Such are most of the stamps manufactured in Spanish-speaking countries.

The stamps of Spain may appeal to the philatelic student, and he may find them as interesting as the stamps of Mauritius and New Zealand, but the average collector will slight them, because they have no beauty to appeal to his favour. The same will be found true in regard to stamps of the Spanish colonies and the South American republics. These latter are just now somewhat in prominence, but the hope of their general acceptance to favour lies in the strong sprinkling they contain of stamps manufactured in the United States, and the beauty of these in contrast with the homeliness of the rest.

Similarly it is with the stamps of Mexico. The excessive homeliness of so great a number of them seems to offend the sense for beauty. Even the very first issue, the design of which is very fair, shows such very poor execution that the inexperienced will be tempted to ask: Are they genuine? The same may be said of the third issue, that of 1864, design of the Mexican eagle. This design, if properly executed, would make a beautiful stamp, but alas! see what poor, blurred blotches were made of it. The portrait

issue of 1864 is non-objectionable in regard to beauty, but this issue was made in New York and used for a very short time only. The Maximilian issue of 1866, though not pretty, is better than the first and third. Then comes a long list of provisionals and surcharges, with very little to gratify the aesthetic. In the issue of 1868 we would find the *non plus ultra* of homeliness unless some of the Indian States productions can excel in this questionable prerogative. The issue of 1872 is but little better, and it was but wise that the contract for manufacturing stamps was again given to the people of New York.

From 1882 on, Mexico made its own stamps again, and though there is a great improvement over former attempts, no first-class work has been done up to date. Besides the regular issues the *Porte de Mar* stamps, the use of which has been much doubted, augment rather than diminish the want of beauty when we take Mexican stamps as a whole. It is not surprising therefore that very few collectors will take much interest in Mexican stamps, and that some even feel an aversion against them. For this there may be other causes, but the principal one is lack of beauty, and that will affect the student as well as the amateur.

Yet there is something in Mexican stamps that must appeal to all. It is the portraiture of the country's history. Mexico was a colony of Spain, the same as Cuba was. After a long struggle it became free, but suffered under continual revolutions for a period of fifty years, which sufficiently accounts for the lack of art and fine taste as portrayed in the initial issues of postage stamps. When the first issue was made the country had not yet settled to peace, but the feeling for liberty was strong among the people, hence the portrait of Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla, the liberator of 1810, was chosen for the central design of the first stamp. Hidalgo was a priest, and the desire for religious, besides political liberty, soon suppressed Hidalgo's portrait and set the eagle, the national emblem, in its place. Then comes the short and sadly ended imperial reign of Maximilian, and after that general disorder, until Hidalgo's portrait again appears on the stamps, but in what miserable form!

With the improvement of order the stamps improve too. The Mexican people begin to learn from their northern neighbours. From 1879 to 1884 we find beside Hidalgo's likeness that of Carlos Benito Juarez on the country stamps. Juarez was of Indian descent, the champion of religious liberty, of educational and financial reform, the successful defender of his country against the French invasion, the greatest man Mexico ever had, and the appearance of his likeness on the stamps indicates prosperity. In 1882 three stamps were issued, which are a copy of the U.S. due stamps, an adaptation which shows the spreading of North American influence. Still the country is under clerical influence; Hidalgo's effigy again occupies the stamps

of 1884, and Juarez disappears. Finally in 1886 the large numeral issue makes its appearance and indicates that the country is more and more turning to commerce and industry, leaving political and religious questions to the peaceful decision of the individual.

The present issue serves as a *resume* of the postal development and seems to mark a new era, an era of culture, study, art and science. For the philatelic student the stamps of Mexico afford a large field for research. For American collectors C. H. Mekeel's work in the *Philatelic Journal of America*, 1896, is probably the most accessible. For those who read German, E. Heitmann's "Grosses Handbuch der Philatelie" Part 25-33, will prove excellent. But there is yet many a point unsettled and enough work to do for those who are willing and able to do it. The specialist will find the stamps of Mexico rich in varieties of colour, shade, paper, perforation, and watermarks, surcharges and curios. For the collectors of the U.S. the stamps of its nearest southern neighbour should have some special interest. Until now Mexico is free from speculative issues, whilst its counterfeits and reprints have been sufficiently described to enable every careful collector to avoid them. Remainders seem to be well in the market, so that a depreciation in value is hardly to be expected from that source. All that these stamps want is beauty, but the time may come when collectors will overlook the one failing and take them into favour for the sake of their own wonderful interest.

THE STAMPS OF NEW ZEALAND.

BY HENRY M. STOWELL.

FOLLOWING upon the introduction of our new and beautiful series of 1898, many changes have occurred in our stamp system. The permanent form, now rapidly being assumed, will shortly demand, and admit of, a closely detailed history of the stamps of the series under review. Matters have already, however, reached a point which favours a brief sketch, such as may enlighten your readers and guide their knowledge of the issue along clearer channels than at present obtains.

Early in 1898 the "London Print" with its multiplicity of *inner* shades and varieties of *inner* perforations was issued. The glaring defect "WAKITIPU," 2½d. blue, was published, and a wild scramble of dealers and collectors for the coveted "rarity" resulted in a speedy clearance. Alas, for their success! the general public clamoured for copies of the "error" and to satisfy the demand a score of thousands "extra" were provided, after which "WAKATIPU" took its place. (By the way an error still exists, for the correct spelling is WHAKATIPU). Arrangements were at once made for transplanting the machinery, &c., to New Zealand so that the

colony could do its own printing. Meantime certain values of the London print "ran out" and pending their reproduction in New Zealand, a reversion to certain values of the pre-London issue took place in 1899. In answer to our swears a speedy issue of the Colonial print was promised, and these wretched articles (the 9d. more particularly) appeared at the end of the year with the 11 perforation so dear to officialdom. I have the 5d., 6d., 9d., and 2/-, so perforated. (The Government Printing Office frank stamp, noticed by you in January, had then also appeared.) Simultaneously with this we suddenly—albeit casually—rose to the importance of a "postage due" issue. These have now made their appearance and show a rather commonplace-looking stamp printed in green with a red numeral in the centre. The colour and design appears the same for all values of ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 10d. and 1/-, the figure of value being the only difference. While this was taking place other grand alterations were in contemplation, embracing a wide change of colours in the standard issue—a conforming to the Postal Union regulations—the elevation of the 1d. blue (the production of which proved costly) to the rank of fourpence—and the re-engraving of the fourpenny and its reduction to the status of one penny, red. I enclose a specimen, it ill compares with our pretty fourpenny rose; it has been reduced in size, value and beauty, in one operation. The ½d. yellow-green, 1d. red, 2d. violet, 4d. blue, and 6d. pink are now, March, issuing from the chief post office. Those which I have are perf. 11, and in all probability the others are also. As to the remaining values deponent sayeth not whether colour changes are pending. So far, very few Colonial prints of the London series have issued, and—well I cannot say more.

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FRANCE.—I recently removed from a sheet in an Exchange Club a curiously faked France, 1849. The inscription at base, 25c. POSTES 20c. was ingeniously altered to read 20c. POSTES 15c. Whether done as a joke or with a view to profit I do not know but as it was marked only 6d., at 50% discount, I take it that someone had been experimenting for fun.

ITALIAN STATES.—An American gentleman, just returned from a trip through France and Italy showed

your correspondent some of the beautiful acquisitions he prided himself upon having found "dirt-cheap" in the store of an antiquarian of San Remo. There were some stamps of Parma, Tuscany, Naples and Sicily on letters and envelopes, the entire lot in apparently splendid condition and there was but one single objection to make, viz: There was not one genuine stamp among the entire lot. Every one of the old letters and envelopes was faked, the most dangerous one being a small envelope on the top of which there are in a row the 5, 10, 20, 40, and 80 centesimi Parma 1859, addressed to one Signore M. Bosio, and cancelled May 16, 1859. All the counterfeits seem to originate in the factory of the notorious Oneglia, of Turin, Italy, whose fraudulent dealings were aired in the Italian courts some years ago.

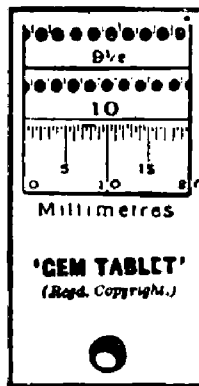
SPAIN.—1853 issue, 2 Reales, red.—A very good forgery of the above stamp is abroad.

The principal points of difference are as follows:—The 2 before Rs is leaning over too much and has a different foot, the R is too long and the S too small. The shading on the neck consists of single dots in the forgeries, whereas in the originals it consists of dots and lines.

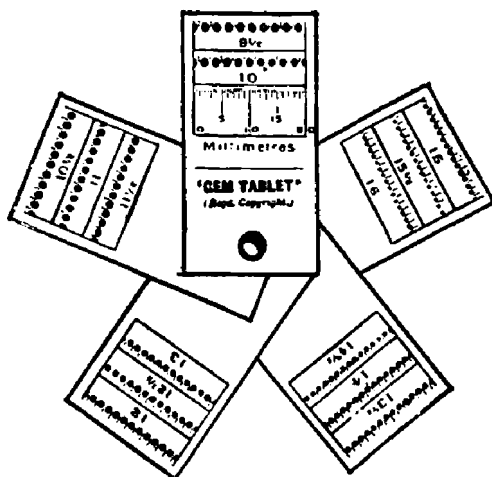
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March 1st. Display. British Guiana and West Indies, Mr. W. T. Wilson.

Messrs. J. C. Morgenthau and D. T. Lacunza were unanimously elected members.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the Philatelic Society of India and Wilmot Corfield, Esq., for Vols. I. and II, of the *P. J. of India*.

One guinea was voted to the London Society's Transvaal War Fund.

The English edition of "Swiss Stamps" was ordered to be purchased for the library.

Mr. Wilson then gave a splendid display of the stamps of British Guiana and the West Indies, fifteen of the circular stamps of British Guiana being

shown on original covers, and other rarities in exceptional numbers and condition.

April 5th. Philatelic Discussion.

Mr. G. W. Martin was unanimously elected a member.

May 3rd. Display. Mexico, Mr. R. Hollick.

Mrs. T. G. Dickson and Mr. J. G. Hawley were unanimously elected members.

A sub-committee was appointed to make arrangements for two stamp auctions during next session. All members will be allowed to contribute. Full particulars will most probably be given in the annual report which will be published on October 4th, and which will contain the advertisements of dealers at same rates as in previous years if received by the hon. sec. on or before September 15th.

Mr. R. Hollick then gave a display of his fine collection of Mexico, which includes a large number of extremely rare varieties, errors, &c.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until July 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their reference are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—A general meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel, Fleet Street, E.C., on Tuesday, April 3rd. Mr. Franz Reichenheim was duly elected an ordinary member of the Society, and in acknowledging the same expressed his readiness to show his collection of German stamps next season. Mr. Reichenheim's offer was gladly noted. Mr. T. W. Hall then showed the first portion of his collection of Argentine stamps as the time at his disposal did not permit of the display of the later issues. A hearty vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. Gaffe and seconded by Mr. Jones, was passed for the admirable display and paper.—H. A. Slade, hon. sec. and treasurer, Ingleside, St. Albans.

SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—Four packets, containing 187 sheets valued in the aggregate at £1,919 14s. 3d., were made up for the March circuit

and despatched by the 26th of that month. Some very fine collections of colonials were contributed, and prices, generally speaking were moderate. It should be borne in mind that a great demand exists for the rarer varieties in good condition at reasonable prices. Application for rules &c., to be made to the secretary, H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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" 6 " carmine ...	0 3	2 0	—
" 30 " blue ...	0 3	2 0	—
1862, 30 " blue ...	0 7	5 0	—
1865, 20 " rose ...	0 5	3 6	—
1868, 2 bani, yellow ...	1 5	—	—
" 2 " orange ...	1 5	—	—
" 3 " lilac ...	1 10	15 0	—
" 4 " blue ...	3 0	—	—
" 18 " red ...	0 5	3 6	—
" 18 " rose ...	0 9	7 0	—
869, 5 " yellow ...	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue ...	0 9	7 0	—
" 10 " dark blue ...	1 0	9 0	—
" 15 " red ...	0 10	—	—
" 25 " carmine ...	1 0	—	—
" 25 " orange and blue ...	1 6	12 0	—
1871, 5 " carmine ...	1 6	—	—
" 10 " orange ...	1 0	9 0	—
" 10 " blue ...	1 6	—	—
" 15 " red ...	10 0	—	—
" 25 " brown ...	2 6	—	—
1872, 5 " red, perf... ..	2 6	—	—
" 10 " blue ...	1 6	12 0	—
" 25 " brown ...	2 6	—	—
1873, 1 1/2 " olive ...	0 1	0 9	6 0
" 3 " green ...	0 3	1 8	15 0
" 5 " brown ...	0 1	0 9	—
" 10 " blue ...	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 15 " brown ...	0 3	1 10	20 0
" 25 " orange ...	0 2	1 0	8 0
" 50 " rose ...	0 7	5 0	—
1876, 1 1/2 " olive ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " brown ...	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 10 " blue ultramarine ...	0 1	0 8	5 0
" 15 " brown ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 15 " yellow-brown ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 30 " red ...	0 8	5 0	—
1879, 1 1/2 " black ...	0 1	0 7	3 0
" 3 " olive ...	0 2	1 4	—
" 5 " green ...	0 1	0 7	—
" 10 " rose ...	0 1	0 7	—
" 25 " red ...	0 8	5 0	—
" 25 " blue ...	0 7	5 0	—
" 50 " yellow bistre ...	0 7	5 0	—
*1891, Jubilee, 1 1/2 bani, red ...	0 4	2 6	—
" " 3 " violet ...	0 10	7 6	—
" " 15 " brown ...	1 0	8 0	—
1895, 25 bani, blue, watermark P R.	0 3	2 0	15 0
1893/99, 50 bani, orange ...	0 1	0 6	3 0
" 1 leu, brown on rose ...	0 2	0 9	6 0
" 2 " orange and brown ...	0 4	2 6	20 0

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1881, 2 bani, brown ...	0 2	1 0	—
" 5 " " " ...	0 6	4 0	—
" 10 " " " ...	0 2	1 0	6 6
" 10 " light brown ...	0 1	0 9	5 0

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1881, 30 bani, brown ...	0 1	0 6	4 0
" 30 " light brown ...	0 1	0 5	3 0
" 50 " brown ...	0 4	3 0	25 0
" 60 " " " ...	1 0	0 0	—
1890, 2 bani, green ...	0 1	0 8	—
" 5 " " " ...	0 2	1 3	—
" 10 " " " ...	0 3	1 6	—
" 30 " " " ...	0 1	0 6	—
" 50 " " " ...	0 4	3 0	—
" 60 " " " ...	0 10	7 6	—

BULGARIA.

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1879, 5 cents, black ...	1 0	9 0
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1881, 3 stot., red and green ...	0 3	2 0
" 5 " black and yellow ...	0 3	1 6
" 15 " red and green ...	0 6	4 0
" 25 " black and violet ...	2 6	—
" 30 " blue and brown ...	0 6	—
*1882, 1 " violet and grey (Edini) ...	0 3	2 0
" 2 " green (Diva) ...	0 2	1 6
" 30 " violet and green ...	0 2	1 0
" 50 " blue and green ...	0 2	1 4
1880, 1 leu, red ...	0 3	2 0
1892, 15 on 30 ...	0 3	1 6

FRANCE, Unpaid.

1882, 20 cents, black ...	0 4	2 6
" 40 " " " ...	0 6	4 0
" 60 " " " ...	0 3	2 0

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1879, 5 kran, black and blue ...	0 5	3 6
1881, 25 cent, green ...	0 3	2 0
" 10 carmine Lithographic ...	1 3	10 0
1882, 10 cent, black and orange ...	0 5	3 6
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" 50 " green ...	0 5	3 6
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*Montserrat, 1884/85, CA, 1d. green	0 6	4 0
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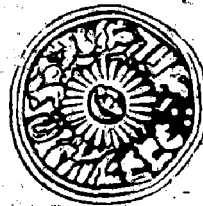
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THAT "Satan finds some mischief still for idle hands to do" is true now as ever. The philatelic spirit was abroad in Mafeking during the idle siege time, it saw its opportunity, and BADEN-POWELL, imperious to the Boer attack, succumbed to the beguiling influence of PHILATELIA. But what is the status of the "MAFEKING BESIEGED" stamps? It seems incredible that a little village whose farthest boundaries would not exceed half-a-mile should require a special and elaborate issue of postage stamps! By what right the stamps were mutilated in the way described is inconceivable but it was evidently done either for amusement or eventual profit. As a pastime the thing is too absurdly childish and the other alternative seems the only possible one. Even as after the siege of Buluwayo we shall, presumably, have the semi-military bagman make his journey to Europe carrying a cargo of the precious surcharged stamps—to return laden with English gold. Yet the stamps themselves have absolutely no status philatelically or legally. They are simply genuine stamps spoilt, and if they did duty subsequent to their mutilation it was only by the courtesy of the postal officials or owing to military pressure—let someone surcharge English stamps with, say, UPPER TOOTING RELIEVED and see whether the English postal authorities accept them—as for the rumoured label with the gallant Colonel's portrait thereon, if such exists with his sanction it is nothing more nor less than ridiculous self-glorification—it can have not the remotest

claim to be called a postage stamp, although it would have great interest as a souvenir of gallant deeds and the memento of a brave soldier.

CHRONICLE.

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE.—Mafeking Further values of the Mafeking siege stamps have arrived. Two of these are on Cape stamps, another is on the 3d. unappropriated die type of B. Bechuanaland, and 1/- on the 4d. British Bechuanaland of 1891.

1d. on ½d. green (Cape 1898).

3d. on 1d. carmine (Cape 1898)

3d. on 6d. lilac (Br. Bech., 1888).

1/- on 4d. brown on green (Br. Bech., 1891).

CANADA.—The values 3c., 6c., and 15c. are, it is said, to be shortly withdrawn from use.

CEYLON.—The 2c. brown is now surcharged "On Service."

2c. brown, black overprint.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The sheets of 1d. stamps are now appearing with the same design in the space between the panes as on the sheets of the new ½d. green. The latter stamp has been issued surcharged "ARMY OFFICIAL."

½d. green, "Army Official."

When the present stock of the ½d. stamp has been sold out there will be no more printed, as there is so little demand for that value.

The *Philatelic Record* describes the new 1/- stamp which is to be issued next month. The design is unaltered. The centre of the stamp, i.e., from and including the words "Postage and Revenue" above and "One Shilling" below the portrait is printed in green, and the surrounding design in lake.

JAMAICA.—A correspondent has sent us the new 1d. picture stamp, of large size, which gives a view of Llandoverly Falls.

1d. red, wmk. Cr. and C.C.

JAPAN.—Messrs. Sender and Co. have forwarded to us copies of the new Japanese stamp in commemoration of the Crown Prince's marriage. They are intended for domestic use only and are of the value of 3 sen. Thirty-five millions were printed so there will probably be enough to go round.

3 sen, carmine.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.—The surcharge "O.S." on the new 1d. has the letters one on each side of the stamp, instead of close together.

SWITZERLAND.—We have received the 25 centimes in blue.

25c. blue,

TURKEY.—The Buller Stamp Exchange Co. write us:—"Blocks have been prepared by Nazim Bey, Minister of Art and of War, for stamps to be issued in honour of the 25th anniversary of the accession of His Imperial Majesty the Sultan. The stamps will bear the inscription 'Posta-i-Devlet-i Alie-i Osmanic' (Great Ottoman Empire Postage). In the centre of the stamp will be the following inscription in Arabic 'The 25th anniversary of the propitious accession of His Most Gracious and Benign Majesty the Sultan.' On the right will be the Arabic date 1318 and on the left 'Ottoman Empire, 600.'"

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—According to the *Aust. Phil.* the 2d. yellow has been withdrawn from use and the 2d. grey reinstated.

POSTCARDS, &c.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—*Der Philatelist* announces the 1d. card, inscribed "EXTERNAL" instead of "INTERNAL."

Post Card. 1d. carmine on buff, "EXTERNAL."

HONG KONG.—The 3 cents reply postcards have been surcharged for use as single 4 cents cards. The surcharge has been made diagonally with a hand stamp, which appears to be that of 1894, applied first in red and then in black.—*Ph. J. of I*

NEW ZEALAND.—The country is now issuing low values of a series of stamp-impressed envelopes of various sizes. The stamps are of the adhesive design but the next issue will be made with embossed dies now in course of preparation. A special series of postcards (pictorial views of the contingent) were struck off to commemorate the departure of the New Zealand troops for South Africa and were sold in sets at the chief offices. We are indebted to Mr. H. M. Stowell for the foregoing information.

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE most ancient and scientific of stamp journals *Le Timbre Poste* is taking time by the forelock with somewhat of a vengeance. The last issue to hand is October, 1900—38th year. The American humourist tells of his watch which gained so rapidly as to hurry him into the week after next, but *Timbre Poste* will soon have us well into the new century.

The reason is, as my readers probably know, because the venerable *doyen* of philately, M. J. B. Moens, although anxious to seek his well-earned retirement, intends to fulfil his obligations to readers of the paper and thus is issuing, in rapid succession, the numbers required to complete the current, and last, volume.

The largest recorded price for a special collection of stamps is the thirty thousand pounds obtained for Mr. M. P. Castle's unique collection of *unused* European sold to an anonymous English collector. Considering that the same collector had previously bought the *used* part we must suppose that the Castle collection of Europeans brought considerably more than £30,000. Mr. Castle has done great service to philately and thoroughly deserves the great recompense that philately has made him.

The *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* in its latest issue says that a special collection belonging to Mr. Robert Ehrenbacht, whose work for philately is also universally known and recognised, was sold for £6,000 this being the second of his put on the market. Verily these things are almost enough to make our dealers forsake their calling, become amateurs, join the London Society—and amass fortunes.

Messrs Hamilton Smith and Co. arranged the sale of the Castle collections, and it certainly constitutes a feather in the cap of this enterprising firm.

The great lesson to be learnt from sales such as these is the safety of stamps from a business point of view. The financial side of the pursuit is evidently sound and a transaction like that of the Castle collection should give perfect confidence to every collector who reads of it.

Members of the Midland Counties Stamp Exchange who do not wish to see the July or August packets are requested to notify the secretary at earliest moment.

The creditors of Mr. R. S. Gray, late stamp dealer and auctioneer of Glasgow, held a meeting on 15th May at which a statement was submitted showing liabilities of £1,313 16s. 4d. and assets £419 2s. 10d. The assets are all stamps and, with the business, are now in the market.

Messrs. Alfred Smith and Son have sent your POSTMAN a descriptive book of the well-known "Rowland Hill Packet Collection," in fact, for fear he should not be conversant with the English language, they have sent him a French translation the "Rowland Hill Paquet-collection de Timbres-Poste." Any philatelist, French or English, who wishes to learn the alternate language cannot do better than send for these two books and study them side by side—while the collector who wants excellence combined with cheapness should also send for the same with a view to purchasing the extensive collection-packet or part of it.

Stanley Gibbons' Monthly says:—"The exclusion from the latest edition of our publishers' priced cata-

logue of varieties that are believed never to have been in circulation has been received so far as we have seen, with almost unanimous approval. A *London Letter* in one of our transatlantic contemporaries, in a very complimentary review of Part I. of the Catalogue, contains a paragraph which has puzzled us greatly. Referring to these omissions it says, "The position taken up by the publishers of this Catalogue is absolutely sound, and the retention in a postage stamp catalogue of these labels, *et hinc generes*, is quite indefensible." What troubles us is the expression which our contemporary italicises. We have made every inquiry, and our publishers assure us that they have never kept *hinc generes*, and that, in fact, they supply only two qualities of hinges—the best and a better one."

For the benefit of all whom it may concern THE POSTMAN would announce that Part II. Gibbons, 1900, is not issued at time of writing.

A stamp that is in great demand, but does not seem to be easily obtained, is the 6d. green New South Wales of the 1893 type. This stamp was issued in this colour in 1898, and in less than one year's time the colour was changed. At the time that they were current, New South Wales was not so popular among the general collectors as it is to-day, and it looks as though collectors and speculators alike have got left on this stamp.

In looking over an old copy of the *Philatelic West* I came across something which the editor said was "poetry" and also "truth" which was as follows:—

A man who whispers down a well
About the stamps he has to sell,
Don't reap the gleaning gleaming dollars
Like one who climbs a tree and hollers.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

DEAR READERS ALL.

NOT from disinclination, but by a conspiracy of circumstances, I have had to let two months go by without my little talk to you. And now it is leafy, lovely, lazy June,—too warm for analytic philately, so I have not much to say of a scientific order; but just to keep up our acquaintance, I must mention some little discoveries, all of which are in my favourite field of research,—that of the non-adhesive postals.

TWO NEW DIE NUMBERS.

My friend, Mr. Oliver Firth, had the honour of writing the first article in No. 1 of Morley's Philatelic Journal (January last), the subject being his discovery of Die 3 of the 4d. envelope stamp. This was worthy of record, and evoked a good deal of interest; albeit not *strictly* an English variety, as the only examples yet found are on the provisional registered envelopes issued in 1889-90 for British Bechuanaland.

Only a few weeks ago I found—amongst a batch of envelopes of the early 'florete' period—specimens of the 1½d. yellow, the die number of which is unmistakably "6 w.w." This is very curious, because No. 5, the die of all the *dated* yellow stamps, is very scarce with the florets, and is supposed to have been quickly superseded by the "S.H." die,—the one now ordinarily met with. The few envelopes on which I found 1½d. die 6, are all of one paper and make, the stamp occurring in both single and compound values: its companions in the latter are the 2d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- stamps; the 3d. and 1/- having florets of 5 dots, the 2d. nine, and the 6d. plain: thus showing the date of issue to have been late in '94, or early in '95. I may mention that die 5—by the time dating ceased—showed two small bruises on its edge, near the day numeral; and this feature of course still appeared when florets replaced the dates. But No. 6 is all that a new die should be—speckless and flawless—as also is the "S.H." die, in its early state anyway; so there is no distinction between the two latter, except that of the die inscriptions on base of the bust; and given suitable paper for the embossing to show up—these are always legible.

"DICKINSON" ENVELOPE, SIZE A. 1.

As all envelopeists will know, the first issue of the one penny (January to May, 1841), had all four flaps pointed and the silk threads were in a more upright position in the side-flaps than those of later date. Two sizes only of the first issue have hitherto been known—"A 2" and "B"—nominally $4\frac{3}{8} \times 2\frac{3}{8}$ and $5\frac{1}{4} \times 3\frac{3}{8}$ ins. respectively. I have now the great pleasure of placing on record a specimen of the small size A 1 ($4 \times 2\frac{1}{2}$), with the details characteristic of the first issue: the die number is 3 and the date of use (from London) January 15th, 1842. I am not aware of this having been catalogued, or even chronicled, anywhere, and I had no idea of its existence till I found this one recently. Its actual size is $3\frac{3}{4} \times 2\frac{3}{8}$, agreeing in this respect with the earliest measurements of sizes A 2 and B, which were slightly irregular, generally being a bit smaller than the sizes which became fixed and normal when machine-folding commenced, about 1845.

THE GREEN ½d. WRAPPERS.

In 15 years at collecting English postage-stamped stationery, I have only now come across the second

example of that rarity, the wrapper with the three-line formula. In Gibbons' current catalogue (part IV.) the price for this rare item has dropped from fifty to thirty shillings; and—like many another line in same list, as I have already told you—it is very cheap at the price.

I don't think it is generally recognised that the five-line inscription exists on three very distinct papers: the white and the buff are both rather common, but there is also a paper I should describe as *pale cream*, which is as much like and unlike one as the other; and far scarcer than either. This is probably the wrapper which Morley's catalogue gives as "thin pale buff," and quotes at 10-: Gibbons mentions only one buff, which though called "pale" evidently refers to the full buff, as it is only priced 4d. The scarce pale variety was probably issued about the same time (1877) as the first penny wrapper, the paper of which it very closely resembles.

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.]

NEVIS.—The *Briefmarken-Journal* warns its readers against a fake that has been placed on the market recently. The value "halfpenny" has been skilfully removed and "sixpence" printed in its stead, the resulting specimen being sold as the rare 6d. green, which is catalogued £3.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—How clever some of the counterfeiters work is evidenced by the details brought out in the trial of the engraver Jouski Takuma at Sydney, Australia. He was convicted of counterfeiting scarce watermark errors of the issue of 1853, mainly the 2d. with the watermark "8" and the 3d. with the error "2." He employed various methods to obtain the desired results. In some cases his counterfeiters consisted of triple layers of paper; the back of the stamp had been shaved; a thin sheet of paper into which the watermark had been cut was pasted on it and another piece of paper was used as the "cover." The three were no thicker than the original stamp. In order to produce the watermark "2" he took genuine stamps from which the front has been carefully "ground" off by machine. This left the body of the paper with the watermark intact, and this he pasted on the back of a 3d. stamp scraped similarly on the back, the two papers together having the thickness of but one. In this case two stamps worth about 5/- are made into one catalogued £16.

Signor E. Oneglia, of Turin, has issued a new circular in his industrious efforts to supply the "international rascals," who are ever ready to sell forged stamps. The following is a list of the latest "imitations" put on the market by Oneglia:—Belgian Congo State, United States, Spain of 1865, with inverted centre; Oil Rivers, British East Africa, Zululand, Gibraltar, St. Vincent. There are also others.

THE NEW ORANGE RIVER STAMPS.

MR. RONDEL, of Jersey, gives us some information about the Free State stamps surcharged V.R.I. He has the following varieties:— $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange, 1d. on 1d. violet, 2d. on 2d. violet, 3d. on 3d. blue, 4d. on 4d. blue, 6d. on 6d. blue, 1/- on 1/- brown. All on Free State stamps. The surcharge is just under VRII, and above the value. There are some differences of type in the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., also there are three or four different types in the sheet of 1d. violet. In the third row on the left-hand side the first stamp has the top of the V broken, and the fourth in the bottom row has the top of the V gone, but differently. In the 3d. value there are two distinct types, one sheet being entirely in thicker type than the other.

The *M.J.* learns from a correspondent that a few of the old 1d. brown and 1/- orange have also been over-printed. Of the former only about 10/- worth were so treated, the stamps being in the hands of a manager of a bank at Bloemfontein who got permission to have them made available for use. They were not issued to the public and need not therefore be chronicled. The character of the 1/- orange appears to be equally doubtful. There were two settings of the type of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d., which will make it necessary for specialists to collect entire sheets. In the second setting there were no errors, though all the stops are of a wrong font, and are placed higher than in the first setting.

The following is a list of some of the varieties and also postal stationery.

Top of "V" gone.

1d. viol. t.

No stop after "V."

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. rose, 6d. blue, 1/-, 5/-.

No stop after "I."

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange, 1d. violet.

No figures.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 6d. rose, 6d. blue, 1/-.

No 'letter "S."

1/- brown

Postcards. $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. rose.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. x $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. x $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.

1d. on 1d. orange.

1d. x 1d. on 1d. x 1d. brown.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. (? $\frac{1}{2}$ d. on 2d. mauve).

RE-DRAWN BRAZILS.

WE have to say a few words concerning the re-drawn Brazilians of 1890-93. We give here what we have been able to make out regarding them. It will be noticed that the catalogues (Gibbons, Bright, Albrecht, Scott), though all mentioning the stamps, do not give any hint as to how to tell them. Now the full series (*i.e.*, the two sets) includes the 20, 50, 100, 200, 300, 500, 700, and 1000 reis, most of them being in two or more shades. Gibbons gives the first set from 20 to 300 reis inclusive, and the re-drawn set from 50 to 1000 reis inclusive; Scott only mentions the 100 as re-engraved; Albrecht, the 50, 100, 200, and 300 as re-drawn; Bright, the 50 to 1000 as re-engraved. The catalogues, therefore, are not unanimous on the subject. Taking Gibbons' list to be correct, it will be seen that, of the two sets, the only ones that overlap are the 50, 100, 200 and 300; for the 20 does not appear in the second list at all, and the high values (500 to 1000) are not in the first list. We have never taken much interest in these stamps; but as far as we can discover, from an inspection and comparison of the two sets, there certainly does not seem to have been a re-engraving or re-drawing of the design.

We have closely examined a number of stamps of both sets, and all that we can note is that, in the so-called re-engraved stamps, the lines have been simply deepened. In die 2 of the English 1d. even more than this was done, and yet in that case it is only known as "retouched"; therefore the Brazilians of the second set—50, 100, 200, and 300 reis—would possibly be also preferably designated "retouched." If the said stamps had really been re-drawn, we think it hardly possible that certain of the engraver's directing lines, secret marks, &c., would appear in exactly the same places in both sets, as they do. However, the information desired by our correspondent is, how to tell the two sets apart; and we can only say (bearing in mind that we speak now of the 50, 100, 200, and 300 reis, which are found in both sets) that the lines are weak in the first set, so that some of them might almost be mistaken for lithographs, and they have, generally, a somewhat blurred appearance. All the stamps of the second set are unmistakably *taille-douce* engravings, and the lines have been so deeply cut that they are rarely blurred, while the ink stands up well from the paper. The perforation seems to be rather mixed. We have found the following: *Perf.* 13. first set, 20, 50, 200, 300 reis. Ditto, second set, 50, 100, 200, 500, 1000 reis. *Perf.* 11 $\frac{1}{2}$: 500, 700 reis.

Perf. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 13$: first set, 100 reis. Perf. $13\frac{1}{2}$: first set, 20 reis. Perf. $13\frac{1}{2} \times 14$: first set, 50 reis. Perf. 14×13 : second set, 300 reis. If any reader who makes a speciality of these stamps will give us the benefit of his researches, to supplement and correct, if necessary, the above remarks, we shall be pleased to publish the information.

THE COLOURS OF THE TRIANGULAR CAPES.

ONLY an eye trained for colours can in all cases decide whether certain stamps were printed by Perkins, Bacon and Co., or by De la Rue and Co. We have it on the authority of Mr. E. D. Bacon, that the four steel plates for printing the triangular Cape stamps were handed by Perkins, Bacon and Co. on January 28th, 1862, to De la Rue and Co. From this date, therefore, all the stamps were printed by De la Rue. After the plates had been handed over, Perkins, Bacon and Co. found 29 reams of the "Anchor" watermarked paper and this quantity was handed by the Crown agents to De la Rue and Co. at various intervals. This "Anchor" watermarked paper was used by De la Rue and Co. for all the four values as follows:—

5,096	sheets	1d.
5,266	"	4d.
398	"	6d.
158	"	1s.

and the first parcel containing the 6d. and 1s. values was despatched on January 31st, 1863. 6d. stamps found on entires and obliterated before the beginning of March, 1863, must therefore belong to Perkins, Bacon and Co.'s printing. A parcel of 195 sheets of 4d. value was despatched on April 17th, 1863, stamps on entires found obliterated before the middle of May, 1863, belong therefore to the same printing. The 1d. value was not despatched until December 2nd, 1863, therefore all stamps on entires obliterated with 1863 must belong to the same printing. Having established a few specimens of each value of the first printing it cannot be very difficult to discover the De la Rue printings by the different shades of the colours.

Mr. E. D. Bacon gives the shades for distinguishing the various printings as follows:—

The one-penny is red-brown instead of brick-red or carmine-rose.

The fourpence is bright blue instead of dull blue or dark blue.

The sixpence is bright mauve instead of pale lilac-mauve, grey-lilac or dark lilac.

The one shilling is emerald instead of dark green or yellow-green.

Differences in design cannot exist, as the same plates were used, neither is there any clue to be found in the paper. We have only the colour which differs

slightly and the gum, which is bound to be of a different texture or thickness, but which of course can only be seen on o.g. specimens.

The best and surest way in our opinion is to go by the dates found on entires and establish a complete set of all the shades of the Perkins, Bacon's prints, all stamps not tallying with these in shade (supposing extraneous influences have not been at work altering the colours), must obviously be printed by De la Rue and Co.

TOURIST (who calls at village post office for a registered letter): "But why can't you let me have it?"

Postmaster: "Have you proof of your identity?"

Tourist: "No."

Postmaster: "Don't you know anyone in the village?"

Tourist: "No."

Postmaster: "Have you a photograph of yourself, or anything?"

Tourist: "Yes."

Postmaster (comparing photo with original): "Certainly, sir, it's you, I'll get you the letter."

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The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12. to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY.—The annual meeting was held at Anderton's Hotel on Tuesday, May 29th, at 7 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting being read and confirmed. J. E. Carbonell and F. W. Mellor were elected ordinary members of the society. The election of officers for the 1900-1901 season resulted as follows: Hon. President, Harold J. White; Vice Presidents, M. F. Castle, Robert Ehrenbach, H. F. Oldfield, Gordon Smith; Committee: L. E. Bradbury, W. G. Cool, G. Gaffe, E. A. Mardon, F. Reichenheim,

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SUBURBAN EXCHANGE CLUB.—November and December accounts have been submitted and paid and sheets duly returned. The new rule limiting the circulation of packets to thirteen weeks is now in operation, and seems to have won universal favour. The only drawback would appear to be that sales will rule smaller, as the list of non-contributing members who see the packets has had to be curtailed. Unless directions are received to the contrary, such members will in future only see one packet every month. H. A. Slade, Ingleside, St. Albans.

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1fr. ochre.

FRENCH CONGO.—The Midland Stamp Co., Castle Bromwich, have favoured us with a view of the New French Congo stamps. The design represents a leopard distinctly "on the prowl" amidst a jungle. The stamps are on thickish wove paper watermarked with a plant showing leaves, stalk and flowers and are perforated 11. There is a complete set from 1 centime to 5 francs, all in two colours.

MAURITIUS.—The 16 cent stamp has been converted into a 4c. value by means of a black surcharge
PONTA DELGADA.—Several of the American journals state that the current 25 reis stamp is now printed in a shade of carmine-rose quite distinct from the original colour of carmine. The name of the Colony is in black as before.

SAMOA.—A correspondent states that the old German stamps have appeared with the overprint "SAMOA."

SARAWAK.—A new value, with design of the current type, has recently been issued here. The value is 20 cents and the colours are bistre and mauve.

SIAM.—Siam has ordered an entirely new set of postage stamps from London and we shall probably hear about its being placed into the distributing offices within a short time. The portrait of King Chula-Long-Korn will be a profile instead of the three-quarter face we have seen for so long a time and the colours will comply with the schedule accepted by the Universal Postal Union at the Postal Congress, Washington.

SWITZERLAND.—A special jubilee set of labels and postcards has been issued in large size with the inscription "Jubilee de l'Union Postale Universelle." The values are 5c. green, 10c. rose, and 25c. blue.

TRANSVAAL.—It is reported that the Transvaal stamps have been surcharged v.z.i. but, up to the time of writing the values have not transpired.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—A correspondent writes, "The long 1d. revenue stamps used for postal purposes are now watermarked Crown and W.A. similar to the ordinary 1d. and 2d. postage stamps. The watermark occurs twice on each stamp."

POSTCARDS, &c.

MAURITIUS.—The current 8 cents card is reported to have been surcharged "2 cents" in black.

SOUDAN.—The 4 mils. Egyptian cards have been overprinted in the usual manner for use here.

SWITZERLAND.—The new jubilee postcards are printed, the 5c. in deep green and the 10c. in dull crimson.

ZANZIBAR.—The current French 10c. + 10c. card has been surcharged for use in Zanzibar
1 + 1 anna, red surcharge.

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE POSTMAN has received Messrs. Whitfield King's Wholesale Price List. As usual the list, like what's-his-name's cocoa, or soap, or something, recommends itself—thus saving your POSTMAN the trouble.

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Swiss dailies are praising the introduction of the automobile into the post office service in that country. The official trials have been very satisfactory and the introduction has been definitely decided. These automobiles are not only ambulant post offices of the order of our own railway service, but arrangements have been made to sell postage stamps, issue money orders and receipts and deliver registered mail to and from the automobile mail wagon. Next summer they will be found on a number of Alpine road routes now still covered by the medieval postal coach service.

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The exploiters of the "Mafeking Besieged" stamps seem to be rushing the market a bit. Already the price has fallen from four or five pounds asked to 20/- accepted, and we hear of parties who have been favoured with ten or a dozen copies.

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Mr. Boone writes to *Stamps* to know how many 1d. black English were issued. If he would turn to page 2 in *E. W. S. N.*, vol. i., No. 5, he will find full particulars given of the numbers printed from each plate. The totals according to periods are as follows:—

April to 14th July, 1840	...	...	90,871 sheets.
From July 15th to Oct. 10th, 1840	...	...	97,130 "
" Oct. 11th to Jan. 5th, 1841	...	...	76,840 "
" Jan. 6th, 1841	...	...	35,159 "

Total, 300,000

Each sheet contained 240 stamps (as with our present day penny stamps), so that the total number of 1d. black stamps issued was 72 millions.

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The postal authorities of Great Britain have issued a circular to all the colonial postal departments asking that the introduction of the colours approved by the Universal Postal Union for international service be no longer delayed. England is now changing its own stamps to comply with the rule adopted at the Washington Postal Congress.

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In Mr. W. H. Peckitt's shop window at 440, Strand, just now is to be seen a veritable soup ticket from Ladysmith, a grim relic of the days of the siege. 'Tis a good specimen, well centred, imperf., of course, and showing traces of original thumb! Whether it is for show only, or for sale, we do not know.—*S.C.F.*

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Il Francobollo has an interesting original correspondence about the surcharges on postage stamps of

Bolivia last year. It appears that the real significance of these surcharges is but little known. One of the pet schemes of the triumphant revolutionists was that of changing the union government to autonomous state or provincial government and in place of the one Bolivian Republic there were to be a number of Bolivian States. The seat of the government was transferred from Sucre to La Paz. In keeping with the above the stamps still in the post office at La Paz were surcharged with the name of that city and the surcharged stamps were used there exclusively. The new government encountered, however, such a determined resistance among the people who were unwilling to accept such a sweeping change in system of government and in the capital that only a few months afterward a new set of postage stamps was issued and the surcharged ones withdrawn.

The ordinary values of the stamps were unsuited to the requirements of Mafeking (besieged) hence the new values. A penny value was required—what more easy than to surcharge the half-penny stamp. There were plenty of the one penny value, true, but these were required to make a 3d. value, as the threepenny stamps were to be changed into 6d. by means of a surcharge.

Had the siege lasted but a few more days it was purposed to re-surcharge them back to their original values; as it is, the only varieties at present reported are 1d. on ½d. green, 3d. on 1d. carmine, 6d. on 3d. lilac, 1/- on 4d. pale-green—all on Cape of Good Hope stamps. The following were made with Bechuanaland stamps:—3d. on 1d. lilac, 6d. on 2d. green and red, 6d. on 3d. lilac, 1/- on 4d. green and brown.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

• THE £1 TELEGRAPH.

WHEN the design of this handsome stamp was perpetuated by being adapted for the £1 postal of 1884, the original plate was not employed (as was the case with the £5), but a copy of it was engraved with the word *POSTAGE* in lieu of "telegraphs." This new plate is not so finely executed as was the telegraph die; a very noticeable difference being the fewer and coarser lines forming the background of the medallion. It also differs in having the reversed plate letters in upper corners, where in the telegraph stamp the plate number had appeared. The plate numeral was for a long time shown on postage stamps of every denomination; but the £5 value is the sole surviving example.

ADMIRALTY PENSIONERS' PAPERS.

The ½d. wrapper stamps on pensioners' quarterly

life certificates may now be classified in three distinct sets. Type I., in use until end of 1896, shows more or less strongly—according to the tone of paper—the change from deep maroon-lake to orange-brown: the latter shade is scarce in type I., and probably does not exist on all the varieties of paper; I have only found it on the green and pink. Up to now I have 17 varieties of these stamps, viz.—Type I., 9 of first shade, 2 of second; type II., 6. I have not found the azure *laid* paper listed by Gibbons, but have a pale pink *laid*, which is not catalogued. There is also a magenta paper, and two very different shades of green—one a yellowish, and the other a deep bluish-green.

A "POSTAGE-DUE" STAMP.

In connection with the subject of paid-mark stamps, a few months ago I had occasion to mention a rectangular hand-stamped mark enclosing the words "½d. postage due for return to sender." Since then I find that envelopes are in use at the "Returned Letter Branch" offices with the same formula in an oblong frame *printed* on them. This can be fairly claimed as a stamp, for though the wording does not at first sight imply a *receipt* for postage paid (the essence of a stamp), it is so virtually, because a returned missive enclosed in such an envelope would not be given up to sender till the ½d. due had been paid; thus the mere possession of the *used* envelope proves the stampness of the stamp.

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Both the ½d. (vermilion) and the 1d. "Army Official" exist with a dwarfed letter I in "official."

On the first of this month the Inland Revenue Department commenced using special envelopes of thin manilla paper, with the ordinary 1d. pink embossed stamp. I have seen two sizes—the "commercial" and the "foolscap."

The 1d. red, plate 217 may be found with a genuine and perfect *double* overprint of the word *CYPRUS*—one word being exactly over the other, with a clear line of space between.

A clear and pure *Albino* impression of the current 2d. embossed stamp has been sent through the post, and was duly honoured!

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.]

CHILE.—Forgeries of Chilean stamps do not seem extra plentiful, yet the extent to which the Government of Chile has been victimised by counterfeiters of postage stamps can be realised when statistics of the amounts of postage stamps sold are

compared with the number of postage stamps used, the latter being the result of very careful and conservative calculations and estimates. The figures have been published by the Chilean Government in its official year book:—

Year.	Stamps sold.	Stamps used.
1893	Pesos 671,810	Pesos 726,836
1894	" 727,053	" 800,697
1895	" 776,490	" 828,217
1896	" 788,091	" 847,023

Figures for the last three years have not been given at all, and for very good and sufficient reason, for the people would rise up in rebellion and oust the entire mail service were it known how the frauds have been carried on right under the noses and probably with the connivance of the Government officials. The losses of the postal department within the last three years foot up several million pesos and it was found necessary to discontinue the use of postage due stamps, as they were used many times over, the proceeds never reaching the fiscal treasury.

ITALY.—The latest Italian counterfeit is an imitation of the surcharged postage stamp of 1890, 20c. on 50c. lilac. It is easily recognised by the dull, almost grayish colour of the surcharge, which in the original is of a brilliant, shiny black. The counterfeit surcharge is printed with a handstamp and is nearly always slanting, while the original is perfectly straight. The "mi" of the surcharge "Cmi" is very badly printed and quite different from the originals.

SPAIN.—*Madrid Philatenco* calls attention to a new counterfeit of the Don Carlos postage stamp of September, 1874, the one bearing the inscription "Espana Valencia" catalogued in Scott under Spain, No. 505. The principal points of difference, according to our esteemed contemporary, are:—The genuine is printed in rose or white paper, the stamp is 21 mm. high and 17½ mm. wide, the oval is 15 mm. high and 12½ mm. wide and has 31 lines across in the background. The counterfeit is more scarlet on yellowish paper, the stamp is 20½ mm. high and 18 mm. wide, the oval 14½ mm. high and 12½ mm. wide and the groundwork shows 43 lines across. Still this counterfeit is dangerous when an original is not handy for comparison.

REPRINTS OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF BRITISH INDIA.

By C. STEWART-WILSON.

At various times I have been asked by philatelists both at home and in India for information as to the reprints which have been made from time to time of the postage stamps of British India, whether by order of the Government or merely by the connivance of some of the postal officials. This

subject is a very difficult one, as it is not easy, as may be imagined, to procure proofs of reprints of the latter class, but it is one which has long occupied my attention, and I now presume to publish my notes in the hope that they may be useful to the general body of collectors. These notes do not profess to be final, but they will be found to contain something more than has so far been generally known. There are others belonging to the Society whose philatelic history began before mine, who might perhaps be able to add something of value to the particulars here given. In the interests of philately it is hoped that anyone in possession of such further information will not withhold it.

So far as I have been able to ascertain, reprints are found only of the native printed issue of 1854, the provisional Service stamps and two of the "Small Service" stamps, all of which were surcharged in India.

In this article I shall take up the reprints of the Service stamps.

The reprinting began with the so-called "Short Service" 2 annas Provisional stamp. In July 1884 the following letter was issued by the Director-General of the Post Office of India to the Superintendent of stamps, Calcutta:—

"In your No. 2,130 of 9th August, 1866, you reported that you had a very large supply of 2 Rs. Foreign Bill Stamps and had with the sanction of the Board of Revenue converted them into Service labels of two annas each.

"2. I shall feel obliged if you will let me know in what coloured ink the words 'Service two annas' were overprinted and send me as many specimens of these overprinted stamps as you may be able to collect. Some may probably be found in the file of correspondence regarding the issue of the stamp, and there may be others at the Treasuries to which they were supplied in 1860."

The reply is dated 29th July, 1884, and runs as follows:—

"With reference to your letter No. 4666, dated 17th current, I have the honour to state that I have but one original specimen of the Foreign Bill 2 Rupees stamp converted into 2-anna Service Postage stamp, and having recently called for all obsolete stamps from the several Treasuries, it does not appear probable that any more specimens of these stamps exist. I have, therefore, had a sheet of the Foreign Bill stamps printed to resemble the original issue, which I herewith send and request the favour of an acknowledgement.

"The top and bottom of the stamps were cut off, like the one that has been detached from the sheet and affixed below."

Thus the reprint appears to have been made by the Superintendent of Stamps on his own responsibility without orders. But unfortunately the matter was

not allowed to rest there. On 5th August the following letter was sent from the Director-General's Office:—

"I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of the 80 Foreign Bill stamps of Rs. 2 overprinted with the words 'Service' 'two annas' forwarded with your letter No. 1671 of 29th July, 1884. Colonel Mainwaring in his list of stamps shows these provisional stamps as overprinted both in green and black, and they were, I believe, so issued, as I find both green and black ones given in all the stamp albums. Will you please, therefore, send me 80 more overprinted 'Service' 'two annas' in green.

This request was complied with, and thus the green surcharge variety came into existence for the first time. The reply from the Superintendent of Stamps is dated 18th August, and runs as follows:—

"With reference to your letter No. 5405, dated 5th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith one sheet containing 80 Foreign Bill stamps of 2 Rs. value each, converted into specimen two-anna service postage stamps by overprinting the words 'Service two annas' in green ink, and to request an acknowledgement."

No further reprints of these stamps were made, so that it follows that the reprints are excessively rare, and it cannot be supposed for a moment that they were ordered to be made for any "philatelic" purpose.

Fortunately the 1884 overprint is very different from that which it professed to copy. The measurements of the surcharge in the original and on the reprints are given below:—

Originals.—"Service," 16½ by 2½ mm.; "Two Annas," 20 by 3 mm. Reprints. 16 by 2½ mm.; 18 by 3 mm.

Finally, as noted above, the green surcharge exists only in the "reprints."

The next stamps which fell victims to the reprinting craze were the 2, 4 and 8 annas "long Service" provisionals. On the 26th February, 1885, the then Deputy-Director-General of the Post Office of India appears to have asked the Superintendent of Stamps, Calcutta, demi-officially, to reprint those as well as the ½ anna Service Provisional. I have not been able to trace his letter; but the following reply of the Superintendent of Stamps, dated 27th February, places the matter clearly enough. I would add that the numbers referred to are those in General Mainwaring's reference list of Indian stamps. The letter runs:—

"Referring to your demi-official letter of the 26th instant, I regret to say that I have no specimens of the stamps you require. If you can send me specimens of the stamps numbered 21, 22, and 23 in the descriptive list I can reprint them. But it is not possible for me to reprint the stamp number 20, as the stock of the old half-anna Receipt Stamp was used up

long ago, and the stamps were not reprinted here for service postage. They must have been prepared either in Bombay or Madras, and I would suggest your applying to the Superintendent of Stamps of those Presidencies for specimens."

The specimens were duly sent, and the following letter dated 24th April, 1885, from the Superintendent of Stamps requires no comment:—

"Referring to your letter No. 200 at 4 annas. 14803, dated 9th ultimo, I have the honour to forward herewith 200 at 4 annas. two hundred each of the provisional service labels numbered

21, 22, 23 in the descriptive list of postage stamps and to request the favour of an acknowledgement."

Here again the number of reprints is very small, and again the work was so badly done that the reprints and the originals are easily distinguished. The stamps themselves are brighter in colour, and on thinner paper. The surcharges measure as under:—

(a). Two Annas. (Measured along the chord of the arc formed by the top of the letters). Originals.—"Service" 19 mm. by 2½ mm. Reprints.—17 mm. by 2½ mm. "Postage."—17½ mm. by 2½ mm. Reprints.—18 mm. by 2½ mm.

(b). Four Annas. Originals.—"Service" 20 mm. by 3 mm. Reprints.—17 mm. by 2½ mm. Originals.—"Postage" 22 mm. by 3 mm. Reprints.—18 mm. by 2½ mm.

(c). Eight Annas. Originals.—"Service" 20 mm. by 3 mm. Reprints.—21 mm. by 3 mm. Originals.—"Postage" 22 mm. by 3 mm. Reprints.—22 mm. by 3 mm.

In the meantime the Superintendent of Stamps, Madras, was addressed, on the 9th March, 1885, as follows:—

"In reference to your No. 262 of 1st September, 1869, I have the honour to enquire whether you have in stock any ½ anna Bill or Receipt stamps similar to those converted by you into Service Stamps in August and September, 1866. If so, I beg that you will be good enough now to overprint 200 in the same way and forward them to this office to be retained as specimens.

"2. I enclose herewith as a specimen one of the old overprinted stamps; the same type should be used in overprinting the 200 now asked for."

The reply, dated 25th March, 1885, was as under:—

"With reference to your letter No. 14302 of 9th instant, I have the honour to forward herewith 200 half-anna Receipt Stamps overprinted with the words 'Service Postage' as per accompanying invoice, which you will be good enough to return duly receipted. The specimen stamp is herewith returned."

I have never, so far as I know, seen any of the reprints, and it is just possible that they were so well done as to be indistinguishable from the originals. Even if this is so, no great harm was done, as the

numbers of originals probably exceeded 100,000.

I have seen in the office of the Director-General of the Post Office of India five or six copies of the watermarked 1 anna and 4 annas (octagonal type) with the "Small Service" surcharge which were manifestly reprints. The 4 annas stamp betrayed itself by being of Type II which was issued after the "Small Service" surcharge had ceased. The 1 anna, too, was easily distinguishable by its general appearance of newness. The numbers so "reprinted" must have been very small indeed; but so far I have found no record of the transaction.—*P. J. of India.*

THE LAW OF COMPENSATION.

By V. D. P.

THE economy of nature strikes a balance every time, And there seem to be advantages attached to every clime,

There are countries good to live in, while there's others, where 'tis said,

That no one can enjoy himself till after he is dead.

Where tarantulas, centipedes, and other stinging creatures,

And intermittent fevers form the most conspicuous features,

With a good supply of natives—dirty, thieving, murd'ring scamps,

And extremely scanty issues of their early postage stamps.

There's that colony of Britain with the funny name, Guiana,

That sounds like a corruption of the Hebrew word, Gehanna,

And though perhaps to think it was, would be a grievous error,

Considered as a place to live it is a holy terror!

In the general opinion of all people with white faces, The similarity is less in name than in the places.

Then the Zulu with his assegai, was not more surely fatal

To the colonists, than fever was upon the coast of Natal.

And they very much preferred the operation of the "sticker,"

As a deal less disagreeable while it lasted, and much quicker.

And consider the conditions in the island of Mauritius, Where there were no native people, and the climate is delicious.

But whose history has "piracy" inscribed on every page,

And whose frightful epidemics periodically rage.

While hurricanes arise at night without the slightest warning,

And everything not bolted fast is blown away by morning.

The ordinary intellect is puzzled where to find Advantages to compensate for drawbacks of this kind. But the stamp collector grasps the clue and tells you in a minute

That to his mind, without a doubt, those places are all "in it."

No doubt the early resident felt inconvenienced while in act of being eaten by a hungry crocodile.

And we must not judge him harshly if he was dissatisfied

When a blowgun dart, or assegai, came whistling through his hide;

Or when trying to cure snake bite, he contracted *mania potu*,

Or was victimised by any of the drawbacks I might quote you;

Those evils all were transitory even to the fever,

But the glory of their postage stamps is bound to last for ever;

And when countries have produced such crops of labels as have these

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POSTAL SERVICE IN KOREA.

THE following is an extract from the *Advance Sheet of Consular Reports* forwarded by U.S. Consul General Allen from Seoul on January 17th, 1900:—

For a couple of years past, Korea has maintained a domestic postal service in good working order, under the supervision of a French postal expert, M. Clemeucet, using stamps printed in the United States.

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The stamps used were the ones still in use in the domestic postal service and printed in the United States. A new issue has been ordered from Japan, but has not yet been received. It is possible these new stamps will not be used for long, if at all, as they are simply a modification of the old Japanese stamps and are not pleasing to the Koreans.

At present, as Korea has no steamship service of sufficient regularity to permit of a regular mail service with China and Japan, a contract has been made whereby the Korean mail pouches are received at the Japanese post offices in Korea and forwarded with the Japanese mail. The recent establishment of a regular line of Russian mail steamers to and from Korea will probably facilitate the transmission of Korean mails, as the Japanese steamship companies

have seemed reluctant to carry Korean mails in competition with their own postal establishments in Korea, and the above-named arrangement with the Japanese postal authorities was the best that could be made.

The Japanese post to and from Korea will probably continue to be patronised until the Korean post is shown to be entirely reliable.

Two covers from this legation were the first to be stamped and cancelled for the first foreign mail sent out from Korea.

SOCIETY REPORTS.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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BRITISH HONDURAS.—The 10c. mauve and green has been overprinted "REVENUE" in black like the 5c. and 25c. All three values are now used for both postage and revenue stamps.

CEYLON.—The 15c. blue of the new issue has arrived. The stamps are wmk. Crown CA., and perf. 14, and are of the same type as the 15c. sage-green. Adhesive, 15c. bright blue.

CHINA EXPEDITIONARY FORCE.—Mr. W. T. Wilson has sent us a specimen of the Indian stamps surcharged C.E.F. for use in China. He has the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$, 3, 4, 8, 12 annas and 1 rupee.

FRANCE.—Alexandrie. The new 2fr. has been surcharged in black for use here.

Adhesive. 2fr. black on blue.

Levant. The 2fr. has also been pressed into service for use in these offices by being surcharged "8 piastres 8" in black.

Adhesive. 8pi. on 2fr., brown on blue.

Guiana. The 5c. is reported in the new shade.

Adhesive. 5c. yellow-green.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The new 1/- green and carmine is now in use at many offices. A copy was used on 11th July, but the stamp was not authorised for issue until August 1st.

GREECE.—Mr. N. S. Nicolaides has shown *E.W.S.N.* one of the new Greek 5c. stamps, with figure of Mercury, and figures of value in upper corners, also a card with stamp of same colour and design. The postcard was issued on the 20th July. The other values of postcards and stamps will probably be issued in August or September.

Adhesive, 5c. green.

Postcard, 5c. green

NORTHERN NIGERIA.—*E.W.S.N.* says: Without exception every philatelic journal which has chronicled the set for this new colony, mentions a 10d green and br.wn. The Secretary of our *Colonial Stamp Market* informs us this is an error for "10/-," stamps of which value he has received. There is no stamp of 10d. at all. We append a corrected list. All are from plate 3.

Chronicled May 19th.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. lilac and green.

1d. " red.

2d. " yellow.

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

5d. " brown.

6d. " violet-blue.

10d. green and brown.

1/- " black.

2/6 " blue.

Now described.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. lilac and green.

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RUSSIAN LEVANT.—The *Weekly Era* chronicles the following:—

4pa. on 1k. orange, blue surcharge.

10pa. on 2k. green, red surcharge.

1pi. on 10k. blue, red surcharge.

SARAWAK.—The \$1 green and carmine has been sent to us by Mr. Ha Buey Hon.

Adhesive, \$1 green and carmine, no wmk., perf. 14.

TRANSVAAL.—The following stamps are announced as having been overprinted V.R.I.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. green.

3d. lilac and green.

1d. carmine and green. 4d. sage-green and green.

2d. brown

6d. lilac and green.

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

1/- ochre

POSTCARDS, &c.

GREECE.—The *P.J.G.B.* has been shown a card, with stamp of a totally new design, showing a full length picture of Mercury with figures in the upper corner. We presume the new issue of adhesives will be in the same type.

Post Card. 5l green on buff.

GERMANY.—The cards, single and reply of the 2pf. value, as well as the 3pf., are reported with stamp of the new design.

Post Cards. 2pf. slate blue on pale green.

2x2pf.

3pf. brown on white.

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

HAVING returned from a short but welcome holiday, your **POSTMAN** once more makes his bow and settles down to inflict himself upon a long-suffering philatelic public.

Perhaps his readers will endure him this time a little patiently as it is only by the merest chance that he is able to address them at all. Capsized in deep water under a Severn weir, forty yards from the nearest bank and hampered by a youthful companion unable to swim, your **POSTMAN** thought all was finished. No boat could get up against the river with three extra feet of flood running, but the lock-keeper, grasping the situation, risked his life by shooting the weir in a flat-bottomed punt fortunately lying above, and was able to fish the two unfortunates out with a boathook, having just enough life in them to swear by.

To shoot a weir with a seven foot drop and flooded river requires more than average courage and if any reader visits Holt Fleet lock he may have, should he desire it, the opportunity of shaking hands with one of the pluckiest Englishmen your **POSTMAN's** good fortune ever brought him in contact with! Still pluck is not philately, so *adieu*!

The Philatelic Society of Victoria held an exhibition in Melbourne on Saturday, May 26th. As over one thousand people attended during the single day the exhibition was open it can certainly be described as a success.

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The POSTMAN very greatly regrets to announce Mr. Webb's inability to provide his usual "Notes on English," owing to holiday-making. Mr. Webb is pretty hard-worked on the whole and we must not begrudge him a little well-deserved relaxation.

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The POSTMAN very much regrets to record the death of Mr. W. E. Jeff an old, well-known and respected Birmingham philatelist. Mr. Jeff contributed considerably to philatelic literature some years ago, his strong point being English stamps and entires.

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It is reported that a speculator has bought up from the Hawaii postoffice the entire lot of 12 cents stamps remaining on hand early in May. The number is estimated at about 40,000 specimens, and the cash invested, roughly, £1000. Since the Hawaiian Islands are now using the stamps of the United States, there will of course be no further need for printing any more of this stamp. Collectors who have not yet secured a specimen must be in no hurry to correct the omission. The past history of such speculations proves that it takes two or three years before the cornered articles are sold below face value.

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Messrs. Wm. Liddell Jun. & Co. have acquired the stock and business of Mr R. S. Gray, and the business will, in future, be carried on at 57, Hope Street, Glasgow.

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Sothorn, the popular comedian, we are told, made the post the medium of some of some of his most curious jests. His envelopes were printed with all sorts of odd devices on the top, such as "Boodle's Beehive," "Asylum for Confirmed Virgins," "Refuge of Reformed Atheists," and "Society for the Propagation of Pure Deism." Others, that were meant to terrify the nervous, bore the words, "Smallpox Hospital." "Home for Incurables," and "Curious Specimen of Highly Infectious Bedding." In the last he would enclose a tiny piece cut from an ordinary blanket. When staying at a country house, he often used to withdraw the letters from the post-rack, and write upon the envelopes such perplexing sentences as "I will fetch the five peacocks on Saturday," or "How are you getting on with the cockroaches now?"

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Another favourite joke of his was to send an envelope addressed—in pencil—to a friend in Paris, with a note asking him to rub out the address and re-direct it to a friend in Manchester, who would do the same. When the envelope was almost totally covered with

ten or twelve postmarks, Sothorn received it back and enclosed in it an invitation to dinner, naming a date a month back. This he addressed in ink, and sent to a friend in London. When it was received the recipient naturally was wroth that a letter, to get from one part of London to another, must go round by Paris, Manchester, Edinburgh, Belfast, &c., as it had done, according to the postmarks.

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The POSTMAN is much obliged to Mr. W. J. Edgar, P.O. Box 173, St. Johns, Newfoundland, for his neat and interesting price list.

NEW ZEALAND.

DIE VARIETIES OF THE RECENT ISSUE.

THE *Otago Witness* contains an article on the recent locally-printed stamps from the English plates:—

One of our most advanced collectors, Mr. A. Hamilton, of the Otago University, sends me the following interesting notes *re* our colonial prints, which are slowly making their belated appearance. The notes show a large amount of research and observation, and it is a pity we have not more collectors among us of Mr. Hamilton's kind:—

In your interesting note on the latest issue of New Zealand stamps you make one or two statements that would lead collectors to suppose that there was very little difference in the new issue from the English printed stamps, except in the change of colours. I think that you will find the following differences, which seem to point to the manufacture of entirely new dies. It is difficult to see why this should be, but some of the differences are too great to have been the result of touching up the original die, or to have resulted from some process of copying which might have been suggested by the smaller size of some of the new issue.

HALFPENNY.—In the English printed $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (a) there is one line of shading clear and distinct in the ornament between the "N" of New Zealand and the left-hand corner of the stamp; in the green $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (b) there are two lines, thin and distinct. In (a) the bar under New Zealand is neatly rounded at the ends, in (b) it is cut off squarely. In (a) the two lines above New Zealand are clear and distinct; in (b) both lines appear double, possibly owing to imperfect inking and to the surface of the paper being rougher. In (a) the "d" of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. is further away from the top of the oval than in (b), and the fraction line appears to be thinner and longer. In (a) the ornament in the centre, under the word "halfpenny," has the ends of the ornament separated from the shading underneath the scroll by a white space, and there is a distinct line from the outer edge of the ornament to the corners. In (b) the lower line appears to have been

removed, and the open space under the centre ornament filling up with shading. In (b) the shading of the scroll ornament in the lower right-hand corner is quite altered. The 4d. envelope, in the original colour, is similar to (b), only worse, the outside lines having suffered severely in printing.

ONE PENNY, red.—This represents the design of the 4d. (Pink Terraces). The stamp is smaller than the 4d. The main difference in the design is that the pointed pendant under the four balls in the ornament at the top of the picture is shaded instead of white, as in the 4d. The leaves on each side are quite different, and the lines of the engraving of the Pink Terraces are different. There is a slight list in the ornament to the right of the word "penny," probably a slip when ruling the line for the new letters.

TWOPENNY—In the London print the end of the "e" of pence comes well beyond the line of dots on the right side; in the new purple stamp it barely reaches the outside of the dots. The ornaments in the upper spandrels are different in outline, and the shading in the first is in straight lines, and in the purple stamp in curved lines. There is a double line round the oval next the picture in the English print and a single one in the new stamp. The 2d. envelope has the details in the spandrels between the frame and the oval badly redrawn. The end of the "e" is as in the purple stamp. The background of the space containing the figure 2 is lined in the English stamp, but solid in the envelope and in the purple stamp; the figure is also larger.

FOURPENNY.—The new 4d. is coloured like the bicour d 1d., but, strange to say, the design differs in many details. Here, again, the spandrel ornaments have been quite altered. The three strokes forming a band across the ornament in the top left-hand corner are at a different angle. In the 1d. there are four divisions of the ornament between the band and the outside edge; in the 4d. there are only three. In the 4d. four thick lines have appeared in the white space under the main head of the cabbage tree; in many copies of the 1d. there are hardly any visible here. The dotted area of the sky to the left of the cabbage tree is now lined. In the 1d. that portion of the ornament over the "one" and "ny" of penny has four parts; in the 4d. it has only three. In the 1d. there are four lines between the words "New Zealand" and the top, and in the 4d. there are but two.

SIXPENNY.—I can see no difference in the 6d., which differs only in shade of colour.

TWOPENNY.—The 2d., 1882 issue, has come out on the same thick paper, watermarked star, and double-lined "N.Z.," as the 3d. stamp chronicled last week. I wonder whenever we are to have our regular issue. The 3d. black is a distinct contravention of the Postal Union rules, which distinctly state all 3d. stamps must be in green.

THE "MAFEKING BESIEGED" STAMPS.

IN our June issue we protested against the Mafeking Besieged stamps being regarded as a serious issue.

In a disturbed time like the present, excitement and patriotism might and do lead people to accept as gospel truth what, in their more sober moments, they could reject with incredulity if not with contempt—hence our protest and warning. Since we published our article the most strenuous efforts have been made in various interested quarters to bolster up this commercial issue and every tittle of evidence possible to produce has been heaped into the balance in order to give it weight. Having carefully read all that has been written we again warn our readers to have nothing to do with the over-printed issue while offered at the fancy prices asked at present even if they buy them eventually as relics, or as interesting locals issued—no matter with what ulterior object—at a critical and historical moment.

Among the evidence adduced in favour of the Mafeking stamps is a manifesto published by a leading firm of dealers setting forth with great circumstance the why and wherefore of the issue. It appears that a gentleman from Mafeking waited upon this firm with a complete set of all the stamps made and used during the siege—our readers will remember we foretold this in June—and a guarantee of their genuineness signed by Lord Edward Cecil. Here, indeed, we have business forethought combined with despatch! Immediately the siege was raised this gentleman must have started off with his stock and credentials to get first on the market—and how many more philatelic commercial travellers have gone elsewhere with similar appointments? We certainly hear of sales being effected in various quarters simultaneously.

The business-like method of procedure would be sufficient to convince the ordinary mind of the commercial nature of the whole transaction, but, should any doubt remain, the circumstantial account, if read between the lines, quickly dispels it. For instance, we are told, presumably to pave the way for the asserted increase in postage rates, that a number of the runners were caught and killed and the despatches were found afterwards—by whom or where or how does not transpire—with the stamps "removed by the 'alim' Boers." There is a distinct touch of irony in this description. The Boer outside should not, of course, have stolen stamps worth pounds. Surely the common or garden unsurcharged stamps were good enough for him—and after all the trouble taken in making them! Yes, it was undoubtedly wrong of the Boer outside to rob his enemy—but what about the Briton then inside and who, at this moment, is asking hundreds of pounds from his fellow Britons for a few labels which cost him a less number of pence? It is

quite possible that both Briton and Boer looks upon his action as "business."

To resume, it is certain, if the above account be true, that the runners who carried the letters imperilled their lives: therefore the sum of £25 as quoted in the Mafeking gentleman's carefully prepared account was not extravagant. Later on it is stated that "it was found necessary to practically double the ordinary rates." Let us suppose the ordinary rates were 6d. a letter. Let us also suppose that the postal authorities desired to make a profit on the journey. Let us also note that "no bags were allowed to be carried" and then let us find out where the native runner was to store his stock of letters for which it was necessary to charge double postage in order to make up the £25 cost of the journey. The natural supposition is that he would go in for an extra large loin-cloth—but no, we are gravely informed that the letters were "concealed about their clothing" and, *mirabile dictu*, "in the soles of their boots!" The idea of a kaffir or other native running fifty or sixty miles in boots is distinctly edifying and new. It is rather lucky that "no person was allowed to send more than two, or at most three letters by any one runner" or the thickness of the boot soles might have caused him to receive the bullet aimed at a suppositious giraffe.

Upon the authority of the *Cape Argus*, a recent passenger for England refused £250 for his stock of Mafeking stamps. Since the account referred to appeared a firm of dealers is reported to have sold several complete sets at over £50 each. It is therefore all the more interesting to read in the apologetic manifesto that "no stamps were sold to the public" and that "letters were taken to the post office and the military postal officials stamped them." In face of these authoritative statements, which are issued in connection with Lord Edward Cecil's guarantee, one wonders where these £250 stocks and these sets sold in London, Cape Town, Manchester, and elsewhere originate from. The logical conclusion is that the poor Boers were falsely accused of shooting the runners, who must have been waylaid by the parties that supplied the bagmen now pushing the sale. This is the conclusion honesty and logic would arrive at, but both these qualities, we fear, are foreign to the "Mafeking Besieged" stamps. Still there is a moral to be deducted from these inaccuracies and contradictions.

These labels may be everything that is claimed for them—in fact, we have the written guarantee of Lord Edward Cecil, sent by express traveller, to that effect—but we would advise our readers to refrain awhile from purchasing, as the most recent information describes a rival brand of surcharge which, by the holders of the original type, is stigmatized as a forgery. It may be that the new brand is all right and it, also, may have the written guarantee of some high official—perhaps of the officer who accidentally

double surcharged one sheet—so would-be purchasers should wait until the claims of the rival brands are settled. For our own part we consider the one about as good as the other—and we refrain from recommending either until we have got some to sell.

THE TASMANIAN POST-ERS

"LYNX," in the *Tasmanian Mail*, discourses on the large picture stamps of Tasmania in the following strain:—"Those postage stamps. You can't lick them for size and mystery of subject, for the pictures were meant for postcards, and now they are simply photographed into down nothingness. The Treasurer informed Parliament that there can be no change for a year. Phew! What a prospect! As our poet sings:—

'Twas a maiden of Hobart so nice,
Hod a mouth that for two would suffice,
It had stretched, pretty dear,
From her ear to her ear.
Till the boys had to kiss her in twice.
'Tis the same with these stamps, *a la* Bird,
Whose dimensions are really absurd,
You can't make 'em stick
With one good honest lick—
They need two, and then sometimes a third.

A darkly mysterious view
May inveigle a tourist or two;
But, in fact, every picture
Has called forth a stricture,
And raised much artistic ado.
So ye B's "come in out of the rain,"
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Members and others are reminded that all advertisements for the Annual Report should reach the Hon. Sec. by September 6th, if possible. All the special positions and many of the other pages have been taken.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journals), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

NOTICES.

THE PICTURE POSTCARD.—The craze for picture postcards and view cards is not so general in this country as upon the Continent but it is spreading to a considerable degree and at a rapid rate. *The Picture Postcard* is published in the interest of these collectors. Described as "a magazine of philately, travel, and art" it is a high-class, lavishly-illustrated and beautifully-produced book of twenty pages—full of interesting matter to philatelists of every description and to the reading public generally. The first issue opens with an unnecessary apology for existence and contains, among other items, "The Queen's Face in Philately," by Thekla Bowser, first instalment; "South African War Postcards," a well-written and splendidly-illustrated article by E. W. Richardson; and "In Southern Ireland," by Frank R. Cane, F.R.G.S., illustrated by three fine views. In addition

there is a £1,000 competition promoted by Messrs. Raphael Tuck and Sons which should be a great attraction to postcard collectors. Too much cannot be said of the excellence of *The Picture Postcard* but it remains to be seen whether the general public will accord it the necessary support for its continued existence. [*The Picture Postcard*, 152, Fleet Street, Lond n. 2/6 per annum, post free; single copy, 2d.]

THE SCOTTISH PHILATELIC ADVERTISER.—Our readers will have seen the preliminary notices of this paper in *The Advertiser*. The first issue is now to hand and bears a very promising appearance. The advertisers are numerous for a first number and are drawn from among the most trustworthy dealers. We can recommend our readers to send for a copy—it only costs a halfpenny card. [*The Scottish Philatelic Advertiser*, South Queensferry, Scotland.]

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GERMAN LEVANT.—*Constantinople.* We recently received a letter franked with 1 piastre on 20pf. old type, 10pf. and 30pf. new type, unsurcharged. Does this imply that the German Office in Constantinople is relinquishing the custom of surcharging stamps used in the Levant.

INDIA.—On and after the 1st October postage stamps of the denominations of $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, 1 anna, 2 annas, and 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas, printed in the new colours mentioned below, may be used in payment of postage and other postal dues for which postage stamps are used. These stamps, however, will not be generally available at post offices until such time as existing stocks of stamps of the same denominations in the old colours are exhausted. The stamps will be coloured as follows: $\frac{1}{4}$ anna, slate-grey; $\frac{1}{2}$ anna, pea-green; 1 anna, crimson; 2 annas, violet; 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ annas blue.

NEW ZEALAND—The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. green is in a distinctly darker colour now.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. Cape current type, has been surcharged with the name of this colony in three lines.

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. blue, black surcharge.

PERAK.—The 10c. has been overprinted FEDERATED MALAY STATES. The 2c., 4c. and 5c. have each been surcharged ONE CENT in black.

ROUMANIA.—Mr. Max Torten has sent us the 5b. green, current type, without watermark. We have also heard of the 1b. brown, and 15b. black with no watermark.

POSTCARDS, &c.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The following are the varieties of the surcharged postcards:—

i. *Surcharged like the adhesives, with large stops in the same line as the letters.*

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d., rose.

1d. on 1d., orange

ii. *Similar type, but stops above the line.*

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., in black, on 2d., mauve (adhesive stamp, &c.)

iii. *Sans-serif capitals and stops after all the letters.*

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. on $\frac{1}{2}$ d., rose.

1d. on 1d., orange.

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

1+1d. on 1+1d., brown "

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THE POSTMAN opens his sermon this month with a word to the wise—don't forget the new edition of the British Stamp Directory in November!

Every advertiser receives a copy free! Advertisements are cheap!! The Directory goes to many collectors, more dealers and most Societies!!! People do not throw the Directory away next day after receipt but keep it for constant reference!!!!

Send at once—delays are dangerous!!!!

Having thus relieved his mind and performed a dual duty to reader and employer your very own POSTMAN turns to his work with an easy conscience, a fairly keen pair of scissors and a pot of paste of last year's crop (judging by its odoriferous qualities).

Says *Stamps*: "V.R.I. will certainly not be correctly taken to mean Very Rare Indeed as some have suggested, judging from the quantities of stamps bearing that superscription that are reaching this country. Victorious Roberts Imprints is another name, and Vendors Rabidly Indignant at the Vagaries Rightly Ignored will soon be the order of the day, as many now investing in them may find—as with the Postal Jubilee Envelopes and other emissions popular for the time—that the market is flooded with them, and prices must fall considerably.

Messrs. H. Percy Jones and Co., Southport, have acquired the business of Messrs. F. Gresham Yates and Co., Liverpool.

THE POSTMAN begs to acknowledge receipt of Mr. Ernest Slinger's new and excellent price list of West Indian stamps.

The "MAFKING BESEIGED" locals or curiosities seem to fetch good prices yet 20 to 35 guineas being obtained per set. As long as these prices hold it is safe to guarantee the continued supply—but what a lot of burnt fingers later!

Says the *P. J. of I.*: "If Mafeking, why not every armed camp in war time? If every armed camp, why not each and every battleship of each and every belligerent power, or to go but a step further, why not

any Irish village where the Riot Act has been read and the operations of civil law suspended? If a row in a town or anywhere else is considered a sufficient excuse for the entrance into our albums and catalogues of the provisional issues of those in power for the time being, we may yet see learned brochures on the emissions of Donnybrook, perforated in endless permutations of perforations and decorated with a vast and varying crop of shillalaha (reversed and otherwise) on the shelves of our philatelic libraries. Mafeking has shown the way, others will follow—if we let them.”

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Mr. J. R. F. Turner writes a long letter to *The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* in defence of the Mafeking locals. The same gentleman has written a great deal to other philatelic papers on the same subject. Either he must take, or must have, a great interest in these stamps!

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Mr. John N. Luff thus calls attention to the difference between *reprints* and *reissues*. “Reprints are printings of stamps which are not available for postage, either because the original stamps have been declared obsolete, or because the reprints are not allowed to do postal duty. Reissues are printings of stamps which are available for postage, though the originals have been replaced by a later issue.”

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The letter which has just reached Holbeach, eight years after having been originally posted at Luton, is a great way off breaking the record in Post Office delays, for the longest period which has elapsed between the despatch and delivery of a communication committed to the care of the Postmaster-General is believed to be 45 years. Certainly a letter once occupied that length of time in transmission. According to its stamping, it was posted at Stafford in July, 1846, and reached Birmingham, where the addressee lived, the day after, but for some unexplained reason it remained undelivered at that office till as recently as February 6th, 1891. Not long since a post-bag turned up which had been hidden for 40 years, and contained many letters written by officers and men who had fallen in the Indian Mutiny.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

By W. S. WEBB.

A TREASURED ITEM.

A BLOCK of ten unused 1d. red, plate 225 11—and isn't its happy possessor justly proud of such a coveted slip of paper, now worth many hundreds of times its weight in gold. A Scottish

collector, Mr. J. T. Cathcart, of Newburgh, tells me he purchased these when current, and fortunately kept them till he discovered their value. A particularly well-invested tenpence, don't you think?

PERFS. OF REPLY POSTCARDS.

The known gauges of these comprises 4, 5, 6, and 7 to the usual standard of 2 centimetres. The first issue of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. both thick and thin, gauged seven; this is (I believe) the only gauge with which the *thick* $\frac{1}{2}$ d. card is known, and the same is very scarce indeed in the thin card, the most common being six. The 5 gauge is not found on the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. cards with arms of 2nd type; but it is the uniform perforation of the present issue. Four seems to be the scarcest gauge of the 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d and 2d. reply cards—7 not being known in these so far as I am aware. The various perforations are distinct enough to be easily recognised without always resorting to measurement, so they should be fully represented in a collection.

THE NEW SHILLING STAMP,

Or, rather the old stamp in a new garb of colour—is a pleasing addition to our bi-coloured series. A handsome effect has been attained by contrasting the same greyish-green for the centre with a brilliant crimson for the frame. Very probably this combination precludes the withdrawal of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. value, as it is most unlikely that two stamps so similar will continue to be issued concurrently.

$\frac{1}{2}$ D. POSTCARDS: “TYPES” AND “DIES.”

From time to time in this and other journals reference has been made to the various types of arms found on $\frac{1}{2}$ d. cards, as also to the 3 varieties of the current design of stamp. The time has come when these can be given a settled and definite nomenclature, which they certainly have not hitherto enjoyed, and I think the best way to set about it will be to give what Mr. W. T. Wilson and myself have recently agreed upon as to the correct terms and distinctions. We think that the following will answer all practical requirements. Firstly as to the various types of arms: there are three principal varieties, the second of which must be divided in two, but not numbered as two types. Calling the arms as found on all the *bordered* cards—type I., and the small sort (14 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wide) on the next issue type II.; we must then always distinguish between that used on the post office issues and on those stamped-to-order; these must be called II.A and II.B respectively, the difference being that II.A shows the chain depending from the unicorn's collar, whilst in II.B the chain only shows below the animal's body. Type III. is, of course, the current arms on the post office cards, which shows no sub-varieties, and is 16 mm. wide. So much for the arms—types I., II.A, II.B, and III.

The varieties of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stamp (of current design) should be known as *Dies A., B. and C.*; their charac-

teristics being, A—four completed white curves only, above and on either side of the arched label. B. and C. both showing part of a fifth curve on either side: B. has a thin white inner frame, whilst die C. has a much thicker one.

Some very minute variations have been noticed in the arms, type I., but as these are distinct upon the 3 issues of the bordered cards, they are not important enough to be treated as separate types.

I intend submitting the above outlines to certain editors and other authorities, so that in the October or November journals there can be a simultaneous decision upon the names of the types and dies.

ORANGE RIVER V.R.I. STAMPS.

HAVING been fortunate enough to come into the possession of entire sheets or panes of all the Orange River V.R.I. stamps, from the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. up to the 5/-, we thought it might interest readers to have a description of the different printings, and how to distinguish them, together with a list of the principal varieties. In *Black and White* Mr. Mortimer Menpes gives some interesting information concerning the now famous "dotless" and other errors found in the first printing, but is silent on the subject of the varieties which appeared later. We propose to bring his list up to date.

Every reader knows that there are two principal varieties, one with the dots after V.R.I. in their normal position, and another with the dots in a raised position, V·R·I·; owing to the printer having used a wrong fount of type. Of the latter variety, there are two printings, and of one of these there are two settings.

The stamps of all values are printed in sheets of 240 divided into four panes of 60 each, separated from each other by a plain margin. As each pane was overprinted separately from the same type, it follows that a variety occurring on one pane will also occur on the others and in exactly the same position relatively.

I.—First printing, March 18th, 1900.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange.	4d. ultramarine.
1d. violet.	6d. carmine.
2d. violet.	6d. ultramarine.
2½ on 3d. ultramarine.	1s. brown.
3d. ultramarine.	5s. green.

Errors quoted by Mr. Menpes.

- No stop after V, all.
- Figure of value omitted, $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., 6d. both 1s.
- Value omitted altogether, 1d.
- "d" omitted, 1d.
- No stop after I., $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
- Letter I of "V.R.I." omitted, 1d.
- "V.R.I." omitted, 1d., 6d. blue,

All these errors were corrected at an early date, except the first. In a pane of the 3d. value before us this "dotless" variety occurs on the 3rd stamp in the 10th row. The variety (g) appears to be due to the overprint being off-centre.

II. Second printing, April 23rd? 1900.

This printing and the 3rd, both have "raised dots."

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange	4d. ultramarine?
1d. violet, mauve	6d. ultramarine.
2d. violet?	1s. red-brown?
3d. ultramarine?	5s. green.

Varieties found on 2nd printing (setting (a)).

Thick V's.	1st row, No. 2.
	3rd row, No. 2.
	4th row, No. 2.
	7th row, No. 4.
	8th row, Nos. 1 and 4.

First stroke of V bent, 7th row, No. 6.

Broken V (top of second stroke), 1st row, No. 5.

Dot variety. V·R·I· (two dots only raised), 10th row, No. 6.

The above setting was used for the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. and probably other values. In changing the type " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." or "1d." for "6d." or "5s." however, the rows of "V.R.I." were not left undisturbed, but were taken up and set in exactly the reverse position, the last in the first row being now the first. Second settings (positions reversed):—

Thick V's.	1st row, No. 5.
	3rd row, No. 5.
	4th row, No. 5.
	7th row, No. 3.
	8th row, Nos. 3 and 6.
Bent or battered V.	7th row, No. 1.

Broken V and dot variety. These were corrected.

Of the first setting we have $\frac{1}{2}$ d. and 1d. and of the second, 6d. and 5s., but other values probably occur. The type of the " $\frac{1}{2}$ d." varies slightly, that used for the 2nd stamps in the 4th row being perhaps the most remarkable variation.

III.—Third printing, date?

This printing is distinguished by having no thick V's,

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange	2d. violet.
1d. violet	1s. red-brown.

So far as we can ascertain the setting remained unchanged for all values in this printing:—

Broken V	1st row, No. 4.
"	3rd row, No. 1.
"	10th row, No. 3.

Broken V. 10th row, No. 4.

Dot variety, V·R·I· (similar to 1st print), 7th row, No. 4.

Dot variety, V·R·I·,	9th row, No. 4.
"	V·R·I· " No. 5.
"	V·R·I·, 10th row, No. 4.

Of this printing we have panes only of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d and 1s., but it is not unlikely other values occur. In this printing of the 1s. the dot after the "s" is uniformly raised, but as we have seen pairs of this stamp, one stamp having "1s." and another "1s" there must have been another printing. This variety may perhaps belong to the second printing.

NUMBERS PRINTED.

Mr. Menpes gives the following as the quantities printed of each value.

$\frac{1}{2}$ d. orange	5,770 sheets.
1d. purple	13,100 "
2d. violet	5,130 "
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ on 3d. blue	80 "
3d. blue	4,270 "
4d. blue	310 "
6d. carmine	30 "
6d. blue	2,800 "
1/- red-brown	1,830 "
5/- green	970 "

Surcharged but not issued.

1d. red-brown, 8 stamps.	
1/- orange	90 "

The 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 4d. and 6d. carmine are already sold out, and the next value likely to follow suit is the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. when perhaps some of the 3d. will be requisitioned to make good the deficiency.

Although the above quantities may seem large, it is a fact that a large portion has already been issued. The value of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. stock only works out to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ times that of the 4d., which has been sold out some time, and as the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. should be in much more frequent use, it looks as if it will soon be obsolete.—*Erwen's Weekly Stamp News.*

PHILATELIC FRAUDS.

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

○ RANGE RIVER COLONY.—Forgeries of the V.R.I. surcharges are appearing. I have seen one made with an india-rubber stamp, but others less easy to detect are about.

MAFEKING BESIEGED.—These stamps are being produced in comparatively large quantities by unauthorized parties in Cape Town and elsewhere, and the imitations are not to be distinguished from the genuine locals save by experts (*i.e.* sellers of a different brand). The originals are so colossal a fraud, however, that imitations fade into comparative insignificance. The safe plan is to leave them all severely alone.

THE PARIS PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

THIS exhibition is now a thing of the past, being open from August 28th to September 9th. Thanks to the untiring efforts of M. Albert Coyette, the secretary, and the Parisian philatelists who so ably assisted him; the exhibition was a success from a philatelic point of view, but otherwise in its pecuniary aspect.

Some one hundred and seventy six medals, gold, silver, and copper, were awarded, and, of English philatelists, the following are the best known recipients: Messrs. W. T. Wilson, R. Ehrenbach, G. B. Duerst, W. Dorning Beckton and G. F. Gibson. Mr. Walter Morley received plentiful recognition for his fiscals, and Mr. A. Preston Pearce also secured a medal in this branch of philately. The Grand Prize was taken by M. Paul Mirabaud's Swiss stamps, which magnificent collection is considered by Mr. C. J. Phillips to be the "finest example of a specialized collection in the whole world."

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CANADA'S STAMPS.

THE 3 pence of the first issue, 1851, popularly known as the "three penny beaver," was used for postage on letters between any place in Canada (now Ontario and Quebec) and any place in New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island, and Cape Breton.

The 6 pence, 1851, was used for postage on letters to the United States, except Oregon and California.

The 12 pence, of the same issue, the rarest of Canadian Stamps only about 1500 of which were issued, was used for postage on letters to Great Britain, via Quebec and Halifax. (Sec. 62 Postal Regulations, Canadian Almanac, 1853, page 33).

The 10 pence, 1855, was used for postage on letters to Great Britain via Cunard packet from New York and Boston.

The 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ penny, 1857, was also used for postage on letters to Great Britain but via Canadian packet from Quebec.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ penny of the same issue was used for postage on drop letters.

The 5 cent. beaver was used for postage on ordinary provincial letters.

The 10 cent, 1859, was used for postage on letters to the United States, except California and Oregon.

The 2 cent, 1860, was used on soldiers' letters to Great Britain.

The 12½ cent of the same year was used on letters to Great Britain *via* Canadian packet from Quebec.

The 17 cent of the same issue was also used on letters to Great Britain, but *via* Cunard packet from New York and Boston.

The 1868 12½ cent was used for postage on letters to Great Britain *via* Canadian packet.

The 15 cent of the same issue was used for postage on letters to Great Britain, also, but *via* Cunard packet.

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Annual meeting October 4th.

All those desirous of joining are reminded that now is the best time to do so.

Nearly £30,000 worth of stamps were circulated during the last session and nearly £4,000 worth were sold.

Two auctions, for the use of members only, will be held during the coming session.

Annual report will be published on October 4th—best advertising medium in England. Advertisements must be sent at once if you wish to be in time.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

THE PALACE PHILATELIC EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—Mr. R. T. Morgan has favoured us with the first half-yearly report of this Society and it seems to have met with a well-deserved success. We hope to receive an even better report next half-year.

COUNTY OF STAFFORD EXCHANGE SOCIETY.—The address of the secretary, Mr. James Spibey, is now Winona, Corporation Street, Stafford.

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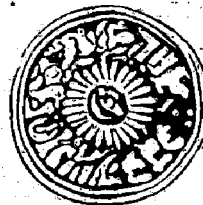
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At the annual meeting *The Stamp Collector* was chosen as official organ for the season 1900-1901. *The Philatelic Chronicle* has been the official journal since the foundation of the Society, and to that paper, and Mr. G. JOHNSON, the Secretary, is due the success achieved. As, however, three members voted for the *Collector*, and only two for the *Chronicle*, the former was chosen. Members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society who wish to receive the *Chronicle*, are requested to send subscriptions in the ordinary manner. For the remaining numbers of Volume IX. sixpence will be charged—two shillings will cover subscription until December, 1901, and include the whole of Volume X.

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Colonial and foreign readers are requested to note that the new Directory is to be published in November. The publishers hope to include a large number of colonial and foreign advertisements, for there can be no better medium possible, as the Directory is kept for constant reference until another is published. Every advertiser receives a copy free. All advertisements and remittances to be sent to the Philatelic Publishing Co., Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CHRONICLE.

☉ COREA.—Messrs. Whitfield King say: "We have just received some more of the new stamps, which are now used for International postage, as our package was franked with them. The 2 and 3 cheun you may have already chronicled, but we send the whole set, as issued to date. The 2 re stamp is

the lowest value; there are 10 re to a cheun, 100 of the latter being the equivalent of a Japanese yen or 2/-. One poon is equal to 2 re. These new stamps are engraved and printed at Seoul.

The four stamps of 1895, which are printed at Washington, were in 1897 surcharged with native characters in red, signifying "Tai Han," a symbol adopted by the Emperor to designate the Empire of Corea, in lieu of the old style "Tjyo Sen." We send you a set of these, which although issued three years ago, have only just been discovered by philatelists. Some of these were on our letter, so they cannot be questioned."

FRENCH CHINA AND MOROCCO.—The 2fr. has been surcharged for both these places.

Adhesives. 2fr. brown on azure.

2 pesetas on 2fr. brown on azure.

FRENCH ZANZIBAR.—The 2fr. has also appeared surcharged 20 annas for use in the French Post Office here, and the *Monthly Circular* states that the 10c. card is now surcharged in red instead of black.

Adhesive. 20an. on 2 fr. brown on azure.

Postcard. 1an. on 10c. black on green.

GREECE.—This is the latest country to adopt the surcharge. The 25c. blue, small head of Mercury, in various shades, has been surcharged in black "20 lepta" in two lines, the word "lepta" is of course in Greek characters. We understand that the 20c. rose of the same issue will receive the surcharge "25 lepta," and the 40 lepta violet will be put up to 1 drachma by the same process. So far we have only received the following:—

Adhesives.	20 lep. on 25 lep. blue, perf. 11½.
20 "	" " " " and imperf.
	" " " " on one side.
20 "	" " " " imperf.
20 "	" " deep blue, perf. 11½.
20 "	" " " " imperf.
20 "	" " ultramarine, perf. 11½.
20 "	" " " " and
	imperf. on one side.
20 "	" " ultramarine, imperf.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The 6d. rose with the "V.R.I." overprint is said to exist in the second type with raised stops. We have seen the 4d. in this second type, and so list it below. We have not hitherto chronicled any of the "V.R.I." postcards, though they were issued about the same time as the stamps. The first set were overprinted in type similar to that on the adhesives, but the ½d. and 1d. single and reply were subsequently issued with surcharge in capitals of a smaller type (*sans-serif*). Mr. J. W. Jones has shown us the full set; with the exception of the 1½d. on 2d. (adhesive) with raised stops after the letters V.R.I.; the one Mr. Jones submits to us has three stops on a level with the foot of the letters like all the other cards. The list given below,

is, we believe, a complete one of the cards.—P.J.G.B.

Surcharge the same as on the adhesives.

Postcards. ½d. on ¾d. rose.
 ½d. on ½d. x ½d. on ½d. green.
 1d. on 1d. orange.
 1d. on 1d. x 1d. on 1d. brown.
 1½d. in black on 2d. mauve.

Surcharge with raised stops.

1½d. in black on 2d. mauve.

Surcharge in sans serif capitals.

½d. on ¾d. rose.
 ½d. on ½d. x ½d. on ½d. green.
 1d. on 1d. orange.
 1d. on 1d. x 1d. on 1d. brown.
 Adhesive. With raised stops.
 4d. mauve.

PERSIA.—The *M. J.* states that the 5ch yellow on white paper, of 1899, has been re-issued provisionally surcharged with an undecipherable rectangular device, partly covering two stamps; and adds that they were issued owing to the stock of 5ch. on tinted paper having run short.

Adhesive. 5ch. yellow on white, violet surch.

STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—*Perak.*—A correspondent notifies three more provisionals, namely "one cent" on the 4c. and on the 5c., current type, and "THREE CENTS" in two lines on 50c.

Adhesives. 1c. on 4c. surcharge black.
 1c. ,, 5c. ,, "
 3c. ,, 50c. ,, "

URUGUAY.—According to the *Monthly Circular* the 1c. green of 1899 has appeared with the surcharge "OFFICIAL."

Official Adhesive. 1c. green, surcharge black.

VENEZUELA.—A new crop of surcharges has made its appearance in this Republic, for some values of which we are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. The values from 50c. to 1 bol. have been changed in colour and surcharged "1900"; the three lower values 5, 15, and 25c. have received the same treatment, but a surcharge similar to the "Resellada," one covers the stamp as well; but instead of the initials R.F.M. (which is the Spanish way of writing R.T.M., initials which stand for Ramon Tello Mendoza, the Minister of the Interior and Finance), there is the signature of President Castro, filling the same space. The colours of the lower values have not been changed.—P.J.G.B.

Adhesives 5c. green, surcharge black.
 10c. vermilion, surcharge black.
 25c. blue " "
 50c. yellow orange " "
 1b. grey " "
 3b. red-brown " "
 10b. red-orange " "
 20b. deep violet " "

We also learn from *L'Echo de la T.* that the stamps of the "Intruccion" series have also been changed in colour and surcharged "1900."

Adhesives. 5c. orange, surcharge black.
 10c. blue " "
 25c. violet " "
 50c. green " "
 1b. grey " "
 3b. red-brown " "
 20b. deep violet " "

POSTCARDS, &C.

HONG KONG.—Four envelopes have been issued here, with stamps of the same design, we presume, as the current adhesives.

Envelopes. 2c. green on white.
 4c. carmine " "
 5c. lilac " "
 10c. blue " "

NEW ZEALAND.—We are shown a new envelope impressed with a circular stamp. In the centre of the design is the Queen's head, something similar to that on the ½d. black adhesive of this colony. This is surrounded by a band on which appears the inscription "New Zealand Postage" above, and "One Penny" below. The stamp is carmine, and the envelope is the ordinary square shape. The impression is embossed.

Envelope. 1d. carmine on white.

SEYCHELLES.—The *M. J.* has received the 8c. envelope with the stamp surcharged "six cents" in black.

Envelope. 6c. on 8c. carmine.

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

THERE will be no "Notes on English" this month. The following extract from Mr. Webb's letter speaks for itself:—

"When I tell you that I am to be married on 20th inst., I need say little more to convince you that there can be no "Notes on English" this month from me. Albeit, Notes on (Bank of) England to me are more in the line of convenience.

Ju t before the wedding, mother,

What a lot there is to buy."

Well, these things will happen, even in the best regulated families! Mr. W. S. W., THE POSTMAN looks towards you—likewise bows! He wishes you good luck and many of them!

Members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society who wish to receive the *Philatelic Chronicle* must subscribe direct or join a society to which it is official journal. THE POSTMAN feels sure that very many of those members who were introduced to the society through this paper will continue to take it, and there must be

very many, also, who appreciate the opportunities offered by *The Advertiser*. The foreign members of the society especially have a grievance inasmuch as an important matter such as the official journal is settled by a mere handful on the spot without the body of members being asked to even express an opinion—or, in fact, giving them the opportunity of so doing even if they wished it.

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The fact that another candidate for the position of official journal was in the field was only made known a very few days before the annual meeting, and then only to a limited number of members. A matter of such importance should not be left to the chance of a hole-and-corner meeting. It should be a question for all the members to decide as it is the only advantage—save the empty honour of membership—which many enjoy. Still, your Postman has nothing to do in the matter! If the members allow themselves to be led by the nose at the will of two or three it is their own fault!

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Penny postage to the Antipodes is now only a question of time. The New Zealand Government has taken the initiative and the rest of the colonies must follow. By the manner in which New Zealand is amalgamating the islands in its near and remote neighbourhood it will soon be an epitomised empire itself, with its colonies and dependencies dotting the seas for hundreds of miles around. In view of the federation of the Australian colonies at the commencement of next year there is sure to be a boom in Australian stamps. Already prices are advancing while the cognoscenti are quietly accumulating big stocks preparatory for the rush.

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Messrs. T. C. Hin & Co., the well-known Singapore dealers have favoured me with their wholesale list of new and unused Asiatic stamps. It would pay dealers to send for this. Messrs. Clarke & Co., Bushey, Herts., have similarly favoured your POSTMAN. Messrs. Clark are too well-known to need any recommendation, but the last wholesale list has alterations which render it necessary for every dealer to have a copy.

EARLY CANADA PENCE ISSUES.

By J. B. SIMPSON.

THE pence issues of Canada were manufactured by the firm of Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson, of New York. They were engraved in *taille douce*, the 1d., 3d., 6d., 10d. and 12d. printed in sheets of 100 stamps, ten rows of ten, the 7d. in sheets of 120 stamps, ten rows of twelve. All the sheets had eight imprints on them, two at top and bottom, and two at each side.

The designs are too well known to need description: the 12d. alone deserves a word in explanation of the way in which the value was expressed. Undoubtedly, this was done intentionally, as though it was intended for a one shilling stamp, yet it could not be called that, as there were a number of shillings of different values in circulation in the colony. If the stamp had been lettered "one shilling" the post office was liable to have tendered for it 6½d., 7½d., 10d. or 12d., according to locality. To obviate this, the value was expressed as "twelve pence" leaving no room for error.

If the papers and shades of this series of stamps are thoroughly studied, there are more varieties than in all the other British North American stamps put together.

Some of the variations are as follows: ½d.—½ mm. in length and the same in breadth; in the 3d.—¾ mm. in length by ½ mm. in width; in the 6d.—¾ mm. in length by ¾ mm. in width; in the 7½d.—½ mm. in length and the same in breadth; and in the 10d.—¾ mm. in length by 1 mm. in breadth.

THE PERFORATED SERIES.

It is an open question whether these stamps were delivered to the Canadian P.O. Department in a perforated condition or not. The manufacturers are unable to throw any light on the subject; and while there is much to be said in favour of their having perforated the stamps, there are points against it almost as strong.

In favour of it there is the fact that, at the date these stamps were issued, it was probable that a firm like the manufacturers would have perforating machines. The normal gauge of the perforated set is 12, that being the only size of perforation ever used by the manufacturers or their successors, the American Bank Note Co.—indeed they call 12 their standard and only gauge.

On the other hand, we find there are perforated stamps of the first series issued viz., the 6d. on *laid* paper; also that there exist two different varieties of perforation that were never used by the makers, viz., one gauging 14, and another 13.

It may be that the stamps were sent to Canada in an imperforate condition, and that the P.O. Department had them perforated, either buying a perforating machine, or entrusting them to some manufacturers of stationery. Perforations 13 and 14 may have been experimental, as they are rare. There always remains the query why the 7½d. and 10d. were not treated in the same manner, and to this no answer can be given. Probably the safest theory to advance is that the 12 gauge was the official one used by the manufacturers, and that the 13 and 14 were the result of private enterprise by people using large quantities of stamps, and they may possibly ante-date the regularly per-

forated issue. This point can only be settled by copies being found on the original covers.

NUMBERS ISSUED.

The total number of each value issued is as follows :

1d.	...	3,989,960
3d.	...	3,528,700
6d.	...	402,900
7½d.	...	82,110
10d.	...	151,500
12d.	...	1,510

This includes the perforated series.

AMERICAN STAMP MEETS.

THE annual stamp meets were held at Milwaukee, August 27th to 30th, and were the largest yet held, almost two hundred members being present. All the societies meet next year at Buffalo, in the week of August 20th, 1901, during the Pan-American Exposition and hope to see a good number of foreign members and collectors present.

The following is a list of officers elected at Milwaukee :—

AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.—*President* : G. Toppan, Racine, Wis.; *Vice-Presidents* : P. M. Wolsieffer, C. E. Severn, S. Leland, all of Chicago; *Secretary* : H. E. Deats, Flemington, N.J.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.—*President* : S. Miller; *Vice-President* : J. S. Davis; *Secretary* : J. Dodge, Oxford, Pa.

PHILATELIC SONS OF AMERICA (largest Society of U.S.A.).—*President* : L. Brodstone, Superior, Neb.; *Vice-President* : W. F. Schad; *Secretary* : C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.; *Treasurer* : W. Barnum.

It will pay readers of the *Philatelic Chronicle* to join the above. The American representative of the paper will procure application blanks and send full particulars for postage.

L. T. BRODSTONE.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE annual meeting was called for October 4th, 8 p.m. At the time appointed four members, representing the enthusiasm of the Society, were present. A few minutes later a fifth appeared and then came vice-President Hollick who promptly took the chair and commenced business.

Formal matters, such as reading minutes, having been concluded, the election of officers was proceeded with. A letter from Mr. W. T. Wilson, the president, was read, in which he declined re-election. The grounds for Mr. Wilson's retirement were not made very clear, but the meeting was given to understand

that the want of life in the Society was a considerable factor—the attendance at meetings having averaged something like three or four. This annual meeting, in comparison, was a huge success—the mystic number, seven, being made up ere the finish by the appearance of the second vice-president.

Well, the members proceeded to the election of officers with great vigour. The Honorary President, Mr. W. B. Avery, was unanimously chosen, and then the devoted seven proceeded to elect one another to the remaining offices with considerable effect. One unfortunate, however, was unable to find a place. A determined effort to make room for him by ousting an old committee-man, Mr. W. S. Vaughton, was unsuccessful. The committee-man, it appeared, had been very remiss and had not attended a single committee meeting during the year! At the assertion of this awful fact the meeting looked sad but determined. Somehow, though, the statement lost a lot of weight when, upon pressure being exerted by Mr. Walton, it transpired that only a single committee meeting had been held—and that only a few days previous, at which it seemed only one of the committee was present. Consequently the meeting proceeded to elevate itself upon the "Friend-go-up-higher" principle—Mr. Hollick was raised from Vice to full President, Mr. Peck was raised from committee-man to Vice-president and Mr. Walton was raised to the honourable *status* of committee-man.

The accounts were audited at express speed by the lightning auditors—Messrs. Margoschis and Walton—who signed their names with considerable celerity—evidently thinking that the figures might bite if not disposed of at once. A slight revision of the rules was made, and the report of the Auction Committee and Secretary adopted and then the meeting proceeded to its most important function—the choosing of an official organ.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* had been the official journal of the Society from the start and its usefulness was acknowledged by the secretary, especially as a means of securing new members by reason of its wide circulation—it may be said *en passant* that over 50% of the membership was secured by this means—but the members present had been assiduously canvassed by the proprietor of *The Stamp Collector*, and to good effect as was evident from the start.

Consequently when it came to voting, the two principal officials declined, and the responsibility was thrown upon the shoulders of the three other members present—not including the representatives of the two papers. Mr. T. W. Peck held a brief for the *Collector*. True, he could say nothing in its favour as an appurtenance of philately but he considered very highly its ornamental cover and the superiority of the paper employed in its construction. This ornamental cover caused great excitement! A society like the Birmingham is naturally superior to other conditions—the ornamental cover and nothing

but the ornamental cover would suit! Mr. Peck was anxiously determined to have the voting by ballot, and, having carried that point, he pressed his case home with the impassioned words "Consider the appearance of the two papers!" and, the glamour of that ornamental cover intoxicating their senses, the members decided for the *Collector* by the overwhelming majority of three votes to two—fifty per cent more voting for the *Collector* than for the *Chronicle*. The voting was by ballot. Possibly Mr. Peck repented at the last moment and voted for the *Chronicle*, but if not he has the proud satisfaction of knowing that his vote represents the wishes of a society numbering two hundred and forty-nine—of whom five had a voice in the matter!

The President and Secretary presumably know their own business best—but responsible officials are usually supposed to be elected to conserve the interests of a society and prevent *coups* such as this. The arguments put forward by the proprietor of the *Collector* when canvassing them must have been specially potent—for Mr. Johnson expressed his strong adherence to the *Chronicle* in the meeting and Mr. Hollick was one of its founders ten years ago, while both have always received its ungrudging support in every possible way—but enough, next year, in the absence of the pet picture book of any member, a nicely illustrated edition of Jack the Giant Killer will be proposed as the official journal. This will probably meet with the approval of the majority—with a pretty illuminated cover, in fact, it is certain to be chosen! It was decided to hold two auctions during the coming session. At other meetings great attractions are offered. Mr. Avery will display part of his collection on November 6th. Mr. W. Pimm will discourse upon and show his own stamps of West Indies on January 3rd, and Mr. Hollick gives a display of South Australia on April 4th. The auctions are on December 6th and February 14th, and will be held at the Great Western Hotel.

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members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12 to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

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The *Petit Journal* announces the new issue of French stamps for 15 November, in three series as previously announced in this column. The 1 to 5 centimes shows Liberty holding the scales of Equality. 10 to 30 centimes personifies the Republic gazing upon the Table of the Rights of Man. The higher values 40 and 50 cent, 1, 2 and 5 francs are of a long rectangular shape as one stamp upon another and represent the Republic near the Tree of Peace, and will be printed in two colours.

GREECE.—The following is a list of surcharged Greek stamps which have been received by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Type of first issue (large head).

30 on 40 lept lilac
 40 on 2 lept bistre
 50 on 40 lept buff
 3 drachma on 10 lept orange
 5 " on 40 lept violet

Same type, surcharged "A.M." in addition to new value.

1 drachma on 40 lept violet on blue
 2 " on 5 lept green

Type of 1886 (small head).

20 on 25 lept ultramarine
 20 on 25 lept blue
 20 on 25 lept indigo
 1 drachma on 40 lept red-lilac
 2 " on 40 lept do

Same type (small head) surcharged "A.M." in addition to new values.

25 on 40 lept red-lilac
 50 on 25 lept blue

All the above varieties exist both perf. and imperf. The letters "A.M." signify "AXIA METALIKI," and mean that these stamps are only sold for gold and not for the depreciated paper currency; these cost therefore 60 to 70 % more than the others.

Mr. Spyridakis describes the four values surcharged "A.M." in the above list as Parcel Post stamps.

Mr. G. Johnson understands that there are very many varieties besides those listed above.

TURK'S ISLAND.—Messrs. Bright & Son inform the S.C.F. that the following new Turks Island stamps have been issued. The design shows a sailing vessel in an oval frame.

½d. green	6d. violet
1d. rose	1s. purple-brown
2d. black-brown	2s. violet
2½d. blue	2s. brown-lake
4d. orange	

The two values last named are of a larger size than the others.

U.S.A.—The Pan American, or Buffalo, series of postage stamps will be printed in two colours, and the designs have definitely been decided upon, as follows: 1c. a "Lake" steamship; 2c., a railway train; 4c., an automobile; 5c., Niagara Falls; 8c., the canal locks of Saulte Ste. Marie; 10c., an ocean steamship. The stamps, though of the same shape as the "Omaha" set will be smaller—about 30 mm long by 22 mm deep; the inscriptions will read: "COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE, 1901" and "UNITED STATES POSTAGE."

POSTCARDS, &c.

ROUMANIA.—Mr. Max Torten, Jassy, has sent us the new letter card of 10 ban.

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POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

YOUR very own POSTMAN wishes to give a word to the wise. Thusly. The BRITISH STAMP DIRECTORY is now being put in type. The first pages are made and corrected. If any reader requires an advertisement in the book he must send at once for none can be received after November 30th as the book will then be printed. All advertisements received too late to face the directory pages will be put together at the end, but the work of careful correction going on will allow time for advertisements to be inserted to the last minute. The first twenty-four pages of advertisements are already arranged.

The BRITISH STAMP DIRECTORY will be kept for reference for at least a year—so an advertisement in it should serve as well as a series of twelve advertisements in a monthly periodical. All advertisements sent by November 25th are guaranteed to face matter, those sent later must take their chance. Two or three special positions at either end are vacant at one pound the page.

All the above "shop" your POSTMAN has written under compulsion—not exactly with a pistol to his head but certainly under dread of the "bullet." Publishers have no soul and seem to think that the end and aim of literature is to make money. Your POSTMAN, scorning filthy lucre and writes only for the benefit of his kind.

One word in confidence! Mr. W. S. Webb is still on the honeymoon, so no "Notes on English"! Ah, well! I was young myself once and did the same thing, but the third Mrs. Postman set her face against honeymooning—she said we could not afford it. So we economised and spent our money on useful articles—at least Mrs. P. did—principally consisting of hats, coats, gloves, &c., all, I grieve to say, of the feminine persuasion.

God bless the wives, they fill our hives
With little bees and honey,
They ease life's shocks and mend our socks,
But—don't they spend the money!

The above is not strictly a philatelic par. In fact, I can't think of anything philatelic except Mr. Avery and his stamps.

Mr. W. B. Avery was in Birmingham on November 6th and showed part of his magnificent collection to the members of the Birmingham Philatelic Society who mustered in record numbers. Mr. Avery's New South Wales can hardly be described. Magnificent is faint—unique, in its literal interpretation, is the only word that fits—for Mr Avery appears to have everything that is rich and rare while other collections, however good, are made from his refusals. It is good to be a millionaire with a favourite hobby!

"Let arts and commerce—law and learning die
But spare—oh, spare—our old nobility!"

I do not know whether this is the correct quotation but 'twill serve. Things have changed since Bulwer—was it Bulwer?—wrote it. Now our old nobility—with a pathetic desire not to let arts and commerce suffer an untimely decease—are lending their noble names to support A, and C.—and get a bit at the same time, by the way. Your Postman has heard of noble earls who are cab proprietors—of other noble earls and barons who went in largely for bicycle making, under the protecting wing of Messrs. E. T. Hooley and Co., and now the princely house of Cecil seems to have an interest in stamp selling. Here is a quotation of part of an advertisement of the Mafeking stamps: "All stamps sold with sworn copies of Lord Cecil's certificate of genuineness."

It would be interesting to know what the Most Noble the Marquess of Salisbury thinks of the matter! How would it be to approach a few more of the nobility in order to bolster up this or that issue by means of testimonial or affidavit? Frinstance: "Since trying your Barrier Island Stamps I have used no other. ALBERT EDWARD." Or, "The new Greek surcharges are grateful, comforting and refreshing, and are worth a guinea a box. LANSDOWNE." Or, "Use England's Glory, the V.R.I. variegated dots, which I guarantee are all produced by English labour. ROBERTS." Or, "Our stamps won't wash clothes, but

every purchaser is presented with a statutory declaration sworn by LORD KNOWSOO." Little puffs like this would tend to a rapid sale! Returning to the Mafekings, some say they are the apotheosis of the postage stamp and they bow the knee before them and worship. Others put them lower than the lowest of bogus issues. Both are wrong! They are a moderately respectable issue—and collectors of locals are quite justified in taking them

But both sides seem to have gone rabid over them—let us hope that they will as rabidly recover—I regret to say that the Postman was seriously hurt about this time by the accidental fall of a heavy ruler upon his bald head. He now lies insensible beneath the table. Should any further "Knocks" (literary, not physical) be required, the Office Boy will snip them from the more reliable of our contemporaries. Ed. P. C. and A.]

STAMP POSTAGE.

FIRST CAME INTO USE IN 1653, WHEN PARIS SET THE FASHION.

THOUGH the use of postage stamps dates back 250 years, only a few collectors can show specimens made earlier than the present century. The custom of attaching postage stamps to letters did not become general until after 1840, and no one tried to collect the few varieties in existence before that. Some of them now would have a value thousands of times greater than their original selling price.

What probably were the first postage stamps were brought into use by the first postal collection and delivery system, which was introduced in Paris in 1653. In that year King Louis XIV. granted a privilege to a municipal dignitary, M. de Valayer, to establish letter boxes in various sections of Paris, he to collect the letters deposited therein and to charge a given fee for their delivery. The deal applied to local letters only. All mail for the outer world had to be handed in the primitive way then existing.

Valayer put a series of boxes and organized a force of collectors and messengers in short order. But right at the start he encountered a difficulty which threatened to land him in bankruptcy. He had made no provision for the advance payment of the fees for his service, and soon found that most of the recipients of the letters refused to pay for them. He was in a serious quandary, and for a time discontinued the service. He could not afford to station a man at each letter-box to collect the tolls, and no solution to his problem came to him. Finally one day when he was discussing his hard luck in the garden of the royal court he announced his determination to give up the privilege. The Countess de Longueville had been interested in the conversation, and, with that

vehemence that always distinguished her noble family, she protested against the amateur postmaster's decision.

"No, no, my dear Chevalier," she said, "you must not think of abandoning so important an innovation. The service will soon become indispensable to all who cannot for one reason or another get about to communicate with others in person. Consider the lame and the sick, think of those who are detained in cloisters and convents and places for punishment and more particularly have some regard for the lords and ladies of the court, who are on their feet all day in the service of the Crown, but have no opportunity to carry on their little amours. You have found no way to gather in your recompense in advance, but I will give you the recipe. Attention! You print a lot of little certificates of a special design. Each one you will sell at the price you charge for one letter. Pay a small consideration to a shopkeeper near every letter-box for selling the certificates for you, deliver only such letters to which one of the certificates is attached, and your fortune is made."

Valayer's eyes snapped with joy. He jumped to his feet and, stooping gallantly, kissed the bejeweled hand of the lady. The stamps which he soon had out, he called "Billet de Ports Payé." They were like little labels, and were attached to the letters by means of wafers, one of which was supplied with each stamp sold. Blank spaces were left in the printing for the date of mailing, which served for a cancellation mark, and had to be filled in by the sender. The scheme met immediate success. How long it lasted and what caused its downfall is not recorded. Possibly the whim of a ruler was responsible for its discontinuance. At all events the system fell into oblivion one hundred years later, and with it the use of postage stamps.

The first serious attempt to introduce postage stamps in general was made by the little kingdom of Sardinia in the year 1819. The certificates were thin sheets of paper to cover letters which invariably were folded in a uniform way and size. There were no envelopes in those days. The edges of the paper bore the watermark "Dirizione Generale delle Regie Post." The emblem was a rampant warrior on horseback, and the respective values of the stamps were indicated at 10, 25 and 50 centissimi, 10 centissimi equalling 2 cents in American money. These were replaced by varicoloured wafer stamps the following year, which remained in use until 1836. The first to follow the example of the Sardinians was Great Britain, which established its postage stamp industry in 1840. Concurrently with its adoption of penny postage in that year the British Post Office issued stamped letter wrappers for the first time. The penny wrappers were printed in black ink and those for two pence in blue. The square section of the wrappers intended for the address was decorated with an allegorical design by Mulready, emblematic of Britain's world-wide commerce. Under this appeared "Postage One

Penny," or "Two Pence" respectively. The first regular postage stamp were issued in the year following, the values being the same - one penny and two pence

Zurich, Brazil and Geneva adopted postage stamps in 1843. Basle followed in 1845. The United States went into the business in 1846, and the specimens still extant of that first issue are all but priceless. Russia fell in line in 1848 with stamped envelopes and France resumed her interest in the subject in 1849, almost 200 years after her first experience with it. Belgium and Bavaria followed suit that year, and Austria, Prussia and Saxony began printing and selling stamps in 1850, Canada falling into line in 1851.

MAFEKING SIEGE STAMPS.

THE *London Philatelist* is to be congratulated on having been the first journal to secure a complete list of the numbers of Mafeking Siege Stamps printed. The information was communicated by Mr. A. H. Stamford, a well-known member of the Philatelic Society, London, who received it direct from the Postmaster of Mafeking, so that it may be considered as authentic.

NUMBERS OF EACH DENOMINATION OF STAMPS ISSUED DURING THE SIEGE OF MAFEKING, MARCH 23RD TO MAY 17TH, 1900.

Surcharged on Cape Stamps.

1d. on ½d. green (old type)	32 sheets or 7680 stamps.
" " (1893 type)	22 " 5280 "
3d. on 1d. carmine	25 " 6000 "
6d. on 3d. claret	... 1½ " 840 "
1s. on 4d. pale green	... 6 " 1440 "

Bechuanaland Protectorate (Fancy type).

1d. on ½d. English	... 25 sheets or 6000 stamps.
3d. on 1d. "	... 7½ " 1800 "
6d. on 2d. "	... 5 " 1200 "
6d. on 3d. "	... 6 " 1440 "
1s. on 6d. "	... 6 " 1440 "

Bechuanaland Protectorate (Sans-serif type).

3d. on 1d. English	... 7½ sheets or 1800 stamps.
6d. on 2d. "	... 5 " 1200 "
1s. on 6d. "	... none printed?

British Bechuanaland (Fancy type).

6d. on 3d., "unappropriated"	15 sheets or 3600 stamps.
1s. on 4d. English	29 sheets of 80 or 2320 "
1s. on 6d. "	... 1 sheet of 240 "

British Bechuanaland (Sans-serif type).

1s. on 6d. English	none printed?
2s. on 1s. green	4½ panes of 120 or 570 stamps.

Local Stamps.

Baden-Powell, Small Head	... 6072 stamps.
" " Large Head	... 3036 "
Bicycle, 1d., Local	... 9476 "

Assuming the above list to be correct, 61,434 stamps were required for correspondence leaving Mafeking during the 55 days of the siege, or an average of 1117 per day. If all the stamps were not issued, where are the remainders?

The original value of the 42,850 stamps (excluding 18,584 locals) was £306 3s. 4d. and the surcharged value £735. Including the locals, the total works out at £885 6s. 8d.

Excluding the local stamps, the following are the proportions of each value.

ORIGINAL VALUE.				SURCHARGED VALUE.			
	£	s.	d.		£	s.	d.
18,960	3	10	0	18,960	1	79	0
9,600	40	0	0	9,600	3	120	0
2,400	20	0	0	8,280	6	207	0
5,880	73	10	0	5,440	1	272	0
3,760	62	13	4	570	2	57	0
1,680	42	0	0				
570	28	10	0				

42,850 stps. £306 3 4 42,850 stps. £735 0 0

Mr. J. R. F. Turner has been good enough to send us a number of interesting extracts, from the *Mafeking Mail* dealing with these stamps.

EXTRACT FROM THE MAFEKING MAIL SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP OF THURSDAY, MARCH 22ND, 1900.

LOCAL MEMS.

Private letters will in future be sent by the Intelligence Department by runners in batches of 30 (letters not runners) at a time. First come, first served, the communications will be despatched in the order they are received. Don't all speak at once.

EXTRACT FROM THE MAFEKING MAIL SPECIAL SIEGE SLIP OF SATURDAY, MARCH 24TH, 1900.

NOTICE!

New arrangements for the transmission of Telegrams and dealing with Letters.

The Bombproof at the end of Minchin's yard, at Headquarters, will be open daily to receive letters and telegrams for North and South, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 10 a.m. (Sundays excepted). The following are the rates for telegrams:—Via the North, 9d. per word plus a fee of 1/- for a receipt duly stamped; telegrams for Cape Colony and Natal will be accepted by this route.

Telegrams via the South for Cape Colony and Natal will also be accepted, the rate being 1/- for 12 words, plus a fee of 1/- for a duly stamped receipt.

Cablegrams, 4/9 per word, via the	} plus 1/- receipt fee.
North	
Cablegrams, 4/- per word, via the	
South	

The sale of stamps for letters for local delivery will be restricted.

Letters for Northern and Southern routes must be handed to the Postal Official on duty, and stamps cannot on any account be sold.

RATES OF POSTAGE LETTERS.

Local delivery (within town limits) 1d. per half oz. Delivery at outposts and forts, 3d per half oz. Letters for United Kingdom, Cape Colony and Natal via the South, 6d. per half oz. Letters for United Kingdom, Cape Colony, Natal and Rhodesia, via the North, 1/- per half oz.

From the first extract it appears letters were sent in batches of 30. This agrees with statements made by the first explorer who arrived in England. But, by the figures quoted from the *London Philatelist*, it required 37 messengers each day—consequently, after about the first ten days, there was no population left in Mafeking. Query: Who wrote the 1,117 letters a day for the remaining 45 days? . . . The late lamented Mr. Hickey of Trinidad and His Majesty the King of Sedang lived before their time—while Baron Munchausen was simply thrown away on his generation! . . . Can there be any truth in the theories of theosophy? Could the re-incarnation of this trinity have run the Mafeking Post Office during the siege? Truly all the evidence points in that direction!

SOCIETY REPORTS.

Midland Counties Stamp Exchange.

The *Philatelic Chronicle* is sent each month to members of the Exchange—thus reducing the subscription to a merely nominal one. To show how much alive the exchange is, a late packet returned showed that over 28 per cent of the stamps in the packet were purchased. This is a bit over the average for the M.C.S.E., but most clubs are satisfied with from 12½ to 15 per cent which is really not so bad. The March packets totalled over £491. Good stamps at a reasonable price are taken readily as there are good purchasers as well as sellers. More are required and will be welcomed. Good references are indispensable. Members joining now are free until January 1st, and have all the privileges of the Exchange (except the official journal), if their references are satisfactory. Rules and all information from the secretary, W. G. Walton, Fentham Road, Handsworth, Birmingham.

CARDIFF PHILATELIC SOCIETY, 1900-1901.—*President*, Walter Scott, Esq.; *Hon. Sec.*, Mr. W. A. Jutsum. Programme: October 16th, Annual Meeting. November 13th, display with notes "Ceylon," Mr. Walter Scott. December 11th, display with notes "Brazil," Mr. G. E. Petty. January 8th, display with notes "Canada," Mr. W. H. Renwick. February 12th, display with notes "United States," Mr. W. J. Trounce. March 12th, display with notes "Greece

and Ionian Isles," Mr. E. W. Shackell. April 9th, display with notes "Gibraltar and Morocco Agencies," Mr W. A. Jutsum. Official address: 371, Cowbridge Road, Cardiff.

THE BRISTOL AND CLIFTON PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
—The usual fortnightly meeting was held last Thursday evening. In the absence of the president Mr. D. H. McPherson was requested to take the chair. After the ordinary business of the evening was disposed of, including the election of a new member, a very interesting collection of "Forgeries" was exhibited. Those shown by Mr. Perrett were especially so, consisting of both Colonial and Continental stamps in blocks, in some of which it required the critical eye of an expert to detect the differences between the genuine and the forged stamp. Messrs. McPherson, Dalton, and Stooke showed several specimens. Mr. Dalton's exhibit contained a reconstructed sheet of the 2d. lithograph Victoria, also a copy of the L.Q. Messrs. Lloyd and Cartwright, who were unable to be present, also sent specimens; Mr. Cartwright sending three values of the late Orange Free State stamps with forged V.R.I. surcharges, likely to entrap the unwary collector. A vote of thanks was heartily accorded to Mr. Perrett for his interesting and instructive exhibit of many years' gathering, and this largely contributed to what was considered by all present to be a most enjoyable evening. At a meeting held on November 1st the president, Mr. P. J. Lloyd, read a paper on "The Stamps of the United States of America."

It appears very doubtful whether the 8d. lake of Newfoundland was ever issued to the public, though several copies are known which have the appearance of being properly used. The stock of the 8d. carmine lasted until 1865, when the currency was changed, though a supply of 10,000 of the 8d. lake was sent out to the Colony on Nov. 30th, 1861, by the printers, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.

Mr. Donald A. King in his article in the *Monthly Journal*, Nov., 1894, says: "I do not think that the eightpence of this set was ever issued to the public, though some years ago I had two used specimens sent me from Newfoundland, with a quantity of other

stamps. They are not in my possession now, but if I remember right they were both slightly oxidised, and had all the appearance of being genuinely used. One of these specimens is now, I believe, in the Taylor collection."

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" " 2 " ..	0 9	4 0	" " 2 " ..	0 4	2 0
" " 3 " ..	1 0	6 3	" " 5 " ..	0 6	3 0
" " 5 " ..	1 4	10 0	" " Post Due, 1 cent ..	0 3	1 6
*China, 1898, 1/2 cent ..	0 3	1 8	" " " 2 " ..	0 4	2 0
" " 1 " ..	0 6	3 3	" " " 5 " ..	0 6	3 0
" " 10 " ..	1 4	10 0	Sirmoor, head, 3 pies ..	0 6	4 0
*Congo French, 2c. oblong ..	0 4	2 3	" " elephant, 3 pies ..	0 6	4 0
" " 4c. " ..	0 7	4 6	*Soudan, 1 mil ..	0 6	3 9
" " 5c. " ..	0 9	5 6	" " 2 " ..	0 10	6 0
*Crete, 1900, 1 lept, brown ..	0 3	1 3	Tasmania, 1900, 1d., 2d. ..	0 7	4 0
" " 5 " green ..	0 9	5 9	*Transvaal, V.R.I., 1/2d. ..	1 0	7 0
" " 10 " carmine ..	1 6	11 6	" " 1d. ..	1 8	13 0
*Djibouti, 2c. oblong ..	0 6	3 9	" " 2d. ..	3 0	—
Fiji, 1d, 2d. ..	1 0	7 6	" " 2 1/2d. ..	3 9	—
Foochow, 1/2, 1 cent ..	0 5	3 3	" " 3d. ..	4 6	—
*Guatemala, 1900, 1 cent, green ..	0 5	2 6	*Venezuela, map, 5 cents ..	0 6	3 6
" " 2 " rose ..	0 9	5 0	" " 10-25 cents ..	0 8	4 6
*Gwallior, 3 pies, red ..	0 5	2 9	Zanzibar, 1899, 1/2 anna, used ..	0 9	6 0
*Hayti, 1899 head, 1 cent ..	0 8	5 0	" " 1 " " ..	1 6	12 0
" " 2 " ..	1 0	7 6			
" " 3 " ..	1 3	10 0			
" " arms, 1 " ..	0 5	3 0			
" " 2 " ..	0 10	6 0			
*Honduras, 1878-1895, 20 kinds, equal ..	—	3 0			
Jamaica, 1900, Jubilee 1c. ..	0 6	3 6			
Labuan, 1897, 1 cent ..	0 5	2 9			
" " 2 " ..	0 9	4 0			
" " 3 " ..	1 0	6 3			
" " 5 " ..	1 4	10 0			
*Liberia, 1900, 1 cent ..	0 8	5 0			
" " 2 " ..	1 3	9 6			
New Zealand, 1900, 1/2d., green ..	0 5	3 0			
" " 1d., rose ..	0 4	2 0			
" " 2d., violet ..	0 5	3 0			
*Nicaragua, 1882-97, 33 kinds, equal ..	—	3 0			
*Orange State, V.R.I., 1/2d. ..	1 0	7 0			
" " 1d. ..	1 8	13 0			
" " 2d. ..	3 0	24 0			
" " 3d. ..	4 6	—			
" " on Cape 2 1/2d. ..	3 9	—			
*Salvador, 1890-97, 33 kinds, equal ..	—	3 0			

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*Alexandria, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 cents ..	2 3
Borneo, 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 ..	5 6
*Crete, 1900, 1, 5, 10, 20, 25, 50 ..	15 0
Guatemala Jubilee, 1, 2, 6, 10 ..	2 6
*Hayti, 1899, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 4, 5, 5 ..	8 6
Labuan, 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 ..	5 6
*Mexico, 1886, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 ..	1 6
*Orange State, V.R.I., 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 3d, 6d, 1/- ..	35 0
Peru, 1896-1900, 1, 1, 2, 2, 5, 5, 5, 10 ..	3 0
*Port Said, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ..	2 3
*Sirmoor, 3, 6 pies, 1, 2 annas, head ..	5 6
" " 3, 6 " 1, 2 " elephant ..	5 6
*Soudan, 1, 2, 3, 5 mils ..	4 3
St. Helena, 1884-90, used, 1/2d, 1d, 1 1/2d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d ..	30 0
*Transvaal, V.R.I., 1/2d, 1d, 2d, 2 1/2d, 3d, 4d, 6d, 1/- ..	46 6
Zanzibar, 1899, used, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2 annas ..	8 6

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3d. " " II	0	6
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EGYPT.—Mr. Aram Sempad, Cairo, sends us specimens of a new issue for the Soudan. It is of the usual size of Egyptian stamps printed in two colours, and bears the device of a Nile steamer.

2 millimetres, red and black | 10 millimetres, mauve and
4 " green & brown | 20 " green
" " " " | " " red & blue.

FRANCE.—The new stamps are out and two or three values have come to hand.

GERMAN LEVANT AND GERMAN MOROCCO.—The ordinary issue has been surcharged for use in these two offices.

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10 paras on 5 pfennig.		5 centimos on 3 pfennig	
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1 $\frac{1}{4}$ " " 30 "		30 " " 25 "	
2 " " 40 "		35 " " 30 "	
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ " " 50 "		50 " " 40 "	
4 " " 80 "		60 " " 50 "	
5 " " 1 mark.		1 peseta on 80 "	
10 " " 2 "		1p. 25c. on 1 mark.	
15 " " 3 "		2p. 50c. on 2 "	
		3p. 75c. on 3 "	

HONG KONG.—Two stamps in new colours of usual permanent type have been issued.

2c. green, watermark Cr. and CA.

10c. blue " "

INDIA.—Mr. H. S. Hondjee has sent us the 3 annas in its new colour—puca. Dr. Woodhouse informs us that the Indian stamps are being surcharged C.E.F. (China Expeditionary Force) in Peking. The first issues were sent from India ready surcharged, but it is possible that they are also being overprinted in China.

JAPAN.—A new 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sen has been issued of usual type.

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ s. light blue.

ORANGE RIVER COLONY.—The half-penny Cape, standing figure type, has been surcharged **ORANGE RIVER COLONY.**

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1 " " 5c. (" 21)	
1 " " \$2 (" 29)	
3 " " 8c. (" 22)	
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(Signed) P. J. NELSON,

Superintendent Post and Telegraphs.

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GRENADA.—Mr. C. J. I. Charles has sent us the new 1d. stamped envelope of this island. The stamp is the ordinary type impressed in red, and size of envelope is 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ +4 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

KOREA.—Simultaneously with the new issue of adhesives came out a postcard of the value 1cn. printed in blue on white card.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—We have received the 1d. arms type, impressed on a long plain paper for use as a wrapper.

POSTMAN'S KNOCK.

YOUR poor old POSTMAN again wishes you a Happy Christmas. Should his worst anticipations not be fulfilled he will give you New Year's greeting later on—but he doubts whether the regulations of his native parish workhouse will allow him time for literary labour. [The old repobate is trying to get sympathy and sundry advances of salary with a yarn about himself, wife and family going into the "House" for Christmas. My own theory is that he wants the wh. rewithal for a merry and wet Christmas—but, of course, I shall intervene if the worst comes to the worst. The philatelic public would never stand the

POSTMAN, with all his failings, coming down to *that*. I make these few remarks to reassure benevolent philatelists who need not send on small donations at present. EDITOR, P. C. & A.]

Last month the figures used in connection with the Mafeking article were taken from Mr. Ewen's valuable *Weekly Stamp News*. For the extracts from the *Mafeking Mail Siege Slip*, Mr. J. R. F. Turner is to be thanked. These acknowledgements were inadvertently omitted in last number.

Messrs. Clarke & Co., Bushy, Herts, have sent their wholesale list. All dealers should see this for there are many lines unobtainable elsewhere except at greatly enhanced prices.

Messrs. Bright & Son have favoured us with a copy of the 4th edition of the A.B.C. Catalogue. The catalogue is excellent as usual, and is brought completely up to date. It contains a full list of the latest provisional stamps used in South Africa and the prices at which they are usually offered. Space is very short this month or I could say a lot more in favour of this excellent catalogue which, after all, needs no praise from me. Messrs. Bright & Son ask me to call attention to the transposition of the blocks illustrating types I and II of the 25 cent Belgium, 1884 issue. The Mafeking stamp on page 592, also, quoted at 25/- should be number 111 not 110.

The Cape postmaster repudiates the Mafekings as franks for letters. In fact they never did frank a letter. The perpetrators of this pitiful issue were "slim" enough to know this and consequently doubled the face value of the stamps by means of their precious surcharge at the same time that the postal rate was doubled—knowing that outside Mafeking the original face value of the stamp would carry the letter. Any message franked with these stamps was carried through the post not on account of the Mafeking overprint but despite it.

The more one thinks of the originators of this transaction the more contemptible they appear. Imagine them, while the men of the town were defending its outposts, cowering in their bomb-proof shelter and planning how they could turn the misfortunes and possible catastrophe of the place to their own profit. Like a flock of carrion birds perched round the moribund camel in the desert, they waited for the end—knowing that *then* would come their reward. And so it was! Taking the tide of patriotism at the flood, they worked for all they were worth and made fortunes out of the blood of their defenders and the patriotic faith of their fellow countrymen. The bubble is now pricked and everybody knows

the origin of and reason for the stamps. All who meddled with them—except only the exploiters—have burned their fingers, and serve them right will be the verdict of all truly patriotic philatelists.

The dealers cannot be blamed in the matter at all. A demand existed and they had to do the best they could to supply. At the same time it is a thousand pities that some combined action could not be taken at the first so that the gentlemen—save the mark—who brought the stamps over might have been saved even the trouble of unpacking their carpet bags.

19, Colville Mansions,
Cornwall Road,
Notting Hill, W.
23rd Nov., 1900.

To the Philatelic Publishing Co.

Dear Sirs.—Please note my new address as above. I am not inclined to continue my advertisement as the circulation of your Directory is so small, and then the readers of it do not refer to the advertisement pages when looking for addresses. I am besides advertising in a much larger Directory.

Yours faithfully,
J. WILSON.

We have great pleasure in calling attention to Mr. Wilson's change of address—his letter deserves the courtesy,

There was a time—alas he was young and very foolish then—when your POSTMAN was reckoned as one not deficient in assurance—but even his highest flights were puny compared to the colossal impudence of the note above quoted. How does Mr. W. get his intimate knowledge of the habits and character of every purchaser of the Directory? Whence his information as to its circulation? Where, oh where, is this much larger Directory? But words fail—Enough!

I have to thank Messrs. Alfred Smith & Son for a specimen box of their "Perfect" hinges. I have tried them and seldom have I found an article with so appropriate a name. *Verb sap.*

Will all of you kindly send to Messrs. Monteith & Co., Derby, for their new price list. I am too wearied to describe it so save a poor POSTMAN trouble and get one for yourself. As a specimen of typography it is worth the trouble—for I do not believe there is a prettier or neater price list issued in England.

Messrs. H. Percy Jones & Co., have removed to 71, London St., Southport, and Messrs. Kirkpatrick and Pemberton to 229, High Holborn, London, W.C.

NOTES ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

BY W. S. WEBB.

CONCERNING NON-ADHESIVES.

SINCE I last wrote any notes, a matter claiming attention is the recent announcement by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons Ltd., of their intention not to further pursue the trade in envelopes, postcards, &c., except so far as to continue selling off the big stock they hold. This should especially interest many who have followed these "Notes on English," as I have always given at least as much attention to entire as to adhesives. Moreover, the avowal of the firm as to prices in their current catalogue (Part IV.) that it is a special "bargain list" confirms my opinion given in February last, page 35—that very many lines are priced far below true relative values. Probably most of these are still obtainable, and if the collector, especially of English, lives up to his opportunities and takes advantage of the "sale prices" his collection will benefit on a ratio out of all proportion to the outlay: and what a fine Xmas gift a pound-worth or two of such would make, coming unawares to anyone already interested in English philately.

The decision of Messrs. Gibbons is one of mere business convenience, and in no way prejudices the "fashion" into which postal stationery is steadily coming.

MINCE-PIES.

Collectors of telegraph stamps may not all be aware that the 3d. value ("unappropriated" die) exists—the overprint of ARMY TELEGRAPHS being in brown, on the usual lilac. I am told it was only used on the Ashanti expedition; and is, I believe, as yet uncatalogued.

The stamped forms of Agricultural Returns issued in September—have this year the current 4d. wrapper stamp perfect: last year's forms showed the stamp with a biggish break in one side of the frame.

Some curious errors (?) in postcards have come to hand, with stamps on the left: they are the obsolete small size, and of course of the stamped-to-order order. The freak is solely due to mis-cutting, not to misprinting.

A uniform type of paid-mark is gradually replacing the previous styles—the value now occupying the central position, and in very bold numerals too. The name of town is in small type above; between it and the value is PAID, in much smaller type than formerly.

This time last year the change of the one penny to red was definitely fixed for the new year—by everybody but the responsible authorities! Though the 4d. and 1/- have fulfilled prognostications, the 1d. still ignores that healthy complexion which the Postal Union has repeatedly recommended it to adopt.

With kindest thanks to all friends who have

written, printed, or spoken their good wishes to myself and wife recently: we in return wish them all the complications of the merry season, and a happy new century to boot.

BIRMINGHAM PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

STAMP AUCTION.

THE first auction sale organised by the Birmingham Philatelic Society was held at the Great Western Hotel, Birmingham, on December 6th. The attendance was good and included the best known of local philatelists as well as several from further afield, including Messrs. Hollick, Pimm, Peck, and Johnson (Birmingham), Joselin (London), McKerman (Huddersfield), &c., &c. Mr. Plumridge officiated with the hammer and conducted the sale in his usual courteous and effective manner. Prices were very fair—indeed some lots, such as Cape Triangulars, Sydney Views, V.R.I. surcharges, &c., fetched excellent prices. The society is to be congratulated upon the success of its first venture and may venture to look for even greater success with its second sale on February 14th, 1901.

STAMP INSURANCE AGAINST FIRE.

THROUGH the courtesy of Mr. E. Rondel, St. Clements, Jersey, we have been supplied with full reports of an interesting case in which several well-known Jersey philatelists are concerned. We regret that our space will only allow the reproduction of a very small portion of the report from which it will appear that the case is still *sub judice* as the defendants have obtained leave for still further appeal.

From the *Jersey Times* of December 3rd and 4th.

Appeal Case.

LA CLOCHE v. SUN INSURANCE OFFICE.

This was the case wherein Messrs. Rd. Spurrier and Jn. Le Cronier, two of the local agents of the Sun Insurance Office in Jersey, were sued by Mr. Geo. Fra. La Cloche to pay him the sum of £1,000 for loss sustained by the burning of the greater part of a collection of valuable postage stamps (which were insured for £1,000) plus interest on that sum since Dec. 17th, 1898, to the date of payment, also £300 for damages and costs.

Judgment had been given on Nov. 6th last whereby defendants were condemned to pay plaintiff the sum of £1,000, the amount of the insurance stipulated in the said policy, also the costs. Leave to appeal from this judgment was granted.

On Tuesday last, counsel for plaintiff (respondent) raised a preliminary objection to the action in appeal;

and the Court ruled the case could not be received in its then form, and so sent back appellant to rectify his action—the further hearing of the case, as thus amended, being fixed for to-day.

Advocate Baudains, instructed by Mr. Max E. Alavoine (Solicitor), again represented plaintiff;

The Solicitor-General was for defendants, with Mr. John Syvret (Solicitor), and Advocate Nicolle replied for Mr. Thwaites—the other arbitrator (Mr. P. P. Guiton) answering to his name in person.

Advocate Baudains now raised an objection with reference to the defendant's request to appeal against the hearing of Mr. La Cloche on oath—but this was unanimously rejected by the Court.

The Solicitor-General then addresses the Court on the main issue. A preliminary to the payment of the insurance money was, said he, the award of arbitrators, and that had not been presented by plaintiff. Proceeding, counsel developed the various bearings of the case in characteristically able style.

The judgments on two preliminary points as to which leave to appeal *en fin de causes* had been granted was confirmed, and

The Court retired for deliberation at 2.50 returning at 4.25, when the Greffier read the judgment of the Court, upholding the judgment of the Inferior Number, whereby the Insurance Company was condemned to pay Mr. La Cloche £1,000, amount of the insurance stipulated in the said insurance policy, and costs, was unanimously confirmed by the full Court.

The Solicitor-General applied and obtained leave of appeal before Her Majesty in Council, Messrs. J. Syvret and J. W. Nicolle remaining sureties for the Sun Insurance Company for the costs of such appeal.

THE $Y\frac{1}{2}$ STAMPS OF CUBA

SEVERAL letters on this subject have been appearing in our contemporaries, we take this opportunity of giving the real explanation of the overprint.

In the first place, we may remind our readers that Cuba (with Porto Rico) commenced issuing stamps in 1855 with three values, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reales and in the following year the 2 reales was issued with a surcharge in black, " $Y\frac{1}{2}$." In 1862 the latter provisional was succeeded by a stamp of $\frac{1}{2}$ real. In 1864 a new issue was made of four values, $\frac{1}{4}$, $\frac{1}{2}$, 1 and 2 reales.

"C.H.B.," writing to *Stamps*, ridicules the idea that " Y " stands for "YNTERIOR," stating that " Y is a consonant according to the teaching of the Spanish grammar," and that it could not therefore be used in such a word as "interior." He also makes the alternative suggestion that " $Y\frac{1}{2}$ " signifies "and $\frac{1}{2}$," " y " being the Spanish word for "and" (such surcharge having the effect of raising the value to $2\frac{1}{2}$ reales). At first sight this may appear reasonable, but a little thought will show C.H.B.'s idea to be fallacious. Here are overwhelming arguments in

favour of the overprint reading "Ynterior $\frac{1}{2}$."

1. A stamp of $\frac{1}{2}$ real was evidently wanted, as a special plate for this value was made in 1862. No stamp of $2\frac{1}{2}$ reales was issued.

2. As $8\frac{1}{4}$ cuartos equalled 1 real, and as the stamps in issue in Spain in 1855 were of the values of 2 and 4 cuartos, 1 and 2 reales, it only required a stamp for Cuba of $\frac{1}{2}$ reales (or 2 cuartos) to make the two sets similar.

3. A stamp of such low value would naturally be required mainly for local postage, so the authorities added a " Y ," signifying "Interior," to the overprint.

4. The local for Madrid issued in 1853 (two years previously—vide S.G. Nos. 48 and 49, Spain—bore the inscription "Correo Interior," thus proving "Interior" to have been the equivalent of our "Local."

5. We grant that the letter " Y " at the present day is looked upon almost as a consonant, the few words in which it is a vowel—*y, hoy, doy*, etc.—being in the nature of a survival from olden times; in fact in some parts of South America, these words are now written *hoi, doi*. At the same time, we would point out that " y " was much more freely used as a vowel 40 years ago, and is still so used in many proper names, e.g., *Ysasi, Yglesias, Yttriaga*. The modern substitution of *i* for *y* is very evident in such words as *Reina, Peine*, which used to be spelt, "*Reyna,*" "*Peyme.*"

6. In Spanish manuscript, capital Y is used instead of I .

7. Whilst the above reasons are sufficient explanation for the initial of "Interior" being written " Y ," we might mention also that the letter I might be mistaken easily for the figure 1; i.e., the surcharge might have been taken for " $1\frac{1}{2}$."

We venture to assert that the evidence in favour of the inscription signifying "Interior $\frac{1}{2}$ " is overwhelming.—*Ewen's W.S.N.*

THE dreadful condition of the Spanish finances was responsible for the change in the currency of the Gibraltar stamps. In 1899 the British postal authorities of Gibraltar, in order to make their postal service more efficient and bring it nearer to the large Spanish population near the small British reserve changed the currency of their stamps from the British money to the Spanish and ever since the Gibraltar stamps were sold by the peseta and centimo. However the fluctuations of foreign exchange have resulted in a constantly increasing loss and the postal authorities must either raise the rates of postage or collect in a currency that has a more solid basis than that of Spain. A set of stamps in British currency has been issued and the stamps with Spanish currency are not honoured any more except those surcharged "Morocco Agencies" which will be continued in the British post offices on the Morocco Coast, which are subordinate to the Gibraltar postal authorities.

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" " 3 " ..	1 0	6 3			
" " 5 " ..	1 4	10 0			
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" " 2 " ..	0 2	1 3			
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