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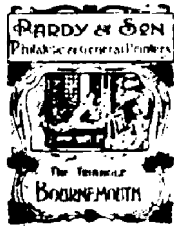
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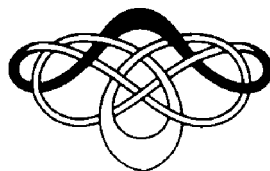


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ONE PENNY.

Men of Note in Philately.

I.—Mr. I. J. BERNSTEIN.

MR. BERNSTEIN, who has worked to such good purpose as Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Manchester Postage Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Congress, is by birth a Londoner. He was born in 1871, and began to feel the fascination of Philately seven years later. He spent nearly five years at school in Germany, and while there maintained the usual schoolboy interest in stamps, which in his case was to develop into serious Philately in later years.

There were times, of course, when he was keener on stamps than at others. That is so, probably, in every philatelic life story ever written. But during the thirty years that have elapsed since he first looked longingly and lovingly at the postage stamp, Mr. Bernstein has never deserted his hobby for any considerable time. "Once a stamp man, always a stamp man." You cannot get away from it. The hobby grips you in silken bonds, and you never make your escape because you never really want to. A willing captive, you suffer yourself to follow blindly the chariot of your goddess Philatelia. Which perhaps is nonsense; so let us return to the subject of our sketch.

To mention the collections Mr. Bernstein has formed is to afford evidence of the catholicity of his tastes in matters philatelic. He has made general collections, and has specialised Uruguay and various other foreign countries, including United States; he has gone in "steep" for British and British Officials, and, lastly, has devoted much energy and research to the subject of British stamps used abroad. His contributions on this subject to "Gibbons Stamp Weekly," in collaboration with Mr. Charles Nissen, have been most comprehensive and valuable.

Mr. Bernstein has been a resident in Manchester seven years, and a member of the Manchester Philatelic Society for four. Three papers given by him before the M.P.S. have been published in the "Philatelic Record." One of them,

dealing with the official stamps of Great Britain, has been issued in book form, and containing as it does much valuable matter obtained by courtesy of the Government, it ranks as the standard work on the subject. Mr. Bernstein has also read papers at Liverpool, Huddersfield, and Bradford, and in London. Other subjects on which Mr. Bernstein has written are the British P.O.'s in the Levant, the Universal Postal Union, and the stamps of Malta.

It was he, of course, who made all arrangements for the organisation of a branch of the Junior Philatelic Society in Manchester three years ago. That branch is now an independent society, numbering close upon 150 members. Its later history is well known to readers of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, and we owe to its energy and enterprise the splendid Postage Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Congress described in this number of our journal.



MR. I. J. BERNSTEIN.
President of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Postage Stamp Exhibition.

A Stamp Case at Salisbury.

By consent of the Salisbury magistrates, a recent prosecution of two youths of 16 and 17 years of age respectively—one a resident of Salisbury and the other hailing from Bournemouth—was allowed to be withdrawn. The boys had stolen a quantity of stamps from the premises of Mr. William Brown, the well-known dealer of St. Thomas' Square, Salisbury. In view of all the

circumstances of the case, Mr. Brown lent his support to the withdrawal of the prosecution.

WRITES "Pelure" in the "Otago Witness," New Zealand: "The King Edward Land rubbish seems in low water everywhere. I hear that several were recently sold in London for a mere song. These stamps are quite unworthy of a place in our albums. They rank about even with the pigeonram Auckland labels."

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

The Cayman Islands Issues.

THE Governor of Jamaica does not consider that there has been anything scandalous in the issues of provisional stamps for the Cayman Islands. If there is a scandal at all he considers that the fault attaches entirely to stamp dealers, who persist in ordering large quantities of stamps for sale to their customers. What a very extraordinary person the Governor of Jamaica must be! Cannot he see that if the stamps were never issued, those bold, bad dealers would have none to order?

Mr. Labouchere's Opinion.

FROM first to last "Truth," a newspaper which has never hitherto troubled itself very much about stamp collecting has held the opinion—which, by the way, it reiterates in its issue of February 17th—that "to all intents and purposes the issue of special postage stamps for the Cayman Islands is unnecessary, and that the stamps so issued are essentially 'bogus,' because they are not issued for use by the public in the ordinary course of postal business."

Without wishing to go too fully into the merits of the case I consider that "Truth" has rendered Philately no small service by the sane and logical attitude it has adopted towards the case of Cayman Islands issues.

A Proposition to Miss Parsons.

Now that worthy man, the Governor of Jamaica, has discovered, in the course of his investigations, the following amazing letter addressed to Miss Parsons, sometime postmistress of the Caymans:—

Long Beach, California, August 28th, 1908.

Miss Gwendolyn Parsons, George Town, Cayman Is.

DEAR MADAM.—As a collector of postage stamps for nearly forty years I am naturally interested in the stamps of your island, and as I also speculate some in provisional issues, beg leave to make you the following proposition and give you my word as a Mason that all correspondence on the subject will be strictly confidential. My proposition is—to purchase of you £10 worth of 1d. stamps which on receipt by myself I will have surcharged "Halfpenny" in a certain type and return same to you, you to officially record the issue of the £10 worth as ½d. stamps just on sale the day of receipt by you, and register me a letter of that date bearing some of the stamps in prepayment of postage. At the time I return the surcharged stamps to you I will enclose another £10 for your trouble in the transaction. I trust you will receive this in the spirit in which I wrote it, as a strictly legitimate proposition, and I believe, as I have said, that the whole matter will be considered entirely between ourselves.—Very truly yours,
BREWSTER C. KENYON.

P.S.—If accepted on what office shall I draw P.O. order, or would you prefer the money in some other form? I regret that I have no other return postage than the 3d. Jamaican.

B. C. K.

This letter, in Sir Synney Olivier's opinion, goes far to support his contention that the stamp trade are to blame for such happenings as we have witnessed in the Cayman Islands. On the other hand the Editor of "Truth" writes:—

This letter alone supplies ample justification for all my remarks on the case. A stamp issue which caters for no public requirement, but which, on the other hand, tempts speculators to corrupt the officials entrusted with their issue, is surely self-condemned, and I am surprised that the Colonial Secretary, the Governor of Jamaica, and the Jamaican postal authorities have not enough common sense amongst them to perceive this simple fact.

There you have two exactly contrary opinions, and I leave you to choose between them. For myself, I am putting my money on the Editor of "Truth."

Some Cayman Correspondence.

MEANTIME, Mr. Frank Chalmers, Bruntsfield Gardens, Edinburgh, favours the *Fortnightly* with the following interesting letter concerning certain of the provisional issues:—

In your Manchester Exhibition Number you quote a statement from "Gibbons Weekly" to the effect that the 1d. on 4d. Cayman Islands (so called provisional) was used for postage.

I quote the following from a letter dated 19th May, 1908, received from the Postmistress at Grand Cayman:—

"We have been out of ½d. and 1d. stamps for some time. There was a surcharge but it was used only for fiscal purposes. None were allowed to pass through the post. They were 1d. on the new 4d., of course badly done again. We have no 1d. stamps to put on our letters, so have just to mark 'paid' on the corner of the envelope."

I think the above quotation clearly shows that the 1d. on 4d. was never sanctioned for postal use and is in no sense a postage stamp but merely a fiscal.

It may also interest your readers to read the following quotation from a letter dated 12th February, 1908, from the Postmistress:—

"To-day there is a new surcharge 2½d. on 4d. There are only two sheets for sale in the office, and I expect that by to-morrow they will be sold out, so no dealer will be able to get any of them."

This also disposes of the suggestion that more than two sheets of the 2½d. on 4d. were issued for postage.

I think the stamp dealers who attacked these issues have come very badly out of the matter, and if they have any spark of gentlemanliness in them, the least they can do is to offer a graceful apology to the officials whom they unwarrantably maligned.

One result, however, is beneficial, as collectors will appreciate after this the true value to be placed on statements emanating from such sources.

The Business Side of Philately.

THE second issue of Messrs. Bridger & Kay's "B. & K. Items" is published and will be found a very readable pamphlet, containing, *inter alia*, particulars of many bargains in Colonial and other stamps. Any reader of the *Fortnightly* who has not received a copy will be supplied with one on writing Messrs. Bridger & Kay, at 71, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

We learn that Mr. D. Field, of 4 and 5, The Royal Arcade, Old Bond Street, has been officially appointed sole distributor in the United Kingdom of the special stamps issued by the Italian Earthquake Committee in Berlin. The set consists of ten different stamps and the price is 1s. 3d. per set, or 1½d. per stamp. The proceeds will be devoted to the relief of the children bereft of their parents by the earthquake.

The Siamese Tical.

KING CHULALONGKORN is at last changing his atts. Perhaps that "ticals" you, but it is quite correct. Until this year the Siamese tical (value about eighteen pence) was divided into sixty-four units called atts. The latter division has been abandoned and the tical is now divided into a hundred parts which are called cents. It may safely be said that a new issue to conform with the new currency will be made.

I also hear it is very likely that the tical will be raised to the standard of the Straits dollar—2s. 1d., British money.

Exchange Club Progress.

MR. CHAS. H. GREENWOOD is to be congratulated on his Annual Report of the Primrose Stamp Exchange Society. It is a story of steady progress. Mr. Greenwood's first monthly packet, in 1904, was worth £21 14s. 1½d.; now he averages £300 per month for the Primrose Society and sends out some very good packets in connection with his secondary enterprise, the South Essex Exchange Club, which he took over from Mr. William Gilbert in 1906. Mr. Greenwood, by the way, has vacancies for about a dozen members in the "South Essex," and would be glad to hear from active philatelists wishing either to buy or to sell really good stamps. Mr. Greenwood's address is 49, Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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(Continued from page 261 of Vol. XIV.)

FOURTH ISSUE.

(November 1st, 1860).

These stamps were issued under a decree of October 29th, 1860.

The type is the same as for the preceding emission, but the numerals of value are larger:—

- 60 centesimos, lilac (ten varieties of colour).
- 80 .. yellow, citron, orange.
- 100 .. pale rose, carmine rose.
- 120 .. pale blue, dark blue.
- 180 .. green, dark green.

No stamp of 240 centesimos exists with the large figures.

There is one variety common to all the values above listed—namely, COBREO for "Correo" at the left side of the stamp.



"CORREO" AT LEFT SIDE.

Each sheet was again composed of 204 stamps in seventeen horizontal rows of twelve. Printing, as hitherto, carried out by Mèye & Aubriot, Montevideo.

The stamp of 120c. has been found bi-sected both horizontally and diagonally for use as a 60c. in franking a single letter.

FIFTH ISSUE.

(April, 1864).

Extract from a decree of March 2nd, 1863:—"For correspondence between the American Republics and the towns of the interior there will be postage stamps of the type indicated hereunder—(Signed) Echeverriarza."

These are smaller stamps of an upright rectangular shape, having in the centre the Arms of Uruguay, surrounded by the



THE STAMPS OF 1864.

inscription, "Republica Oriental." In a lower curved label on a white ground appear numerals of value and the word "centesimos." There are numerous shades of colour for each value:—

- 06 centesimos red, dark red, pale rose, brick-red.
- 08 .. green, dark green, pale green.
- 10 .. yellow, bistre, brown-yellow.
- 12 .. blue, blue-black, dark-blue.

These stamps were put into circulation in the month of April, 1864, and not in February, as certain catalogues state. There is but one variety—the very rare *tête bêche* of the 08 cent green.

It is astonishing to find an interval of nearly a year between the decree of the Director of Posts and the day of the emission of the stamps. I shall proceed to give the reason:—

The postal administrator, M. Echeverriarza, had taken upon himself the responsibility of issuing the decree in question, but by a note of the 12th of March (ten days after the date of the decree) the Minister concerned pointed out that no authorisation had been given to change the existing postal tariff. The stamps, in consequence, remained in their wrappings nearly a year, not making their appearance until April, 1864.

Variety.—The 12 centesimos, blue, was cut in halves for service as 6c. stamps.

The sheets of these stamps were made up of a total of 224 stamps, divided into four panes of 56 stamps each, as shown on the plan given here.

MAKE-UP OF THE SHEETS OF THE ARMS ISSUE OF 1863, EACH SHEET CONSISTING OF FOUR PANES OF FIFTY-SIX STAMPS:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
2							
3							
4							
5							
6							
7							
8							56

The issue was quickly exhausted. On the 1st of January, 1866, appeared the same stamps with values changed by surcharge.

I give extracts from the decree of authorisation:—

Montevideo, 6th Sept., 1865.

"The Governor, delegate of the Republic, making use of the powers ordinary and extraordinary with which he is invested, and conciliated by the Ministers, has decided as follows:—

"Article I.—The General Postal Administration is placed in possession of all letters, journals and newspapers which enter or leave the Republic, whether by sea or by land.

"Article V.—Letters carried by the poste to the interior of the Republic will be charged according to the following tariff:—

Single letters (7½ grammes)	5 centesimos.
Double .. (15 ..)	10 ..
Triple .. (22½ ..)	15 ..
Quadruple .. (1 ounce). *	
And 5 centesimos for every 4 <i>adarmes</i> . †	

* The ounce of 30 grammes.

† The "adarme" equals about 2 grammes.

"Article VI.—Letters received from foreign countries and carried by the posts of the Republic will pay double the charges fixed by Article 5.

"Article VIII.—Letters directed to foreign countries by way of the posts of the Republic will be taxed as follows:—

Single-weight letters	10 centesimos.
Double " "	20 "
Triple " "	30 "
Quadruple " "	40 "

Letters over the weight of one ounce will be charged 10 centesimos for the 4 *adarmes*.

"Article IX.—Registered letters will be subject to the tariff here given:—

Single-weight letters	40 centesimos.
Double " "	60 "
Triple " "	80 "
Quadruple " "	100 "

(Over 1 ounce, 10 centesimos for over 4 *adarmes* weight.)

Another clause in the same decree (Art. 46) annuls all previous decrees and regulations which might be contrary to the spirit of the present order, which was to come into force on the 1st day of January, 1866.

The stamps issued in pursuance of this decree were those of 1864, with new values surcharged in black in small figures in the lower angles.

5c. on 12c. blue, pale blue, dark blue.
10c. on 8c. green, dark green.
15c. on 10c. yellow, bistre-yellow.
20c. on 06c. rose, bright rose, brick-red.

Variety.—There is a *tête-bêche* of the 10c. on 8c. green. This exists also in the sheet of the same issue, unsurcharged.

Of errors there are several. Some of these exist only in the imagination of the collector, but one may mention the following: 5c. on 10c. instead of 12c., 20c. on 10c. instead of 06c., and 10c. on 10c. instead of 8c. Inverted surcharges have been seen of the 5c., 15c. and 20c. overprints.

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New Publications.

REVIEWED BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA & NYASSALAND PROTECTORATE; by *Fred J. Melville*; price 6d. net; published by *W. H. Peckitt, Strand, London, W.C.*

Mr. Melville is omnivorous. He is swallowing up the earth at such a rapid rate in his philatelic handbooks that very soon he will be reduced to the painful necessity of beginning them all over again, simply because there are no worlds left for him to conquer. The newest departure is to snap up the minor colonies in two's, so the latest of the Melville books deals with British Central Africa and the Nyassaland Protectorate. The usual popular character of this class of philatelic handbooks is adhered to, and the reader is given a chatty story rather than a monograph which will add in any appreciable degree to his knowledge of the subject. At the same time very full details are given in some instances—details full enough to satisfy any general collector, and perhaps the would-be specialist as well. I have specially in mind the chapter devoted to the provisional B.C.A. stamp of 1898, often referred to as the "cheque stamp." The information here given is very full and helpful, and I have no doubt that Mr. Melville's latest book will find a ready sale at its moderate price of 6d. net.

THE AMERICAN PHILATELIST: the Official Year Book of the American Philatelic Society; *Henry S. Adair, Secretary, Columbus, Ohio.*

I am greatly indebted to the American Philatelic Society for this large and important publication, which in addition to the official proceedings of the American Philatelic Society and other "A.P.S." information, publishes a number of important philatelic papers. Mr. John N. Luff writes on the Stamps of Egypt. Mr. H. N. Mudge, President of the last A.P.S. Convention, is represented by an interesting address on "Philately." There are several fine portraits.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Panama.—Mr. Gerald Bliss, of the Canal Zone, kindly sends us the first of a new series of adhesives. This is the 2½c. red, with Arms of the Republic in the centre. At the foot of the stamp the inscription of value in words reads "Dos y medio centesimos de Balboa."

2½c. red.

"The stamp was first placed on sale yesterday, Feb. 10th," writes Mr. Bliss, "and is the first of the new issue to reach the public, although the new 10c. with the Canal Zone surcharge was issued by the Zone authorities last month . . . The balance of the new issue will appear from time to time as the stock of the old stamps is exhausted."

Russia.—We extract the following from the "Standard" of February 20th, relative to the new stamps. It is a despatch from the newspaper's Petersburg correspondent, dated Feb. 15th:—

Russia is gradually putting on sale a new issue of postage stamps of the highly artistic design which has always characterised Russian stamps. A stupid story has been circulating in certain papers that the new issue will bear the heads of various wearers of the Imperial Crown, including the present Emperor!

Such a use of the Imperial head is utterly inconceivable in Russia. Postage stamps are made to be defaced, and usually in a very rough and ready manner. No Russian would dream of subjecting the effigy of the Czar to such usage as this. Even on the coins, hallowed by immemorial usage of the great nations of antiquity, Russia does not use the Imperial head except on the pure gold and pure silver coins; the base-silver and the copper coins bear the Russian eagle only, and the Russian word for "head" in "head or tails" is always "eagle."

The new stamp issues, of which several values are already on the market, are generally on a lighter ground than the old issues, but the colours are the same. The design is mainly heraldic and ornamental scroll work, a riband at the top bearing the inscription "Postage Stamp," and another at the bottom the value in words, with the figure indicating value dividing the words and standing out conveniently plain.

The stamp edging of the new issue has peculiar markings on it and is prettily watered. Postmasters are trying to force the public even in St. Petersburg to accept the stamps without the edging, even when whole sheets are bought; presumably the new edgings have some value to the collecting world. I have noticed slight irregularities between sheets in the depth of tone of the stamps; this is especially noticeable in the two kopek value.

Switzerland (361).—To the values of the new series already chronicled the 1 franc must now be added. "Ewen's Weekly" also announces that the 5 centimes of the redrawn Tell type is ready for issue, eighty millions having been printed.

Helvetia. 1 franc, carmine.

United States (359).—The 1 dollar Washington, and the 2c. Lincoln stamp have just arrived. The former instead of being pink, as every journal chronicled, or as one—grey-black, is a very fine shade of purple-brown.

The people clamoured for the Lincoln stamp and they have got it. Candidly we by no means appreciate the features of the great 'Abe,' as here portrayed. The recent 5c., and the old 15c. block and the bi-coloured 90c., bore really good pictures of Lincoln. And it is a pity that this was not used. The stamp is exactly the same design as the new Washington 2c. without figures.

We are indebted to Mr. J. F. Rust, of Cleveland, for the first specimen of the Lincoln stamp, posted to us on the day of issue. Our thanks are also due to Mr. W. Haworth, Mr. H. J. Wilkinson, and "Constant Reader."

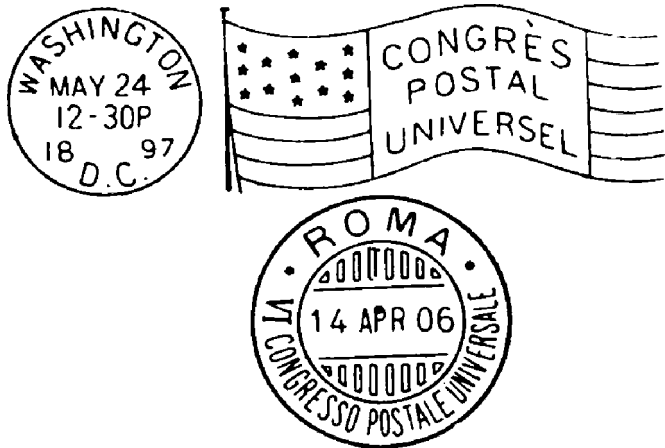
Notes on Some Special Postmarks.

BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

THE mysterious cancellation to which I referred in my article in the last *Fortnightly* is illustrated here. Perhaps some reader can enlighten me as to its history.



I think I pretty well exhausted the subject of Exhibition Postmarks in my last contribution, but there are still Congresses, Conferences, &c., to deal with. Illustrations are



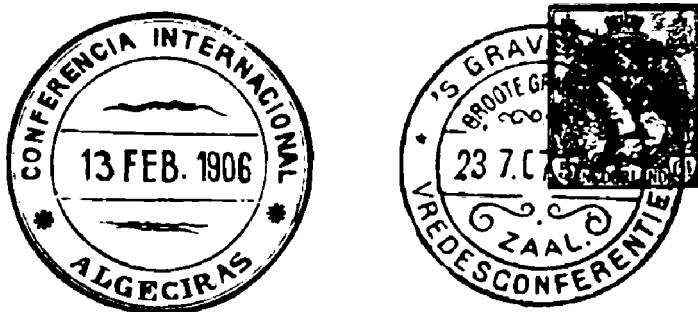
POSTMARKS OF THE WASHINGTON & ROME POSTAL CONGRESS, 1897 & 1906.

given here of the special marks used on the occasion of the Postal Congresses at Washington and Rome respectively. From postage to Petrol is perhaps a far cry, but doubtless the International Petrol Congress held at Bucharest two



FOR THE POSTAL CONGRESS, 1907.

years ago was an important function in its way. The two examples that follow, however, are of greater importance



POSTMARKS FOR THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE AT ALGECIRAS AND THE PEACE CONGRESS AT THE HAGUE.

historically. Both the Moroccan Conference at Algeciras, 1906, and the Peace Congress at the Hague were events of world-wide interest, and I think perhaps it might be claimed that the special postmarks used for such occasions as this are a better reflex of the course of history than even our beloved postage stamps.

The Japanese have had some very ornate commemorative postmarks. Unless I have some very vigorous protests from *S.C.F.* readers against this class of matter I shall devote a few notes to these in some future number.

Tricks of the Modern Forger.

AMAZING FEATS OF FAKERY.

DESCRIBED BY CHARLES NISSEN.

(Continued from Page 261 of Vol. XIV.)

THE extraordinary Victorian fake I have described may be compared to a well known trick of the diamond trade. Two diamonds, one of the first water and the other quite an inferior stone, are pressed together, forming what is known among diamond dealers as a "doublet," the object being to pass off an apparently large stone as being of the same quality and lustre all through.

As regards other Colonial forgeries and fakes I have so many and of so varied a nature that the difficulty is to make a selection for my articles on the subject. Perhaps one of the most laughable things I have seen in recent years is a very clever counterfeit Oil Rivers to which the forger has, with infinite trouble, applied a *London* postmark!

INDIA, 1 ANNA, RED.—Proofs of this stamp which are not themselves very scarce, are now often found on entire envelopes with very nice postmarks attached. The thing to be admired in the preparation of these envelopes is the cunning way in which an appearance of age is secured, the envelopes being artistically stained, generally with coffee.

SWEDEN.—Forgeries of the famous "Tretio" error have been described again and again in the *Fortnightly*. The latest dodge is to secure a genuine entire envelope franked with a pair or a strip of three of the ordinary "Tjugo" stamp, take off one of these, and substitute the forged "Tretio." It is generally a comparatively easy matter to join up this postmark.

SPAIN.—Some dangerous forgeries of the 1 and 3 cuartos of 1853 have been placed on the market, some being cunningly placed on entire envelopes in the room of such stamps as the common 6 cuartos.

Reverting for a moment to the faking of British stamps, I think the most amazing refinement of fakery is to counterfeit the overprint "L.R. Official" on high value Queen's Heads and then to *fake the word "Specimen" in order to disarm suspicion!* I know several instances of this, and yet the whole thing seems incomprehensible, for it would be cheaper to buy the genuine "Specimen" stamps than to purchase the uncharged high values!

A slip of the pen occurred in my first article, when I referred to a counterfeit of the 2d. blue without white lines. As readers of the "*British Philatelist*" would quite well understand I meant to say the 2d. blue, plate 9.

(To be continued.)

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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Success, complete and unmistakable, has rewarded the efforts of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society. We have visited many philatelic exhibitions since our first experience of the sort in 1890, and never have we seen a stamp show so admirably organised as was this at the Hulme Town Hall. It was a good show, too, and it showed that rarest of virtues for exhibitions, *it was ready to the minute.*

We are voicing the feelings of many Londoners who journeyed to Manchester when we say that, not only were all the arrangements admirable, but also that the welcome extended to philatelists by many who had, in some cases, only known them hitherto, was cordial and whole-hearted. There is, after all, much charm in the social side of a hobby, for the making of new friendships and the cementing of old ones cannot but help to solidify the bond of union between brother philatelists. Many people were recognised at once by their photographs, and the cordial and informal self-introductions that ensued were a pleasurable feature of the Manchester re-union. Of course mistakes *did* occur sometimes, and we understand that the Earl of Crawford's face was a picture of astonishment when somebody said to him, "Excuse me, but are you Leicester Paine?"

The outstanding feature of the Manchester gathering was the marked success of the Philatelic Congress. There were many who had mild misgivings on the subject, but it may safely be said that by the middle of the second session there was no longer the slightest doubt in the mind of anyone present that the Congress is an institution which has come to stay. Many who were present in the Congress Hall on Feb. 18th, 19th and 20th, will look forward to the next Philatelic Parliament to be held in London in 1910. The Herts Philatelic Society have volunteered for the onerous work of making all arrangements for the Congress of next year, and although we think, and ventured to say so in the course of the debate, that a committee representing all the London Societies should have undertaken the work, we are inclined on more mature reflection to agree that it is desirable that the task should be taken in hand each year by one particular Society. There is much truth, after all, in the saying that everybody's business is nobody's business, and if we are to go upon the principle that the arrangements for each yearly Congress shall be entrusted to one particular Society in the town or city concerned, then we feel sure that no more enthusiastic or go-ahead Society than the Herts could be entrusted with this very responsible and onerous mission. But in all matters appertaining to the Congress the Philatelic Societies throughout the country have shown a splendidly united front. We were struck in particular with the record of the Huddersfield Philatelic Society. Out of the fourteen active members at present on the roll of the Huddersfield Society, no fewer than eight journeyed to the

Manchester Exhibition, three of them (Rev. G. C. B. Madden, Dr. Adair and Mr. C. H. Greenwood, the Hon. Secretary) as delegates to the Congress, and five others, including one lady, as sightseers at the Exhibition.

The Chief Subject of Debate at the Congress, judging the subjects by the results achieved, was the question of the prevention of further issues of speculative stamps. It was our privilege to put before the delegates a proposal which may possibly bear fruit in the shape of a reduced output of commemorative rubbish in the future. Everything depends on what power the Postal Union possesses, and to what extent it is prepared to exercise the power, to dictate to the minor nations how often, and under what circumstances, they shall produce new issues of postage stamps. The matter is at present in the hands of a Committee consisting of Mr. Castle, Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Dorning Beckton, and the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, who have been entrusted with the task of preparing the petition to be presented to the Universal Postal Union.

In the next "Fortnightly" will be given the promised article on French Essays by Mr. Davidson and various other contributions crowded out of this issue by pressure of matter relating to Manchester. We regret that the compilation of the Index to Vol. XIV. of the *Fortnightly* is not yet quite completed.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- Mar. 6 (this day).—Junior P.S.: Display, Foreign Countries, Mr. J. C. Sidebotham, followed by debate, Should Stamp Collectors be Taxed?
- Mar. 8.—Liverpool Junior P.S.: Paper, "Minor Varieties of the 'Sower' Type of France, Mr. A. S. Allender; Display, Ceylon.
- Mar. 12.—Glasgow and West of Scotland P.S.: Paper, Mr. W. A. R. Jex-Long.
- Mar. 10.—Bristol and Clifton P.S.: Barbados and Trinidad.
- Mar. 10.—South Wales and Monmouthshire P.S.: Holland & Colonies, Mr. J. Everett.
- Mar. 10.—Croydon P.S.: Paper and Display, "Bye-Ways of Philately," by Mr. F. G. Bing, President.
- Mar. 10.—Northampton P.S.: General Display, by Mr. H. McLellan.
- Mar. 10.—City of London P.S.: The Simple Life in Stamps, ingeniously illustrated, by Mr. J. Read Burton, F.R.P.S.L.
- Mar. 11.—Brighton Branch, J.P.S.: Debate, "Is a Classified Catalogue Desirable?"
- Mar. 11.—International Philatelic Union: Paper, Mr. P. L. Pemberton.
- Mar. 11.—Visit of the Bradford P.S. (with Display) to the Huddersfield and District P.S. at Huddersfield.
- Mar. 12.—Manchester P.S.: Display, with Notes, Liberia, Mr. J. H. Abbott.
- Mar. 15.—Liverpool P.S.: Notes on Niger Coast, Mr. R. H. Webster.
- Mar. 16.—Visit of the Bradford P.S. to the Leeds P.S. at Leeds: Display, Surface printed stamps of Great Britain, by Mr. W. M. Gray, of Bradford.
- Mar. 16.—Herts P.S.: Display, Holland and Colonies, Mr. A. J. Warren.
- Mar. 17.—Junior P.S. of Scotland: Hong Kong, by Mr. J. Macdougall.
- Mar. 17.—Bath P.S.: Display of Mr. Heginbottom's Stamps of Trinidad and Turks Islands.
- Mar. 18.—North London P.S.: Display, by Mr. J. C. Sidebotham: Paper and Display, "Philatelic Literature," by Mr. Herbert Clarke.
- Mar. 18.—Birmingham P.S.: Notes on Sunday Labels of Belgium, with Display, Mr. F. E. Wilson.
- Mar. 18.—Manchester J.P.S.: Display, German Colonies, by Mr. P. S. Barton; Paper, "What I Think Fit," Mr. J. Taylor.
- Mar. 18.—Royal P.S.: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, President of the Society, Display of Grenada, with Notes.
- Mar. 20.—Junior P.S., Ladies' Night: Display, by Mrs. Field.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- Mar. 6 and 8.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- Mar. 11 and 12.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- Mar. 15 and 16.—Mr. W. Hadlow at the Covent Garden Hotel, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.
- Mar. 16 and 17.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- Mar. 18 and 19.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The Manchester Exhibition and Congress.

THE POSTAGE STAMP EXHIBITION AN UNQUALIFIED SUCCESS AND A TRIUMPH FOR THE MANCHESTER JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

"AN unqualified success" was the unanimous verdict of all who attended the Manchester Postage Stamp Exhibition at the Hulme Town Hall on February 18th, 19th and 20th. It is estimated that over 40,000 persons visited the hall during the run of the show. The Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, to whom we owe the inception and the organisation of the Exhibition, are to be warmly congratulated on the success of their efforts. The financial outlay was heavy, but this is as nothing compared with the enormous amount of honorary work performed by Manchester philatelists—most of them business men who could ill spare the time. Nevertheless both work and time were cheerfully given out of sheer enthusiasm for the success of the enterprise. We need not repeat here the *personnel* of the undertaking, for full lists have been given more than once in the *Fortnightly*. It needs only to say that all worked with a will and organised a triumph which will keep the name of Manchester prominent in philatelic memories for many years to come.

with cement, but sometimes pinned them in. Stamp collecting, in his opinion, was no longer merely a hobby, but a science. To collect stamps was an education in itself. At present it might be said to be a science still in its infancy, and he doubted not that many of the Juniors of to day would live to see great strides in their pursuit. Considering that the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society was, he understood, less than three years old, it reflected the highest credit upon them that they had been able to get such a splendid exhibition together.

Major E. B. Evans, in proposing a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, remarked that Manchester seemed to be very fortunate in its choice of a chief magistrate from a philatelic point of view, and he had no doubt from all other points of view, but as he himself was a mere philatelist he would only express an opinion from the philatelic point of view. The Lord Mayor had told them that he had possessed a stamp album in his younger days, and he (Major Evans) hoped that at some future time he would return to the hobby.

At 3.30 the doors were opened to the public and from that hour till the final closing of the Exhibition the Hulme Town Hall was a scene of continuous bustle and animation.



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PLATFORM GROUP AT THE OPENING OF THE MANCHESTER EXHIBITION.

Reading from left to right the names are Mr. Albrecht, Mr. Gibson, the Earl of Crawford, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Bernstein, Mr. Darlow, Major Evans, and Mr. Reichenheim.

The Opening Ceremony.

At 2.30 on Thursday, February 18th, occurred the formal opening of the Exhibition by the Lord Mayor of Manchester, Alderman Holt. In the chair was Mr. I. J. Bernstein, and among others on the platform were the Earl of Crawford, Major Evans, Mr. Franz Reichenheim, Mr. G. F. H. Gibson, Mr. J. J. Darlow, and Mr. J. R. M. Albrecht.

Mr. I. J. Bernstein, Chairman of the Executive Committee, in welcoming the Lord Mayor of Manchester and the many visitors present, said that the day was an important one for Manchester philatelists and particularly for the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, to whose efforts the Exhibition was due. So much in an event of that kind was due to honorary work, ungrudgingly given, that he would take that opportunity of publicly thanking all those who had so greatly contributed to the organization of the Exhibition. They had at times worked literally in their shirt sleeves to secure success. Work alone, however, would not have achieved all that was necessary; the goodwill and co-operation of philatelists and philatelic societies in every part of the kingdom was also spontaneously given, and he was voicing the sentiments of the Committee and the Manchester Junior Society as a whole in thanking all of them for their assistance.

Alderman Holt, the Lord Mayor of Manchester, in declaring the Exhibition open, confessed that he had collected stamps as a boy at school, in which days they not only fixed their stamps in the album

The Principal Exhibits.

The viewing of the exhibits was rendered easy and pleasurable by the intelligent arrangement of the frames, etc., and although a certain amount of crowding was inevitable it may safely be said that every visitor thoroughly enjoyed the display. It was amusing to watch the boy visitors to the Exhibition—all ages from seven to seventeen—and to see their eyes grow big as the wonders of the rarities and curiosities on view were explained to them.

The exhibits must be very briefly described here. We strongly advise those *Fortnightly* readers who were unable to get to Manchester, to send to the Hon. Secretary of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society for a copy of the catalogue, price 4d., post free. It contains, in addition to a full and explanatory list of the exhibits, a most entertaining preface contributed by Major E. B. Evans.

GREAT BRITAIN: The chief exhibitors in this department were Mr. J. S. Higgins, jun. (a fine specialised collection), Mr. Walter Scott (many scarce varieties, including the "Cardiff penny"), Mr. J. N. Sutcliffe, Mr. Charles Nissen (essays, proofs, &c.), and Messrs. R. Dalton, S. C. Buckley, Leicester Paine, J. H. Tite and F. A. Verity. Dr. Floyd showed British Levant and Mr. R. Dalton British Stamps used in Malta and Gibraltar.

BRITISH COLONIES: Some fine sections of Mr. E. Heginbottom's collection were on view, notably Bahamas, Barbados, Dominica, Grenada, St. Christopher, St. Vincent and Virgin Islands. Mr. J. H. Abbott showed Hechuanaland, Orange Free State and Tonga. Mr. D. S. Darkin had nice displays of Bermuda, Gold Coast and Lagos. Mr. J. S. Higgins, jun's contributions to the Colonial Section were British East Africa, British South Africa and Niger Coast. Dr. A. Robinson sent a brave show of British New Guinea and Papua. Practically complete, and notable for a fine range of shades, was Major French's exhibit of Canada. Mr. W. H. Tarrant contributed Triangular Capes; Cayman Islands (evidently popular despite much journalistic criticism), were shown by Mr. A. Leon Adutt, Mr. C. H. G. Sprankling and Mr. G. A. H. Godfrey. The Ceylon display of Baron A. de Worms was of course one of the star exhibits. A fine show of the "cents" issues of Ceylon was contributed by Mr. O. K. Trenchman, who also displayed Lagos, New Zealand, Queensland and St. Helena. Cyprus stamps, including British stamps used prior to 1880, were contributed by Mr. J. C. North. Mr. J. Stelfox Gee, had frames of Dominica, Falklands and Jamaica. Some scarce varieties were included in the practically complete collection of Falklands shown by Mr. W. H. Lawson. One of the handsomest displays was the fine specialised collection of Gambia belonging to Mr. W. Dorning Beckton. Mr. P. V. Sansone was another exhibitor of the same colony. The Gibraltar display of Mr. G. Fred H. Gibson was rich in blocks of four and upwards. Mr. Alfred Holt, jun., also had a complete mint collection of this colony. Dr. Floyd showed Morocco Agencies and Zululand. Mr. J. J. Darlow's Colonial contributions were Gold Coast, Montserrat, St. Christopher and St. Lucia. Mr. T. H. Hinton showed Hong Kong, practically complete, accompanied by a few forgeries for comparison. Indian Native States were shown by Mr. A. Sefi, and Mr. J. G. Horner. *Place aux dames!* Mrs. E. Field, the only lady exhibitor we think, contributed displays of Malta and North Borneo. Mr. K. H. Korcorissian also had a good show of Malta, included in which was a fine mint block of six of the 3d. orange, of 1861. Mr. W. W. Sanderson displayed Nevis, Sudan, and Tobago; Mr. W. W. Munn was represented by New Zealand (Pictorials), and fine collections of South Australia and Western Australia. Mr. Humphrey Bennett contributed his fine specialized collection of Sarawak. Seychelles stamps were shown by Mr. J. W. Heath and Mr. Vincent Smith.

FOREIGN COUNTRIES: There were displays of Belgium, Mr. F. E. Wilson; Brazil, Mr. W. H. Lawson; Bulgaria and Eastern Roumelia, M. J. H. Abbott; China, Mr. J. G. Horner; Costa Rica, Mr. J. R. M. Albrecht; Egypt, Mr. H. Howell Jones; France, Mr. Franz Rechenheim, Mr. W. W. Grunewald, Mr. W. H. Earl and Mr. H. L. Hayman; Hayti, Mr. J. H. M. Savage; Holland, Mr. T. B. Widdowson; Japan and Modena, Mr. W. Dorning Beckton; Roumania, Mr. C. H. Coote; Russia, Mr. G. B. Durest; Servia, Mr. J. H. Abbott; Siam, Mr. Alfred Holt, jun.; Sicily, Mr. J. Taylor; Confederate States, Mr. Nathan Haywood and Uruguay, Mr. Joseph Brooks.

The Exhibits of France by Mr. Rechenheim and others were very complete and instructive; Mr. Taylor's Sicilians were a very fine exhibit, as were also Mr. W. Dorning Beckton's collections of Japan and Modena, but on the whole the Exhibition was far less rich in its Foreign than in its Colonial section.

Collections of Forgeries were shown by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, and Mr. Herbert Clarke.

A Banquet and Some Lectures.

On Friday evening, February 19th, there was a banquet at the Midland Hotel, when some thirty-five philatelists foregathered.

Meantime, in the Congress Hall, Mr. I. J. Bernstein's lecture, "Our Penny Postage Stamp" was twice delivered by a professional elocutionist and on each occasion to a crowded and appreciative "house."

The P.O. and the Souvenir Cards.

The special working Post Office in the entrance hall of the Exhibition was naturally the scene of much activity throughout the three days. The two officials who attended to our postal needs might easily have been suspected of being philatelists themselves, so obliging and helpful were they, thoroughly throwing themselves into the spirit of the occasion.

There was, of course, a brisk demand for the M.J.P.S. souvenir card, which was posted literally to every corner of the globe. One Manchester man, whose name wild horses shall not drag from us, addressed one of his numerous batch to Miss Gwendolyn Parsons, of Georgetown, Cayman Islands!

All kinds of weird combinations of cut-outs were being attached to post-cards and letters for the sake of the exhibition postmark. We saw one gentleman frank a letter with two half anna King's Heads of India, in another case

a variety of 6 cent Ceylons and Hong Kongs, and other King's Heads of the right colour were committed to the post in the hope that they would be duly delivered without surcharge.

The Essay Competition.

Many excellent efforts were submitted to the judge of the competition, Mr. Percy C. Bishop, who made the following awards:—

FIRST PRIZE: For "*Methodical Stamp Collecting.*"

John M. McLeish, Tullylumb Terrace, Glasgow Road, Perth, N.B.

SECOND PRIZE: For "*Philatelic Gems of the British Empire.*"

Robert Chilcott, 11 Preston Grove, Anfield, Liverpool.

DIPLOMA: For "*Military Postage Stamps of France.*"

W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland, Dorset.

HIGHLY COMMENDED:

G. G. Former, Manchester; C. W. Cave, London; H. C. Cave, London; L. H. White, Cambridge; James Houl, jun., Liverpool.

The Album Competition.

The albums in this competition were judged by Mr. W. D. Beckton, who made the following awards:—

FIRST PRIZE:

J. W. Beanland, Leake Vicarage, Thirsk.

SECOND PRIZE:

R. W. Gosse, 2 Nevern Square, Earl's Court, London, S.W.

DIPLOMA:

F. W. Attack, 5 Queen's Terrace, Clarence Road, Longsight, Manchester.

EXTRA DIPLOMA (given solely on account of the Philatelic study shown).

Alfred H. Haffenden, 26 Palm Street, Slade Lane, Longsight, Manchester.

THE PHILATELIC CONGRESS.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE PROCEEDINGS.

Only a brief outline can be given of the proceedings of the First Annual Philatelic Congress. A verbatim report of the debates will be published in due course by the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

Before the opening of the Congress, Mr. I. J. BERNSTEIN briefly welcomed the delegates to Manchester.

Mr. W. DORNING BECKTON then took the chair, and in his opening remarks caused much amusement by reading certain philatelic press comments of twenty years ago upon a proposal then made by a Mr. Bernstein Junior for the holding of a Universal Philatelic Congress. Speaking of the present gathering the Chairman said he was quite sure that now the ice was broken, the Congress might well become an annual affair and would have a good and lasting effect upon Philately. He would call upon Mr. Bishop to open the discussion on the first item on the agenda, the formation of a National Society of Philatelists.

Mr. PERCY C. BISHOP said that two alternative suggestions had been made—the first for a British Philatelic Society, planned somewhat on the model of the American Philatelic Society, the other for a federation of Societies already in existence. His own personal preference was for the formation of an entirely new and independent society. He went into some detail as to what annual subscription it would be possible to impose which would be compatible with the popular and national character of the proposed society. The speaker laid great stress on the important part that would be

played by the Society's official journal, pointing out that this would be the leading factor in determining the annual dues. As showing that boys were as keen on stamps as ever, he instanced the rapid growth of the Chorus Society of Stamp Collectors, which starting in October last with an initial entry of 200 members, had now a total roll of 723, which was increasing daily. In view of that prompt response on the part of the youngsters of the hobby, they need have no misgivings as to the numbers that would rally to the standard of the national society, whenever it was set up.

Mr. P. L. PEMBERTON was then called upon to give particulars of the proposed Central Philatelic Club for London. He supplied the Congress with the details of the scheme, as already published in the *Fortnightly* and other journals; after which the Chairman invited the delegates present to debate the two proposals.

Mr. M. P. CASTLE considered that the difficulties in the way of the formation of a national society would be too great, and that although Mr. Bishop had brought forward a very interesting subject and argued it with ability, the scheme was not within range of practical philatelic politics.

Mr. G. B. DUERST said that, in the abstract, the idea of a National Society was very nice, but there were many obstacles in the way. Mr. Pemberton's Club scheme really amounted to the same thing. He would put forward another plan based on the German practice of holding annual congresses. The various Societies remained as they were, but a Congress was held each year, and each Society paid *pro rata* according to the number of members it had.

Mr. L. W. FULCHER opposed the idea of a National Society, but thought that the Annual Congress (with which he was in thorough agreement) would fulfil most of the functions of the proposed Society.

Mr. W. E. LINCOLN, Mr. E. PHILPOT-CROWTHER and Mr. G. F. H. GIBSON having also spoken, the CHAIRMAN urged that the formation of such a Society would tend to set up friction as between the existing societies and might also impair that spirit of friendly rivalry which was productive of so much good.

Mr. BISHOP briefly replied, deploring the fact that he found himself in a minority of one, but hoping that the subject would be further discussed at some future time.

SECOND DAY.

On reassembling for the second session of the Congress (Friday, Feb. 19th), the Chairman (Mr. W. Dorning Beckton) called upon Mr. Fulcher to open the discussion on the compilation of a Collectors' Catalogue.

Mr. FULCHER said that the main difficulty in compiling a Collectors' Catalogue was the pricing; nevertheless they all recognised that a catalogue without prices would be useless. He doubted whether he could offer any suggestion on this point that would be worth anything, but thought that the best an amateur body could do would be to class all stamps worth from 1d. to 5s. as Class A., worth from 5s. to 10s. Class B., from 10s. to £1 Class C., and running up the alphabet in that way. The work of computing the catalogue would have to be undertaken by an editorial committee, who in turn would have to invite the co-operation of specialists. The question of finance would be a very serious one. These and many other questions that would arise must be discussed and settled before the work could be taken in hand. If any means could be found by which a catalogue for collectors by collectors could be realised, he thought the end was a very desirable one.

Mr. FRANZ REICHENHEIM, speaking on the subject, drew attention to a decision of various leading German Societies to adopt the "Reform" Catalogue published by Kohl as their standard of values. He thought that if our principal firms could be induced to agree in the same way it might lead to a catalogue that would be recognised as a standard for the whole of the British Empire.

MAJOR E. B. EVANS said he knew something of the difficulties confronting the cataloguer. If the ideal "Collectors' Catalogue," listing all varieties, and giving all possible

information, were ever compiled, what size would it be? It would be a sort of Encyclopædia Philatolica, 30 or 35 large volumes, with an oak bookcase thrown in.

Mr. I. J. BERNSTEIN emphasised the difficulties as to pricing; the CHAIRMAN described previous attempts to produce elaborated catalogues; Mr. E. PHILPOT-CROWTHER paid a tribute to the excellence of the Kohl Catalogue mentioned by a former speaker; Mr. O. K. TRECHMANN submitted that too much was sometimes thought of the money side of the hobby.

Mr. M. P. CASTLE warmly eulogised the Stanley Gibbons catalogue. He thought it would be an excellent thing, however, if the Congress, by the expression of its views on the subject, could induce the dealers to recognise that they were in a fiduciary position to the philatelic public and that their duty was, as far as possible, to remedy anomalies in as to the price of stamps and to make their catalogues as far as possible a true reflex of real values.

Mr. L. W. FULCHER briefly replied to those who had taken part in the debate, remarking that it might perhaps be summed up in these words: "We should like to see such a thing, but it can't be done!"

The CHAIRMAN called upon Mr. Bishop to open a discussion upon the second subject for the day: The question of unnecessary issues of stamps.

Mr. PERCY C. BISHOP recalled the formation of the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps fifteen years before. We were now all fifteen years older, and many of us had come to the conclusion that it was useless to attempt to dictate to the collector what he should collect. The movement initiated by the S.S.S.S. was perhaps conducted on the wrong lines altogether. A possible way of checking unnecessary issues in the future was to bring pressure to bear upon the countries concerned through the medium of the Postal Union. Already the Universal Postal Union had done a little to help us by ruling that commemorative stamps issued for only a limited period of use should not be granted the right to prepay international mail matter. That, in the eyes of many philatelists, destroyed their value from a philatelic point of view. Possibly, if the matter were brought before the Postal Union in a forcible manner by the collectors of this and other countries, some good would be effected.

Mr. I. J. BERNSTEIN thought that if a resolution were passed to the effect that the Postal Union be asked to do all they possibly could to stop the issue of unnecessary stamps, it might have some effect, especially if bracketed with the name of the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and Ireland.

Mr. W. R. LANE JOYNT supported the proposal. He would not say the Universal Postal Union had the power, but he would say it had the desire to keep everything as straight as possible in the various countries over which it exercised control.

Mr. W. H. PECKITT having been invited by the Chairman to give his views, said he did not think that the trade, as a whole, liked these commemorative stamps. Personally he detested them. He supported Mr. Bishop's proposal and suggested that the Continental Societies might be invited to join in the appeal to the Postal Union.

Mr. HUMPHREY BENNETT urged that if the dealers would gradually eliminate stamps of this class from their catalogues and albums it would be a great help to collectors.

Mr. CASTLE was sure that if we could rid the catalogues of nineteen out of twenty of these stamps Philately would be all the better and we should all be happier. He would have much pleasure in supporting the proposal.

Mr. BISHOP then moved: "That this Congress is of opinion that a petition should be prepared and presented to the Universal Postal Union soliciting their help in the prevention of future issues of stamps which are unnecessary for the public service."

Mr. W. R. LANE JOYNT seconded, and the resolution was carried unanimously.

The CHAIRMAN having suggested the appointment of a small committee to draft the petition, Mr. J. J. DARLOW suggested the names of two Manchester men—Mr. Beckton

and Mr. Bernstein; and two London men, Mr. Castle and Mr. Bishop.

This was seconded by Mr. HUMPHREY BENNETT and carried unanimously.

Mr. REICHENHEIM proposed that the dealers, as represented by their Trade Association, should be asked to identify themselves with the petition to the Postal Union.

Mr. BERNSTEIN seconded, and the motion was carried.

THIRD DAY.

Many of the delegates desiring to catch afternoon trains to their homes, the CHAIRMAN ruled that the more important of the two subjects down for debate be taken first.

Mr. FRANZ REICHENHEIM, speaking in support of the holding of an Annual Philatelic Congress, offered in the name of the Herts Society that all arrangements for the Congress of 1910 to be held in London should be undertaken by that Society. He moved: "That the representatives of the leading Societies of Great Britain here assembled think it advisable to hold a similar Congress annually."

Mr. G. F. H. GIBSON seconded, and suggested that a small Committee should be entrusted with the consideration of questions arising as to the procedure of the Congress.

After some further debate the resolution moved by Mr. Reichenheim was unanimously carried.

A Committee consisting of Mr. Reichenheim, Mr. Sefi, Mr. Fulcher, Mr. Peckitt, Mr. Bernstein, and Mr. Beckton, was then proposed by Mr. GIBSON, seconded by Mr. WAITE SANDERSON, and carried unanimously.

Mr. J. STELFOX GEE then opened the debate on the proposal to form a body or Committee to take in hand the disposal of a deceased collector's stamps.

Mr. F. F. LAMB, Mr. BERNSTEIN, Mr. G. F. H. GIBSON, Mr. J. MCGREGOR, Mr. T. B. WIDDOWSON and Mr. N. CLISSOLD having spoken on the subject, Mr. Widdowson moved: "That the various Philatelic Societies be requested to consider the advisability of incorporating in their rules some provision in regard to the disposal of the stamps of deceased members, if requested to do so."

Mr. CLISSOLD having seconded the resolution was carried unanimously.

The closing item of a most successful and harmonious Congress was the reading of a paper by Mr. A. J. Palethorpe advocating the compilation of an Encyclopædia of Philately by a Committee of Editors. The sense of the meeting was against the practicability of the proposal.

At an earlier stage in the proceedings Mr. REICHENHEIM, in view of the fact that several delegates were anxious to get away, had proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the Chairman, which Mr. W. DORNING BECKTON acknowledged in felicitous terms.

The Stamp Market.

By SENAX.

A CORRESPONDENT from Belfast reports: "In this town they require a combination of quality, cheapness and a terrible quantity for their money." Human nature seems to have a tendency in this direction in other places.

Manchester seems a likely place to get parcels of nice used South Americans just now, probably because it is within easy reach from Liverpool, where such parcels presumably first arrive. British and German Morocco exist also in this town in quantity; auction catalogues hailing from Manchester are worthy of study by those who are on the lookout for these goods.

4c. French Morocco, 1908, used, is as much as 3d. each in Berlin. This gives one a hint: get your correspondent over there to stick a few of these on to his next letter.

Of Canada Quebecs 500 half-cent, 1,000 1c., 3,000 2c., and a quantity of higher values were offered at a London auction recently—a sign of coming plenty, perhaps.

3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/- values of Australasia are getting plentiful enough to be offered everywhere in that continent at a lower rate. 2½d., 5d., 8d., 9d. and 10d. values continue scarce. People seem to be hoarding up the 2½d. values.

An enquiry in a contemporary as to what form of collecting is most popular is resulting in a multitude of diverse opinions. From a dealer's point of view there seems to be wisdom in keeping something of everything; one never knows what sort of stamp will be inquired for next. At present I am putting aside all used pairs and blocks of stamps, no matter how common, as I find there is a growing demand for such: also the price for pairs is much higher in proportion than for single copies. An advertiser in a contemporary is offering £5 for a block of six penny blacks. I have also seen the following quotations in a Continental journal: 2d. blue, no lines, 3/9; pair 9/-; strip of three, 35/-. A strip of three is thus worth nine times the price of a single copy. A London correspondent has a used block of 40 current 5c. Ceylon; where is the arithmetic to calculate the value of an item like this?

There is no doubt that the stamps that sell most freely are those which can be described as "something fresh." New kinds of stamps, of whatever type or sort, at once attract by their novelty, and seldom return to the dealer. The purchaser is like that "watcher of the skies when some new planet swims into his ken," the new stamp swims into view with all the halo of a wonderful and desirable object, and the collector goes for it at first sight.

An American paper reports the find of a large lot of unused Hannover in the P.O. over there, dating from 1868.

Notes on the Postage Stamps of Crete.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE LIVERPOOL JUNIOR PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By W. MACDONALD MACKAY.

(Continued from page 266 of Vol. XIV.)

1908 ISSUE, OVERPRINTED "HELLAS," IN GREEK TYPE.

On October 19th, 1908, the current postage, and those of the older issues in stock were overprinted in black with the word "Hellas" or Greece in Greek characters—ΕΛΛΑΜ as follows:—

1900 ISSUE.	
	Quantity Overprinted.
1 lepta	150,000
10 "	30,000
2 drachma	10,000
1905 ISSUES.	
2 lepta	100,000
5 "	150,000
20 "	50,000
50 "	50,000
1 drachma	10,000
3 "	10,000
5 "	5,000
1907 ISSUE.	
25 lepta	100,000
1908 ISSUE.	
10 lepta, Hermes de Praxitelés	100,000

The new 10 lepta just issued with the striking design of Hermes, by Praxitelés, has not, so far as I have been aware, issued to the public without this overprint.

These overprints were made on panes or sheets of 50 and 100 respectively for the lower issues. The two panes each which I show of the 1 lepta and 2 lepta, are as received from the Postmaster of Canea. These overprinted sheets show a

variety of slight differences of the setting of type, and the following varieties are chronicled:

- 1 lepta, Greek letter inverted, thus EAAA Z.
- 10 " " " " instead of A, thus EAAA Z.
- 10 " " " D " " " AAA Z.
- 10 " " " E omitted " " " AAA Z.
- 10 " " " A misplaced " " " EAAA Z.

These varieties of setting are strictly printers' errors, and I learn from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich, that all errors have been picked out from off the sheets and destroyed, so that these varieties of printers' errors are likely to get scarce in time.

OFFICIAL STAMPS, 1907.

In 1907, Crete issued two values of postage stamps for official correspondence, on unwatermarked white wove paper, perf. 14.

- 10 lepta, dull claret.
- 30 " slate blue.

The designs of these two officials are rather complicated and without distinction, and show a great falling away from an artistic point of view, from the ordinary postage stamps. These two officials were also overprinted in black, EAAA Z.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

In 1900, a series of eight values of Postage Due stamps were issued with a central design of Posthorn and Crown with value in figures, the design, of which there is only one, being apparently copied from the 1870/9 issues of Denmark.

As all values are printed in red, and there being no difference between the 1 lepta and 1 Drachma, except in the Greek lettering, it was considered advisable to overprint the 1 Dr. Postage Due stamp with the value in black. All are printed on unwatermarked paper, in red, perf. 14.

BOGUS ISSUES.

Just a final word regarding the bogus issues of 1905, the so-called Revolutionary series, catalogued by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Nos. 110 to 123. I give it on the authority of the Director of Posts and Telegraphs, of Crete, that they are entirely bogus, and had apparently been printed to "raise the wind." I learn that they are the speculation of a dealer in Athens, where they were hawked round the principal hotels, frequented by British visitors. Envelopes have been seen bearing these stamps, apparently postmarked in Athens and Crete, but the Crete cancellation stamp was a bogus one, and the postmark at the back of the envelopes was done by some obliging clerk in one of the Post Offices in Athens.

Why any firm of postage stamp dealers include them in their catalogue, is beyond comprehension.

Cretean postage stamps, despite these bogus issues and the speculative Russian series, remain a fine interesting lot of stamps, and are a striking testimony to the love of the island people for their ancient departed glories of the past. There are no varieties of perforation or watermarks to trouble the collector, and only a few printers' errors in the overprinted series, which the general or average collector may leave alone.

On Cards and Covers.

By B. W. W.

HAVE you ever seen half of a one-centime stamp used, or can you imagine the use of such a one? Split stamps for letters are in great demand on the original cover, but no one can have even dreamed of such a novelty as this, as no adhesives in combination could make such a split necessary. Yet here is one before me, on the neglected, if not despised, postcard. It is on the reply half of an Italian card sent from London, with the postmark date of DE-31-94; and for the purpose of making up the regulation 10c., a 2c. stamp and the half of a 1c. cut diagonally were used. In the

usual way these double cards represent a total value of 15 centesimi, but no denomination was printed on what is supposed to be the stamp of early issues for fifteen years, the engraved heads of King Victor Emmanuel and of Humbert on left side having no lettering whatever or figures upon them, so appearing as if the portraits were mere ornamental details and not postage stamps as ordinarily understood. This might be a poser for those who contend that the stamp is everything, but in all these regular issues, whether single or double cards, the value was printed across the upper centre of the card only from 1874 to 1889, in which year the stamp of 5c. adhesive first appeared at right-hand corner, at the same time as the 10c. was so printed, and the 7½+7½ on reply for internal use. As described recently, the new issue for the latter purpose has a 5c. stamp only on front with a 10c. on reply half to make up the total of 15 centesimi.

The numerous issues of cards for the different sections of the Austro-Hungarian Empire are doing much to disgust collectors, and to destroy the interest originally taken in them as being the earliest stamped postcards ever issued, in October, 1869 just twelve months before our own appeared. It cannot surely be necessary to have different cards for all the eight nationalities included if they can get along with one for adhesive stamps, or rather two stamps, seeing that the Magyars have insisted on one for their especial benefit. It is to be hoped that Italy will not follow in their steps, but the newest issue with names of each of the different ports in the Levant where Italian post offices are opened looks ominous.

The Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co's. Sale,
Nov. 19th and 20th, 1908.

	£	s.	d.
France, 1853-60, 80c. carmine, a tête bêche pair	8	10	0
Gt. Britain, Jan., 1858, L.C. 16, 1d. rose-red, mint	2	6	0
Do. 1855-6, small Garter on blue, 4d. carmine, mint	9	0	0
Do. 1867, 2/- blue, mint	1	14	0
Do. do. Cross, £1 brown-lilac	1	8	0
Do. do. Anchor, £1 brown-lilac on white	2	17	6
Do. 1888, Orbs, £1 green, mint	1	5	0
Do. I.R. Official, King, 5/- carmine	12	5	0
Malta, 1861, blued paper, 4d. buff, mint	1	8	0
Naples, Dec., 1860, 3 T. Cross	4	0	0
Spain, 1851, 6r. blue, a pair	2	12	0
Switzerland, Zurich, 4 rappen, vertical lines	9	0	0
Geneva, Aug., 1850, 5c. black and red	3	0	0
Brunei, on Labuan, 1c. mauve, the rare black surcharge, a strip of three	10	0	0
Ceylon, 1857, 2/- blue	6	15	0
Do. 1861, clean cut, 8d. brown	4	0	0
Do. 1862, no watermark, 5d. red-brown, mint	6	0	0
Do. 1863, CC., 5d. red-brown, mint	3	5	0
Philippines, 1854, 5c. orange-red, type A	3	10	0
Do. do. 10c. carmine	1	6	0
Do. do. 1r. dull blue, a block of 6	8	10	0
Do. do. 2r. dull green, mint	1	10	0
Do. do. 2r. deep yellow-green	1	18	0
British Central Africa, 1896, CC., £25 green, mint, surcharged "Specimen"	3	5	0
Do. 1897, 3/- green, mint	1	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855, 6d. slate-lilac*	2	12	6
Do. do. woodblock, 4d. pale blue	3	3	0
Gold Coast, 1875, CC., 124, 6d. orange, mint	1	1	0
Do. 1891, £1 green and red, mint	7	0	0
Lagos, 1874, CC., 1/- orange (long value) mint	2	0	0
Do. 1884, 2-6, olive-black, mint	3	0	0
Mauritius, 1859, Dec., 2d. blue	1	5	0
St. Helena, 1873-80, CC., 124, 6d. dull blue*	1	12	0
Seychelles, 1893, 3 cents inverted on 4c., mint	1	10	0
Do. do. 15c. on 16c., inverted surcharge, mint	1	12	0

(To be continued.)

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: I. J. Bernateln.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. S. Higgins, Junr.,
7, Green Street, Manchester.

A MEETING was held on Jan. 21st, at the Deansgate Hotel. In the absence of the President, who was attending the Royal Philatelic Society's meeting in London, the Vice-President, Mr. W. W. Munn, took the chair, and gave a display with notes on the early issues of South Australia.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon (he said) were instructed to prepare the plate and the stamps for use in the Colony. The dies were engraved on steel by Wm. Humphreys. There were two printings of these early stamps: the London print and the Colonial print, distinguishable by the difference in colour and by the superiority of the work in the London prints.

Mr. Malings read a paper on "Varieties," and informed the members that he only intended to draw their attention to a few of the numerous varieties that are to be found on postage stamps, due to slight differences in either the design, colour, watermark, perforation, paper, &c., in the discovery of which many collectors find considerable pleasure. He illustrated his paper with a very fine display.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
Meetings: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 till 10 p.m.

THE seventh meeting of the present session was held on Jan. 14th. In the absence of Mr. W. Mead, the chair was taken by Mr. Herbert Clark. Messrs. G. A. Dell, C. Ireland, and E. F. Young (Lewes) were elected members. A paper was read by the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Ireland), entitled, "A New System of Collecting." This advocated a reduction in the number of stamps necessary to form a complete collection, on the lines laid down by Mr. H. L'Estrange Ewen—no watermarks, perforation varieties, surcharges, postal fiscals, officials or postage dues—in other words, to keep to stamps, pure and simple. A display was given of a collection formed on these lines, mounted in three volumes, two of which were Ewen's "Good Old Times" albums. Much interest appeared to be taken in the collection, and advice and criticism were to be had in plenty. It certainly seemed the irony of fate that three large volumes were necessary to contain a "simplified collection"; and to see the Secretary and Messrs. Blake and W. G. Smith, who kindly volunteered assistance, marching through Brighton, carrying the three volumes, was a sight for the gods! A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Ireland, proposed by Mr. Blake in a humorous speech, seconded by Mr. Bertie Morley, and carried by acclamation.

International Philatelic Union.

Hon. Sec.: T. H. Ninton, 26, Crumford Road, East Putney, S.W.

At the third meeting, held at Essex Hall on Thursday, Jan. 14th, there was a display of Mr. W. H. Moore's fine specialised collection of British stamps used abroad. Mr. Moore being unfortunately absent, Mr. Semple kindly took charge of the display, which was followed with the keenest interest by all present.

Leeds Philatelic Society.

President: Charles W. Harding.
Hon. Sec.: T. S. Fraser, 22, Oriental Terrace, Armley.

THE usual fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday, Jan. 19th, with the President (Mr. Harding) in the chair.

An interesting display of Mr. Heginbottom's stamps of Cyprus, Malta, and Gibraltar was given, the notes being read by the President.

Mr. W. G. Findlater also showed his specialised collection of Gibraltar, which was practically complete in the different varieties and shades.

Mr. W. V. Morten was appointed as delegate to represent the Society at the Manchester Postage Stamp Exhibition and Congress.

At the meeting held on Feb. 2nd, a display of the stamps of Egypt, with notes, was given by Mr. J. W. Duffield. The display was practically complete, many of the stamps being represented by numerous

shades. Mr. Egly and Mr. W. V. Morten also showed their Egyptian collections.

In addition to Mr. W. V. Morten, Messrs. H. Wade and W. K. Skipwith were elected as delegates to represent the Society at the Stamp Exhibition and Congress.

North London Philatelic Society.

President: Chas. M. C. Symes.
Hon. Sec.: C. S. Muratori, 29, Fletching Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.
Meetings: Fortnightly.

THE 11th ordinary meeting of the session took place on Thursday, Jan. 21st, at the Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury, Mr. C. M. C. Symes occupying the chair. After the usual formalities, Mr. E. Heginbottom's collections of Grenada and Dominica, were passed round, and by the aid of the notes prepared by that gentleman, much pleasure and interest was derived from the stamps of these two popular countries.

The President read a Paper on "Laxity in Exchange Clubs," and dealt concisely with the facts as they present themselves. Much interest was evinced in the topic, and the chairman's request for discussion was well taken up, as everybody present took part. Many sound and solid suggestions were put forward.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Smaug, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

At the usual fortnightly meeting, held on Feb. 8th, at the Common Hall, Hacksins Hay, Liverpool, Mr. Allender in the chair, there was one candidate proposed for membership and three others elected.

The stamps of Hong Kong were displayed, the exhibits, in the competition, of Mrs. Burton and Mr. S. Evans being of high standard. Mr. Allender also showed a very fine set, not for competition.

Mr. W. C. Taylor read a short but instructive paper, entitled "Philatelic Stumbling Blocks," which was delivered in his usual racy manner. He was afterwards thanked by Messrs. Robson, Evans, Edmondson and others.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society, held on February 22nd, at the Common Hall, Hacksins Hay, Liverpool, 20 members were present, Mr. Allender being in the chair.

After the usual business, Mr. F. S. Chilcott, Jr. (of this Society) was congratulated on his winning the 2nd Prize for Essays at the recent Manchester Philatelic Exhibition.

The stamps of Orange River Colony were on view, those of Mrs. Burton and Mr. S. Evans in the competition being of high merit.

Mr. P. A. Fletcher then gave a paper, entitled "Philatelic Tit-Bits," dealing with the humorous side of stamp collecting and giving several amusing anecdotes.

The lecturer was thanked by Mr. Hate and others.

At the next meeting, to be held in the Common Hall, on March 8th, a paper will be given by the President, Mr. A. S. Allender, entitled "The Minor Varieties of the 'Sower' Type of France," which promises to be very interesting. The country for display will be Ceylon.

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

Hon. Sec.: Robert Borland, Lochside, Milngavie, N.B.

THERE was a good turn-out of members at the meeting held on 17th February, the President occupying the chair. Two new members were elected, and Messrs. J. R. Donaldson, J. L. Thomas, and R. Borland was appointed to attend the Manchester Congress as representatives of the Society.

Thereafter an excellent display of the British stamps used in Niger Coast, and postmarked with the Company's stamp, was given by Mr. J. R. Donaldson, accompanied by most interesting notes.

All the known values were shown, except the 4d., 4½d., 6d. and 5s., and also the various cancellations used at Akassa, Burutu and Lokoja. A large number of entires were also shown, two of which were without stamps and the remark made on the envelope, "No stamps available"; 5d. postage was charged in one instance and 2½d. in the other, the former being dated 1897 and the latter 1898. Two other entires also showed both the Burutu and Lokoja cancellations.

Perhaps the scarcest stamps were the 3d. with double-lined Akassa postmark; the 5d. used at Lokoja, this value not yet having been chronicled; 2/6 on bluish paper with single-lined Akassa postmark.

In addition, a number of Niger Protectorate, Sierra Leone, and Northern Nigeria stamps were shown, the first two used at Burutu and the latter at Lokoja.

At the conclusion, a very hearty vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Donaldson.

Leicester Philatelic Society.

At the usual monthly meeting, on February 10th, Dr. A. E. Payne lectured on "Japanese Forgeries," and there was afterwards an interesting display of portions of the collection of Mr. J. C. Sidebotham, of London.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

President: Miss Parr.
Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.
Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the Society was held on February 16th, at 6.15 p.m.

The President took the chair. After the minutes of the last meeting had been signed, the Vice-President proceeded to give a highly instructive paper on the stamps of Bermuda, accompanied by his splendid collection of that colony.

Mr. W. Haworth then followed with a most interesting paper and display of the stamps of Papua. His collection included all the known varieties of overprinted and surcharged issues, in pairs, singles and blocks. Amongst the better things were a mint sheet of the 2/6, second overprint, and also a 6d. of the same setting with double surcharge.

A hearty vote of thanks was passed to the two gentlemen, and a most enjoyable evening was brought to a close.

North of England Philatelic Society.

THE usual monthly meeting of this Society was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday evening, Feb. 4th.

The Vice-President, Mr. T. D. Hume, took the chair at 7.30, and there was a good attendance. After formal business, Mr. J. F. Bird was elected to the membership.

Mr. W. Waite Sanderson then read a highly interesting paper on Egypt, and shewed a large number of lantern slides to illustrate many of the most intricate points.

A large number of Essays were shown, variations of the accepted types, also specimens in taille douce (after the Secs. U.S.A., 1861), by the National Bank Note Coy., and complete sheets of forgeries, bearing different types of postmark on the same sheet.

Of the first issue he showed complete sets, used and unused, and illustrated the so called two types by slides, showing that they were caused by the transfers being placed tête-bêche.

Of the second issue, he showed a large block of the 5 par. and entire sheets mounted in frames, the four types of each value were clearly shown on screen and a detailed description given.

In the third issue, he showed entire sheets showing several curious settings of the stamps tête-bêche. Many shades, different perforations and half stamps on entires (officially authorised).

The later issues were practically complete, many in sheets, the various surcharges were strongly represented, including tête-bêche.

Postage Dues, Officials and stationery were shown in great variety, and finally a fine lot of the stamps of Great Britain, Greece, France, Austria (used) on originals were shown, these stamps being necessary, at first, to pay the foreign postage.

Mr. Wilkinson moved a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Sanderson for his instructive and interesting lecture and display, and this was carried with enthusiasm. Mr. Sanderson in reply, hoped he had stirred up some interest in a largely neglected country.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 19, Vicarage Road, Croydon.

THE usual fortnightly meeting took place on Wednesday, February 24th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon, with an attendance of fifteen members, including one lady. The chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. H. H. Harland, at 8 p.m.

Mr. H. Simmonds gave a highly interesting display, with notes, on the stamps of France, of which country he has a very fine collection, containing many varieties.

The stamps of Great Britain were next shown by Mr. H. G. Knight, and included all issues, with varieties of perforation, printing, watermark and obliteration.

A display, with notes, on the Canadian issues, by Mr. G. W. Shaw, concluded the programme, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the contributors.

The Primrose Stamp Exchange Society.

Secretary: Chas. H. Greenwood, 49, Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.

THE February Packet started out on the 2nd inst. with 34 sheets, value £204 5s. 8d. This packet was particularly strong in mint Colonials and Norwegian stamps, and good sales will most likely ensue.

The "King's" Packet started out on the 6th inst. with 15 sheets, nett value £51 10s. 0d., a splendid little packet for collectors of the ever popular "King's Heads."

The October General and November "King's" Packets have returned, and all sheets are returned to owners.

There are a few vacancies for good buyers and sellers in both sections.

Booklet, containing rules and full particulars, from Secretary.

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ONE PENNY.

Men of Note in Philately.

II.—Rev. G. C. B. MADDEN, M.A.

THE subject of our sketch commenced to collect stamps in the early "Sixties" whilst at school at Cromwell House, Highgate Hill, N. The building is now used as a Convalescent Home, and will no doubt be familiar to Londoners.

He, like most old collectors, has many regrets that he did not preserve his first collection, for as in most cases, he disposed of his collection which consisted of 1080 specimens for 15/-! It would be interesting to know what the market value of a similar collection would be nowadays, for amongst this lot was a complete set of the first issue of Lubeck and complete sets of first issue of Nevis, Hong Kong and Sicily, to mention only a few of the good things.

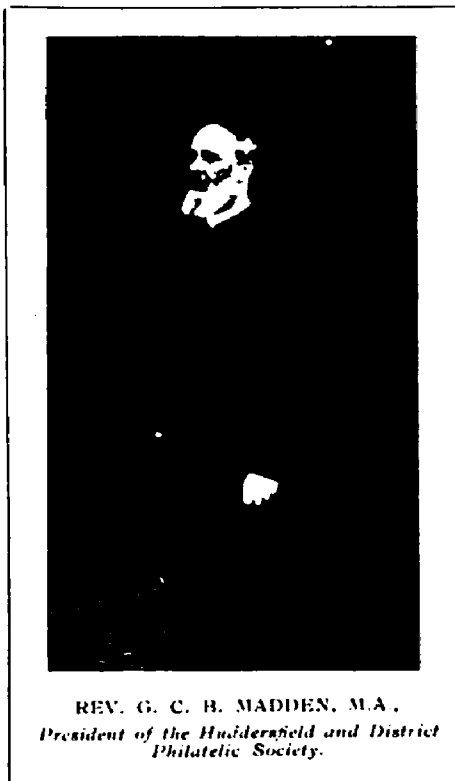
At this school there were many fine collections, for one "Great Mogul" amongst the school boys had a collection of two or three thousand varieties, and often gave as much as 5/- for a stamp, then, of course, a fabulous price for a young collector (or any collector, indeed) to give for a single specimen.

No doubt the interest in stamps was kept up so strongly in this school, owing to the fact that the French master was a keen philatelist. He was a French Count who had to flee to England owing to the rather marked and forcible attentions which the Republicans paid to the French aristocracy at this time. This master gave numerous sets of the first French Republican issue to his pupils, and of course thereby set himself highly in the favour of these young enthusiasts.

After Mr. Madden had disposed of his first collection he was not attracted to the hobby again until about 20 years ago, when his sons commenced to collect. One of his sons purchased a collection at school for £2, and on giving instructions to his son in the "Art of Philately," the old flame for collecting again sprung up, and he has collected intermittently for the past twenty years.

Mr. Madden collects Gt. Britain and Colonies, besides Japan and China, two countries to which he is intensely devoted. He thinks the Hobby is far more interesting when the stamps have to be searched and bargained for than when one has simply to give a commission to a dealer to do the collecting. He thinks the slow accumulation of a good general collection by a man of moderate means is one of the most charming occupations conceivable, and that the vast accumulation of rarities, as seen in some highly specialized collections, is highly reprehensible, as this prevents the proper circulation of these desirable stamps! To gather together a vast collection of unused stuff—hot from the dealers—is no attraction at all to him, with his ideas of collecting.

Mr. Madden was elected President of the Huddersfield Philatelic Society in 1907, on its formation, and continues to take the greatest interest in the Society's work. Like most philatelists, he has other hobbies in plenty. He has been a great cyclist and is very keen on photography. He used also to be very fond of fishing.



REV. G. C. B. MADDEN, M.A.
President of the Huddersfield and District
Philatelic Society.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

For a Better British Stamp.

THE London and provincial newspapers have lately devoted many articles and paragraphs to the subject of better British postage stamps.

In the London "Evening News," in particular, have appeared several letters of suggestion on the subject. From Mr. G. Tickel came a proposal that pictorial stamps should be issued. He instanced the Eddystone Lighthouse as a suitable subject. This was followed by a letter from Mr. Leonard Smith, Dorking, urging that the "Chalk Cliffs of Dover" would make a finer view. The editor of the *Fortnightly* contributed a letter of some length, of which the following paragraphs may be of interest:—

It has been more than once remarked as a curious thing that Britannia, although she rules the waves, has never issued a postage stamp bearing the picture of a ship! This is the more remarkable when we see that numerous of our Colonies, such as Barbados, Grenada, British Guiana, Malta, and a host of others, have at various times used ships of various types as designs for postage stamps.

We stamp collectors, however, do not desire such issues. We think that the dignity of the British nation is best shown by steadily resisting the temptation to issue such cheap and gaudy-looking pictorial postage stamps as are in favour among the mushroom nations of the earth.

A more beautiful King's head stamp we might certainly have, and it would be a matter of universal rejoicing to see the head of good Queen Alexandra on one or more of the values. But there are already more than enough varieties of postage stamps to keep philatelists busy.

However, it is exceedingly unlikely that the immediate future will show any change for the better in British postage stamps. Many people of artistic bent assure us there could not possibly be any change for the worse—which is some comfort, anyhow.

The official attitude on the matter was voiced by His Majesty's Postmaster-General on the 1st instant, when the following question and answer formed part of the evening's entertainment at the House of Commons:—

Mr. Henniker Heaton asked the Postmaster-General whether his attention had been called to the objections taken to the appearance and design of the British penny stamp, as compared with stamps of the same value issued by other nations, and to the fact that the paper it was printed on was cheap and poor; and whether he intended to take steps, without delay, to give the public an improved penny stamp.

Mr. Buxton.—Tastes differ. The penny stamp is printed on the same description of paper as the former issues with the Queen's head. There is no present intention of issuing a new penny stamp.

A Stamp Prosecution.

BEFORE the Old Street Magistrate, Mr. Biron, on Thursday, February 25th, one Ralph Oram, giving no address, was charged with stealing £200 worth of foreign postage stamps belonging to Mrs. Hester Grove, an aged widow residing in Hoxton. According to prosecutrix's statement, the accused was allowed to sleep in a back bedroom at her house, Mrs. Grove occupying a front room, wherein she had secreted the stamps weighing 35lb., and representing the collection of over 40 years. On the Tuesday morning she went to the door of prisoner's bedroom for the purpose of rousing him, and found him already gone and the stamps missing. The accused man strenuously denied the charge and was remanded for further enquiries.

At a later hearing two other defendants, Charles Albert Cook and Joseph James Cook, brothers, were charged in connection with the same case, and finally all three were committed for trial at the Sessions, one surety in £5 being accepted for James Cook.

Rumoured Robbery from Sir Edward Grey.

CONFLICTING reports have been in circulation as to a robbery of stamps from Sir Edward Grey. They were described, first as Zambesia stamps, then Zanzibar, and finally it was denied that Sir Edward had been robbed at all!

But somebody has been robbed. A set of Zanzibar stamps (including three values not yet in circulation) has been stolen by somebody from somewhere, for the following Police Notice, dated the 15th, was issued to the Stamp Trade on Tuesday last, the 16th:—

STOLEN since 9-3-09, a set of 21 unused Zanzibar stamps, comprising 1, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 25, 50, and 75 cents, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 100, and 200 rupees. The 1, 10, and 75 cents stamps are not in circulation, the colours of these being 1 cent, grey, 10 cents, brown, and 75 cents, blue-black. The whole were on a white mount, and either in oak or walnut frame, with gold beading, measuring about 1½ feet by 2 feet. Any information, etc., of above to the Police, Cannon Row Station, Whitehall, S.W.

The one fact which seems to be established beyond dispute, as a result of the newspaper reporters' enquiries, is that Sir Edward Grey is not a stamp collector. He has my respectful sympathy.

Notes on Some French Essays.

By HENRY DAVIDSON.

THE French postage stamps are numerous and rich in varieties. The same country has given us an enormous variety of Essays. I do not know what degree of collectibility attaches to them. That, I suppose, is quite a matter of individual predilection. The late Mons. Arthur Maury added enormously to our knowledge of this side of French



TWO OUT OF MANY FRENCH ESSAYS.

postal history by the reference to the subject in his *History of the Postage Stamps of France*, recently published.

In France the idea of becoming the designer of a national postage stamp appears to have had a special and peculiar fascination for large numbers of people. Hence the large numbers of French Essays. After all, such a state thing might be expected from such a nation of artists.

I think there is very great interest in Essays. I have heard, or read, of them being described as "the-might-have-beens of Philately." It was in an article in the *S.C.F.* or one of its contemporaries. Once a Frenchman said to me, "the most beautiful French postage stamps are those which have never been issued." He was a paradox-monger of the Latin Quarter—possibly himself a disappointed designer of postage stamps.

The cock, that emblem of Gallic supremacy, has figured on many rejected designs for French postage stamps. Equally frequent among the essays are Heads of Liberty, and another subject frequently chosen is the figure or head of Mercury.

(To be continued.)

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Abyssinia (360).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us the first of the new permanent stamps issued by this country as a member of the Postal Union. These came out on January 18th, on which date all the surcharged stamps went out of use. It is believed that all the old stamps, surcharged or unsurcharged, will be destroyed. The values, colours, and subjects are as follows:—

½	guerche, green	(Arms of Abyssinia).
½	rose	(" ").
1	green and orange-red	(" ").
2	blue	(Profile of Emperor Menelik).
4	green and rose	(" " ").
8	orange-red and green	(Full face portrait of Menelik).
16	brown-red and rose	(" " ").

Antigua (344).—The 5s. stamp is now supplied on chalky paper, with C.C. wmk. as hitherto.

Chalky paper. 5s. grey green and violet.

British Honduras (336).—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have received the mono-coloured 2 cents, red on white paper, with multiple C.A. watermark.

2 cents, all red.

Dutch Colonies (364).—*Surinam.*—A Netherlands correspondent has shown us a unique provisional just received from the colony of Surinam. It is type set, of a rather attractive fount, rectangular, and rouletted. The wordings are "Surinam" at the top and "5 cent" along the bottom, with a figure 5 in the centre, and the whole printed in red. Probably we must expect a number of varieties of this.

Gold Coast (360).—The new 1d. with numerals of value is to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., also a new printing of the 6d. stamp in all purple instead of in purple and violet.

1d. carmine (numerals).
6d. all purple.

Italian Colonies, &c. (355).—We have the current 5c. green Italian with "Colonial Eritrea" overprint, but this, according to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., "is not likely to remain long in use, as the pictorial set will soon be issued."

Leeward Islands (353).—The 3d. on chalky paper is sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Chalky paper. 3d. lilac and black.

New Zealand (364).—We recently chronicled the new surface-printed penny stamps of New Zealand with the "Official" overprint. The same stamp without surcharge is to hand from Mr. R. J. Kingsley.

Surface-printed. 1d. carmine.

Mr. Kingsley, in his letter, writes: "The former sheets were marked on the margin with 'W' or 'R' and a numeral, also guide marks in colour. The sheet which I have examined of the new plate has no such marks, but is numbered D48773. The paper is a pure white, and of a glossy surface, and the perforation 14 x 15."

Paraguay (354).—We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for various of the current stamps with the date "1908" overprinted—namely, the 1c. green, 5c. yellow, 10c. claret, 20c. orange, 30c. red.

St. Vincent (357).—Various modifications have been made in the designs of the 6d. and 1s. values, much to their improvement. Specimens are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

Revised types. 6d. purple.
1s. black on green paper.

Switzerland (365).—Three stamps of the improved "Helvetia" type are sent us by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.

New "Helvetia" type. 10c. red.
12c. brown.
15c. purple.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

THE wholesale prices of stamps are pretty well fixed throughout England and on the Continent, and there seems little difference in price in different places. Some English traders write direct to the Continent for their supplies, but it is perhaps questionable whether their purchases prove cheaper than they would have been in London or Manchester. The condition of the stamps is of course a most important item, and occasionally very low price may mean rather poor condition; the buyer has to find out this matter for himself. The legend, "All stamps are in good condition," at the foot of a circular, has to be interpreted in the light of what view the vendor looks upon condition; our bad copies may be good ones to him. A good plan is to send a "trial order" and find out without risking more than a few shillings.

There is wisdom in keeping a good stock of price lists on one's shelf, gathered from all parts, and no circular that arrives should be destroyed. Different firms take different views as to the value of different stamps, and where a score of circulars are at hand to compare prices by, these dips below the ruling figures are easily detected and may be taken advantage of. These prices quoted in different localities are often astonishing by their fluctuations.

One advantage of a wide field in this matter is the chance of meeting with something fresh, something perhaps not offered in the home market. For example, the new Danish newspaper stamps, in used condition, are now being offered per hundred by a French firm, and the subscriber to the firm's circular may congratulate himself on the opportunity offered, since these newspaper stamps are good sellers; moreover the prices are moderate. The 1, 5 and 7 öre are going to be halfpenny stamps; the 10 öre, 1d.; the 15 öre, 2d.; the 38 öre, 3d. These are the first quotations yet noticed anywhere.

Mixtures are a fascinating venture, but are often disappointing; there is no disguising the fact that when a buyer knows exactly what he is going to buy he is not so keen, but let a veil be thrown over the purchase, let him order some mixed lot, the contents of which are not precisely defined, and at once the glorious possibilities of a venture add a zest to the bargain. Someone has said, "Frailty, thy name is woman," and we may add, "Curiosity, thy name is the stamp buyer." I have often named a price for a definite lot, and have been denied a sale, and have often offered a parcel whose mysteries are not unfolded to the buyer, and he has snapped at it. There is no doubt that many a packet has been bought from a shop window just because the purchaser wanted to know what there was inside it. But, as we said above, mixtures are sometimes disappointing, although here and there there are really good things to be met with, which experimental purchases alone can reveal. Most of us would like to meet with 1000 mixed Colonials, cat. 3d. to 6d. each, all in good state for a pound or two, but search for such a lot is likely to be in vain. I have a London price list of ten years ago, giving prices per dozen for such things as 3d. to 1/- values of Sierra Leone Queens; it would gladden one's heart to be able to buy these stamps at the same prices to day.

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This Number of the "S.C.F." is a small one, but it isn't half so small as the Editor feels. A reader in Yorkshire has just written in to say he finds that the advertisements in the *Fortnightly* are more interesting than the literary matter. We will try to get our retort ready for the next issue of the paper.

Further Jottings on Modern Forgeries will appear in our next number, also a further article on curious Postmarks, by the Editor, some "Notes on Exhibition Labels," by Wilmot Corfield, a special Review of the Philatelic Press, and an article on the History of the S.S.S.S.

We circulate with this number an interesting list emanating from Mr. Bradbury, of Ipswich.

In the debate on Speculative Stamps at the Manchester Philatelic Congress, we were told by Mr. Peckitt that many of the dealers disliked the unnecessary commemorative issues quite as cordially as collectors. Confirmation of this comes from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., who announce their determination to exclude certain flagrantly unnecessary issues from their albums and catalogues. This is a step in the right direction, and we look forward hopefully to similar action being adopted by other leading firms. But of course the true cure, as we endeavoured to make clear at Manchester, is not suppression but prevention. We believe it to be within the prerogative of the Universal Postal Union to check, if not absolutely prohibit, the outflow of this rubbish. Meantime any action against "gumpaps" on the part of our makers of catalogues is most welcome.

Anent the Manchester Exhibition much remains to be written. There was, in fact, enough "copy" crowded out of the last *Fortnightly* to half fill another number. We shall offer some "overflow" notes in our next issue, which we think will not prove uninteresting reading although published somewhat late in the day. Meantime, perhaps, the most significant fact about the Exhibition is the flattering verdict of those members of the stamp trade who secured stalls at the Hulme Town Hall. One and all of them express the utmost satisfaction with the results achieved. "The first exhibition that has ever shown me a cash profit," one of them declares. And, indeed, the amount of business transacted at the show was remarkable. Another tribute, this, to the shrewd publicity methods adopted by Mr. Conboy, Mr. George White, Mr. D. A. Berry, and others of the Executive Committee who specially devoted themselves to this arduous side of the work of organisation.

This would be a dull world if we never had our little joke, wouldn't it? The Leeds Philatelic Society, perhaps in all innocence, perhaps with a malicious humour of its own, has greatly amused us by the report of its last meeting, received just on the eve of going to Press. As *Fortnightly* readers are aware the Argentine Government are contemplating an issue of Commemorative Stamps in honour of the Centenary of the Argentine Independence—at least, we think it is that, but the point is not one of any importance. The amusing side of the matter is that the Argentine Government were encouraged to decide upon this issue by leading members of the Argentine Philatelic Society, and that the Leeds Philatelic Society (being possibly ignorant of this fact) has now passed a resolution to the effect that the Argentine Philatelic Society be approached and asked to petition the Argentine Government not to go on with the issue! The faces of our confrères at Buenos Aires, when the Leeds resolution is sent to them, ought to be an interesting study. We shall await their reply to the Leeds Society with such patience as we can command.

Congratulations to Mr. Bernstein on securing a very fine used specimen (as used British specimens go) of that exceedingly rare thing, the 10d. with "emblems" watermark. How many specimens are actually known we cannot say, but we believe only three or four. It is indubitably a star of the first magnitude in the firmament of British Philately.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- Mar. 20 (this day).—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, London: Ladies' Night: Display, by Mrs. Field.
- Mar. 22.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, Common Hall, Hackin's Hay, Liverpool: Discussion, "What should be done with Forgeries?" Display, Portugal.
- Mar. 22.—South Wales & Monmouthshire Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Cardiff: Part 3 of Mr. E. Heginbottom's Display of West Indies.
- Mar. 24.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End Croydon: Display and Notes, Holland and Colonies, Mr. Bernard Kirby.
- Mar. 24.—Northampton Philatelic Society: General Display, by Mr. H. McLellan.
- Mar. 25.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Queen's Road, Brighton: Display, Imperforate European Stamps, Mr. J. R. Turner; Paper and Display, "Local Stamps," Mr. H. Lee.
- Mar. 26.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Display with Notes, Gwalior, Mr. J. S. Higgins, Jun.
- Mar. 26 and 27. North of England Philatelic Society's Exhibition of the World's Postage Stamps at the Academy of Arts, Blackett Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.**
- Mar. 29.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, Hotel St. George: Notes on various 24 cents U.S.A., Mr. W. E. Whitton; Special Invitation to the Liverpool Junior Society, with a General Display for special prize.
- Mar. 30.—Huddersfield Philatelic Society's Visit to the Leeds Philatelic Society at the Institute, Cookridge Street, Leeds.
- April 1.—Royal Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.: Mr. H. J. Duveen's Display, U.S.A., with Notes.
- April 1.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: Paper, "Cashmere," Mr. Alexander J. Sefi.
- April 1.—Bradford Philatelic Society: Display, Ceylon, Mr. E. Heginbottom.
- April 1.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society: Display with Notes, St. Christopher, Mr. J. J. Darlow: Paper, "Varieties of Type," Mr. J. Malings.
- April 1.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: "Greece," with Notes, Mr. R. W. Wilkinson.
- April 3.—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C.: Display, with Notes, St. Helena, Mr. H. H. Harland: Paper, "Our Library," Mr. D. B. Armstrong.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- Mar. 20 and 22.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- Mar. 25 and 26.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- Mar. 27.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- Mar. 29 and 30.—Mr. W. Hadlow at the Covent Garden Hotel, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.
- Mar. 30 and 31.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- April 1 and 2.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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SIXTH ISSUE, JANUARY 10TH, 1866.

DECREE OF THE GENERAL POSTAL ADMINISTRATION.

Conformably to the law of September 6th, 1865, the public are notified that from this day there is a new emission of postage stamps of the following colours and values:—

- Blue for 5 centesimos.
- Green for 10 centesimos.
- Yellow for 15 centesimos.
- Carmine for 20 centesimos.

(Signed) A. GUTIERREZ.

Montevideo, January 10th, 1866.

Illustrations of the stamps announced in this decree are here given:—



TYPES OF THE STAMPS OF 1866-1877.

The arms of the Republic are placed in or upon a large numeral or numerals expressing the values of the stamps; the groundwork is made up of the value in words many times repeated. At the head of the stamp appears, "Republica del Uruguay"; at foot "Montevideo"; on each of the large numerals the word "Centecimos"—spelt, as here, with a "C" instead of the first "S" of the modern spelling.

The stamps are imperforate.

The four values, with their colours, are:—

- 5c. blue, pale blue.
- 10c. green, pale green.
- 15c. yellow, pale orange.
- 20c. rose, bright rose.

The sheet of the 5 centesimos blue, contained a number of errors, as follows:—

- (1) Tete.
- (2) ENTRECIMOS.
- (3) CENTESIMO (without final "S").
- (4) CENTESIMOS (final "S" small).
- (5) Final "S" distorted.
- (6) Without lines beneath the feet of the horse in the shield.

In the following plan is shown where the various errors occur in the complete sheet of the 5c. blue:—

1	1
2	2
4	4
5	5
3	3
6	6

Of the 10 centesimos, green, there are the following varieties:—

- (1) 10 CENTRECIMOS (superfluous "R").
- (2) 10 CENTEC MOS ("1" omitted).
- (3) 10 CENLECIMOS ("L" instead of "T").
- (4) 10 ENTRECIMOS ("C" omitted and "R" introduced).

Portions of these stamps were used in the post for fractions of their values. We know the following:—

- Quarter of the 20 cent., rose.
- Half of the 10 cent., green.
- Half of the 20 cent., rose.
- One-third of the 15 cent., yellow.

But this state of affairs was not tolerated by the postal administration, as witness the following letter addressed to the postmaster of Tacuarembo:—

Montevideo, Sept. 25th, 1866.

In the mail which you have forwarded on the 19th instant, are included many letters with the postage stamps similar to that on the envelope herewith, and as these stamps have not been issued by this administration, you are invited to explain to us the reason for this improper use.

THE ADMINISTRATOR.

The stamps of this issue were engraved and printed by, Messrs. De La Rue, London.

The sheet of the 5 cent was composed of 190 stamps; that of the 10c. green had 200 stamps; that of the 15c. yellow, 190 stamps.

It is not known how many stamps were comprised in the sheets of the 20c. rose.

In all the sheets there is a watermark, being that of the makers of the paper, consisting of the words ORIGINAL TURKS MILL KENT.

There are essays of the 5c. in blue and in black; of the 10c. in green; of the 15c. in light yellow; of the 20c. in rose.

The stamps arrived at Montevideo in an imperforate condition. But the Government had ordered a perforating machine to be supplied from London. This arrived a little late, and could only be used for a portion of the stock. The gauge was 12½. The machine being damaged the perforating was abandoned.

SEVENTH ISSUE, OCTOBER 1ST, 1866.

In pursuance of a decision that newspapers carried by the mails should each pay 1 centesimo, the director, M. Gutierrez, ordered the issue of a new stamp, the design of which consisted of a large outlined numeral "1," crossed by a transversal bar bearing the word CENTESIMO, the whole being placed within an oval band carrying the inscription "Republica Oriental del Uruguay"; and at the base the word "Correos."

(To be continued.)

The Short-lived "Lincoln" Stamp.

A NEW YORK friend writes us:—

It will interest you to learn that the new United States 2c. postage stamp with Lincoln's head, which has been issued to commemorate the Lincoln centenary, was on sale on the 13th February, at all the more important post offices of the country, and that the stamps were all immediately bought up—nay, eaten up! by speculators and dealers.

A certain dealer had an advertisement in his circular, running thus: "This is a commemorative issue and will remain on sale a reasonable length of time" (quoting an Assistant Postmaster). After giving a full description of this commemorative stamp, he continued: "shall be pleased to supply collectors with these stamps, while current, at face value, plus postage. If orders are placed with us in advance we will fill same the morning of Feb. 12th, or sooner if we can get them. There will no doubt be a lively demand for the stamp, as it certainly is a novelty in the way of U.S. commemorative issues."

Enquiry on the 15th and 16th at the General Post Office, New York, showed that no more could be had and no information regarding them would be given.

Very "reasonable," eh?

Saturday, the 13th reasonable—came!

Sunday, the 14th more reasonable—going!

Monday, the 15th, most reasonable—gone!!

Were these stamps really issued in honour of Abraham Lincoln's memory? A very short remembrance, eh?

Notes on South African Issues.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE BATH PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By B. D. POPE, PRESIDENT.

MR. CHAIRMAN, and Gentlemen. The programme for the season says: "South Africa, by the President," for this evening; this programme was drawn up before I was elected, but I accept the same.

As South Africa covers such a wide field and I am but an amateur philatelist, I only propose in this my first paper on stamps to include those of the Cape of Good Hope, Natal and the Orange River Colony.

In giving a paper on stamps I find there is a great temptation to simply lengthen out the catalogue, and therefore I have tried to avoid quoting the catalogue as much as possible.

My opinion is that stamps should not only be considered from the philatelic point of view but also from the historic point of view, in that they have a history, and that history is necessarily the history of the country they are issued by and the people who inhabit that country, and so I trust this evening not only to interest you in the stamps but also in the countries by which they are issued.

I do not propose to enter into all the details of perforation, colour, etc., but shall confine myself to the stamps I am showing, and I shall only briefly touch upon the stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, as these have been so fully and excellently dealt with by many abler men than myself.

The first Triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps, which always have been and I hope always will be the most popular stamps with young collectors, were issued in 1853, and consisted of a brick red 1d. and a 4d. blue, of each of which you will see several specimens, also some of the 1855 issue. No. 9 is stated by an expert to be No. 22a Stanley Gibbons, but unfortunately it is slightly damaged.

In 1861 the celebrated woodblocks were issued, of which I do not possess any, only a small number being issued, as fresh supplies soon arrived from England. In 1863 the Colony changed its printers, who shortly afterwards issued a new series of stamps rectangular in shape, with a female figure, emblematic of Hope, seated on an anchor, holding in her right hand a grape vine and with her left hand resting on a rain, two attributes of the Colony, and a peculiar diagonally shaded background, of which no writer to my knowledge has ever given an explanation; but I say it represents the shadow of Table Mountain. It is said by some that these stamps are poverty stricken in style and design, but in this I do not agree with them. This issue was printed on paper watermarked Crown C.C. and the design had a narrow outer frame. I am showing a few specimens of these, including the 1d., 4d., two sixpennys, and three shillings. The first provisional appeared in 1868 and consisted of the violet 6d. of the last issue overprinted with FOUR PENCE in red. In 1871, a new series of 1d. and 4d. stamps appeared together with a ½d. and 5/-, all watermarked the same as before but without the narrow outer frame of which I am showing three, and following these come several provisionals ONE PENNY ON 1/- green, THREE PENCE ON 4d. blue, and in 1880, the new 3d. lilac-rose of that year was overprinted 3 to prevent confusion with the 1d. In 1882, the same types as before appeared on paper watermarked single Crown CA, omitting the 4d. and 1/-, and with the addition of a 2d. bistre and a few minor changes in colour, of these I can only muster four specimens. In 1884, stamps of the same design but watermarked Cabled Anchor were issued, and in 1891, the 3d. magenta was surcharged 2½ to meet the postal requirements, being followed the next year by a 2½d. stamp in pale green, and in 1893 by a ONE PENNY on 2d. bistre. In 1893, the 1d. appeared with a new design showing Hope leaning on an Anchor, and a view of Table Mountain in the background, and in 1893, a fresh issue appeared, consisting of two different types and some changes in colour. I am showing a complete set of these, including the 5/-. In 1900 a new design of the penny was brought out with the Arms of the Colony at the top and a view of Table Mountain and

Bay at the bottom. This stamp was nicknamed the rebel or disloyal stamp, I suppose because it was brought out during the war, when part of the Colony was in rebellion. It could hardly be because it contained no reference to England, if so all the previous issues would come under the same category, for all the time the Cape had been issuing stamps never had it issued an adhesive stamp bearing the Head of the Queen or any member of the Royal Family for postal purposes; true, the embossed envelope stamps, newspaper, wrappers and receipt stamps bore the Queen's Head.

In 1902 the King's Head stamps appeared watermarked Cabled Anchor, and the same issue is still in use.

The Orange River Colony is an inland Colony which lies very high, nowhere being below 4,000 feet above sea level, and by far the greater proportion of its inhabitants are farmers, and although its history does not extend over many years, it has had a great many changes.

In 1834 a number of Dutch farmers being dissatisfied with the Government of the Cape of Good Hope, trekked North and occupied what is now known as the Orange River Colony, which the Governor of the Cape of Good Hope took possession of in 1845 and named the Orange River Sovereignty. This state of affairs was not at all satisfactory as there was always trouble between the Dutch and English, so after nine years of English Rule, in 1854, was again given up to the Boers and became the Orange Free State. The Dutch even at the present time are not much given to letter writing, so I presume in the early days they very rarely wrote letters and no stamps were issued till 1868. The design of the first stamp was an orange tree and three posthorns and it remained the same until the Colony was finally taken over by Great Britain during the late war.

Before the late war these stamps were very little sought after, but since then they have become very plentiful, I am showing a specimen of the one penny, sixpence and one shilling, first issue. The first provisional was issued in 1877, 4 on sixpence, there were several varieties of these, in 1878 new issue a 4d. blue and a 5/- green, the next are some surcharges 1d. and ½d. on 5/- green in 1881 and 1882 respectively followed by the 3d. on 4d. In 1883 a new issue was made consisting of a ½d. chestnut, 2d. pale mauve, 2d. bright mauve, and a 3d. ultramarine, a complete set of which you will observe, followed by various provisionals 2d., 1d.—and 2½d. all on 3d. stamps, in 1894 a new penny purple was issued, following this came more provisionals ½d. ^{HALVE} _{PENNY} and 2½d. all on 3d.

ultramarine, and in 1897 a new issue of two halfpennies— ½d. yellow and ½d. orange and 1/- brown; now we come to the late war and the stamps overprinted V.R.I., of which there is a wonderful variety, but I am only showing nine specimens.

After the war, Cape of Good Hope stamps were used for ^{ORANGE} a short time, overprinted in three lines ^{RIVER} the issue ^{COLONY}

consisting of ½d. green, Hope standing; 1d. carmine, Hope standing; and 2½d., Hope seated; all of which I have on my sheets. A large number of the Orange Free State stamps were surcharged for Telegraph and Army Telegraph purposes, of which I am only showing six different specimens, but a kind friend has lent me a very fine collection of used Telegraph stamps, some fiscally and some postally; also some Army Telegraph stamps. On the front sheet you will observe part of an entire threepenny purple and two sixpenny rose-carmine stamps posted at Venterstad, Cape Colony, on December 9th, 1899, this, of course, being during the time the Boers held part of the Cape of Good Hope during the late war. I now come to the Fiscal stamps of the Orange Free State, which were also eligible for postal purposes, of which I am showing (? six) specimens, all unused—6d., 1/-, 1/6, 3/-, 5/- and £5—but in my friend's collection there is a splendid show of Fiscals, used as Fiscals, consisting of TF and also ^{V.R.I.} _{AT.} I am including in my display a postcard,

because the stamp is the adhesive halfpenny chestnut, overprinted with the Coat of Arms of the State. In 1903 the King's Head appeared on the stamps of the Orange River Colony, and the design is somewhat pleasing in that

the springbok and gun at the two lower corners give it a local colour. These animals were at one time very numerous in the Colony, but are now very scarce, as they have been killed off. This first issue was on paper watermarked Crown and CA. single, but in 1905 stamps of the same design appeared on paper watermarked multiple Crown and CA., also on the two kinds of paper.

Natal at one time was a very small Colony, but it was always very loyal, although it has seen more wars and been invaded by England's enemies more times than any other two Colonies put together. It is now much larger, as Zululand and two provinces of the Transvaal have been included in Natal, which gives it a long sea coast. Unlike either of its neighbours, the Orange Free State and the Transvaal, it has a very large native population, and also a great variety of climates, owing to its mountainous condition in the North West and the rapid rise of the land from the sea. The first settlers were three Englishmen in 1824, one of whom died, the second was killed by the natives, and the third returned to the Cape of Good Hope in 1834; one or two others went and stayed for a time, but in 1836 a large number of the Boers who trekked from the Cape of Good Hope via the Orange River Colony, entered Natal and established what was known as the Republic of Natalia. The Governor of the Cape of Good Hope, considering that it was to the interest of the natives that Natal should be under British Government, sent troops, by whom it was occupied in 1842, from which date it has always remained a British Colony. The first stamps were issued in June 1857 and were printed in the Colony, on very soft paper, having on their face the word NATAL, a Crown V.R. and their value in words. Of this series, of which I haven't a single specimen, I believe there are a large number of reprints.

In 1859 a new stamp was issued printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. showing the full face of the Queen, this being the first stamp issued in all Africa bearing the Queen's Head, and from that day onwards the design of every Natal stamp has incorporated the head of the Sovereign. I am showing a 3d. of that first issue, also a 3d. and 6d. of the 1862 issue and the 1d. rose-red watermarked small Star. Of the 1864 issue I am showing the two 6d.'s and one of the 1d.'s. In 1867 the Colony's new printers, Messrs. De La Rue & Co., issued a 1s. green bearing a side face of the Queen. No. 9 is a specimen of this stamp surcharged POSTAGE. I am showing two good specimens of the issue of the old Perkins, Bacon stamps overprinted POSTAGE at each side in 1870, and three of the new series which came out in 1874 on paper watermarked Crown and CC. In 1875 the old Perkins Bacon stamps were again issued, this time with POSTAGE printed across the face, and between the years 1877 and 1879 there appears to have been a great shortage of ½d. and 1d. stamps, caused, I presume, by the demand created by the large number of troops in the country during the Zulu War, and the Government surcharged a number of high priced stamps ½d. and 1d. In 1880 a blue-green halfpenny stamp came out on paper watermarked Crown and CC., quickly followed in 1882 by another on paper watermarked Crown and CA., together with a ½d. dull green, 1d. rose, 3d. ultramarine, 4d. brown, and 6d. mauve in 1887, a 2d. olive-green of which there are two dies in 1888, a 1/- orange surcharged POSTAGE, and in 1891 the Postage to England having been reduced to 2½d., the 4d. brown was surcharged ^{TWOPENCE} pending the arrival of the new 2½d. stamp in blue, following this came a number of halfpenny provisionals of which you will observe three specimens.

I am showing a complete set up to 2/- of the first issue of the King's Head stamps, which came out in 1902 on paper watermarked Crown and CA. single, I possess several of the 4d., which is already getting very scarce. In 1904, stamps of the same types and colours began to appear on paper watermarked Crown and CA. multiple, of which I am showing several specimens also two overprinted OFFICIAL.

This, gentlemen, completes my paper, and I can only say that I hope I have not bored you too much, but rather that some of you will come forward and at some future date give us papers on your favourite countries.

Exhibition at Newcastle-on-Tyne.

THE NORTH OF ENGLAND SOCIETY'S FORTHCOMING EVENT.

As already noted in the *Fortnightly*, the North of England Philatelic Society has arranged an Exhibition of the World's Postage Stamps and other postal stationery for Friday and Saturday, the 26th and 27th of this month, at the Academy of Arts, Blakett Street, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The exhibition promises to be one of exceptional interest to all classes of collectors. Philatelists from all parts of the country have signified their intention of exhibiting in the competitive and non-competitive classes. Representative collections, including many scarce stamps and early postal documents of the greatest rarity, will be shown by the following well known collectors:—Mrs. Field (Sarawak), Messrs. J. H. Abbott (British Bechuanaland and Zululand), M. P. Castle (St. Vincent), E. Heginbottom (various colonies), L. A. B. Paine (English), W. D. Beckton (Egypt), I. J. Bernstein (British used abroad), B. W. H. Poole (Sudan), H. Wade (United States), and Major Evans (Confederate States).

Amongst well known local collectors, the President of the Society (Mr. G. B. Bainbridge) will show some of the very rare stamps from his collection; Mr. M. H. Horsley (complete collection of Canada and from 200 to 300 Sidney Views); Mr. W. J. Cochrane (King's Heads); Mr. S. C. Graham (Seychelles); Mr. T. D. Hume (Ceylon, France and N.S.W.); Mr. W. Waite Sanderson (Nevis, Egypt and West Australia); Mr. O. K. Trechmann (Ceylon); Mr. R. W. Wilkinson (Bulgaria, France, Greece and Holland); Mr. C. L. Bagnall (King's Heads, etc.); Mr. W. A. Wilson (Norway).

A most important feature of the Exhibition is a Class for Junior Collectors under sixteen. This has secured eight entries from boys belonging to secondary schools.

The following is a list of the various classes:—

- Class 1. Great Britain. (Open).
- .. 2. Best Exhibit any Country. (Members N.E.P.S.).
- .. 3. Best Colony in Asia or Africa, not exceeding 150 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 4. Best Colony in Australasia, not exceeding 250 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 5. United States of America, over 200 and under 500 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 6. Any European Country (excluding Great Britain) and not exceeding 300 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 7. Any Colony in West Indies, not exceeding 150 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 8. Any British North American Colony, not exceeding 150 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 9. Any Country, Rest of the World, not exceeding 300 Stamps. (Open).
- .. 10. King's Heads, any five Colonies, not exceeding 500 Stamps in all. (Open).
- .. 11. 25 Rare Stamps. (Members N.E.P.S.).
- .. 12. Collection in Album the sole property of any Collector in Northumberland or Durham, under 16 years of age.

The whole available space of the Exhibition is taken up.

The Exhibition Secretaries, who will be very happy to render any information to *Fortnightly* readers, are Mr. Chas. L. Bagnall, The Groves, Winlaton on Tyne, and Mr. R. W. Wilkinson, 1, Evelyn Terrace, Gateshead on Tyne.

We are requested to state that the partnership between Messrs. Plumridge & Telfer having terminated, the business of Plumridge & Co., Stamp Auctioneers, will be carried on in future by Mr. Telfer, under whose management it has been conducted since April, 1902.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Liverpool Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secretary: W. Woolthorpe, Guerwood, Blundell-sands, near Liverpool.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society took place at the Hotel St. George on Monday, March 1st.

The occasion was a special invitation evening, to hear Dr. Hubert Armstrong give a lecture on "The Stamps of France," illustrated by a splendid series of lantern slides of his own making.

The President, Mr. W. Gill, was in the chair, and over 70 members and friends were in the audience.

As anticipated, the paper turned out a great treat, and was listened to with exceptional interest. Dr. Armstrong very wisely avoided the usual catalogue details, and gave much out-of-the-way information regarding the issues, minor varieties, essays, etc., in such a delightful manner that both philatelists and non-collecting friends who were present were equally interested. Touches of humour also were not lacking, and although, as a rule, it is very difficult to treat such a subject in a light vein, yet the speaker combined the serious with the humorous in a masterly fashion. The slides were excellent, and greatly enhanced the pleasure derived from the lecture itself. Special mention might be made of those showing competitive designs (successful and otherwise) sent in for the various issues, many of which displayed great artistic merit.

At the conclusion, Mr. Allender proposed, Mr. Lawson seconded, and it was supported, that the meeting's special thanks be accorded to Dr. Armstrong for the vast amount of trouble he had taken. This was carried with acclamation, and briefly acknowledged.

A fine show of stamps was on view, notably the collections of France exhibited by Dr. Armstrong and Mr. Savage, of Canada by Mr. Lawson, and many others.

The evening proved one of the most successful ever held under the Society's auspices.

Social Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Pearson, Lynton, Lonsdale Road, Barnes, S.W.

THE first meeting of this new philatelic "circle" was held on February 27th, at the residence of Mr. Cyril Phillips, who was elected President. Some satisfactory "swapping" took place, and the evening passed all too quickly with songs, recitations, and table games. According to present plans the meetings of the Social Philatelic Society will be held at the residences of the various members in turn.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.

Meetings Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton.

THE eighth meeting of the session was held on Jan. 28th, under the presidency of Mr. W. Mead.

Mr. E. J. Baldwin (Worthing) was elected a member.

Mr. G. Lumgair gave what he had modestly entitled: "A Belated Ten-minute Paper." To the surprise of the members, this proved to be a most interesting account of his experiences in Mauritius, relating to the management of the posts, issue of the stamps, the reason for and method of issuing the various surcharged stamps, etc., and also interesting information on the subject of "Specimen" stamps. The paper will appear in an early number of "The Stamp Lover."

Mr. Lumgair followed up his paper with a display of Mauritius stamps, which was practically complete from the "Post Paid" stamps, the majority being unused. Then came "German Colonies" complete in "specimen" sets, and the official "Reprints" of Victoria. The sight of the beautiful first issues of Victoria in mint condition was an unprecedented treat, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Lumgair on the proposition of Col. Nourse and Mr. Owen. On being put to the meeting this was carried by acclamation.

The ninth meeting of the session was held on Feb. 11th, Mr. Mead being in the chair.

On the proposition of Mr. G. W. Smith, seconded by Mr. W. A. Streete, it was decided to issue a card of membership, which will contain the season's programme.

Mr. Herbert Clark proposed that new members should in the future be proposed by two members, or, if unknown to the members, that two references be required. This was seconded by Mr. Blake, and on being put to the meeting by the Chairman, both motions were carried unanimously.

Mr. Herbert Clark gave a paper on, and a display of, "The Essays for the Stamps and Envelopes of Great Britain." This was followed with much interest, and Mr. Clark demonstrated the method of folding the early letter sheets, and showed how they could be used as envelopes when required. Among the good things shown may be mentioned the Beaufort House, "Prince Consort," Congreve and Perkins Bacon Essays; also a proof of the 1d. black, reprinted for the Paris Exhibition.

Mr. Clark also showed a very fine collection of forgeries in entire sheets (1), which was shown at the Manchester Exhibition.

On the proposition of Mr. Type, seconded by Mr. Streete, a cordial vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clark.

Mr. Tom J. Blake showed faked copies of the 20/- Gold Coast and 10/- Lagos, which aroused much interest.

The tenth meeting of the present session was held on 25th Feb., under the presidency of Mr. W. Mead. The attendance was a record one.

A display of "The Cental Issues of Ceylon" was given by Baron Anthony de Worms, F.R.P.S.L. These were shewn complete. Among the rarities should be mentioned the 2 and 4 cents, 1880, perf. 12½ all round; a block of five 20c. on 64c. on original, the centre pair only being doubly surcharged; a mint pair of the 16c. CA.; a block of 64c. GC., perf. 14 by 12½, not issued without a surcharge; and the R1.50 and R2.25 of 1889, on bluté paper, so far unrecorded.

Mr. C. J. Smith proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Baron de Worms for his display; this was seconded by Mr. Herbert Clark and carried by acclamation.

The Chairman then called on Mr. Clark to give his report on the Philatelic Congress, at which he was present on behalf of the Members. Mr. Clark read a very interesting report of the proceedings, which was followed with much interest by all present. The Secretary proposed that a vote of thank should be accorded Mr. Clark for his services on behalf of the Branch at the Congress and his report of the proceedings, which was seconded by Mr. Owen, and carried.

Collectors should be on their guard against a very clever forgery of the "Tretio" error of Sweden, an example of which was shewn by Mr. Clark.

North of England Philatelic Society.

THE usual monthly meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday, March 4th. Mr. Hume taking the chair at 7.30. There were 20 members and one visitor present.

As Mr. M. H. Horsley, of West Hartlepool, wished to catch a train, the Chairman at once called upon upon him to shew his Great Britain (used), and the members enjoyed a philatelic treat in examining the fine display of our own country's stamps.

Among a number of very interesting items may be mentioned a strip of eight and a strip of six penny black with red cancellation, a strip of six twopenny blue no lines and several blocks of four, a block of sixteen and one of fourteen twopenny blue with lines, a block of four 1/- green embossed, a pair of 10d. and block of four 6d. lilac embossed, two pairs of £5 orange and several singles, one fine copy on blue paper, 1/0 Maltese cross on blue, pair of £1 brown-lilac, a penny black with forged VR, and a copy of forged 1/- green with regular cancellation.

Mr. Cochrane moved a vote of thanks to Mr. Horsley for his magnificent display, and Mr. Horsley suitably replied.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 19 Vicarage Road, Croydon.

THE usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, March 10th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon, with twelve members present.

The chair was occupied by the Vice-President, Mr. H. H. Harland, at 8 p.m., and, after formal business, the meeting settled down to witness an exceedingly fine display, with notes, of the stamps of the Sudan, by the President, Mr. F. G. Bing, who opened his remarks by saying that he had abandoned his original programme, "By-Ways of Philately," for the present one.

The exhibitor dealt in a most able manner with the various issues and surcharges, and imparted much original information.

The translation of the Arabic characters into our own language was very interesting, and proved that many varieties in the overprint listed by some dealers at fancy prices were extremely minor.

The collection included all issues, used, and some in mint condition, including fine strips and pieces, some very fine shades, a grand array of entires, and all known postmarks.

The meeting closed with a cordial vote of thanks to Mr. Bing.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

President: Miss Parr.

Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.

Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland.

THE above Society met on March 2nd, most of the members being present. The President took the chair. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read, and July signed as correct.

The programme for the evening consisted of a display by members of their twenty best stamps with notes. Of these the Vice-President showed a mint and well-centred copy of the 5/- rose-red St. Vincent and several fine early Australians, and the Secretary included a copy of the 30pf. Germany with thick lettering.

Mr. Haworth also read a paper on "Rarities among British Stamps."

A vote of thanks to the Secretary for his interesting paper brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Cheshire.

AT the meeting held on March 8th, at the Common Hall, Hackins Hey, Liverpool, with Mr. Allender in the chair, there were 23 members present.

The stamps of Ceylon were on exhibition, and those of Mr. Evans and Mrs. Burton were greatly admired.

The President, Mr. Allender, read a most interesting paper on the "Sower" type of France, illustrating his paper not only by his very fine collection of the stamps of this period, but also by photographic enlargements, which were of great help.

He pointed out how these stamps might, with very little cost but with great advantage, be specialized by "juniors" with "short pockets." He was suitably thanked by Dr. Armstrong, Messrs. Webster, Robson, Evans, and others.

Mr. Chilcott, Jun., then read his essay, which won the second prize at the Manchester Junior Philatelic Exhibition.

A new feature of the Society in the explaining by the senior members of the differences between genuine and forgeries of stamps continually met with, the Hon. Sec. starting off with the 1859 and 1860 issue of Uruguay.

Bath Philatelic Society.

President: B. D. Pope.

Hon. Secretary: Chas. J. Prester, 13, George St., Bath.

A VERY interesting display of stamps of Leewards, Montserrat, Nevis and St. Kitts marked the opening meeting of the New Year, which took place on Wednesday evening, Jan. 6th. The President (Mr. B. D. Pope) was in the chair, and there was a good attendance of members. The display (which was the property of Mr. J. E. Heginbottom) was greatly admired. The notes were read by Mr. F. E. Haigh.

The usual fortnightly meeting of this Society was held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th, at the Bath Church Institute. This was an open meeting, and many friends took the opportunity of being present at the invitation of the President. Among those present were Mr. B. D. Pope (President), Mr. F. G. Warwick, Mr. Norman Horsley, Mr. G. B. Caple, Mr. W. J. Titley, Mr. H. J. Norman, Mr. H. J. Goodman, Mr. F. G. Nokes, Mr. T. J. Gandy, Mr. L. J. Westlake, Mr. W. G. Olds, and Mr. C. J. Prester (hon. secretary). Mr. Olds was voted to the chair.

Mr. Pope interested the company with a paper illustrated with fine displays of stamps of the Cape of Good Hope, Orange River Colony, and Natal.

The paper proved to be one of the best during the season, and a hearty vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Warwick to Mr. Pope for his most interesting display and paper, and was carried by acclamation.

The members afterwards exhibited their duplicate stamps, and exchanged with each other. This is a great feature of this Society, which thus brings collectors together, who exchange duplicates.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman brought a very pleasant evening to a close.

Swadlincote Stamp Society.

THERE was a record attendance, including three delegates from the Burton and Derby Philatelic Society, at the meeting of the Swadlincote Stamp Society held in Mr. W. W. Hilton's office, Midland Road, on January 18th, at which Councillor W. Oakley, of Newhall, brought a number of stamp albums of different patterns and prices, and explained the advantages and disadvantages of each. Mr. Oakley exhibited blank albums, illustrated albums, loose leaf and "specialists' albums." Mr. Oakley gave some valuable advice to the junior members of the society with regard to the selection of a suitable album. It fell also to Mr. Oakley to exhibit to the members, Mr. Heginbottom's display of Barbados stamps.

On the proposition of the Vice-president (Mr. W. W. Hilton), seconded by the Secretary (Mr. F. W. Edwards), Councillor Oakley was elected as the delegate to represent Swadlincote Stamp Society at the Manchester Postage Stamp Exhibition and Philatelic Congress.

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ONE PENNY.

Some After-Thoughts on Manchester.

By **PERCY C. BISHOP.**

TO the organisers of the next popular Philatelic Exhibition, whoever they may be and wherever their show may be held, I submit that something must be done to save the shy visitor from the boredom of utter neglect. To men who are in the thick of a movement, and surrounded by friends and acquaintances, it seems almost incomprehensible that there are other men wandering around who are sighing for human society but are too reserved by nature to thrust themselves forward and effect their own introductions. Many of us who went to Manchester encountered friends, old and new, at every turn; but—there were others. I have learnt since from my letter-bag (and I have had nearly a hundred personal letters from visitors to the Postage Stamp Exhibition) that there were philatelists from rural districts who went to Manchester knowing nobody, wandered wearily through the show speaking to nobody, except perhaps to those in charge of the dealers' stalls, and departed to their homes, still knowing nobody of all the great crowds of people who had assembled at the Hulme Town Hall. They and those others were like ships that pass in the night. True, they saw the show, which was what they went to see, but they missed the personal interchange of ideas, the comparing of notes, the chatter, the jokes, the chaff—the hundred and one things which, as I think, and as many others will agree, make up the true delight of a great foregathering of men and women interested in a common hobby.

I am not suggesting that anyone is to blame for this. The Manchester Exhibition was a triumph of skilful organisation; I can think of no conceivable criticism of its plan or its programme. But in any future show of the same sort there must be present in the hall a body of stewards who will make it their business to see that no man falls a victim to his own habit of modest reserve. "I went there, and came away again," writes one of my correspondents, "without knowing a soul. I did not know even the delegates from my own Society; they were there, I hear, but they were gentlemen I had never personally met. There was a splendid exhibition of stamps, but it would have been much more enjoyable had

I had somebody to talk to!" Given somebody to draw such a man out of his shell, how much keener would his pleasure have been.

Little has been said about the trade stalls at Manchester; yet these were not the least interesting feature of the Exhibition. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, Messrs. Nissen & Co., Mr. Rhodes, Mr. W. T. Wilson, Messrs. Pemberton & Co., Mr. Oswald Marsh, Messrs. Douglas & Co., and Messrs. W. S. Lincoln & Co., all transacted a very gratifying amount of business. Mr. Lincoln, who looks very young to be the oldest of London stamp dealers, aroused much interest by his offer of a prize to the person who made the nearest guess to the number of stamps contained in a sealed bottle hanging at the front of his stall. At certain busy times during the run of the Exhibition the pressure of the crowd was so great that the dealers' stands were in danger of overturning. In view of the good business done by stall-holders I imagine that many of the dealers who did not take stalls at Manchester will think twice about missing the next big philatelic show.

But the Congress was the crowning achievement of the Manchester men. It is settled that London shall be the venue for the Congress of 1910, but I happen to know that Mr. E. Philpot Crowther, of Cardiff, delegate of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society, went to Manchester with the intention of inducing the Societies to foregather in South Wales next year, if he could possibly manage it. He was empowered to promise a civic reception at the Cardiff City Hall, also a grand Philatelic Exhibition at Park Hall; but urgent business kept Mr. Crowther away from the Congress at the time when this matter was debated. Presumably the offer will be made to the Congress of next year, so that Cardiff is a possibility for the Congress of 1911. Mr. Philpot Crowther, of course, is the Chairman of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Society. He is an earnest and alert philatelist who has specialised many countries and colonies. Much of his spare-time is taken up by his duties as Secretary of the "Woden" Exchange Society. He is a strong advocate of some sort of federation of British Philatelic Societies, and a warm believer in the future of the Annual Congress; and he has theories about the compilation of philatelic catalogues which some day the dealers may be induced to put into practice to the advantage of philately generally.



MR. E. PHILPOT CROWTHER.
Chairman of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society and a Delegate to the Philatelic Congress.

Story of the S.S.S.S.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF A FIGHT THAT FAILED.

BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

THAT alliterative association of philatelists, the S.S.S.S., has long been but a memory. I have heard some quaint parodies on its sequence of sibilants—as, for example, the Silly Society Swiftly Snuffed, or, again, the Society that Suffered Sudden Squash. Its correct appellation, as I need scarcely remind old *Fortnightly*-readers was the Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps.

It was fourteen years ago almost to a week that the agitation against the frequent issues of speculative and unnecessary stamps was first crystallised into a definite and determined crusade. For some months previous the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* had been steadily hammering away at the subject. In No. 2 of this journal there was an outspoken editorial headed "Made for Collectors," in which we wrote, with cheery optimism.

Something must be done, and done quickly to check the operations of the petty governments and executives that prey upon the pockets of philatelists. The made "for" collectors stamp must go.

And, of course, much more to the same effect. The pot was kept boiling until Mr. Castle, the late Mr. Nankivell, and many others lent their powerful aid and secured, for a time, the success of the movement.

Of all of them, the doughtiest fighter in this, as in every cause he espoused, was Edward Nankivell. In No. 137 of our journal (May 18th, 1895) appeared a parody upon Hamlet's Soliloquy penned by the brilliant hand that is now, alas, stilled in death. It began in this wise:—

THE GUMPAPPER'S SOLILOQUY.

(By the late Edward J. Nankivell.)

To be or not to be—that is the question :—
Whether 'tis wiser in the man to barter
The shams and bogies of outrageous swindles,
Or to take up arms against the horde of schemers,
And, by opposing, end them?—To list—to sell—
No more! and, by a word, to say we end
The bogie and the thousand shamelsss shams
That stamps are heir to,—'tis a consummation
Devoutly to be wished.

Meantime the crusade had progressed. The *Fortnightly* called for a term of contempt to apply to these issues. Dr. Bryant suggested "gumpap," as indicating a worthless scrap of gummed paper, and though other shrewd proposals were made, "gumpap" was acclaimed the winning word. Then came Mr. M. P. Castle's able address to the Philatelic Society on "The Rock Ahead in Philately." This was closely followed by the late Mr. Nankivell's paper read before a large meeting of the City of London Philatelic Society. I have the face and figure of the speaker before my mind's eye as I write—keen, alert and virile, the model of an earnest and vigorous debater. It was never Nankivell's habit to be mealy mouthed. He spoke out now with characteristic strength and point. Every collector, he said, was expected by certain noodles on the newspaper press to jump for joy whenever a new stamp made its appearance; but the day when new issues were welcomed in that way had long since gone by. It was now the urgent duty of philatelists to stem the outflow of this speculative rubbish. Could it be done? He thought it could, and he went on to suggest the appointment of a committee of philatelists in each country, such committee to make representations to their government with a view to stopping the issue of stamps whose postal character would not bear investigation. Finally it was resolved by the meeting that the time had arrived when dealers and collectors should combine to put a stop to the

sale of speculative issues and that the leading dealers should be approached with a view to inducing them, in future, to refrain from chronicling and cataloguing all doubtful issues until their postal *bona fides* had been established.

Within a month of the delivery of that address the anti-gumpap campaign was definitely opened. The London Philatelic Society appointed a Sub-Committee, to meet whom at the Society's rooms on May 6th, 1895, there were invited the following representatives of the stamp trade and the philatelic press: Mr. Phillips, Mr. Peckitt, Mr. Giwelb, Mr. Buhl, Mr. F. R. Ginn, the late Mr. Stafford Smith, Mr. Harry Hilckes and the writer of these reminiscences. Representing the Philatelic Society there were present Mr. M. P. Castle (in the chair), the late Mr. Robert Ehrenbach, Mr. J. A. Tilleard, the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell, and Mr. H. R. Oldfield.

At this conference, the first gathering brought together for the set purpose of dealing with the problem of speculative stamps, four resolutions were proposed, seconded and carried. One need not quote them in detail; their general effect was to advocate the formation of a committee of the leading dealers and philatelic journalists in Great Britain to co-operate with the Sub-Committee of the Philatelic Society, that the two Committees should enquire into the status of all new issues and use their utmost efforts to secure the exclusion from all journals, catalogues and albums of all unnecessary issues; that with regard to existing issues the two Committees should consult together and give public notice of such stamps, as they might find them to be unnecessary for genuine postal needs.

Before the meeting terminated an invitation was extended by Mr. Phillips to all present to attend a gathering of the stamp trade and the philatelic press to be held at the offices of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, on May 10th, 1895.

(To be continued.)

Philately at Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

U.S.A. Stamp Paper to be Changed.

WE must be on the *qui vive* for a change in the paper used for United States stamps, it appears. Complaints have been rife for years past as to the make of paper employed for the stamps of the United States, Cuba, and the Philippines, chiefly on the ground that stamps which become creased will invariably break in two. I hear that a thin, strong paper has been recently tested, and may be adopted by the government printers in the near future.

Penny British with Broken "E."

I HAVE a letter from a Manchester correspondent informing me of a broken, or as he terms it a "filled up" letter "E" in the word "ONE" of the value of the current penny British. Something appears to have happened to the upper portion of the letter which has had the effect of giving it (to quote my correspondent) "the appearance of an ill-nourished 'L.'" The position of the stamp showing the flaw is the third stamp from the right end in the bottom-but-one row of the sheet.

A Story about Paraguayan Provisionals.

HERE is a gross libel on poor Paraguay. A malicious correspondent asserts, as an explanation of the seemingly interminable provisional issues, that a printer in the Republic got into debt with the government, and the said government decided to "take it out in kind" by keeping the printer busy with surcharging work. It is estimated by an eminent South American Board of Trade official (so our correspondent runs on) that the ink and type will give out before the debt is satisfied!

Status of the Benadir Stamps.

RECENTLY a note about the postal status of the Abyssinian Stamps aroused general interest. Can anyone give me any particulars of the carrying power of the Benadir Stamps?

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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This 1 Centissimo label was lithographed in black on white paper. It represented an impost rather than a postal fee; both stamp and impost were suppressed at the same time by a circular letter of November 13th, 1868.

EIGHTH ISSUE, NOV. 9TH, 1868.

Stamps of the types of the 6th issue (January 10th, 1866), lithographed at Montevideo. There were printed:—

100,000	stamps of the 5c. blue.
50,000	„ „ 10c. green.
53,330	„ „ 15c. yellow.
25,000	„ „ 20c. rose.

NINTH ISSUE, NOV. 23RD, 1868.

Stamps of the same types, lithographed at Montevideo. There were printed:—

25,000	sheets of the 5c. blue.
1,250	„ „ 10c. green.
833	„ „ 15c. yellow.
625	„ „ 20c. rose.

On October 5th, 1869, were printed a further thousand sheets of the 5c. blue.

TENTH ISSUE, APRIL, 1871.

Of the 5c. blue and 10c. green the following quantities were lithographed at Montevideo pending the supply of engraved stamps ordered from London:—

2000	sheets of the 5c., blue, ultramarine.
2000	„ „ 10c., yellow-green, light green.

ELEVENTH ISSUE, JUNE 30TH, 1871.

The stamps ordered not having arrived, there were further printed:—

5000 stamps of 5c. blue.

TWELFTH ISSUE, AUGUST 6TH, 1871.

The engraved stamps of 5c. and 10c. having at last arrived from England, they were forthwith placed on sale, at first in an imperforate condition. There were printed:—

240,000	of the 5c. light blue.
30,000	„ 10c. light green.

THIRTEENTH ISSUE, DEC. 19TH, 1871.

The stamps printed in England, perforated 13:—

1	cent., black.
5	„ blue.
10	„ green.
15	„ golden yellow*.
20	„ rose, pale rose.

*This value remained current until 1884.

The 10c. of this series is known bi-sected and used as the half of that value.

In January, 1872, the stocks of 5c. and 10c. stamps were exhausted. Consequently on February 8th further printings were authorised.

FOURTEENTH ISSUE, FEB. 8TH, 1872.

Lithographed at Montevideo.

400,000	5c., blue.
50,000	10c., green.

FIFTEENTH ISSUE, MARCH 27TH, 1872.

New printing of the 5c. and 10c. by lithography:—

200	sheets of the 5c. blue.
50	„ „ 10c., green.

SIXTEENTH ISSUE, APRIL 7TH, 1873.

A further printing of the 5c. and 10c. stamps. Quantities unknown.

SEVENTEENTH ISSUE, JULY 15TH, 1874.

The stock of 5c. stamps being exhausted, there was a local printing, lithographed on a soft spongy paper.

5 cent., blue.

The lithographic stone used for this printing was destroyed when the work was done.

EIGHTEENTH ISSUE, MARCH 14TH, 1876.

Local issue of the 5c., 10c., 15c. and 20c. stamps, lithographed at Montevideo on a very thin (pelure) paper.

5c.	blue, imperforate.
10c.	green, „
15c.	yellow, perf. 10.

The 5c. and 10c. stamps circulated until 1877; the 15 centesimos was again placed on sale, after an interval, in October 1885.

(To be continued.)

Notes on Exhibition Labels.

By WILMOT CORFIELD.

MR. J. AMOS ANDERSON, writing in the *Fortnightly* on Exhibition Labels, refers to the only two cases of British Stamp Exhibition using them, viz:—"the last two London International Shows." The London label of 1897 is in my collection—a finely executed reproduction in miniature of the central part of the design of Mulready's envelope. If it is one of the two labels referred to as "wishy-washy" I cannot agree with the bestowal of so misleading a term upon a fascinating production.

I attended the Manchester Exhibition of 1899 and secured its official label also. Its design (blue and brown perf.) a ship in full sail, inscribed with the jarring word "Philatelia" is not so pleasing. Most of the continental labels I have seen are too large, too crowded, and too highly coloured. They fail in all tempting too much in the way of florid allegorical display.

For several weeks some time ago, I received the journal of a well-known philatelic firm stamped (on the back of the postal cover) with a charming label in two colours, a framed representation of the Palace, Westminster.

One of the drawbacks to the wise policy of most of the makers of stamps for the British Empire lies in the fact that our staunch preference for the King's head bars us from shewing how nice many famous historical British, Colonial, and Indian buildings would look on postage stamps. Why not bring the commemorative philatelic exhibitor's label into vogue as a partial solution of the difficulty thus created!

If each show had its own approved label, not too large, and each designed as one of a perpetual series upon an agreed principle time would produce a really attractive and useful set of souvenirs of those landmarks of philatelic history—its exhibitions.

On page 233 of the *Fortnightly* appears the statement that nearly six thousand persons attended the recent Birmingham Exhibition. Each of them would probably have greatly valued a stamp bearing a beautiful view of Birmingham's noble hall. I commend the idea to Mr. Johnson for him to work out on the occasion of the next Midland Institute Tamasha, as we should call one of those little Birmingham affairs out here, and I intend that if I have as much to do with the arrangements for the next Indian show as I have had to do with all its predecessors, to do my best to furnish the collecting world with a commemorative view of the Agra Taj as a souvenir of the event.

As a safeguard against the issue of fraudulent exhibition labels the genuine one should, I would suggest, always bear the signature of the Secretary of the show in facsimile on the back.

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Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- April 3.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, London: Display, with Notes, St. Helena, Mr. H. H. Harland; Paper, Our Library, Mr. D. B. Armstrong.
- April 5.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, Common Hall, Hackin's Hay, Liverpool: Discussion, General Collecting (Mr. J. O. Jones) *v.* Specialism (Mr. G. J. Edmundson). Also a General Display.
- April 6.—Leeds Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, Mr. F. A. Padgett.
- April 6.—Annual Meeting of the Glasgow and West of Scotland Philatelic Society.
- April 7.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, Alexandra Hotel, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: Notes on Queensland, with Display, Mr. J. Cowan.
- April 7.—Bath P.S., North Church Institute: General Display of members' Collections.
- April 8.—Huddersfield and District Philatelic Society: Display by Dr. Robinson and Mr. E. Harcastle, of Halifax.
- April 8.—North London P.S.: Competitive Display, with Notes, of not more than 25 stamps, showing objects of Natural History.
- April 14.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End Croydon: Social gathering.
- April 14.—City of London P.S.: Papers, "Egypt," Mr. J. Leon, B.A., and "South American Notables," Mr. J. D. Cooper.
- April 14.—South Wales & Monmouthshire Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Cardiff: Lantern Display and Notes, Mr. T. Edwards.
- April 14.—International Philatelic Union: Display, Uruguay, Mr. T. W. Hall.
- April 15.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society: "Stamps worth Looking For," Mr. I. J. Bernstein.
- April 15.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Queen's Road: "The Pony Express of America," Mr. H. Clarke.
- April 21.—Bristol and Clifton P.S.: Mauritius and Natal.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- April 5, 10 and 12.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- April 12 and 13.—Mr. W. Hadlow at the Covent Garden Hotel, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.
- April 15 and 16.—Messrs. Venton, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- April 22 and 23.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- April 27 and 28.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.

Death of Mr. E. J. Nankivell.

A BRILLIANT JOURNALIST AND A GREAT PHILATELIST.

WE record, with deep regret, the terribly sudden death of Mr. Edward J. Nankivell, at his home at Tunbridge Wells, on Thursday, March 18th. Though Mr. Nankivell had not latterly enjoyed robust health, the end came all unexpectedly. He died literally in harness, while at work in



From one of the most recent photographs of the late Edward J. Nankivell.

his study. A brilliant journalist and an accomplished philatelist, his loss will be keenly felt by a wide circle of friends, colleagues and acquaintances. Mr. Nankivell was 61 years of age. His widow and his daughters will have the heartfelt sympathy of all whose privilege it was to know the deceased philatelist.

Memories of "E.J.N."

I first met Edward Nankivell as long ago as 1885, but that was in connection with Phonography, not Philately. He was then, and, indeed, remained to the end, one of our most accomplished shorthand-writers, and, as Editor of the "Reporters' Magazine," he was an acknowledged and respected authority on the subject. We met again as fellow philatelists in 1891 or 1892, by which time he had already made great headway with his first splendid collection of Transvaals.

The man whose loss we now deplore was a brilliant and versatile journalist, a facile and most wonderfully rapid writer, and—rarest of all combinations!—a man who could speak as brilliantly as he wrote. On several occasions in 1893-95 he contributed to the programmes of the meetings of the City of London Philatelic Club at Kernan's Hotel, Cheapside, and whether giving a special address or participating in the general debates he invariably stood out as the most fluent and picturesque speaker in the room.

While at Manchester I remarked in a private conversation that the Congress, successful as it was, would have been a still greater success had Nankivell been there to take part in its debates; and I expressed a hope that he would be one of the delegates to the second Congress in London next year. Little I dreamt then that death would intervene with such tragic suddenness!

Of his literary work the barest list would fill a whole number of the *Fortnightly*. He was a man of varied interests and filled many high journalistic positions. In Philately, he was a past Editor of the "Philatelic Record"; he founded and for some years edited "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly"; he was Associate Editor of the "London Philatelist" in its early years; he produced the clever but short lived "Transvaal Collectors' Quarterly"; and, finally, he founded "The Postage Stamp," which is still with us. Mr. Nankivell was a valued contributor to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* in its earlier days, and it is a fairly open secret that many of the humorous articles signed "Alfred Jingle" were from his talented pen.

He was like his writings: outspoken, strong-willed, straightforward. A white man with a great heart!

P.C.B.

Newcastle Exhibition a Great Success.

A TRIUMPH FOR THE NORTH OF ENGLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE CHIEF EXHIBITS AND AWARDS.

THE North of England Philatelic Society is to be congratulated both on the excellence and the success of its first Postage Stamp Exhibition, which was held in the Academy of Arts, Blackett Street, Newcastle, on Friday and Saturday, March 26th and 27th. The opening was performed by Alderman J. J. Forster, the Lord Mayor of the City, who is himself an enthusiastic collector, and there was a large attendance of the leading philatelists of the North of England.

In the opinion of competent judges, the Exhibition ranked high, and, in the variety of stamps shown as well as in quality, it was considered to be unsurpassed by any Exhibition of recent years. This was probably due in some measure to the competitive nature of the Exhibition, and the silver and bronze medals awarded drew representative exhibitors from all over the country.

Amongst the more notable exhibits to be mentioned were the fine Collection of the President, Alderman G. B. Bainbridge, his magnificent and almost complete collection of Triangular Capes attracting universal admiration.

Mr. W. Waite Sanderson, of Newcastle, exhibited a complete set of Nevis stamps, and also took a bronze medal for a fine exhibit of Western Australia.

Other notable collections on view were Mr. Cochrane's Caricatures of Mulready Envelopes; the well known English collection of Mr. J. S. Higgins, Jun., of Manchester; Mr. J. H. Taylor's Sicily exhibit; Canada and New South Wales, shown by Mr. M. H. Horsley, of West Hartlepool; and Mr. Wade's early U.S.A.

There was also an unusually fine exhibit in the Section for Rare Stamps, for, while there were only three entries, the exhibitors had a remarkably valuable 75 stamps among them, Mr. Bainbridge, the President, again carrying off a medal.

The Judge was Mr. Leicester A. B. Paine, and his awards were as follows:—

CLASS 1 (open) Great Britain.—J. S. Higgins, Manchester, Silver Medal for a specialised Collection of Stamps up to 1900 unused, with practically all official stamps.

CLASS 2 (Members) Best Exhibit of any Country. Silver Medal to G. B. Bainbridge, Newcastle, for a splendid exhibit of triangular "Capes," all in fine condition with many unused copies, and a large number of pairs, strips, and blocks.

Silver Medal also awarded to O. K. Trechmann, of West Hartlepool, for magnificent display of "pence" Ceylon, and a Bronze Medal to R. W. Wilkinson, of Gateshead, for Greece specialised.

CLASS 3 (open)—Best Colony in Asia or Africa, limited to 150 stamps:—

Bronze Medal to T. D. Hume, Newcastle, for Ceylon, 1855 to 1868, entirely pence values.

CLASS 4 (open)—Best Colony in Australasia, limited to 250 stamps.—Bronze Medal to W. Waite Sanderson for Western Australia, and Bronze Medal to Dr. T. S. Parkinson, Benton, for South Australia.

CLASS 5 (open)—United States of America over 200 and less than 500 stamps:—

Bronze Medal to H. Wade, Leeds, for practically complete Collection of all Stamps up to 1869, including very rare.

CLASS 6 (open)—Any European Country (excepting Great Britain) limited to 300 stamps:—

Bronze Medal to John H. Taylor, Manchester, for a specialised Collection of Sicily.

CLASS 7 (open)—Any Colony in West Indies, limited to 150 Stamps:—

Bronze Medal to W. Waite Sanderson, Newcastle, for a complete set of the Stamps of Nevis, including six unbroken sheets.

CLASS 8 (open)—Any British North American Colony—
No Competitive displays.

CLASS 9 (open).—Any country the rest of the world, limited to 300

Bronze Medal to E. Heginbottom, Rochdale, for British Honduras.

CLASS 10.—King's Head Stamps, any five Colonies, limited to 500 stamps Charles R. Bagnall, Winlayton-on-Tyne, for Gibraltar, British Somaliland, Cayman Islands, Ceylon and Natal. Mint Collection.

CLASS 11 (Members).—Twenty-five Rare Stamps—

Bronze Medal—G. B. Bainbridge, Newcastle; also Bronze Medal to W. J. Cochrane, Sunderland.

CLASS 12 (Juniors).—

Bronze Medal—Master R. P. Wanless.

Special Albums—given by Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich—Master T. Wanless and

1000 Varieties—given by F. W. Brandon & Co., York—Master D. A. Oubridge.

At the opening ceremony, Ald. G. B. Bainbridge, President of the Society, was in the chair, and, in calling on the Lord Mayor (Ald. J. J. Forster), said it was the Lord Mayor's brother who had induced him to resume Stamp Collecting, twenty-five years ago, after he had given it up for some time. He had known the Lord Mayor since he was five years of age, and almost ever since they had been associated in various ways.

The Lord Mayor said that it gave him great pleasure, not only as Lord Mayor, but also as a philatelist, to open the Exhibition. He did not know what had induced him to commence collecting, but he knew it was the day after the Battle of Solferino that he started, and they knew that was many years ago. He urged every young man and young woman to have a hobby of some kind and collect something. It kept them from doing other things, and getting into mischief. He had not much time himself, but when he had leisure he liked to get his stamps out and go over them. There was a controversy now as to what stamps should be collected, and he would not say what they should collect, but he urged them not to collect only for appearance. When he was a boy they utterly disregarded the backs, the perforations, and the colour of the paper. They also insisted that every boy should "collect," and looked down on the one who bought. He remembered once doing violence to his conscience by buying three Ionian Island stamps for 2d.

In conclusion, he suggested that emergency and commemorative stamps ought to be excluded from good collections.

Mr. M. H. Horsley, West Hartlepool, proposed a vote of thanks to the Lord Mayor, and told a story of the influence of stamp collecting.

The other day "he said" a boy of his acquaintance asked his father who wrote the "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire?" "Stanley Gibbons" was the reply. (Laughter).

Mr. Easton, the Secretary, in seconding, apologised for the absence of Mr. Wilkinson, the Exhibition Secretary, who had overworked himself and was confined to the house.

The President proposed, and Mr. Trechman, of West Hartlepool seconded, a vote of thanks to Mr. Leicester Paine, the Judge, and in acknowledging this, Mr. Paine said he had had a good deal of experience of Exhibitions both at home and abroad, and was surprised to find in Newcastle such a fine collection of stamps, with such great rarities in many of the classes. In Newcastle, Philately did not appear to be taken up in the ordinary way as it was in many centres where they had large Societies, but it was treated more as a Science. (Applause).

Over 900 visitors patronised the Exhibition, and this was very satisfactory, seeing that a charge of 6d. was made for admission, with the reduced charge of 3d. for Juniors, a large number of the latter being present on the Saturday.

Some Notes on Special Postmarks.

By PERCY BISHOP.

WHEN I described the granting of a special postmark to a philatelic exhibition as a thing unique in British postal annals, I confess I wrote the words with some trepidation, having at the back of my mind the fear that some reader of the *Fortnightly* would come forward and calmly demonstrate that I was wrong. Mr. Wilmot Corfield has now very nearly done so. But not quite. Mr. Corfield reminds me that there was a special postmark used for Lady Minto's Fete at Calcutta in January, 1907, in connection with which a Philatelic Exhibition had been planned. That exhibition, however, was postponed until a later date as *Fortnightly* readers are aware. It cannot, therefore, be claimed that the Fete postmark was a special cancellation granted to a philatelic exhibition, although I have no doubt it was suggested in the first place by a philatelist. In fact Mr. Corfield implies as much in his letter, wherein he tells that the Minto Fete postmark, of which he kindly sends a specimen, was "the practical outcome" of the original scheme for the Calcutta Philatelic Exhibition.

However this may be, the postmark is well worth noting in connection with the gossips we have recently had about such things. It is a circular but unframed mark, having in the centre the cross of the Red Cross Society and the date and around the edge the inscription, "Minto Fete, Calcutta." The inscription is in red—obviously for the purpose of emphasising the Red Cross as a symbol of the admirable charitable purposes for which the Minto Fete was inaugurated.

Concerning "Newport News."

I have to thank my friend Mr. Harold Kjellstadt for quickly enlightening my ignorance regarding "Newport News," that puzzling name on the Jamestown postmark illustrated in a recent *Fortnightly*. Newport News, I learn from Mr. Kjellstadt, is a town—a flourishing seaport not far from Jamestown, having a circulation—I beg pardon! I mean a population of 21,000.

The Austrian Jubilee Postmark.

From a recent number of our excellent German contemporary, the "Philatelisten Zeitung," I reproduce the special



THE SPECIAL AUSTRIAN JUBILEE POSTMARK USED ON ONE DAY ONLY—DECEMBER 2ND, 1908.

postmark used on the occasion of the Emperor Francis Joseph's Jubilee (2nd December, 1908), and for that day only.

The postmark was probably used throughout the Austrian Empire, but it is definitely known that the following names occur on the postmarks—namely, Wien, Salzburg, Brünn, Innsbruck, Czernowitz, Graz, Klagenfurt, Lemberg, Laibach, Linz, Prag, Triest, Troppau and Zara.

The Philatelic Exchange.

Perhaps the exchange of large lots is not so popular as it used to be, on account of the tendency of the other party to send short measure. This is the bane of exchanging everywhere. It is a tremendous comfort to have a man in some distant clime who will take one's surplus stock and return full and excellent exchange for it, something which may perhaps be old stock to him but which is nevertheless very acceptable to the recipient at this end. Such correspondents are worth questing for, and when found made a note of.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Afghanistan (357).—There is a new 1 abasi stamp, of which the "Monthly Circular" gives this description: "It has a general resemblance to its predecessor, but the arms are now within a rayed circle instead of a wreath."

New design. 1 abasi, blue.

Argentina (361).—The new stamps with portrait of San Martin are still creeping out as single spies. There are various additions to those already chronicled in the *Fortnightly*, and the full list to date reads:—

2c. brown.
3c. green.
4c. purple-brown.
5c. carmine.
12c. orange-brown.
15c. light green.
30c. dark green.

Federated Malay States (341).—From our Singapore correspondent, Mr. Mahmood, we have received specimens of the new 3c. "all red," issued last month. It is watermarked multiple C.A., perf. 14, ordinary paper.

3c. carmine.

New Hebrides.—Mr. Oswald Marsh writes:—"In a large consignment of New Hebrides 1d. stamps which I received by the last mail I found a few copies on the ½d. with single C.A. watermark, also a few printed on the 1st print multiple ½d Fiji with name and value in bright green, the remainder of the consignment being on the current ½d. Fiji. All the other values were as previously chronicled. There are no 3d. and 4d. values in the set."

Northern Nigeria (349).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, chronicle the 5d. on chalky paper.

Chalk-surfaced. 5d. purple and chestnut.

Panama (365).—For the Canal Zone the 10c. black and violet has now been overprinted, according to "Gibbons' Weekly," with the surcharge reading downwards and in black.

Overprinted for Canal Zone. 10c. black and violet.

Roumania (352).—Various of the stamps with new head of King Charles have reached us from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. It is pointed out that the head on the 1 ban and the 3 bani differs from that on the other values. Appended is a list of the issue to date:—

1 ban black.	25 bani blue.
3 bani red-brown.	40 .. deep green.
5 .. green.	50 .. orange.
10 .. carmine.	1 leu. grey-brown.
15 .. violet.	3 lei. red on red paper.

Russia (365).—Four of the new stamps, which are of an exceedingly neat appearance, are now available:—

1 kopek orange.
2 kopecs green.
4 .. carmine.
7 .. blue.

From Mr. E. Philpot Crowther, of Cardiff, we have had the following very interesting note:—

I notice in a copy that I have received (used) of the new 4 kopecs, that there is a design of long diamonds or crossed lines, which show as dark shaded lines on the surface of the stamp, when held so as to reflect light from a plane surface. These are not apparent as watermarks, and I presume are caused by a method of specially surfacing the paper with hot rollers.

Up to the present I have seen no mention of this variety or peculiarity, and it may be of interest to draw attention to it.

This is the design:—



But longer and narrower than my rough sketch.

Spanish Colonies. Offices, etc. (364).—Messrs. Whitfield King having written for information regarding the Spanish stamps reported to have been overprinted "Tetuan," have received the following from their correspondent:—

In reply to your enquiry re the enclosed Spanish stamp overprinted "TETUAN," I am informed by the Head Postmaster of the Spanish Post Offices in Morocco that it is not a genuine surcharge, that whoever made it did so for a caprice, that he (the Head Postmaster) is in charge of all the genuine postage stamps used in the Spanish Post Offices in Morocco, and that he has given no consent for any other surcharge than those in current use, and further that no report of running short of stamps and having to surcharge others has been made to him.

Switzerland.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have sent us the following values of the newest "Helvetica" type:

- 10 centimes.
- 20 centimes.
- 25 centimes.

On Cards and Covers.

By B. W. W.

SOME enquiries made as to our British postcards indicate that some little interest is being taken in the varieties that have appeared since the first one for inland use on 1st of October, 1870, and a short summary may be useful. The earliest one was a little larger than that we now have on white card called "Court" size, and had a frame or border round, the stamp at right corner having the value "HALF-PENNY" below the Queen's Head. It was printed in violet ink on pale buff, and sold at face price, or in packets of twenty-four for one shilling. The depth of the card was soon reduced from $\frac{3}{4}$ inches to just under 3 inches, and in 1875 the word "to" before the address was omitted, another small but thicker white card being issued at the same time and sold at 8d. per dozen, the thinner buff one being a penny less per packet of twelve.

In 1878 a new stamp appeared with value above the head and the Royal Arms between post and card, the two kinds of card being retained in the smaller size only. In 1883 another change was made by introducing Arms a little larger or $\frac{1}{4}$ mm. wider than before, the inscription being re-set but of same size of type. It is in the Queen's Head that the varieties arise which puzzle beginners, there being two distinct types introduced, neither of which are noticeable at first sight from previous one, which is found only with smaller Arms, which makes that clear. These new varieties are to be found by closely examining that part of the frame where the curved label of value cuts the inner lines of frame. Above the spaces between H and A and N-Y it will be seen there are two small triangular pieces of solid colour with a white line between the angle of frame and curve of label. In the one case "B" this solid triangle is twice as large as in the other type called "C," this last being so small as to be scarcely distinguishable from the 1878 or "A" type.

In the double cards the first half will sometimes be of "B" type and the reply half of "C" type, or vice-versa, or both halves may be of same type. In 1895 the present "Court" size appeared on thick white card, but no reply card. In 1899 the word "only" after "The Address" was omitted, and the white reply cards re-introduced of the squarer size. The red-brown colour of stamp came in with first white card in 1875, and was continued on both sizes from 1878 to 1900—the change to green colour taking place about the time of the Queen's death.

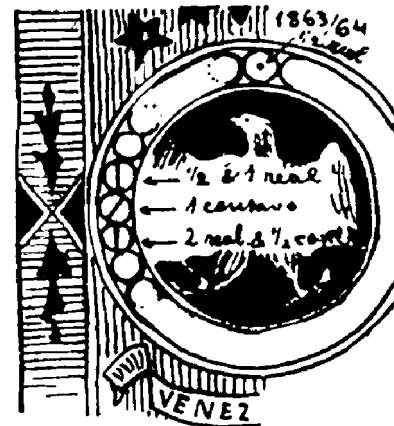
The Philatelic Press.

The Smallest Yet.

There have been many very tiny philatelic periodicals—mostly hailing from America—but I think the "Vest Pocket Philatelist" is "the smallest ever." It measures about $2\frac{1}{2} \times 2\frac{1}{2}$ inches, and is edited and published by that well-known philatelist, Dr. H. A. Davis. It is no mere advertising sheet, but publishes serious philatelic articles, and if there is a real want for a two-inch square periodical, we think Dr. Davis's venture admirably supplies it.

Some Secret Marks of Venezuela.

In the world of international politics Venezuela has lately been much to the fore, and naturally the philatelic press has been devoting much attention to the stamps of the Republic. The "Berliner Briefmarken Zeitung" has had an instructive little article on the early issues, and gives some secret marks of the first issues which, so far as we know, have not hitherto been published.



The enlarged illustration here reproduced will make clear our contemporary's remarks on the subject.

The issues referred to are 1863 to 1864. The secret marks are contained in the pearls surrounding the eagle, the following are the details:

- 1 centavo, slate-grey;
- Slanting line in middle pearl on left.
- $\frac{1}{4}$ centavo, flesh colour,
- 2 reals, green:

Both these issues have a vertical line in the pearl underneath the left middle pearl.

- $\frac{1}{4}$ real, yellow,
- 1 real, blue:

With vertical line in the pearl above the middle pearl. The $\frac{1}{4}$ real has in addition a dot in the centre pearl at the top.

All these marks can be easily distinguished upon the stamps with a magnifying glass.

For Specialists of Dutch Indies.

Those who are interested in the issues of the Dutch Indies, should make a point of obtaining the January number of the "Nederlandsch Tijdschrift voor Postzegelkunde," which publishes official documents and a complete list of all the numeral postmarks used in the Dutch Indies or by post offices in that district. It should be a welcome help to those who specialise in that direction. The same journal has a very exhaustive list of Curacao surcharges, giving a number of illustrations of the many errors known to exist; altogether, the journal in question is undoubtedly of great assistance to anyone who specialises in stamps of the Dutch Colonies, but, being printed in Dutch, its use can only be a restricted one.

New Publications.

REVIEWED BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

Falkland Islands stamps would not, at first glance, appear to be a promising subject from which to make a book, for as Mr. Bertram Poole remarks in the introduction to his "Postage Stamps of the Falkland Islands" (D. Field; price 6d. nett), "there are no great rarities, and the varieties of watermark and perforation offer no difficulties even to the tyro." Nevertheless, there is plenty to learn about the Falklands, as is proved by Mr. Poole's monograph, which is a worthy successor to his "Hong Kong" in the same "W.E.P." series of philatelic handbooks. The work is obviously the outcome of much patient study on the part of its author; it gives us Mr. Poole's own discoveries, and is especially valuable in the portions which relate to the curious dots found on the various stamps of the Queen's Head issues. I can cordially commend this book to the student of Falklands as being the first serious and exhaustive study of these interesting issues.

By the way, I have received from the same publisher, Mr. Field, a bound copy of Vol. V. of the "West End Philatelist," so tastefully put up that it has made me feel quite ashamed of my own cloth bindings for the previous vols.

THE LATE MR. KRASEMANN'S BIBLIOGRAPHY.

From the office of "Der Deutsche Philatelist" in Hanover I have received a large paper copy of a work bearing the title, "Bibliographie der Wichtigsten Spezialwerke über die Postwertzeichen einzelner Länder bearbeitet von Rud. Krasemann." I count myself second to none in ignorance of the German tongue, but there is internal evidence that this is a general bibliography of philatelic books as distinct from scattered articles in the philatelic Press. Turning over its

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Liverpool Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secretary: W. Woodthorpe, Gaerwood, Blundell-sands, near Liverpool.

At the meeting of Monday, 15th March, in the absence of the President, Mr. Allender took the chair. A display was made of the stamps of Niger Coast, also imperforate pairs and blocks, and some fine collections were on view, notably the specialized lot of Nigers shown by Mr. Webster.

A paper by this last-named gentleman followed, entitled "Some Notes on Niger Coast Stamps." Although it was his first attempt at paper-giving before the Society, it proved an excellent effort and was thoroughly enjoyed by all present. A special and very satisfactory feature about it was that it gave his own personal observations on the stamps, rather than being a mere collection of extracts from the philatelic library. Mr. Webster dealt very fully with the many and varied perforations existing in the issues, and explained that though only one perforating machine had been used, and that originally gauging 14, the varieties were due to breakages of the needles, etc., and similar defects. He also gave a very full list of the shades encountered, with their relative rarities.

At the conclusion, Mr. Milner proposed, Mr. James seconded, and many other speakers supported, a sincere vote of thanks to Mr. Webster for his excellent paper. This was unanimously accorded, and briefly acknowledged.

Social Philatelic Society.

President: Cyril Phillips.

Hon. Secretary: Mrs. Pearson, 44, Lonaldie Road, Barnes, S.W.

The second meeting was held at Mrs. Pearson's house on Saturday, March 13th, when seven new members were elected. A paper was read on "The Id. black English," and a fine specialised collection shown. It has been decided to exclude dealers, and keep the Society exclusively for amateurs.

Swadlincote Stamp Society.

President: Councillor W. Oakley.

Secretary: Fred. W. Edwards, 64, Coppice Road, Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent.

MR. HEGNBOTTOM'S stamps of the British West Indian Colonies were displayed for the entertainment of the members at the meeting of March 16th. After the display, the Chairman (Mr. Oakley) exhibited his own varied collection of Japanese stamps, post-cards, envelopes and wrappers.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: Fred J. Melville.

Hon. Secretary: Arthur Sellinger, 44, Digby Road, Finsbury Park, N.

Meetings: 17, Fleet Street, E.C.

The twelfth ordinary meeting was held at Prince Henry's Room, Fleet Street, on March 6th.

Mr. Sidebotham gave a display of a portion of his collection of foreign countries. This was on somewhat "simplified" lines, there being only about one pair, and used and unused being placed in together. A notable feature of the collection was the splendid condition of the specimens.

Mr. H. H. Harland proposed, and Mr. B. B. Kirby seconded, a hearty vote of thanks; and Mr. Sidebotham, in replying, said he would be pleased to show more of his collection at some future date.

Leeds Philatelic Society.

President: Charles W. Harding.

Hon. Sec.: T. S. Fraser, 22, Oriental Terrace, Armley.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Tuesday, March 2nd. Mr. C. W. Harding occupied the chair.

Mr. T. K. Skipwith and Mr. W. Denison Roehuck gave an interesting display of the stamps of British Bechuanaland. Several uncatalogued varieties were shown.

The Hon. Secretary was instructed to write to the President of the Argentine Philatelic Society, protesting against the unnecessary issue of Commemorative stamps in 1910 by the Argentine Government, to celebrate the centenary of the Independence of the Republic; and requesting the members of the Society to use their influence with the Postal Administration in protesting against the same.

VISIT OF THE BRADFORD SOCIETY.

The Bradford Philatelic Society visited the Leeds Society on March 16th, when Mr. W. M. Gray (of Bradford) gave a display of the Surface-Printed

40 pages one is astonished at the number of special works that have been published from time to time on certain countries' stamps, and perhaps equally surprised that certain other countries have been either neglected altogether or very inadequately treated.

MR. MELVILLE'S "UNITED STATES II."

My suggestion that Mr. Melville would soon be reduced to going through the world's stamp countries a second time was jocularly meant, but lo! here is a second work from his pen on the stamps of the United States! The new book is a great advance upon the old. It deals with the issues of 1847-1869, and is especially notable for its enlarged comparative illustrations of the originals and official counterfeits of 1847, and the premiers gravures and second types of the stamps of 1861-66. The book is published at 6d. nett, by Mr. W. H. Peckitt.

THE NEW "STANDARD" ALBUM.

I think the average man would have said there was very little room for improvement in Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s "Standard" Album. The publishers, however, have contrived to find many ways of further perfecting these excellent books. I have had the privilege of inspecting advance sheets of the new edition now being placed on sale and can testify to the wisdom of the various improvements introduced. In the British Empire section of the album, now ready, there have been various changes of title, such as "Rhodesia" for "British South Africa," &c., and the Colonial collector's purview is extended by the introduction of the Cretan stamps issued in the British sphere of administration under the heading of "British Crete." By means of a very commendable re-adjustment of the spacing scheme no colony is now given merely a portion of a page unless it is obsolete in a postage stamp sense, like New Brunswick. I recommend *Fortnightly*-readers to send to Ipswich for a prospectus of the new "Standard" Albums.

Stamps of Great Britain, and also read a paper giving many interesting details regarding the mode of printing, date of production, etc.

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

THE Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., writes the *Fortnightly* as follows:—

In your last report of our Society your printer has made a mistake.

You say that at the auction sale on March 4th "256 lots were disposed of, including 11 which had been arranged by the Society for the widow of a deceased member, as she had no idea of arranging them herself." This should have been 71 lots. In view of the recommendation of the recent Conference, it is interesting, because for 16 years past our Society has carried this into effect, to the very great satisfaction of those who have sent stamps. One of the latest replies commences:—"Will you please accept my most sincere thanks for the cheque which arrived this morning. I am more than pleased with the result of the sale of the stamps, and I really cannot express what I feel towards you for all the endless trouble you have taken for us." All the others have been equally satisfactory, and it is some satisfaction to every member that his or her stamps will realise a good price, even if their representatives know nothing about them.

Palace Philatelic Exchange Society.

THE Dec. packets have returned, sales £40 18s. 4d. nett, and all moneys due to members have been paid.

The Club is divided into three sections, so that the Palace caters for the beginner and medium collector.

Packets will in future be returned in from 12 to 14 weeks, and collectors will find this Society an excellent medium for acquiring stamps at reasonable prices.

There are several vacancies for either collectors or contributors, and rules and full particulars will be sent on receipt of a card. The Society charges a commission on sales of 10%, but, if members wish, they can pay an annual subscription of 2/6 and be charged 5% on sales. All Club packets are insured, and the cost to members is very small. Foreign correspondence desired.

Secretary: C. A. SQUIRE COX, 3, Seymour Terrace, Anerley, S.E.

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ONE PENNY.

Arrest of London and Southend Stamp Dealers.

CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY IN CONNECTION WITH STAMPS "PURPORTING TO BE USED IN BRITISH NORTH BORNEO."

THE HEARING AT BOW STREET: HEAVY BAIL DEMANDED.

AS a result of action taken by the Director of Public Prosecutions two stamp dealers have been arrested—one in London, and one at Southend-on-Sea—on charges of conspiring to obtain money and securities in connection with certain stamps of British North Borneo alleged to be forged.

The arrests were effected by Chief Detective-Inspector Stockley immediately after the Easter holidays. Henry R. Harmer being apprehended at his residence at Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea, on Tuesday morning, April 13th, and John S. Lowden at his offices in Villiers Street, Strand, London, on the evening of the same day—in each case on a warrant granted at the instance of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

The news of the arrests gained rapid currency among philatelists in London, and when the accused persons were brought before the Bow Street magistrate on Wednesday, several stamp men were among those present in court.

THE PROCEEDINGS AT BOW STREET.

At Bow Street Police Court on Wednesday, April 14th, before Sir Albert de Rutzen, John Stewart Lowden (29), a stamp dealer, of 20, Villiers Street, Strand, and Henry Revell Harmer (39), a stamp dealer, of Preston Road, Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea, were charged with conspiring to obtain money and valuable securities by fraud from various persons who had dealt with them, or with the West-end Stamp Company, or with Herbert Mack & Co. (Ltd.), in buying stamps purporting to be issued for postage and revenue purposes in the territories administered by the British North Borneo Company.

Mr. Wallace represented the Director of Public Prosecutions. Mr. Olley appeared for Lowden and Mr. Pumfrey for Harmer.

Chief Detective-Inspector Stockley stated that on Tuesday afternoon he went, with Detective-Sergt. Wyborn, to Harmer's residence at Westcliff, Southend-on-Sea, and read to him the warrant which had been issued at the instance of the Director

of Public Prosecutions. Harmer wanted to know the names of the persons who said they had been defrauded. Upon being told that Mr. Brown, of Salisbury, was one of the complainants, he said "Yes, I have had some business with him. There is an explanation to all this. I suppose you know I severed my connection with Mr. Lowden some time ago?" In a room upstairs witness found a large quantity of foreign stamps. Harmer was taken to Bow Street. On the same evening witness arrested Lowden in Villiers Street, Strand. He took him to his office in that street, and there read the warrant to him. Lowden asked who the prosecutor was, and witness informed him that Mr. Ackland, of Brighton, was one of the persons upon whose information the warrant was granted. Lowden said, "I know him. This is a very bad business."

Witness found at the office a large number of stamps, including some of British North Borneo.

In answer to the magistrate Chief Detective-Inspector Stockley said that proceedings were being taken against a man in Paris, but they had nothing to do with this case. It was alleged that these forged stamps had been disposed of to a very large extent.

Cross-examined, by Mr. Olley the witness said that Lowden had carried on a fairly extensive stamp business in Villiers Street for some years past. Harmer lived in a house rated at £50 a year.

The prisoners were remanded.

THE QUESTION OF BAIL.

The magistrate said that with the little knowledge he had of the case at present, he should require heavy bail until next week at all events. Lowden would have to find two sureties in £1,000 each, and Harmer two in £500.

Finally the accused were remanded until the day on which this number of the *Fortnightly* will be published, Friday, April 16th, when the hearing will be resumed at 2 o'clock, and probably a further remand will be ordered.

A Scheme of Stamp Collecting.

BY FRED. W. EDWARDS.

Hon. Secretary of the Swadlincole Stamp Society.

ONE of the greatest charms of philately as a hobby is the infinite scope it offers for originality of method; yet it seems to me that this phase of philately might also be its greatest failing, and I am convinced that many cease collecting because of their lack of some definite aim and ambition in the pursuit.

I have therefore pleasure in suggesting a scheme of stamp collecting which can be modified to suit all classes of collectors.

At the very outset I must urge the necessity of a good stamp catalogue, because the scheme involves the collecting from countries and places which are unfamiliar to many. Briefly, our idea is that every collector should get represented in his collection at least one cheap stamp from all the stamp issuing countries and places of the world, past and present, instead of collecting at random from a limited number. I am convinced that collecting on these lines would be more interesting (and perhaps less expensive) than aimless general collecting.

Gibbons' Foreign and Colonial catalogues, or any similar catalogue, will suffice for those desirous of confining their collections mainly to present-day stamp-issuing countries; but more ambitious collectors will also need Gibbons' Catalogue of Local Stamps. As this last book is out of print, I purpose quoting from it somewhat extensively.

The first of my suggestions is that the collector should have represented in his collection every British Colony, Crown Agency, and Dependency. On looking through Gibbons' British Empire Catalogue I find that some 170 places are represented, from all of which a low priced stamp can be obtained, except the following, which are obsolete as stamp issuing countries:—Vancouver, British Columbia, Mafeking, Vryburg, Scinde, Pietersburg, Lydenburg, Rustenburg, Schweizer Reneke, and Woolmaranstad.

Even the poorest collector could manage, in time, to get the whole of the British Empire represented in his collection; and as British Columbia and Vancouver now use Canadian stamps, Scinde uses Indian, and the other places are simply Transvaal locals, they can be eliminated without the Colonial collection losing its representative character.

After the British Empire, let us direct our attention to Europe, and see how far it is possible for a collector of moderate means to secure a collection which is representative of every place on the Continent that has ever issued stamps. In the subjoined table is a list of somewhat unfamiliar European places which might be secured, easily and cheaply, for the collection. But first a word about locals. Partly owing to the action of a leading firm of stamp dealers in declining to stock or catalogue most local stamps, these stamps have fallen into disfavour, and consequently can be obtained at a considerable discount. Nevertheless, they are exceedingly interesting, and many of them are so difficult to get that the collector ambitious to secure one of each should derive a considerable amount of philatelic excitement from the hunt.

The catalogue prices of some of the Russian locals need not deter anyone from striving to get a specimen from every place; for I managed to secure a representative set for about £2.

The following Swiss locals of the Cantonal Administration are not included in my scheme because the stamps are too expensive—namely, Zurich, Geneva, Basle, and Winterthur.

It will also depend on the financial resources of the individual collector, whether the Carlist stamps of Spain are to be included in the scheme or not.

The young collector, at first, will be well advised to leave locals alone and confine his collection to present day stamp issuing countries.

Country.	Place.	Date of 1st issue	Gibbons' 1889 cat. price of cheapest stamp
Austria	Danube Steam Packet Co.	1866	6d.
Denmark	Aalborg	1885	1d.
"	Aarhus	1884	1d.
"	Copenhagen	1880	2d.
"	Fredericia	1889	4d.
"	Holte	1870	6d.
"	Horsens	1883	1d.
"	Kolding	1886	4d.
"	Odense	1885	1d.
"	Randers	1885	1d.
"	Svenbourg	1887	2d.
"	Veille	1887	2d.
"	Vibourg	1886	1d.

Germany. The locals of this country are not listed in English catalogues, but in my own collection I have stamps from the following places: Bochum, Brand, Breslau, Chemnitz, Dantzig, Dresden, Emms, Essen, Frankfort, Freiburg, Hamburg, Hanover, Heidelberg, Karlsruhe, Lubeck, Mannheim, Mayence, Mulhauser, Munchen, Stasburg and Stuttgart. All these German locals are very cheap and none of the German States and Colonies will necessitate a very great expenditure.

The Italian States and Colonies can also be represented in our collections with a small expenditure, as well as all the French, Portugese and Spanish Colonies; but the Scandinavian, Swiss and Russian Locals should keep the collector occupied for a considerable time.

Finland	Helsingfors	1866	6d.
"	Helingsfors Bobaco Co.	1874	5 0
"	Tammerfors	1866	6d.
Norway	Aalesund	1880	6d.
"	Arendal	1885	3d.
"	Bergen	1865	9d.
"	Christiansund	1878	3d.
"	Drammens	1868	8d.
"	Drammens (Ericksen's)	1887	6d.
"	" (Borresen's)	1888	4d.
"	Grimstad	1887	2d.
"	Hammerfest	1888	4d.
"	Holmestrand	1888	4d.
"	Hortens	1882	1 0
"	Kragero	1886	2d.
"	Levanger	1888	2d.
"	Mandal	1886	2d.
"	Namsos	1888	2d.
"	Stenkjaer	1888	2d.
"	Thronhjem	1865	3d.
"	Tonsberg	1884	2d.
"	Tromso	1881	4d.

RUSSIA.—The locals are a large and difficult group. A full list would occupy more space than can be given. Going through the names from A to Z, or from Akhtyrka to Zolotonosha, I find that the minimum price varies from 1d. to 17s. 6d. In four instances no prices are quoted at all in Gibbons' Catalogue of Local Stamps.

Sweden	Gothenburg	1883	2d.
"	Malmo	1888	8d.
"	Stockholm	1887	2d.
Switzerland	Belalp	1874	2d.
"	Canton Bern		Cheap Fiscals
"	Canton Geneva		
"	Canton Basel	1877	
"	Kurort Stoos	1877	2d.

Having finished with Europe, we shall find Asia a great deal easier and cheaper.

The Indian States, close on forty in number, have all issued cheap stamps, with the exception of Scinde, which would cost about £1 or so. In our collection is also a fiscal stamp from each of the following States: Berar, Bhavnagar, Bahawalpur, Baroda, Janjira, Limree, Morvee, Mysore, Rajkote, and St. Vadi.

These latter Indian States do not issue separate postage stamps, hence they properly come outside our scheme, but as one of each of them can be got for a few coppers, we included them. The Chinese Locals are cheap and interesting; here is a list of them:—Amoy, Chefoo, Cahinkiang, Chungking, Foochow, Formosa, Hankow, Ichang, Kewkiang, Nanking, Tientsin, Wei-hai-wei, and Wuhu. Formosa (4/-) and Wei-hai-wei (2/-) are the dearest, but they can be had at a good discount. A current Afghanistan stamp will suffice for that country, but the more ambitious collector will strive to get the seven Afghanistan Locals, Lalpouza, Kabul, Kalloom, Jellalabad, Afghan Turkenstan, Kandahar and Herat also represented, but these stamps are rather dear.

Turning to Africa, besides the present day stamp issuing countries, there are a number of Egyptian and Moroccan Locals, of which we append a list; none of the stamps necessitating an expenditure of more than 3d. or 4d. Before the establishment of the present Egyptian Postal Service, a large number of local places issued envelopes bearing on the flap an embossed stamp, circular in shape, and of the size of about a five-shilling piece. We have not seen a list of these stamps, but in our collection we have the following:

Aba-el-Wakf, Abuhomus, Afte, Alessandretta, Alessandria, Assoun, Bairouth, Barbar, Benha, Benisuett, Bilbes, Birket-el-Saat, Birket-el-Sab, Cairo, Chaluf-el-Taraba, Cherbine, Damiat, Desuk, Dongola, El Gizr, El Teleklbir, Fescne, Galuib, Gallipoli, Gedda, Ghisa, Godaba, Ismailia, Kafr-el Dauar, Kafr-el Zayat, Kartum, Kena, Kilometro, Lagos, Latachia, Magaga, Mahallet Roh, Mahalla, Manfalut, Mansura, Massaua, Medinet el Faium, Mersina, Minet-el-Gam, Minouf, Minuf, Porto Said, Ramle, Salonicco, Samanud, Scibin-el-Anater, Scibin-el-Kom, Serapoum, Sirit, Smirne, Suez, Tanta, Teh-el-Barut, Took, Tripoli, Masta, Zagazig, Zefta, and Zeft.

In the foregoing list I have spelt the names exactly as on the stamps. I am of opinion, by the way, that it would be a good thing for geography, philately and commerce, if, as far as possible, the native spelling of every Geographical name was adopted throughout the world.

Morocco has long since been plagued with Sultans and stamp speculators, and the following Moroccan Locals are represented in our collection, as they are both interesting and cheap:—

Algazar and Ouazzan; Azemour; Fez and Mesquinez; Fez and Seffro; Mazagan and Maroc; Mazagan and Marakech; Mazagan, Azemour and Morocco; Mogador-Agadir; Mogador and Maroc; Saffi; Tangier and Aizila; Tangier, Morocco and Larache; Tangier and Tetouan; Tangier el Ksar; Tangier Fez; Tetouan and El Ksar; Tetouan and Chechouan.

Madjunga, in Madagascar, which issued stamps in 1895, is about the only French Colony which does not issue a cheap stamp, the cheapest being £12.

The Transvaal Locals are listed in Gibbons' British Empire Catalogue, but are somewhat expensive.

The Republic of Liberia issued, in 1893, a number of Registration stamps for the places Harper, Greenville, Buchanan, Monrovia, and Robertsport, which some collectors may like to include in their Africans.

America is the only Continent from which a moderate collector cannot hope to get a really representative collection on the lines I have advocated in this scheme, because of the formidable list of locals from the Confederate and United States, Mexico, Peru, Ecuador, Argentine and Columbia.

Current Americans are all right and some of the above locals are not outside the average collector's reach, but the majority of them are expensive, and as all of them are listed in Gibbons' Part II. Catalogue, we need not name them here.

A list of the 150 odd United States private Locals is issued as a free supplement to Scott's Catalogue.

All the stamp issuing countries, past and present, in Oceania can easily and cheaply be represented in our collections.

Whilst the collector is engaged in the fascinating task of gradually accumulating a representative collection of the world's stamps on the lines I have suggested here, fresh stamp issuing countries will blossom forth and provide fuel to keep the pot boiling.

Philatelic Tales.

III.—MR. SOOKER AND THE SCOTCH SPECIALIST.

[Some of these stories, we again remark, are true. This one is alleged to contain a modicum of truth.—ED., S.C.F.]

NO ONE, so far as I am aware, ever accused Mr. Sooker of having come into philately for purely sentimental reasons. Indeed I think he will frankly admit, if you ask him, that he isn't in it for his health. Whether on the philatelic rialto, or in the auction room, Mr. Sooker's eye turns ever in one direction—the direction of the main chance.

Astonishing as it may seem to that supposititious person, the Man in the Street, it is possible to make money in the auction room without either buying or selling. Mr. Sooker does it quite often. Maybe a philatelist has his eye on some special lot for which he thinks there will be no other bid than his, but it is more than likely that he has reckoned without Mr. Sooker. It is Mr. Sooker's habit to weigh up the possibilities of such cases with a view to his profit. He has been known to show marvellous acumen in estimating the extent of the would-be buyers' squeezability, if I may use the term. Often this has led to interesting bits of by-play affording much amusement to the keen observer.

It was on a day I cannot fix in the month of I-don't-know-remember that I saw Mr. Sooker give an exhibition of his almost uncanny skill.

There was a gentleman present, at the auction sale I have in mind, who promised himself the acquisition of an entire sheet of the five-sous Ruritania in the rare pomegranate shade, with the scarce error in the starboard pane, showing the go-cart inverted. [I trust I shall be forgiven if my phraseology is at fault, but I have no doubt that the intelligent reader will be quite as much in the dark as I desire him to be.] The eagle eye of the philatelist referred to, trained to acuteness as it was by the mists of Caledonia stern and wild, had readily detected the error, and it was a blow to him to be informed by Mr. Sooker that that gentleman was after the sheet as well. He was still more astonished to learn that Mr. Sooker was himself specialising Ruritania, for it had long been a matter of general belief that Sooker's only speciality was current coin of the realm.

"It seems silly to run the price up, doesn't it?" said Mr. Sooker. "I—er—I might be induced to retire, you know—on terms."

The specialist turned pale and clapped one hand on his pocket and the other on his heart as if he had been attacked simultaneously in both places.

"I think two pounds would about meet the case," said Mr. Sooker, suavely.

"Two poond?" whispered the other hoarsely. "Mon, its pree-posterous, pree-posterous!"

"Very well," said the calm and imperturbable Sooker—"let the battle proceed!"

A battle did proceed forthwith—in the breast of the specialist frae ayont the Tweed. As the lady novelist would say, he was torn by conflicting emotions. There was a gathering perspiration on his brow, and a growing triumph in the heart of Mr. Sooker.

"Wan poond?" he suggested. "No," said Mr. Sooker. "Thir-ty shillins, then?" "Not a penny less than two pounds" said Mr. Sooker.

And then amid a silence you could almost feel, broken only by the scratching of a fountain pen, a cheque for two pounds was indited and signed. Scarcely was it done ere the auctioneer's mallet descended with a thud, and his voice was uplifted, "Now, gentlemen, if you please, Lot One!"

Penny postage between the United States and Newfoundland is now an accomplished fact.

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Regarding Benadir stamps we have had the following letter, together with the enclosures referred to, from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Ipswich:—

In the last issue of the *Fortnightly* a question is asked respecting the carrying power of the Benadir stamps. In order to dispel all doubts on the subject we send herewith three covers, two of them addressed to us, one from Mogadiscio franked with two unsurcharged 5 annas stamps and one from Gumbo franked with three surcharged stamps 25c., 50c. and 1 lira; we also send you a third cover posted at Mogadiscio and addressed to a native at Aden. We could send you fifty others all franked with Benadir stamps and no others, but we think these will be sufficient.

The envelopes are, our correspondent says conclusive. We need have no further misgivings regarding the stamps of Benadir.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- April 17.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, London: Display, Guatemala, Mr. J. D. Ragg; Paper, "The 3d. Imperforate Beaver Stamp of Canada, Mr. Alexander Sefi; Display, Bavaria, Mr. S. R. Turner.
- April 19.—Annual Meeting, Liverpool Philatelic Society, Hotel St. George, Lime Street, Liverpool.
- April 20.—Herts Philatelic Society at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.; Paper, "The Purchasing Power of the Penny," by the Vice-President (Mr. H. L. Hayman) and Mr. Percy Ashley, M.A.
- April 20.—Leeds Philatelic Society, the Institute, Cookridge Street. Display, Some Recent Issues, with Notes, Mr. G. Davis.
- April 21.—Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society: Mauritius and Natal.
- April 21.—Annual Meeting Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, Alexandra Hotel, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow.
- April 21.—Bath Philatelic Society: Paper, "Postal Reformers."
- April 22.—Bradford Philatelic Society: Display, King's Head Issues, Mr. A. H. Stamford.
- April 22.—Royal Philatelic Society: Paper, "Studies in Plating the Stamps of Japan," Messrs. L. W. Fulcher and F. J. Pellow.
- April 22.—Annual General Meeting of the Huddersfield and District Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Huddersfield.
- April 22.—North London Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, "Cashmere," Mr. Alexander J. Sefi.
- April 22.—Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton; Display, "King's Heads," Mr. G. H. Type.
- April 26.—South Wales & Monmouthshire Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A. Buildings, Cardiff: Address by Col. Petty.
- April 26.—Annual meeting of the Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, Common Hall, Hachin's Hay, Liverpool.
- April 29.—Annual Dinner of the Birmingham Philatelic Society.
- May 7.—Annual Meeting of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- April 22 and 23.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- April 27 and 28.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- April 29 and 30.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

RIO DE ORO seems to be running into big figures just now; one wonders why even recent issues are so dear. The 1, 2, 5 and 10c. of 1909 cost half-a-crown the set in Paris, unused, while some other quotations seen are: complete set, 1905, mint, 68s; ditto 1907, 44s.; 10c. 1907 used, 1s. 8d.; 15c. ditto, same figure, and most of the surcharges of the last two or three years cost from 8s. to 12s.

An American journal thinks that Liberia is not philatelically popular on account of its isolation from European intercourse, also that Dominica Republic is possibly neglected because of the dearth of native collectors in that clime, and thinks that the popularity of Hayti may be due to some extent to the frequent insurrections which bring the country into public notice.

Sheets of 120 farthing Caymans seemed to be an article frequently changing hands at present.

Blocks of 4 2c. Lincoln imperforate cost about 8d.; the same with inverted watermark, 2s. A new "mailing machine perforation" is in existence; the current 1c. and 2c., thus perforated, cost 15c. per mint pair. The 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5c. of the 1909 issue exist imperforate and cost about double face value, mint. Just now these imperforates seem to be the sensation in New York and other cities.

Dealers throughout the world seem to give the preference to English made stamp hinges.

The various surcharges of Chili 1904, with the possible exception of the 10c. olive, seem to be fairly scarce and to be worth hoarding up in quantity.

Canada Quebecs above the 2c. come to hand very slowly, but it is perhaps only a matter of waiting; the 6c. Canada Jubilee was hard to get at its first appearance ten years ago, though later it could be got easily—and cheaper.

Many an old stamp, catalogued at only 2d. or 3d., is rarely seen quoted by the dozen; these are the sorts to inquire for. Of these, Egypt 1872 and Egypt Unpays are good examples. In fact, many an Unpaid stamp, of Europe especially, that is catalogued but a few pence, does not seem to exist anywhere in anything like an appreciable quantity.

Clean copies of the 10c. French 1906, with ground, should be worth gathering in quantity. Where the market price has a tendency to move upward, the catalogue price must eventually follow suit.

The 2c. and 4c. Philippines, 1906, are apparently going to be plentiful, but the 6c., 8c. and above are not often met with save as single copies. 3c. Cuba, 1899, seems a good stamp. The quest for American Colonial Unpays carries one over a wide field before any number worth having turns up.

An American story: Gent inquires at post office for a 2c. Lincoln; clerk says they're sold out, but—he has a 5c. Lincoln, anyway; gent takes the 5c. (1902 issue) and departs, beaming!

A Note on Exhibition Labels.

BY W. H. EARL.

I HAVE been interested in Messrs. Anderson and Corfield's articles on Exhibition Labels. In my collection is a complete sheet of seventy-two of the London Exhibition of 1897, with margin all round; there are eight rows of nine to the sheet.

Some time ago Messrs. Hamilton Smith issued some beautifully engraved labels, of which I have three specimens: No. 1, Blue Frame, General Post Office; No. 2, Green Frame, Houses of Parliament; No. 3 Red Frame, Somerset House; the buildings in each case being printed in black.

In addition to those mentioned by Mr. J. A. Anderson, I have labels for Brussels 1900, Paris 1900, Gand 1898, Stuttgart 1896, Wolverhampton 1902.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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(Continued from page 23).

THE WELKER ESSAY, 1876.

In 1876 the Government of the Republic of Uruguay, on the proposition of the Director of the Posts, had opened a competition for a new postage stamp design. Mons. Welker, a gentleman of French extraction, one of the best engravers of Montevideo, presented a design closely resembling that of the stamps of the German Empire, issue of 1874, but the idea was not accepted, and the Government gave the American Bank Note Company, New York, the order to supply new stamps.



Of the essay of Mr. Welker specimens are known in black, in sky-blue, in lilac on white laid paper, and in green.

NINETEENTH ISSUE: 1877-79.

The new stamps made their appearance during the months January to May, 1877. They were of the three types illustrated here:—



The first of these types, used for the 1 centesimo, presents, within a polygonal frame, a central figure of value, and on two labels set in triangular formation the inscription "Republica Oriental," while at the foot appear the words "Centesimo" and "Uruguay."

Type II., used for the 5 centesimos, consist of a large numeral "5" crossed by bands bearing the inscriptions "Republica Oriental del Uruquay" and "cinco centesimos."

In type III., used for the 10, 20 and 50 centesimos, a shield bearing numerals of value occupies the centre, and at the foot is a rising sun, the whole within a plain Greek border.

These stamps, finely engraved, were officially line-rouletted. The series consisted of:—

1 centesimo,	brown-red.
5 centesimos,	light green.
10 "	vermilion.
20 "	bistre brown.
50 "	black.

A stamp of 1 peso, blue, was to have been issued at the same time as these, but the American Bank Note Company's engraver, who had charge of the work, engraved the Arms of the Republic the wrong way round!—that is to say, the first quarter, which contains a pair of scales was replaced by the second, which contains a mountain, and *vice-versa*. When the stamps arrived at Montevideo the error was discovered and no issue of the stamp was made. The American Bank Note Company must rectify the plate and supply a fresh printing. To save the expense of returning them to New York, it was intended that the Uruguayan Government should destroy everything connected with the error. Plates, essays, sheets of stamps—all were destroyed, one stamp only being

sent to New York for rectification. However, some of the labels must have escaped destruction, since Dr. Wonne possesses one, but we are bound to say that it is one of very few known copies.



It was not until the 1st of May, 1879 (as witness the decree given hereunder), that the 1 peso, blue, was issued.

1st May, 1879.

The General Direction of the Posts has decided this day to put into circulation the new postage stamp of the value of 1 peso and they will be forwarded to all post offices throughout the country.

The design of the 1 peso, blue, consisted of a large numeral within a shield, resting on a ground composed of the letters PESO; at the head are the national Arms and the inscription "Republica Oriental" in a band; at the foot "Un Peso" and "Del Uruguay" in horizontal labels.

1 peso, blue.

As in the case of the preceding values this stamp was *percé en lignes*.

For all the values of this issue the complete sheet consisted of 100 stamps.

TWENTIETH ISSUE: 23RD OCT., 1880.

The stock of 1 centesimo stamps being exhausted sooner than was expected, a lithographic transfer was made from proofs of the stamps, and by this means a lithographic printing was made at Montevideo—M. Pena having charge of the work—after a slight re-touching of the design.

The general appearance of the stamp is the same as that of the engraved issue, but it shows the following differences: The figure "1" is smaller, the ornamental ends of the numeral being much reduced in size; it is placed on a ground *lined horizontally*—an infallible means of distinction. The border is less sharp; finally, the rising sun placed above the shield containing the value is larger than for the 1 centesimo of the New York printing. The colour is dull bistre.

This stamp also was issued *percé en lique*, but it has been found without the vertical rouletting. Furthermore, it exists on both thick and thin papers.

TWENTY-FIRST ISSUE: 25TH SEPT., 1881.

In August, 1881, the Administration, having ascertained the necessity for a stamp of 7 centesimos (roughly speaking 35 centimes or 34d.) to prepay letters destined for Paraguay, Chili, and Brazil, made it known that a contract for a million stamps of this denomination had been placed on August the 10th. It was M. Pena who had the preference. The choice was not very happy, and one had cause to mistrust it, the 1 centesimo of the preceding emission having been regarded as decidedly not well printed.

The work of printing was very quickly accomplished, for the million stamps were delivered at the beginning of September, and a notice from the office of the Director of Posts informed the public that by an order of the General Direction an issue of postage stamps of 7 centesimos, printed in sky blue, with the effigy of "the Great Citizen," Dr. Joaquim Suarez* would be made on the 25th of the same month.

This stamp, badly designed, badly executed, is of a lamentable appearance. It shows a three-quarter face portrait of Suarez in a Greek-bordered oval. The numeral of value is

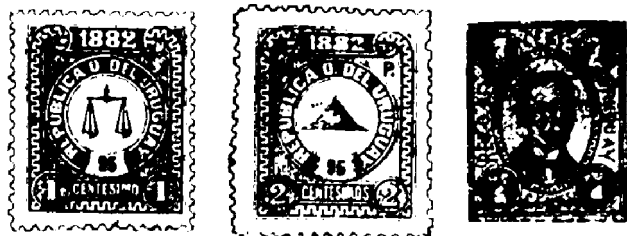
*Joaquim Suarez, born the 18th April, 1871, was elected President of the Republic of Uruguay on the 1st March, 1883, and remained in power until February 15th, 1882. During his presidency he devoted great energy to organising the long resistance of the Montevideans to General Oribe, a resistance which ensured the independence of the Republic. Suarez sacrificed everything in that struggle—family, fortune, health. If he was not a great warrior, he was an honest man, and that quality he exercised for the public good. On July 14th, 1884, the Legislative Chambers, in establishing the fetes for the anniversary of his birth, conferred upon Suarez the title of "Great Citizen." He died February 19th, 1869.

repeated in each angle, in white figures on a ground of colour. The impression is lithographic, light blue on white paper, perforated 13. The sheet consists of 180 stamps in eighteen rows of ten.

Specimens have been found wholly and partly imperforate.

TWENTY-SECOND ISSUE: 15TH MAY—1ST JULY, 1882.

On the 15th May, 1882, a new type for the 1 centesimo was put into circulation. The colour was green, the design simple, showing in the centre a balance, within a circle carrying the inscription "Republica," etc., in white letters on a



coloured ground; on each side at the base, a numeral of value in white on a lined background, set within a circle. Enclosing this circle is a frame formed of a Greek border enclosing the whole design except at the top, where it is broken by a label bearing the date "1882." Below the pair of scales in the centre, in a white label, appears a number. The plate being composed of a hundred stamps in ten rows of ten, the individual impressions were numbered 1 to 100, the numerals going in rotation from left to right in each horizontal row.

Why was this done? We have no information on the point.

The administration gave notice to the public by means of the following announcement:

Montevideo, 18th May, 1882.

On the 15th of the current month there were placed in circulation new stamps of the value of 1 centesimo. These are printed in green and each sheet bears the numbers "1" to "100" and the year "1882."

It has been decided to allow a period of 60 days from the date of issue of the new stamps for the retiring of the old stamps of the same value and for the effecting of an exchange. All the post offices of the Republic are authorised to grant an exchange during the period fixed. The old stamps will have no further value for the franking of correspondence.

On June 29th a second notice indicated that a 2 centesimos was also to be placed on sale.

Montevideo, June 29th, 1882.

On July 1st there will be placed in circulation a new emission of postage stamps of 2 centavos, printed in carmine. The stamps will be numbered "1" to "100," dated with the year "1882" and will bear the letters "U.P."

This stamp was issued for the purpose of franking newspapers addressed to countries participating in the Universal Postal Union.

The type is similar to the 1 centesimo, already described, except that the central object is a mountain (another portion of the shield of the Uruguayan Arms). To left and right at the top of the central circle, on the lined background, appear the letters "U.P.," indicating Universal Postal Union.

These stamps, numbered also from 1 to 100, were printed lithographically by the firm of Mège & Aubriot, of Montevideo.

They are perforated 12½. We have therefore:—

1 cent, sea-green, perforated 12½.

1 " yellow-green "

2 " carmine "

These stamps have also been found not perforated and only partially perforated.

TWENTY-THIRD ISSUE: MARCH 1ST, 1883.

On the 28th of February, 1883, the General Postal Direction published the following notice:—

Montevideo, 28th Feb., 1883.

By order of the General Postal Direction there will be circulated on the 1st of May next an emission of postage stamps of 5 centesimos, with the effigy of His Excellency the President of the Republic, printed in blue.

There is accorded a delay of 60 days from the date indicated for the retiring of the stamp of the same value now in use and for the exchange of old stamps for new, &c.

This stamp bore the portrait to left, of General Maximo Santos,* within an arched frame. Lithographed in colour on white paper and perforated 13.

5 cent bright blue, light blue.



Varieties: The stamp is known imperforate. Also there are specimens on pelure paper.

Each sheet was composed of 150 stamps (30 rows of five), and like the preceding emissions the work of lithographic printing was carried out by the house of Mège & Aubriot.

TWENTY-FOURTH ISSUE: MARCH—APRIL, 1883.

Montevideo, 14th March, 1883.

By order of the General Direction, on the 16th of the current month there will be placed in circulation a new emission of postage stamps of 1 centesimo, green.

There is accorded a delay of 60 days for—etc., etc.

This stamp, larger than its predecessors, bears in the centre the Arms of Uruguay, with the name and the value in an ornamental oval; the numeral of value is repeated in the four angles.

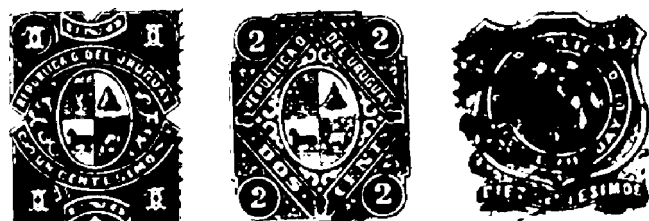
Lithographed in colour on white paper; perforated 12.

1 centesimo, green, thin paper.

1 " " thicker paper.

Variety. Imperforate.

Each sheet had one hundred stamps (20 rows of five stamps each). Lithographic printing by Messrs. Mège and Aubriot, of Montevideo.



ISSUES OF 1883.

On the 1st April following there were two further novelties as indicated in the following decree:—

Montevideo, March 29th, 1883.

By order of the Direction there will be placed in circulation on April 1st next, an emission of postage stamps of 2 centesimos, carmine, and another of 10 centesimos, bistre, and bearing the effigy of General Artiga.

There is granted a delay of 60 days for exchanging, etc.

The 2 centesimos stamp, like the 1c., bears the Arms of the Republic, but in a lozenge. Numerals of value in the four angles.

For the 10 centesimos there is an effigy to right of D'Antigas, formed within a double circle upon a shield, which bears in each of the upper corners the figures of value "10."

Lithographed in colour on white paper; perforated 12.

2 centesimos, carmine, thin paper.

2 " " thick paper.

10 " bistre-brown.

Varieties.

Imperforate specimens.

Half of 10c. stamp used as 5c.

Each sheet had a hundred stamps (twenty rows of five). The lithographic printing, as before, was entrusted to Messrs. Mège & Aubriot.

(To be continued.)

* General Maximo Santos was 1 resident of the Republic from March 1st, 1882, to February 15th, 1886.

The Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PLUMBRIDGE & Co's. Sale,
Nov. 19th and 20th, 1908 (continued).

	£	s.	d.
Sierra Leone, 1883, CA., 4d. blue, mint ...	5	0	0
Zululand, 1894, £1 red, mint ...	1	12	0
Buenos Ayres, Ap., 1858, 2 pesos. blue ...	1	0	0
Canada, 1868, 1c. brown-red on laid ...	1	10	0
Nevis, 1851, on bluish, 6d. grey ...	1	2	0
Do. do. litho 1/- deep green, mint ...	1	3	0
New Brunswick, 6d. yellow ...	2	10	0
Do. 1/- violet ...	10	0	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. scarlet- <i>vermilion</i> ...	4	4	0
Do. do. 6½d. scarlet- <i>vermilion</i> * ...	5	7	6
Do. 1860, 2d. orange- <i>vermilion</i> , mint ...	1	5	0
Peru, 1858, ½ peso orange-yellow ...	1	5	0
St. Vincent, 1880, 2d. <i>vermilion</i> * ...	5	12	6
Do. 1881, 4d. on half 6d., a mint pair ...	2	6	0
Trinidad, 1853, on bluish cartridge paper, 1d. blue ...	4	15	0
Do. 1855, 1d. pale blue, very early impression ...	4	17	6
Do. 1856, 1d. blue ...	2	10	0
Do. 1860, 1d. deep blue ...	2	15	0
Do. 1859, pin perf. 14, 1d. rose-red, mint ...	1	4	0
New South Wales, Sydney, 1d. carmine, plate 2, on laid paper... ...	3	0	0
Do. Do. 2d. blue, plate 2, early state ...	4	7	6
Do. Do. 2d. blue, plate 3 ...	1	14	0
Do. 1853, fine background, 6d. brown ...	2	8	0
Do. 1854-5, imperf. 1/- red ...	1	6	0
Victoria, 1850, fine border and coarse background, 2d. lilac, two copies ...	2	10	0
Do. 1868, 5/- blue on yellow, mint ...	8	15	0
Western Australia, 1854, 4d. slate-blue* ...	2	0	0

Messrs. PUTTIK & SIMPSON'S Sale,
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Hong Kong, 1879, THREEc. on 5 cents on 18c. lilac on postcard* ...	2	2	0
S. Nigeria, 1902, £1 violet, mint ...	3	0	0
Trinidad, 1906, 10/- green and ultramarine, mint ...	1	6	0
Columbia, Antioquia, 1875, 5c. green on laid, type 2 ...	1	10	0
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney Views, 1d. rose-red, pl. 1, fine but cut close, and 1d. scarlet, pl. 2 ...	4	15	0
Do. 1850-51, 1d. lake, plate 2, a pair ...	4	10	0
Do. 1851-53, laureated, no wmk., 1d. carmine on yellowish, a pair, one is the variety without leaves to right of "South" ...	3	15	0
Do. do. 8d. yellow ...	2	17	6

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & OOPER'S Sale,
Nov. 26th and 27th, 1908.

Gt. Britain, 1858, wmk. Large Crown, perf. 16, 1d. rose-red* ...	1	12	0
Do. 1862, 9d. straw with hair lines in corners ...	7	15	0
Do. 1867, 10d. red-brown, plate No. 2 ...	13	10	0
Do. do. 6d. chestnut, plate 13 ...	8	10	0
Roumania, 1891, 10b. orange-red, printed both sides, mint ...	1	0	0
Ceylon, 1861, Star perf., 8d. yellow-brown* ...	3	15	0
Do. do. 19 green, mint ...	1	8	0
Do. do. 2/- blue... ...	1	13	0
Do. 1863-67, C.C., 5d. purple-brown, mint ...	2	2	0
Do. 1872, perf. 12½, 2 rupees 50 cents. lilac-rose, mint ...	5	15	0
Do. 1883-84, wmk. C. & C A., perf. 12, 2c. green, mint ...	1	10	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 4c. rose, mint ...	1	11	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 36c. olive-green (without surcharge, mint ...	1	11	0
Straits Settlements, 1904-06, 25 dollars grey-green and black, unused, mint ...	2	6	0
Do. Federated Malay States, 1900, on Perak, 25 dollars green and orange, mint ...	6	5	0
Do. Do. 1901, \$25 green & orange, mint ...	2	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 4d. blue, a pair ...	6	15	0

(To be continued.)

Notes on Fiscals.

By A. B. KAY.

Bechuanaland Protectorate.—A further value of the King's Head Transvaal revenue stamps overprinted for use in this possession has to be recorded. The surcharge is in two lines of fancy capitals and in deep blue ink.

£5 violet and grey, deep blue overprint.

Cape of Good Hope.—*Customs Duty.*—A series of stamps, being the current King's Head postage, surcharged at the base of the stamp **CUSTOMS DUTY** in block type, have been issued for prepayment of the duty levied on advertising matter.

1d. red, black surcharge, watermark Anchor.			
2d. brown	"	"	"
6d. violet	"	"	"
1/- ochre	"	"	"

Cyprus.—Mr. C. S. F. Crofton has discovered two dies of the Queen's Head revenue stamps, 1, 2, and 4½ piastres. The two dies differ in many respects, but noticeably in Die I. the lettering of CYPRUS is round, and in Die II. squat. The three values are both found in both dies.

Great Britain.—*Winchester.*—At the last meeting of the Fiscal Philatelic Society, Mr. W. Schwabacher showed two types in the 1/- value of these uncommon stamps. One type has the bottom label with spandrels in the corners, and the other has plain corners. Can any reader of the S.C.F. say if these stamps are still current, or give particulars of their use?

India.—*Foreign Bill.*—An interesting variety has come to light, being a copy with *inverted* surcharge of the 4 annas on 1 Rupee embossed. As the sheet consists of five rows of stamps with two *inverted* in respect to the other three, only one row with *inverted* surcharge probably was printed.

Mr. W. Corfield also reports the 3R. on 8R. with *inverted* surcharge at the top of the stamp.

4a. on 1R. pink (Die A 27.11.60), <i>inverted</i> Star.
3R. on 8R. purple (spacing 1½mm.), <i>inverted</i> surcharge.

Natal.—*Customs Duty.*—A series of stamps similar to those listed for the Cape has also been issued for this Colony. However, the overprint is only handstamped in black ink, and the words **CUSTOMS DUTY NATAL** in sans serif caps, cover two to three stamps, consequently single copies only show a portion of the surcharge.

1d. red.	King's Head postage, multiple wmk.
2d. olive and red	single ..
3d. grey and purple	single ..
4d. brown and red	multiple ..
5d. orange and black	multiple ..
6d. chocolate and green	single ..

Orange River Colony.—An addition to the last set of V.R.I. surcharges is the

3/- brown, V.R.I. (Roman), level stops.

Straits Settlements.—*Selangor.*—Mr. Crofton reports an additional type of overprint.

3c. lilac and black, surcharge upwards, SELANGOR in italics.

Transvaal.—*Zeerst.*—Another unlisted provisional has been discovered.

6d. carmine, dated 2 July 00.

Uganda.—*Inland Revenue.*—Mr. F. Peplow has been so fortunate to discover an error in the shape of the 5r. Queen's Head postage, surcharged "Inalnd Revenue" instead of the usual lettering. It seems as though the error should also exist on the 1 rupee.

5r. brown, surcharged "Inalnd Revenue."

All Communications respecting this column should be addressed to A. B. KAY, 18, Melrose Gardens, Hammersmith, London, W.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Royal Philatelic Society.

President: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. A. Tilliard.

At the eighth meeting of the session, held on Feb. 4th, the principal business consisted of the display of Mr. Henry Grey's collection of the stamps of Victoria, which in Mr. Grey's unavoidable absence, was shown by Mr. E. D. Bacon. On the motion of the Chairman, Lord Crawford, seconded by Mr. T. W. Hall, the thanks of the Society were voted to Mr. Grey for his interesting display and to Mr. Bacon for showing the stamps.

The ninth meeting of the session was held at the usual rendezvous on February 18th, when the chair was taken by Mr. C. N. Biggs. A paper had been announced by the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell, who even at that time was too ill to attend. At his request Mr. W. B. Edwards attended and showed his fine collection of the Waterlow stamps of New Zealand. Mr. J. A. Leon, who was present as a visitor, also showed a number of the scarcer stamps of the same issues. Votes of thanks to Mr. Edwards and Mr. Leon were moved by Mr. R. B. Yardley, and seconded by Mr. A. J. Warren.

Chums Society of Stamp Collectors.

President: Percy C. Bishop.
General Secretary's Office: La Bell's Square, London, E.C.

The Society now numbers 950 members, all readers of the boy's weekly journal, "Chums." A small monthly paper, "The World of Stamps," is supplied free to all C.S.S.C. members and to them alone.

A Manchester Section has been successfully formed the Section Secretary being H. Young, 20, Aked Street, Ardwick, Manchester.

A Glasgow Section is in progress of formation, the Secretary being J. Blakoe, 5, Clifton Place, Glasgow, from whom all particulars may be had.

The C.S.S.C. has members in all parts of the United Kingdom, India and the Colonies, as well as in U.S.A., Argentina and most European countries. There is no age limit or sex restriction. The youngest member is aged eighteen months and the oldest seventy years. Every member must be a stamp collector or an intending stamp collector, no dealers being admitted.

Mr. Charles Nissen, who acts as the Society's Honorary Counterfeit Detector, has been very helpful to many of the junior members in showing them how to detect the more obvious forgeries.

An Exchange Branch has been organised, and a Forgery Collection for circulation later on among the members is now being formed. Donations of forged and faked stamps and bogus issues are solicited, and the names of all donors will be permanently inscribed in the collection.

After the admission of a thousand members a small entrance fee will be charged.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

President: Miss Parr.
Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.
Hon. Secretary: W. Nisworth, Chaplin's House, Portland.

At the meeting held on March 16th, the President took the chair. A short paper on "Perforations" was read by Mr. de Gruchy. He showed specimens from his valuable collection to illustrate the varieties he mentioned.

The Secretary followed with an account of the manufacture of stamp paper.

The usual votes of thanks were passed. On the 30th of March the programme for the evening consisted of ten minutes papers by members. Miss H. Smith, of Weymouth, also displayed her magnificent collection of British Colonials, amongst which was a block of eight 5/- Natal, King's Head.

Votes of thanks were passed to the various members who had contributed to the evening's entertainment.

Sheffield Philatelic Society.

President: W. C. Fox, F.R.P.S.L.

At the usual fortnightly meeting of March 18th, there was a very fine display of British Stamps by the President (Mr. W. C. Fox) and Mr. James E. Bartlett. Practically every great rarity was represented in the display.

Bradford Philatelic Society.

Exchange Secretary: W. J. E. Hinchiffe, 26, Byron Street, Bradford.

The January packet returned on April 2nd, and all sheets, and balances due to members are now paid.

The April packet, containing 40 sheets, value £514 11s. 4d., was sent out on April 10th, with a postal list of 44 members.

The last packet of the season will be sent out on May 10th.

New members desiring to join for next season are requested to make application to the Exchange Secretary for copy of rules.

International Philatelic Union.

At the fifth meeting of the season, held at Essex Hall on Thursday, March 11th, Mr. J. C. Sidebotham presiding, a vote of thanks was moved to the I.P.U.'s delegates to the Philatelic Congress at Manchester: Messrs. Pemberton, Lamb and Lincoln.

Mr. Pemberton then read a carefully thought out paper on the Stamps of Prince Edward Island, which was much appreciated by those present.

Manchester Philatelic Society.

President: W. Durning Breckton.
Hon. Secretary: O. Fred H. Gibson, Fairfield, Crumpsall.

At the meeting of Friday, March 12th, Mr. J. H. Abbott gave a display of Liberia, with notes. After a short history of the negro republic, Mr. Abbott described the various issues, more especially the five transfers of the first type of stamp, 1860-1880.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 19, Vicarage Road, Croydon.

The eleventh and final meeting of the season took place on Wednesday, March 24th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon, with an attendance of ten members and two visitors.

The President (Mr. F. G. Bing) occupied the chair at 8 p.m., and, after usual preliminaries, called upon Mr. B. B. Kirby for a paper and display on the Stamps of Holland.

In his paper Mr. Kirby explained the various printings, papers, and perforations, and gave a very interesting and instructive account of these issues.

The collection was a highly specialized one and contained all issues used and mint, some very fine pairs and strips of the early imperf. issue, proofs, essays, and some fine old entries.

The meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Kirby.

Northampton Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.
Meeting Place: The Divan Cafe, Northampton.

The programme for the 1908-9 season concluded on Wednesday, Mar. 24th, with a display by the President (Mr. H. E. Archer) of the European and Foreign Portions of his large general collection.

Several other interesting displays have been given this year, and on Feb. 10th, Mr. T. B. Widdowson of Leicester, gave a most instructive account of the various methods of printing employed in the productions of postage-stamps.

Although owing to most unfavourable weather, there was a rather small attendance. Mr. Widdowson's paper was much appreciated by the members present, and several doubtful points were made clear to them by the aid of the plates, lithographic stones, etc., which the lecturer had brought for inspection.

At the meeting on Feb. 24th, a letter was read from Mr. Humphrey Bennett, the delegate from the Society to the Manchester Congress, giving a short account of the matters which had been under discussion.

Nine new members have joined the Society during the present season; nearly all the keen collectors in the neighbourhood are now members.

A library of philatelic hand-books is being formed, and several useful works are now available for borrowing by members.

Applications for membership should be made to the Secretary, at the above address, and he will be pleased to give any information to intending members.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Swayne, 44, Cuvendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held at the Common Hall, Hackins Hey, Liverpool, on March 22nd, the President being in the chair and sixteen members present.

A discussion, opened by Mr. J. C. Cuthbertson, on "What should be done with Forgeries," was very successful. Mr. Cuthbertson's address was full of information to juniors and evoked much discussion.

He advised the saving up of forgeries to make a reference collection.

The stamps of Portugal were well exhibited. Most of the members availed themselves of the opportunity afforded them by an invitation to visit the Liverpool Senior Philatelic Society on March 29th, when many fine stamps were on view.

On April 5th, the last meeting of the season was held, when about twenty members were present.

After the usual business it was announced that a handsome stamp album had been presented to the juniors by Dr. Armstrong.

Another discussion took place on General Collecting (advocated by Mr. J. O. Jones) versus Specializing (represented by Mr. G. Edmondson). Good arguments were put forward by both speakers, and, after general discussion, a vote was taken, which resulted in favour of General Collecting. Both speakers coupled with Dr. Armstrong for the presentation of the album, were heartily thanked.

Several good exhibits of various countries were on view, the most notable being Southern Nigeria, shown by the President; Belgium, by Mr. S. Evans; and Trinidad, by Mr. Clissold.

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 26th, in the Common Hall.

Glasgow and West of Scotland Philatelic Society.

The seventh ordinary meeting was held in the Religious Institution Rooms, on Tuesday, March 9th, when there was a large attendance of Members, the President, Mr. W. A. R. Jex Long, occupying the chair.

Mr. Long read a most interesting and comprehensive paper on the methods of arranging stamp collections, in the course of which he introduced and strongly recommended a novel and original system of classifying, which would enable the Collector to find a desired stamp without a great turning over of pages.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
Meeting Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton.

At a meeting held on 11th March, Mr. Owen, in the absence of Mr. Mead, being in the chair, the following new members were proposed and elected:—Mr. John Jonas, Mr. Edward John Jacobs, Mr. George Duncombe.

The chairman called upon the Secretary (Mr. J. Ireland), to open the discussion on "Is a classified Catalogue desirable?"

Mr. Ireland read a paper drawing attention to the necessity for a catalogue which would also act as a guide to the beginner. This he affirmed could only be obtained by classification in which designs should be placed first, then watermarks and perforations, and after these the surcharges and commemorative issues, if any.

The debate was actively taken part in by the members present; all however, seemed to prefer the existing state of things, and the general opinion appeared to be that nobody ever worried to get a country, complete, but wanted the priced catalogue as a means of obtaining a valuation of their possessions.

As a seconder could not be found, a resolution was put from the chair:—"That a classified catalogue is desirable in the interests of Philately in general and the beginner in particular."

A vote being taken, the Secretary (the advocate of a classified catalogue) was found to be in a hopeless minority of one!

A decidedly instructive evening was passed, however, even if the catalogue question has not been moved on a point.

The twelfth meeting of the session was held on 25th March, at the Royal Hotel.

The chair was taken by Mr. W. Mead, who introduced to the meeting Mr. S. R. Turner and Mr. H. Lee, who had kindly come down from London to contribute to the evening's programme. Mr. Turner gave a display of a somewhat novel character, this being "The Imperforate Stamps of Europe." All the stamps were carefully written up and the display was much admired. Mr. Turner also showed some essays of a projected "Prince Imperial" issue of France, prepared in 1869, which aroused much interest. Mr. Lee then gave a display of "Local Stamps," and also much interesting information about these little known stamps. Among these should be mentioned an unchronicled New Hebrides stamp, postmarked "Nov. '03," about which Mr. Lee is anxious obtain further information.

On the proposition of Messrs. G. U. Smith and J. Dallimore, a cordial vote of thanks was passed to the visitors, who, before leaving, presented a copy of "The Record of the Philatelic Student's Fellowship" to the library.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

A Prize for Forgery-Detection.

As the subject of stamp-forgery is not altogether absent from the public mind just now, the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has empowered me to offer a prize to the reader who shall best solve the following problem:—

Here are two enlarged illustrations, one of which is a reproduction of a genuine and the other a reproduction of a forged San Marino stamp.



I. IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?



II.—IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?

Now, which is which?

Also, in what special way or ways does the forged stamp differ from the genuine issue?

Frankly, nobody in the *Fortnightly* office knows anything about the subject. The blocks have been made for us, but, purposely, no track has been kept as to the identity of the copies. The editorial mind on this subject (as on several others) is a blank. Even the advertisement manager, that man of much knowledge, is ignorant of the answers to the questions propounded above.

To the reader who supplies the best article of not more than 300 words stating (1) which is the forgery and which the genuine stamp, and (2) the chief differences between the two, a prize of half-a-guinea will be awarded, and there will be three consolation prizes of free annual subscriptions to the *Fortnightly*.

All letters to be addressed to the Competition Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C., and to reach us not later than Tuesday, June 1st.

Postmark for the Amsterdam Exhibition.

WHETHER there is to be any special postage stamp to commemorate the birth of that very important baby, the Princess of Orange, I do not know; but certainly there will be a special postmark for the Amsterdam Philatelic Exhibition, for Mr. Boolemann has just written me to say so. A special Post Office is to be fixed up, *à la* Manchester, and all the mail matter passing through it will bear a special obliteration.

Cayman Islands Again.

LEVEL headed men tell me that everything was quite fair, square and above-board in connection with the issues of "provisional" stamps in these troublesome little islands. Very well, I hope it is so. I should be very pleased to be able to believe it. But other men, equally level headed, tell me that they were not fair, square and above-board. "Truth" which has made a close, and I think a fair investigation of the whole circumstances, says in its latest number, "there is ample demonstration of the fact that at the time these curiosities were being sold an ample stock of stamps for *bonâ fide* postal purposes was locked up in the post office safe."

Now can any one of the champions of the Cayman Islands dispute or disprove that very categorical statement? If there be any such I invite him to come forward and say his say in the columns of the *S.C.F.*

NOTICE TO OUR READERS.—The publication of this issue of the "Fortnightly" has been delayed until Monday evening, May 3rd, to admit of the reporting of the latest proceedings in the Stamp Prosecution at Bow Street on Saturday, May 1st.

On Cards and Covers.

By B. W. W.

THE British reply cards from 1882 (already referred to) were perforated by machines similar to those used for the adhesives which made fourteen holes in the standard space of twenty millimetres, but with alternate needles omitted, so making the perforation seven only. Later on there were 6, 4 and 5, as they were called. The white cards were too thick for this perforation, so after the first, the two halves of these cards were printed and cut separately, and then joined together with a strip of linen. The 12 perf. gauge was tried in the same way, and then with two needles omitted between the ones retained, so leaving four only, and finally the 14 gauge was returned to and treated in same way, resulting in a gauge of 4½, commonly called 5. The foreign cards were also perforated, the penny one being found with all four perforations, and the 1½d. and 2d. ones the following year have the 4 and 5 gauge only. Of late years all the soft buff cards are merely folded, as it was found they would easily break and tear off without the necessity of perforation. There are varieties to be found with or without stop after REPLY, and in some printings without a stop after SIDE.

A few words as to private cards "printed to order" are necessary to explain differences that are confusing and distinguish them from those sold only by the Post Office for general use. The first ones were printed by the firms sending them, in various types without the Arms, and an embossed stamp was added at Somerset House. One form with Arms got stamped, but was not delivered for a long time. About 1884 an old Post Office plate was used (but without Arms) for stamping plain sheets of cards, and in 1889 the full plate of that earlier type with small Arms but with chain from neck of unicorn broken was utilised. These can be readily separated from the pre-83 issue; in 1897, the line of instructions was left out. In no case was the larger type of Arms used for these private cards, and that is the distinguishing difference now between the King's Head Post Office without instructions, and the similar one on private cards which still have the smaller Arms.

The stamped envelopes are very interesting, but the use of date plugs and the quantity of numbered dies have deterred many from collecting all varieties, added to which the stamped-to-order printings on every size and colour of paper has become a nuisance. Of course, there are only four values officially issued for postal use, the 1d. from 1841 to present time, the 2d. in 1841 only, and the ½d. (as used on cards) and 2½d. from 1892, the last one has been withdrawn. All others were for special firms or for speculative sale by those who chose to risk ordering certain minimum quantities.

NOTES ON NOVELTIES.

Italy.—We have received from our friend at Turin, a set of nine cards of the ordinary 10 centesimi "08" issue with divided front, having "20 Parà 20" printed in black below the stamp, and on eight of them there is overprinted in addition above the top of the stamp the names of the eight Turkish ports where Italian offices are opened. These are Costantinopoli (note the spelling), Durazzo, Gerusalemme, Janina, Salonico, Scutari di Albania, Smirne, and Valona. The ninth one is presumably for general use at any of the ports where vessels may call to post their letters and cards written aboard ship.

20 para on 10c. red on cream, with 8 overprints.

In describing the Italian cards in December and January, it was stated they had no control number or date, but on later examination in a better light we see that the 10+10c. had "07," and the 5+10c. had "08," as also the single 10c., though so faint as to be unnoticeable on such foggy days as those we wrote on.

Ceylon.—The *Monthly Circular* records stamps with the value in numerals on the following items:

Env. 5 cents. blue on white.
Bands. 2 " dark violet on grey.
5 " brown on yellow.

Roumania.—A quantity of the cards intended for 5 bani are said to have been printed in error with the 15 bani stamp.

P. Card. 15 bani, green (error).

An error of the 10 bani of last year with "réservée" was corrected in January last.

Switzerland.—The 5c. postcard now has the stamp of latest type, and we have received an envelope with 10 cent stamp in red of new type with Helvetia at top.

The Auction Rooms.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale,
Nov. 26th and 27th, 1908. (continued).

	£	s.	d.
Mauritius 1885-91, wmk. C. & C.A., perf. 12, 2c. green, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 4c. carmine, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 13c. slate, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 50c. orange, mint	1	2	0
Natal, 1874-78, perf. 15½ x 15, 5/- marone, a pair, mint	2	10	0
Do. 1882-85, wmk. C. & C.A., perf. 12, ½d. green, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 3d. grey, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 1/- orange, without "POSTAGE," mint	1	2	0
St. Helena, 1863, 4d. carmine, imperforate, mint*	1	2	0
Do. 1889, wmk. C. & C.A., perf. 12, 6d. grey, mint	1	3	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 6d. ultramarine, mint	1	0	0
Do. do. do. 6d. slate-grey, mint	1	4	0
Do. do. do. 6d. sepia, mint	1	2	0
Do. do. do. 6d. umber, mint	1	1	0
Zululand, 1st issue, 5/- carmine, mint	2	1	0
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 14, 10c. lake, mint	2	0	0
Canada, 1st issue, 10d. blue, thin paper	1	2	0
New Brunswick, 1851, half a 3d. red, used on entire with a fine 6d. yellow	2	15	0
British Honduras, 1882-87, wmk. C. & C.A., perf. 12, 1d. rose, mint	1	3	0
Do. do. perf. 12, 1d. yellow, in colour of 6d., mint	1	2	0
St. Vincent, 1883-4, perf. 12, 1d. violet, mint	2	15	0
Turks Island, 1891 provls., 2½ on 1/- lilac, type 6, mint	4	0	0
Victoria, 1864, 8d. orange, a pair, mint	3	7	6

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- May 4th.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Institute, Cookridge Street: Display, British West Indies, by the President, Mr. C. W. Harding.
May 5th.—Bath Philatelic Society, Church Institute: Debate: "Stamps versus Coins."
May 5th.—North London Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Highbury Plate, N.: Philatelic Sketch.
May 6th.—Royal Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: Mr. T. W. Hall's paper on the 1864-7 issues of the Argentine Republic.
May 7th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society: Annual Meeting.
May 12th.—City of London Philatelic Society's Annual Meeting.
May 13th.—Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society: Straits Settlements.
May 13th.—International Philatelic Union, Essex Hall, Strand, W.C.: Annual General Meeting.
May 13th.—Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society: Beginners' Night.
May 13th.—Bradford Philatelic Society: Annual Meeting.
May 15th.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, E.C.: Display, "The Later Issues of France" by Mr. S. R. Turner; paper and display, "Surcharged Stamps of China," Mr. C. L. Harte-Lovelace.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- May 4, 10 & 15.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
May 6 and 7.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
May 11 and 12.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
May 13 and 14.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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TWENTY-FIFTH ISSUE.

PROVISIONALS, SEPT., 1883—JAN., 1884.

Dated "Montevideo, 21st September, 1883," there was issued a public notice, authorising the use of the 5c. (green) stamps of 1876 with a black surcharge "1883, Provisorio."

These are the stamps of the first of the types illustrated here, with the surcharge "1883 Provisorio" in two lines. Generally "1883" is at the left (as in the illustration given



THE PROVISIONAL SURCHARGES OF 1883-84.

here) but it is also found, much more rarely, at the right. There are essays of the surcharge, vertical and horizontal, in red.

Dated "Montevideo, 13th January, 1884," there was a further order of the General Postal Direction relating to the issue of provisional stamps of 1 centesimo, by surcharging the 10c. stamp of 1876 "Provisorio 1 centesimo 1884" in black.

This is the stamp of 10 centesimos, red-vermilion, 1887, with the figure of value on a shield, overprinted in three lines, "Provisorio, 1 centesimo 1884."

Variety: Surcharge reversed.

Error: Small figure "1." This occurs only once on each sheet in the bottom left-hand corner specimen.

A further order of the General Direction, dated "Montevideo, January 25th, 1884," authorised the re-issue of the 2c. stamps of 1882 with the black overprint, "Provisorio 1884."

This is the type showing the mountain in the central circle issued in 1882, the stamps being numbered 1 to 100.

The horizontal surcharge, "Provisorio 1884" is impressed in black.

Variety: Surcharge inverted.

TWENTY-SIXTH ISSUE.

JAN. 25TH—APRIL 10TH, 1884.

The following notice was issued:—

Montevideo, 25th Jan., 1884.

There is placed in circulation a new issue of postage stamps of 5 centesimos, colour blue, bearing in each corner the figure "5" and a Sun in the centre. There is granted a delay of 60 days for exchanging, etc., etc.



ISSUE OF JAN. 25TH, 1884.

This stamp, simple in design, bears a head with rays within a double-lined lozenge, carrying inscriptions. A numeral of value appears in each corner. Printed in colour on white paper. Perforated 13.

Of this issue there are two well defined types.

The first type, 5 centesimos, ultramarine, has 23 rays on the lower left side of the head.

The second type, 5 centesimos, (issued April 10th, 1884) has only 19 rays; also the figures differ from those of the first type.

Variety (2nd type): imperforate.

There are essays of this stamp (first type) in yellow, brown and red.

Each sheet had 100 stamps (20 rows of 5) and the issue was lithographed by Messrs. Mège & Aubriot.

To be continued.

A New Discovery in Siam.

TWO DIES OF THE 1 ATT.

WE have received from Mr. W. Hadlow specimens of the 1 att. Siam, issue of 1900, which show incontestably that there were two dies used for this stamp. The enlarged reproductions here given might almost be left to speak for



I: THE ORIGINAL PRINTING.



II: THE RE-DRAWN TYPE.

themselves. There are many differences to be detected, notably in the hair of King Chulalongkorn, and in the outlining of the head; also in the expressions of value and in the type used for the inscription, "Siam Postage and Value." We should be interested to hear from *Fortnightly* readers who may have already encountered these types and discovered anything as to their respective periods of currency.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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This Number of the "S.C.F." is necessarily largely given up to the Thing of the Moment—viz., the philatelic prosecution at Bow Street Police Court. Publication of the issue has been delayed in order that our readers may have a full report of the latest proceedings before them. Several of our regular features have had to be cut down or held over; but we hope in the next *Fortnightly* to redress the balance as between mere news and pure Philately.

We have been requested to state that Mr. Henry Harmer is not a member of, nor in any way connected with the firm of Harmer, Rooke & Co.

The "Gibbons" Catalogues, twentieth edition, have been sent us for review. In Part I., the British Empire section, the Colonies conspicuous for alterations and revisions are Cape of Good Hope, Fiji, Morocco Agencies, New Zealand, and Trinidad. The problem of colour names has been seriously tackled, both in this and in the "Foreign" catalogue. A "note of warning" (with which we cordially agree) is inserted in the preface to the Colonial catalogue drawing the attention of philatelists to the tendency towards over-speculation in modern issues of British Colonials. On a matter of this kind Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited, speak with all the weight of their vast experience and their unique position in the stamp trade, and we think the paragraph is one that is well calculated to give pause to those who are indulging in indiscriminate accumulating and hoarding as distinct from bona-fide collecting. This year, however, we are inclined to think that the Foreign section of the Gibbons catalogue which presents the greater interest, if only because of the important statements relating to the "Seebeck" countries, Ecuador, Nicaragua and Salvador. Messrs. Gibbons are now able to announce that they have eliminated all the *reprinted* Seebecks from their stock and the fairly exact knowledge they have acquired as to the relative rarity of Seebeck *originals* has led to many noteworthy revisions of price. This, we take it, is only a first instalment of many changes likely to be brought about in the appraisal of South and Central American issues in pursuance of Mr. Phillips' statements, from time to time that an appreciation in the hitherto despised stamps of the American Republics is one of the probabilities of the near future. Already there are some marked increases of price in the stamps of Argentina, Nicaragua, Paraguay, Uruguay, &c., in addition to the Republics previously alluded to. Messrs. Gibbons' 1909 Catalogues, in short, present many novel points of interest, and a study of them will well repay even the busiest philatelist for the time he devotes thereto.

Mr. Melville's newest handbook, which has just been sent us for review by Mr. W. H. Peckitt, is devoted to the postage stamps of Gambia—a delightful and deservedly popular Colony. We shall, if space permits, review the work more fully in our next number.

With deep and sincere regret we record the death, at the all too early age of 36, of Mr. C. S. F. Crofton, until lately Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of India." It was a great shock to see Mr. Crofton's name among the "Deaths" in the "Daily Telegraph" of April 26th, for it is only a few short weeks since he gave over the charge of the Indian Society's organ to Mr. Wetherell after editing it most brilliantly for the past year. The death occurred at Ahmednagar from cholera. "India," as Mr. B. Gordon Jones writes us in a grief-laden letter, "that accursed land of regrets, has claimed another of our best." It is indeed a bitter blow to Philately, and, to quote Mr. Gordon Jones again, "an irreparable loss to the Philatelic Society of India." Mr. Crofton wrote the Indian Telegraph section of the recent Indian Handbook; he also collaborated with Mr. Wilmot Corfield on the "P.J.I." work on the Fiscal and Telegraph Stamps of India. He was a philatelist of philatelists, alert, enthusiastic, thorough. The news of his untimely end has come as a terrible shock to the deceased philatelist's many friends and correspondents in the old country, and throughout the philatelic world his loss will be keenly felt.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

A WELL KNOWN firm gives notice that its wholesale list is not so full of items as of yore, on account of recent brisk trade clearing out many of the lines! That's good.

An advertiser is asking for copies of the 8c. Belgium at three-quarters catalogue (Senf.) This seems a good stamp for investment. There are other Europeans, less costly, that seem to be decidedly worth holding in quantity, such as Bulgarian Unpaid, Servian surcharged with Arms above 10c., Austrian Levant (except the 1 piastre), Roumanian pictorials above 25c., 20c. and 30c. French 1900 and 1902, 1c. French "Reconvrements," used, current Portugal above 100 reis, 6 heller pictorial Bosnia, and others.

A writer in a contemporary thinks that the following common stamps, possibly because of their being influenced by changing postal rates, may gradually become scarcer:

Austria, 35 to 60 heller	Italy, 45 cents.
Hungary, 30, 35 and 60 filler.	Luxemburg, 30 and 37½ cents.
Belgium, 35 cents.	Portugal, 75, 80, 115 and 130r.
France, 30, 35 and 45 cents. (The 45 cents French is already to be displaced).	Russia, 14k. (not yet issued), 15, 25, 35, 50 and 70k.
Germany, 25 and 80pf.	Spain, 30 centimos.
Greece, 30l.	Switzerland, 35 centimes.
Holland, 15, 17½ and 22½ cents. (The 17½ cents will never prove to be common).	Turkey, 2½ piastres.
	Norway, 25, 30, 35 and 50 öre.
	Denmark, 25 to 50 öre.
	Sweden, 25, 30 and 50 öre.

There are now two stamp-dealing firms in Crete!

A new perforation in U.S.A. stamps is the "hyphen-hole" perforation, an illustration of which appears in an American journal; but only a small percentage of stamps thus perforated are said to be well centred. There is a rumour that paper slightly heavier in make may presently be employed in the case of the current issue of U.S.A.

So far I have only succeeded in getting one used copy of the 2c. Lincoln; correspondents say there are very few to be had. I see that a block of six imperforate Lincolns with marginal number costs 2s.

Someone compares the device on the new U.S.A. Special Delivery to a farmer's hat with wings on it, and a Canadian paper says the stamp is "having its troubles."

It is said that a Bill has been laid before the U.S.A. Senate which may result in the adoption of 1c. domestic postage throughout the States from January next.

The Charges against Stamp Dealers.

THE ALLEGED FORGERIES OF NORTH BORNEO COLONIAL STAMPS.

ON Friday, April 23rd, at Bow Street Police Court, before Mr. Curtis Bennett, there was a further hearing of the charges against John Stewart Lowden, 29, Stamp Dealer, 20 Villiers Street, Strand, and Henry Harmer, 39, Stamp Dealer, 11 Preston Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, of conspiring to obtain money by fraud from persons buying from them, or from the West End Stamp Company, or Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., stamps purporting to be issued for Postage and Revenue purposes in British North Borneo.

Mr. Bodkin appeared on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions; Mr. H. H. Olley (for Mr. Harry Wilson) defended Lowden, and Harmer was represented by Mr. Frampton. Mr. C. V. Young watched the case on behalf of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Mr. Bodkin: In this case the prosecution has been undertaken by the Director of Public Prosecutions because the fraud which will be disclosed here is of an extensive character and involves a very dangerous undesirable practice which has been adopted by the defendants of forging, and forging by most closely imitating valid postage and revenue stamps of a territory which is now part of the dominions of the King. These two defendants are being charged to-day with defrauding persons to whom they sold forged and imitated stamps on the representation that they were genuine stamps. The fraud is not put here, at any event at this stage, as a fraud on the revenue of any country but upon individuals in connection with stamps which formed the revenue of part of the King's dominions. It does not appear to be an offence, so far as I can discover to forge stamps or to produce an imitation of the stamp of any other country than Great Britain. The stamps with which I am at present dealing are stamps of the State of North Borneo, perhaps better known as British North Borneo. That was one of the countries which was originally made over to the administration of a Chartered Company which had by its charter very ample powers, including the powers of trading in North Borneo and of generally administering all the affairs of the district. That Company was incorporated on the 1st of November 1881 and it remained in that original state and having the sole responsibility for the administration of the country until 1888, when the Company's territory was made into a British Protectorate under the general control of the Colonial Office, under the name of the State of North Borneo.

In the course of its administration some years after the Company was first chartered, it became necessary to provide stamps for postal and revenue purposes for the use of the country. Accordingly the Company instructed a well known firm in the City of London, Messrs. Blades, East & Blades, to design and prepare a series of revenue and postage stamps ranging from ½ up to 10 cents. Accordingly Mr. Macdonald, an engraver who was acting for Messrs. Blades, designed and prepared the necessary dies to produce each of the series of stamps, and the stamps which were so prepared were known as the 1887 to 1890 issue, and they were printed from time to time as required up to 1894.

In 1893 the Company instructed Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., to design and produce a new series of stamps of the same values and this was done, and as from the year 1894 the new series of stamps has been those which are generally in use, although from the time of the preparation of the first issue of the 1887 issue those stamps have remained valid and effective as postage and revenue stamps right up to the 14th December, 1908, so as between 1886-7 and December 14th, 1908, there have been the 1887 to 1890 issue, and from 1894 to 1908 the new issue also. Since the 14th December, 1908, only the 1894 stamps have been valid and effective, because from information which came to the Company in the middle of December of last year of very extensive quantities of forgeries of the 1887 and 1890 issue they were obliged to demonetize the whole of the early issue of 1887 to 1890 and to cancel them so that only the 1894 issue are now available for postage and revenue purposes. The stamps have not only their value for their ordinary purposes of postage and revenue but the business of trading in foreign stamps and the habit of collecting foreign postage stamps is very extensive, and

these stamps are articles of commerce quite apart from their ordinary use. These two defendants being dealers in foreign postage stamps, it is alleged by the prosecution, have caused to be forged many thousands of these stamps for the purposes of selling them to collectors and others at remunerative rates to form part of collections of foreign stamps. It is necessary just to say here that the North Borneo Company have never ordered or procured or authorised any reprint of any of the 1887 to 1890 issue, the dies for producing these stamps having been in the custody of the printers, Messrs. Blades, who are under a liability to account strictly to the Company for every sheet of any paper on which any impression of any one of these stamps appears, because in the process of printing there may be spoiled sheets, or sheets which for some reason or other may be imperfectly printed. You will have the clearest evidence before you to show that except on the express order of the Company no reprints of these stamps have ever been sold by the Company or printed by Messrs. Blades. The North Borneo Company has no knowledge, as I shall show by the evidence of Mr. Forbes, the Secretary of the Company, of these defendants in any shape or way. The Company had no arrangements with them by which the defendants should purchase stamps of the Company and so far as the Company are concerned the first they heard of the defendants was when these matters were discovered at the end of last year. But a Mr. Parker, a gentleman who deals in stamps in London, has been in the habit of buying for the purpose of dealing with other dealers and collectors in stamps, from the North Borneo Company, and has purchased from time to time quantities of stamps from the Company. You will hear that in the autumn of 1907 Mr. Parker held a very large stock of North Borneo stamps of all kinds and values, including some of the 1887 to 1890 issue. He seems to have made a kind of speciality in dealing with these North Borneo stamps. Amongst the stamps he held were some sheets which he had obtained from the Company of the 1887 to 1890 issue, but which were not perfect and complete stamps; they were not perforated and I understand they were sheets which had been handed over by the printers to the Company. I claim no special knowledge upon the subject of foreign stamps except that sometimes I have had to pay for other people's, but for all I know it may be very interesting for a stamp collector to be in possession of stamps which are not complete. At any rate this Mr. Parker was well acquainted with Harmer whom he had known as a stamp dealer for some seven or eight years, and also with Lowden whom he had known for four or five years as a stamp dealer and as an acquaintance of Harmer's. Leaving the position there for the moment with Parker having a large stock of these Borneo stamps in his possession, and being acquainted with the two defendants, I will now proceed to tell you how the defendants were trading so far as we know at present at that time. It seems from enquiry at Somerset House, that in January 1906, a Company called the West End Stamp Company was registered with the defendant Lowden as one of the signatories, and the Company had its offices at 20, Villiers Street, Strand. One finds from the file in May, 1906, its capital which was originally £500 was increased to £5,000, and there was an agreement made between the defendants Lowden and Harmer and the Company, by which certain stocks of stamps were to be made over to the Company, and certain shares of the Company made over to them. It further appears that these two defendants were the Managing Directors of this Company, and entitled as such to a salary of £150 a year each, and they were appointed the joint Managing Directors. That Company existed from 1906 up to so far as we can gather almost the present time. Now there was another Company which was formed somewhat after the West End Stamp Company. That seems to have been the outcome of a business of Mr. Herbert Mack, which it would seem was carried on, at any rate so far as the postal address was concerned at 153, Cheapside, and afterwards at 20, Villiers Street, Strand. The Company, Herbert Mack & Co., was formed in May, 1908, with the registered offices at 20, Villiers Street, Strand. These two companies with which it will be shown both the defendants were intimately connected, were in existence at Villiers Street, Strand, and Mr. Parker in the autumn of 1907 made an arrangement

with the defendants *qua* the West End Stamp Company, Ltd., by which he was to sell them the whole of his accumulated stock of North Borneo stamps, including those which he had had from the Company of the 1887 to 1890 issue. The defendants were to take these stamps at the rate of £200 worth a month, omitting August and September, which are what are called the slack months. Therefore £2,000 worth of stamps were to be taken. The agreement which carried out that arrangement was signed by both the defendants, and from the time of its commencement, probably about October 1907, up to January or February of this year, deliveries of stamps were made month by month and were paid for by the West End Stamp Company. The West End Stamp Company is described by Lowden as the largest firm of wholesale foreign stamp dealers in England, and there can be no doubt from the number of lady clerks employed at the offices, that it did have a very considerable business indeed, and especially a considerable business in these Borneo stamps. So far as the enquiries up to the present have gone it will be proved that in February 1908 forged North Borneo stamps were being dealt in by the defendants, for a Mr. Wallace, a stamp dealer, sold to the West End Stamp Company, certain genuine North Borneo stamps in February, 1908. The value was not paid by the Company but the stamps seem to have been held by the Company. The dealings were with Mr. Harmer, and after some little time Mr. Wallace called one day in the summer time of last year on Harmer and asked for the stamps which he had sold him earlier in the year. Harmer said that they had plenty of North Borneo stamps and did not want those of Mr. Wallace. Mr. Wallace seems to have asked for some compensation for having been kept out of the stamps for so long, and Harmer gave him 175 sets of North Borneo stamps, which purported to be of the 1887 to 1890 issue, and Mr. Wallace was in possession of 18 sheets of these stamps when Chief Inspector Stockley made some enquiries of him. The next date is April, 1908, when in consequence of a letter signed by Harmer, of the West End Stamp Company, Mr. W. Brown, a stamp dealer of Salisbury, bought some 2,000 sets of North Borneo stamps from the West End Stamp Company, and he paid £8 6s. 8d. for them, either in cash or in other stamps. These stamps having been bought by Mr. Brown were sold by him naturally as fast as he could, and amongst others he sold some to a dealer in Brussels. The dealer in Brussels noticed what Mr. Brown did not notice, that apparently these were not genuine stamps, and he returned them to Mr. Brown, who at once communicated in October of last year to the West End Stamp Company. The letter of Mr. Brown is dated 17th October, 1908, and is as follows:—"I regret I have to return you 1,000 sets of Borneo, 1887-1890, which please credit me £4 3s. 4d. These have been returned to me from the Continent as forgeries. I have looked into them very carefully and compared them with some undoubted unused specimens, and have come to the conclusion that they are forgeries, and very dangerous ones." The next day there came a letter signed J. S. Lowden from the West End Stamp Company, as follows: "We have your letter and we are perfectly satisfied as to the genuineness of the stamps, but as you raise a doubt on the matter, we will take them back and credit you with the amount. Probably you are not aware that there were several reprints of this issue." That letter Mr. Brown looked upon as quite satisfactory, but in the light of what we now know I would call your attention to the words "we are perfectly satisfied as to the genuineness of the stamps, probably you are not aware that there were several reprints of this issue." Mr. Brown accordingly was credited with half of the £8 6s. 8d. which he had paid for the 2,000 sets and he retained 1,000 sets. Mr. Brown also wrote to Harmer, who at that time it appears had ceased to be actively connected with the West End Stamp Company at Villiers Street and had in fact circularised a number of people in October 1908, saying that through ill-health he was retiring from the directorship of the West End Stamp Company. His condition of health, however, still permitted him to trade as a foreign stamp dealer at 11, Preston Road, Southend-on-Sea. Mr. Brown wrote to Harmer at that address contemporaneously with the letter to Lowden, and Harmer replied as follows: "Yours of the 18th to hand. The Borneos are undoubtedly right. They exist in a number of sheets and large quantities must have been printed and therefore one finds minor differences. You had better send them back to 20 Villiers Street if you are anxious about them." So much for the direct dealing between Mr. Brown and the West End Stamp Company. I now come to what I might call the indirect dealing. Mr. Acland, of Brighton, a stamp dealer who had known Lowden for some time, was visited by Lowden in May 1908, and Lowden brought with him a number of the sets of these North Borneo stamps of the 1887 to 1890 issue, and Mr. Acland bought 2,180 sets for £11 12s. 6d. In September 1908

Mr. Acland bought some 1,400 more sets and in the early part of October about 10,000 sets, paying something like £60 for them. He sold some of these to Mr. Brown, of Salisbury. After Mr. Brown had received the complaint from Brussels he communicated with Mr. Acland and Mr. Acland behaved in a perfectly proper way and made an allowance to Mr. Brown against these stamps. But Mr. Acland came to London and visited Lowden in reference to them. Lowden said: "I think they are alright, some might be reprints or even printers' waste. They might be all reprints for all I know. I got them from the North Borneo Company." This was an absolute falsehood. It would be seen therefore in February and April right up to October there were sales of North Borneo 1887 to 1890 issue.

In the first week of February of this year a Mr. Burgess wrote to Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., a Company which seems to have advertised itself extensively by means of a "Stamp Review" which was issued monthly in English and German. Mr. Burgess wrote and received some stamps from Messrs. Mack & Co. and paid £3 for them, and had an acknowledgment in February, 1909, for the money. The next date of any importance is the 19th February, 1909, when owing to a complaint of a burglary at 20, Villiers Street, Chief Inspector Stockley visited Lowden and saw him at the office of Mack & Co. Lowden said that he was the proprietor of the whole of the office, and said that some £160 worth of stamps had been stolen. He also said that he had an option with the North Borneo Company, and was under contract with them to purchase £200 worth of stamps a month. In December of last year, the North Borneo Company got some information, and in consequence they communicated with the French police, and on the 23rd December, 1908, the French police visited the premises of Mr. René Carême, of Paris, a gentleman who seems to be a somewhat skilful, although perhaps not skilful enough engraver, but who is well able to engrave dies which will reproduce postage stamps.

On the premises of Mr. Carême the police found a very large quantity of North Borneo stamps in the making. They were not quite in a finished condition. They found a number of lithographic stones bearing on them an inverted picture of stamps of various sorts of the 1887 to 1890 issue. They also found certain perforating apparatus, and, what is more important, they found a large amount of correspondence from Messrs. H. Mack & Co., and H. Mack & Co., Ltd., and in that correspondence there appeared from time to time the names of Harmer and Lowden. The correspondence gave in the most minute particulars, directions as to the colour of the stamps, the exactitude of the perforation marks, the quality, thickness and character of the paper, a description of the gum which was to be put on the back of the paper, and, in short, the most minute directions which you can conceive for the production of a most absolute imitation of the genuine 1887 to 1890 North Borneo stamp issue. It is clear from the documents which we found that large sums of money were paid over in the name of Mack & Co. to Mr. Carême for the work he was doing, totalling up so far as one can discover from the correspondence to something like £150. Amongst the documents there found is an account of a number of sheets of stamps which had been delivered by Mr. Carême to Messrs. Mack from February 1908 to December 1908, these being just the dates within which the sales of these stamps were taking place in England. We are in possession at the present moment of accounts found in the papers of Mr. Carême, showing the delivery of many thousands of sheets of completely printed imitations of the genuine stamps. Further the French police went on from the premises of Mr. Carême to the premises of a practical printer, and there they found nine lithographic stones—each stone devoted to the particular value of the particular issue of 1887 to 1890 North Borneo stamps. These stones only require to be run backwards and forwards for an unlimited number of these forged stamps to be reproduced. There also was found a most ingenious instrument, which was a rubber stamp for printing bars on the stamps, and you will have specimens before you. I should explain that there are 50 or 60 stamps to each sheet, and as the stamps are arranged in rows, one dab of this little indiarubber stamp would make the marks of bars upon four stamps, so that you will find excellent forged marks purporting to be a cancellation of the stamps. It will be shown by evidence that they are exact imitations of the methods of cancelling the genuine stamps. There is also to be referred to a curious document which would seem to have been drawn up for the purpose of shielding Mr. Carême as far as possible in France. Mr. Carême is under the supervision of the police, but what proceedings will be taken with regard to him I do not know. It is quite clear that there having been found in his possession this quantity of fraudulently manufactured stamps,

he was in a very awkward position so far as the French authorities are concerned. There is no doubt he must have communicated with Lowden after the searching of his premises, which took place on the 23rd December. On December 31st Lowden caused to be prepared and signed by a Public Notary in London a statutory declaration for the purpose apparently of relieving Mr. Carême from the anxieties in which this search by the police had placed him. It is a statutory declaration which is full of untruths from beginning to end, and it is duly signed by Lowden. The document states that the West End Stamp Company, which is the largest firm of wholesale foreign stamp dealers in England, had purchased from the British North Borneo Company the whole of their stock of stamps from Borneo of the issues from 1889 to the present time, and that the sum paid for that privilege amounted to something like £13,000. The whole of the stamps were engraved and sold by the North Borneo Company solely for stamp collectors, and were not intended and it is not possible to use them for postal purposes. That is absolutely untrue. The document went on to say that the British North Borneo Company had sold to the West End Stamp Company the right to buy and sell all re-impressions that they in their discretion may deem advisable, and that the West End Stamp Company had also purchased all printers' trials, proofs, essays and impressions with the right to sell the same as genuine postage stamps. That the re-impression of certain of the stamps made by Mr. Carême were sold and bought from here as re-impressions and were re-sold by the purchasers as such, and that to Lowden's knowledge they were never represented as or sold as being genuine originals. Just pausing there for one moment, there is a letter dated May 23rd, 1908, which is sent by Messrs. Mack & Co., complaining of the perforation of the sheets by Mr. Carême. It said: "We found a large number of the make are badly perforated. We also found the sheets of 8 cents and 10 cents are a little too small and possibly will have to be reprinted. The colour also is not always right and many people would say at once they are reprints." You have to compare that with the paragraph that they were never represented or sold as genuine originals. What effect this document had upon the unsentimental minds of the French police I do not know, but it was declared and sent out to them probably for the purpose which I have mentioned. Then came some further enquiries and the arrest of the two defendants and in their possession was found a vast number of these forged North Borneo stamps, and coming into the Villiers Street office, according to a well arranged system by every post, were large numbers of what are called approval sheets bearing the name of H. Mack & Co. In every sheet there is a series of these North Borneo stamps, the 4 cent one being priced at 8d., the 2 cents at 4d., and the 1 cent at 3d., and there are other prices. It is quite clear that in the very extensive business of the West End Stamp Company the sheets containing these forgeries have been circulated far and wide over the country, and doubtless many of these stamps have been sold to people who believed them to be genuine stamps of the Company. The enquiry has been limited at present to the North Borneo stamps but there are references in the correspondence to other countries which may make it necessary to somewhat enlarge the scope of the enquiry. There are references to the Transvaal, to British East Africa, as well as a large number of foreign countries, and minute directions as to how they are to be imitated or reproduced so as to imitate the original.

Mr. Bodkin concluded by explaining to the magistrate how for the convenience of the case photographs had been taken and enlarged of the genuine and forged stamps, so that differences which were not noticeable when the stamps were examined could be noted in the enlargement. Mr. Macdonald, the engraver of the original dies, had also examined the forgeries, and would be able to show that expert as Mr. Carême was, yet he had not been able to exactly reproduce the originals.

Mr. W. Alexander Stewart, Clerk in the Office of the Registrar of Joint Stock Co.'s, Somerset House, in answer to Mr. Bodkin, said he produced the file of the West End Stamp Co., Ltd. The Company was registered on January 22nd, 1906, and amongst the first subscribers was John Steward Lowden, of 15, Curzon Road, Weybridge, stamp dealer. The office of the Company was 20, Villiers Street, Strand, and the capital was £500. It was increased in May, 1906, to £5,000. In March, 1907, £1,000 debentures were issued. He found from the list of shareholders that Lowden, on May 4th, 1908, held 510 shares. Harmer, whose address was 11, Preston Road, Southend-on-Sea, held 2998 shares. An agreement was filed on May 2nd, 1906, between the Company and Lowden and Harmer. The first directors of the Company were returned on May 12th, 1906, as being J. S. Lowden, Laura Ethel Lowden and H. R. Harmer. In the next return the name of Laura Ethel Lowden dropped out. There was a

resolution passed on June 21st, 1906, and confirmed on July 9th of the same year, cancelling one of the original articles and substituting another, and by which Lowden and Harmer were appointed managing directors. He did not know to whom the debentures were issued, as that information was not required to be given. He also produced the file of another Company, Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., which was registered on May 20th, 1908, with a capital of £100. There had been no return made of the shareholders in that Company. The offices were 20, Villiers Street, and one of the objects given in the articles was the carrying on of the business of dealers in British, foreign and colonial stamps.

In answer to Mr. Frampton, witness said that Harmer was not one of the original signatories of the West End Stamp Company, but he appeared as a director in the first list they had. It appeared from the agreement that Harmer sold his business to the Company and received £2,000 in shares of the West End Stamp Company as consideration.

Would it appear on the file the date on which he resigned his connection with the Company. I have it that it was September, 1908? We have not had a return from the Company since the 4th of May, 1908. If he resigned his position as director we should have notice of it, but we have not had it. It should have been given by the Company.

The evidence of Chief Inspector Stockley as to the arrest of the defendants which he gave at the first sitting was read over.

In answer to Mr. Bodkin, witness said that he seized a large quantity of stamps but not much correspondence at Harmer's place, and he had not yet had time to go through it and arrange it properly.

Answering Mr. Olley, witness said he knew that Lowden had done an extensive business for some years. He did not know he had a house at Brighton on a seven years lease.

Mr. Harrington Gordon Forbes said he was Secretary for the British North Borneo Company, of 37, Threadneedle Street, E.C. He had been in the service of the Company for twenty-eight years and had been Secretary for fifteen years. The Company was incorporated by Royal Charter on November 1st, 1881, for the purpose of acquiring sovereign and territorial rights over a portion of the land of Borneo. The Company was permitted by its Charter to trade itself and it did so. On May 12th, 1888, the territory under the Company's jurisdiction became British territory under the name of the State of North Borneo. As the governing body who administered the territory, the Company had from time to time issued stamps for postage and revenue purposes. The first issue was in 1883. In 1887 the Company instructed Messrs. Blades, East & Blades to design a further issue, and this was done and the values of the stamps were ½ cent, 1 cent, 2 cents, 4 cents, 8 cents and 10 cents. Afterwards 3 cents and 5 cents were added, and later still, about 1892, 6 cents. Five cents would represent a trifle over 1d. of English money. Messrs. Blades did the necessary engraving and printing, and the printing stones were kept at the printers. He believed the dies were kept at the Company's office. The stamps were produced in sheets and perforated and were sent out to Borneo by the Company for the ordinary postage and revenue purposes. The sale of the stamps formed part of the revenue of the Government. In December of last year the Company gave instructions to the Governor to demonetise the stamps of the 1887 to 1890 issue. In 1893 the Company instructed Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., to prepare a new issue of stamps of a different design, and these stamps ran up from 1 cent to 10 cents and higher. This issue came into circulation on January 1st, 1894, so that up to the time when they ordered the 1887-1890 issue to be demonetised, both issues were available. Stamps which came to the Company's offices from Borneo on ordinary letters were not sold but were generally given to people who wanted a few specimens. From time to time quantities of stamps which had been printed were sold to stamp dealers. These were new stamps and were sold in sheets, but they were cancelled by being stamped with a rubber stamp. These stamps were not sold at their face value or anything like it. It was a question of arrangement and of quantity. Mr. Parker was a gentleman they had supplied in this way.

Have you any definite arrangement with him or was it merely a matter that he used to buy largely?—No; he had no option or contract, but we used to deal more constantly with him than anybody else.

Since the new series from Messrs. Waterlow & Sons came in have you had any of the 1887 to 1890 issue reprinted?—No, certainly not.

When did you first learn that there were such persons as Lowden and Harmer?—Some time in December of last year.

Has there ever been any arrangement of any sort or kind between the Company and them, as to stamps?—To the best of my knowledge none whatever.

You have read the statutory declaration and I will not take you through all the statements, but you have seen the statement that the West End Stamp Company have the right to sell stamps, to purchase printers' proofs, essays and so on?—Yes.

And your previous answer covers everything?—Yes.

The North Borneo Company have never had any dealings with the West End Stamp Company?—None.

Or with Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd.?—To the best of my knowledge, no.

Or with H. Mack & Co., without the Limited?—No.

Do you know to whom Parker was disposing of the stamps?—No.

So long as you received your due quota it did not matter?—No.

Continuing, witness said that in December, 1908, certain information came to the knowledge of his Company, in consequence of which they sent instructions to the Governor of North Borneo to demonetize the issues prior to 1894. They had no knowledge of the matter before the case of René Carême came up. He had handed over to Chief Inspector Stockley a set of genuine unused stamps.

Was Mr. Parker in any sense an agent of your Company?—No; absolutely independent. He was in no sense an agent.

The magistrate adjourned the further hearing of the case till May 1st.

Mr. Olley asked that the bail of Lowden might be altered so as to allow of two sureties of £1,000, instead of one of £2,000.

The magistrate said he would consider the matter at the next hearing.

Bail was forthcoming for Harmer.

Mr. Frampton asked that all letters and stamps not essential to the case should be given up to his client. It was essential that he should continue his business which he could not do unless his correspondence and stock was given back.

Mr. Bodkin said that Chief Inspector Stockley would get through the correspondence as quickly as possible and anything which had nothing to do with the case would be given back.

On Saturday, May 1st, before Mr. Curtis Bennett, the charge against Stewart Lowden and Henry Harmer in connection with forged British North Borneo stamps was resumed.

Mr. Bodkin said he wished to supplement his opening on the last occasion. He now proposed to charge the defendants with a conspiracy contravening the Provisions of the Post Office Act of 1908 which came into force that day. The Act was in substitution of the Post Office Protection Act of 1884, and it was section 65 of that Act under which he proposed to charge the defendants. That section made it an offence for a person to have in their possession without lawful excuse a fictitious stamp and to knowingly utter, deal in or sell any fictitious stamp. That section dealt not only with British stamps but stamps of any foreign country, and he would submit that the evidence would disclose a conspiracy between the defendants under that section. When he opened the case he was dealing with it from the point of view of indictable offences, and while it was an offence by the laws of this country to make any fictitious stamp or imitation stamp under the Post Office Protection Acts, it was an offence which was not indictable but was to be dealt with summarily. The offence of forging a stamp as an indictable offence in this country was only provided for by the Stamp Duties Management Act of 1890, section 13, and that only dealt with stamps of Great Britain. As the stamps in question were not those of Great Britain there could be no charge of indictable offence under the Act of 1890, nor could there be any charge of indictable offence for forging stamps of countries other than Great Britain, because the Post Office Protection Acts made those offences summary offences instead of by indictment, and, when on the last occasion, he said that there was no offence of forging stamps other than the stamp of Great Britain, he was dealing with it as an indictable offence as distinguished from an offence to be dealt with summarily. British North Borneo was in the postal union and subject to the Rome Convention of May, 1906, and certainly in this country there was not a shadow of a doubt that any making of fictitious stamps or dealing with them improperly would come within the provisions of the Post Office Protection Act and be a criminal offence in this country.

Mr. H. G. Forbes recalled and examined by Mr. Bodkin said he wished to correct his previous evidence that since the 1894 issue came into force there had been no issues of the previous series 1887 to 1889. He found that two orders were given one in July, 1894, and the other in October, 1894. The first order was for stamps ranging from $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to 10 cents, and the second order

was confined to $\frac{1}{2}$ cents. The two reprints, or as he should term them, orders were sold to Mr. Parker. He also wished to say that the stamps used in cancelling the stamp was brass and not rubber. Witness then produced three stamps of the 1886 issue—one cent, two cents, and four cents—which denoted postage only. He also produced other stamps of the 1887 to 1889 issue, which he had handed to Inspector Stockley. The State of British North Borneo was, he said, in the Postal Union, and for the purpose of its government the Company had adopted the Indian penal code which created certain offences for the improper use and manufacture of stamps.

Cross-examined by Mr. Frampton, witness said he could not say positively that the two printings in 1894 were done entirely for Mr. Parker, but he should think in all probability they were. Mr. Parker had been a large buyer of stamps for several years. He would ascertain whether stamps had been sold to anybody else.

Chief Inspector Stockley detailed the results of his search at the premises of the two defendants. He said that at Harmer's premises, on a table, he found a large quantity of British North Borneo stamps—one, two and four cents, postage only. Upstairs in a room, which was furnished as an office, he found a large quantity of British North Borneo stamps—\$40 one cent, 19,000 two cents, 2,560 four cents; all of the 1886 issue. They were mostly in sheets of fifties. He also found a quantity of other British North Borneo, of the 1894 and 1896 issue—1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, 24, 25 and 50 cents. Also some 1, 2, 5, 10 and 25 dollar stamps. There was also a quantity of British Honduras, South African, Costa Rica, Philippines, Porto Rico, Hayti, Cuban and Orange River stamps. He took possession of a letter-book and some correspondence. At Lowden's premises, in Villiers Street, he made a thorough search in his presence. He found a large quantity of British North Borneo stamps of 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 16, 24, 25 and 50 cents of various issues. Also some British North Borneo of 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars, and some one dollar stamps with a surcharge printed on. In a cupboard he found a quantity of the 1887 issue, which he had since examined and counted. They consisted of 11,530 half-cents, 12,400 one cent, 15,735 two cents, 8,350 three cents, 8,837 four cents, 13,150 five cents, 12,346 six cents, and 2,161 ten cents, making a total of 92,490. He also found 24 sealed envelopes, each containing 100 stamps, made up of stamps of the $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 8 cents of the 1887 issue. There were also 12 other envelopes, each containing a series of the 1887 issue, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to 10 cents. On the table, in the front office, he found a large number of approval sheets. The number on the approval sheets related to a number in a book which he also found, and in the book he found the names and the addresses of certain persons to whom the sheets had been sent and the dates endorsed on the sheets. Each of the approval sheets contained a number of stamps, including those of the North Borneo Company and of the 1886 and 1887 issue. On the morning of the 14th he attended at the office again, and saw a lady clerk apparently dealing with the morning delivery of letters. Among the letters were several approval sheets which had been returned. In the office he also found three stamp albums, all containing Borneo and other stamps. He took possession of a quantity of foreign stamps of substantially the same countries as the stamps he found at Harmer's South African, etc. He found a number of old cheque books containing cheques made out to René Carême, and which had his endorsement on. Some of the cheques were signed by Harmer and some by Lowden. Altogether by cheques and bills he traced £151 5s. 9d. as having been remitted by the West End Stamp Company to Carême as between November, 1907, and May, 1908.

Mons. Calcas, sub-brigadier in the French police, deposed to searching the premises of René Carême at 110, Avenue D'Orleans, Paris. In the shop he saw preparations for printing, perforating, and gumming stamps, also lithographic stones. The French police seized a quantity of material; among other things, a perforating machine, also an instrument for stamping the cancellation marks on stamps, and some lithographic stones. He also seized several thousands of the nine different kinds of North Borneo stamp. He had brought some of the stamps to this country, and had handed them to Inspector Stockley. A quantity of correspondence was also found on the premises, including a number of letters, some signed by Harmer, some by Herbert Mack, and others by Herbert Mack & Co. He found stamps of foreign countries in process of manufacture; amongst others, British East African, Central African, Costa Rica, Fiji, Hayti, Venezuela, and Honduras. Witness then spoke to searching the premises of Mons. Lamot, Rue Robillere, where, among other things, they seized a number of lithographic stones, which contained representations of the same stamps that were found at René Carême's.

The case was again adjourned for a week, the defendants being admitted to bail each in two sureties of £500.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

How Many Collect Unused only?

It has been said that the number of the world's collectors who gather unused copies only is about 5,000. Now and again incidents occur which seem to verify this surmise. 12,000 copies of the 75c. Ceylon C.A. were stated to have been issued, and were immediately bought up as being likely to be scarce, yet soon after the stamp's appearance there occurred a slight depression in the market value put upon it at the outset. The price has of course gone higher since that time, but if this number 12,000 had only been sufficient for immediate needs it seems unlikely that the stamp would have been available at any time at a cheaper rate than the estimated price put upon it at its appearance. But the fact that the figure dipped down slightly for a time seems to show that there were more than enough copies for present requirements—possibly 7,000 too many. If the estimate of 5,000 mint collectors be approximately correct the 7,000 surplus copies are probably in the hands of those who expect to supply the wants of the coming generation. It should be worth while watching figures and prices in the case of other stamps, for the purpose of verifying or qualifying this 5,000 estimate. An issue of 5,000 copies may imply "no drop"; an issue of 10,000 may mean a drop for a short time, and so on.

Possible Discoveries in U.S.A.

It is reported that American dealers are overhauling their stocks of the 1902 issue in the hope of meeting with varieties of watermark, etc., in view of the present serious attention which American collectors are giving to these varieties, and possibly there may be wisdom in following their example where any English dealer or collector possesses any quantity of this issue. Copies with inverted watermark or other abnormal characteristic, if such exist, may have a good exchange value with correspondents.

Exhibition Stamps and Others.

THERE is a stamp for the Imperial International Exhibition, Shepherd's Bush, 1909—a miniature reproduction in dark blue of the poster now seen on so many hoardings, showing a classically draped "female woman," as Artemus Ward would say, with a white dove perched on her fingers. A good friend of the *Fortnightly* sent us one on an envelope

in a position well calculated to get a bit of postmark, but the P.O. operator warily dodged it.

A green label showing a figure of Agriculture, with various of her "tools of trade"—ploughshare, sickle, &c.—is issued for the Royal Agricultural Show at Gloucester, from June 22nd to June 26th next. Mr. Percy C. J. Norman, Penarth, kindly sends a specimen.

Pageant stamps offer a promising field for anyone who is looking for an interesting side line. The first I remember to have seen of these was issued in connection with the Pevensy pageant. A striking label is now being used for the forthcoming historical pageant at Bath; and doubtless there are others.

The re-drawn 1 att, Siam.

MR. T. A. CARR, of Ashton-on-Mersey, sends a note regarding the two varieties of the 1 att Siam illustrated in the last *Fortnightly*. "I first noticed this," he writes, "because of the difference in the shade of colour, one being a much more yellowish green as against the moss green of the other. The former is the uncommon variety."

The J.P.S. Celebration.

DEAR me! is it really ten years since the J.P.S. began its cyclonic career? It must be so, for here is Mr. Secretary Selinger inviting me to a grand celebration dinner at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, Piccadilly, on May 22nd, "to mark the conclusion of the Society's tenth season." How time flies to be sure.

I heartily wish the J.P.S. many more years of growth and usefulness, and, what is more to the immediate purpose a bumper attendance at next Saturday's dinner.

Philately at the "Golden West."

MEANTIME, the Junior Society is giving us additional proof of its vitality by promoting a special show of the stamps of United States and Colonies in the Ducal Hall of the Golden West Exhibition at Earl's Court. I have, so far, only had time for a cursory look round, but shall have more to say about it in a fortnight's time. I observe that Mr. Peckitt, Messrs. Gibbons, Messrs. Ni-sen, Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Field are among the dealers who have engaged stalls in the Ducal Hall, and I have no doubt that many even among the non-philatelic visitors to Earl's Court will be sufficiently interested to linger awhile in the Ducal Hall. Among my fellow-members of the J.P.S. I had the pleasure of meeting on the opening day were Mr. Melville and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Selinger, Mr. Owen Fernley and Mr. Grellier.

The Charges Against Stamp Dealers.

THE ALLEGED FORGERIES OF NORTH BORNEO STAMPS.

ON Saturday, May 8th, at Bow Street Police Court, before Mr. Curtis Bennett, there was a further hearing of the charges against John Stewart Lowden, 29, Stamp Dealer, 20, Villiers Street, Strand, and Henry Harmer, 39, Stamp Dealer, 11, Preston Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, of conspiring to obtain money by fraud from persons buying from them, or from the West End Stamp Company, or Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., stamps purporting to be issued for Postage and Revenue purposes in British North Borneo.

Mr. Bodkin appeared on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecutions; Mr. Curtis Bennett, instructed by Mr. Solomon Meyers, defended Lowden, and Harmer was represented by Mr. Frampton. Mr. C. V. Young watched the case on behalf of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Inspector Stockley recalled, replying to Mr. Bodkin, spoke to finding the following cheques at Lowden's premises drawn in favour of Carême—19th, November, 1907, £718 5s.; 21st November, £718 5s., both drawn by Lowden; 25th November, £718 5s. and 26th November, £718 5s. drawn by Harmer; 5th December, 1907, cheque for £15 16s. 10d. drawn by Lowden; 17th January, 1908 for £23 15s. 3d. drawn by Harmer. Also he found in the books a number of cheques for large amounts between May 1907 and August, 1908, drawn in favour of Parker, signed some by Harmer and some by Lowden. The total of these cheques amounted to £2,650. He also found seven or eight cheques for £5 each, between May 1907 and October 1907, the counterfoils of which noted "expenses for Harmer in Paris." There was also a cheque of 24th, July 1907, drawn by Lowden for his travelling expenses in Paris. It would appear that both the defendants were drawing cheques for £3 each weekly.

Witness then spoke to finding a number of letters and telegrams which had passed between the defendants and Carême extending over a long period. Some of the correspondence was in German and he had had it translated. He produced a number of British North Borneo stamps of the higher values—25 and 50 cents and 1, 2, 5 and 10 dollars—which he had received from Mr. Forbes. The one dollar stamp was surcharged "four cents" and the five and ten dollar stamps were surcharged "British Protectorate." He also produced a number of North Borneo stamps, which were handed to him by Miss Pix at Lowden's office; $\frac{1}{2}$ to 5 cents "postage and revenue," and 1, 2 and 4 cents "postage" only. He also produced four envelopes containing sets of North Borneo stamps, $\frac{1}{2}$ cent to 10 cents, and photographs of the same which he had received from Mr. Acland, Mr. Brown, Mr. Wallace and Mr. Burgess. He also produced letters which had come from 152, Cheapside, the address of Mack & Co. He also found a postcard from Muller & Co., Hamburg, stating that the set of Borneo stamps Lowden had sent them were false, and asking whether he was willing to take them back or give them others in exchange.

Mr. Thomas Macdonald, a bank note engraver, 6, Barnsbury Terrace, Barnsbury, said he designed and engraved for Messrs. Blades, East & Blades. He had had forty years experience in the business; and he designed and engraved the whole of the plates for the North Borneo stamps which were printed by his firm. He produced the original steel plates from which the lithographic stones were prepared from which the stamps were printed. The process had been altered since then, and it was now the practice to print from the steel plates which had been previously hardened. That produced a beautifully executed stamp, which it was very difficult to forge. Another process was to photograph an actual stamp and transfer it to the stone. Yet another system was to photograph the original stamp direct on to the stone, which produced a more perfect copy of the original.

Witness was handed up specimens of the alleged forged stamps, which he had previously examined, and said he was satisfied they were forgeries and had not been printed from the plates which he designed and engraved. There were many discrepancies between the forged and the genuine. He should say that more than one hand had been employed in preparing the stone from which the forgeries had been printed. The $\frac{1}{2}$ cent and 10 cents "Postage and Revenue" forgeries were very good imitations indeed. One thing which led him to say that the stamps were

not genuine was that they showed variations in size between themselves and also as compared with genuine stamps of the same kind. He should say they had been produced by means of a modern photo process from genuine stamps. The stamps in the approval sheets were also, in his opinion, forgeries. He had seen enlarged photographs of many of them, and that had confirmed him in his opinion. Mr. Cromack, the lithographic manager, and Mr. Tyler, the paper warehouseman, at his firm, had gone through many of the stamps with him.

Cross-examined by Mr. Curtis Bennett, the witness said the plates he had produced had either been in the possession of Messrs. Blades, East and Blades, or in that of the Borneo Company. As a general rule after the stamps had been printed from the stone the impression would be cleaned off. He had no hesitation whatever in coming to the conclusion that the stamps in question were forgeries.

By Mr. Frampton:—It was possible to get an exact reproduction of a stamp by a photographic process, but as a rule it was impossible to make the imitation the exact size of the genuine and that was where forgeries were able to be found out. When he first examined the 1886 stamps he was a little doubtful about giving an opinion of them, but the photographic enlargements he had since seen had convinced him that they were undoubtedly forgeries.

Mr. W. Cromack, lithographic manager of Messrs. Blades, East & Blades, said that steel plates from which the British North Borneo stamps were printed for the Borneo Company, were kept either in his possession or in that of Mr. Macdonald. The stamps were printed from a lithographic stone and when the printing was complete the stone was put into the stone grinding machine and the impression was erased under his personal supervision. He had heard the evidence of Mr. Macdonald and agreed with him in thinking that the stamps forming the subject of the charge were forgeries. He was sure they were not printed by his firm. The one, two and four cents of the 1886 issue did not correspond in colour with the genuine stamps. In the forged stamps of the higher value the colour varied even among themselves. He had gone through two albums shown him by Inspector Stockley containing a quantity of stamps of different denominations and while he was doubtful as to the genuineness of some, he was satisfied that the large majority of them were forgeries.

Mr. W. H. Tyler, who is in charge of the paper department of Messrs. Blades, East and Blades said that the paper on which the forged stamps were printed was quite different from that which they used to print the stamps for the North Borneo Company. When an order was given for the printing of the stamps the sheets of paper were counted twice over and then signed for by the printer, and if there were any "spoils" they were duly returned to the witness. He had been through several of the envelopes containing the stamps to which Mr. Macdonald and Mr. Cromack had spoken, and had no hesitation in pronouncing them forgeries. Both the texture and the weight of the paper were different and the gumming on the forged stamps was in his judgment done by machinery, whereas they gummed their own stamps by hand.

At the request of Mr. Curtis Bennett, the Magistrate directed that the stamps found at Lowden's premises other than Borneo and Labuan, should be handed back to him, with the exception of a few of each which the police are to keep as specimens. The further hearing was adjourned until to day (Saturday, May 15th), the defendants being admitted to the same bail as before—namely, Lowden two in £1,000 and Harmer two in £500.

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The Philatelic Press.

The Sale of Austrian Remainders.

A circular was issued a month ago from the Royal and Imperial Post Office at Vienna which stated that a large number of obsolete stamps and reprints would be on sale to collectors at face value.

The list of stamps to be thus disposed of include the following:

AUSTRIA.

1908. Jubilee Issue. 1 heller to 10 krone.
1908. 1 heller to 10 krone. Unpaid letter stamps, newspaper stamps, post cards, and other entires.

LEVANT AND CRETE.

- 1867 to 1896. Originals.
1900. 10 paras to 20 piastres
1903 to 1907. Various values.
1900 to 1907. Post cards and entires.
1908. Jubilee Issue.

AUSTRIA. ENTIRES.

- 1860 to 1863. Post and telegraph entires, envelopes, reprints.
1867 to 1890. Envelopes, originals.
1868 to 1904. Post cards, etc., originals and reprints.

LOMBARDY.

- 1850 to 1863. Reprints.
1863 to 1864. Originals and reprints.
1860 to 1867. Envelopes, reprints.
1867. Envelopes, originals.
1886 to 1900. Post and letter cards, originals and reprints.
1850 to 1873. Post and telegraph stamps, reprints and originals.

Commenting upon this, under the heading, "Imperial Stamp Dealers," the "London Philatelist" has the following interesting article:—

"A serious competitor to our friends the dealers has appeared in the guise of the Royal and Imperial Post Office of the dual Empire of Austro-Hungary! The recognition of the existence of Philately as affecting the financial resources of individual countries or colonies is far from being a novel feature, as we have seen substantial sums realized by the sale of remainders of stamps to philatelic purchasers. These sales have, however, hitherto been on a wholesale scale, and in fact frequently, as in the case of the Turkish stamps lately on offer, of such great quantities as to exercise a deterrent effect upon the investor. In the present instance this feature is entirely absent; the Austrian Government has issued a sufficiently voluminous price list in which every separate variety is catalogued and priced. As the purchaser may select a single stamp of a kreuzer or a heller value and remit for it to the Post Office at Vienna, there can be no doubt that the Austrian Government has gone into the retail stamp trade and is prepared to supply any or all of its seven hundred catalogued varieties to collector or dealer alike. In one important respect the Austrian Post Office "absolutely defies competition," as the price of its wares is either face-value or very slightly in excess thereof, despite the fact that some of the stamps and envelopes have already been out of issue for over forty years. As was to be expected, however, there are no accepted scarce varieties on offer, and beyond affecting dealers who happen to hold stocks of the offered values, no serious harm will accrue to Philately.

"The opportunity is none the less a favourable one for the acquisition of obsolete sets and reprints of the Austrian stamps, and should be embraced by those who have the control of the collections of philatelic societies, or who specialize in the stamps of Austria. The educational value of reprints is by no means a negligible quantity, while in the future no specialized collection will be held complete that does not include all known reprints. We look to a further appreciation of the value, financial and philatelic,

of reprints, and in respect to this collectors will be well content with the present action of the Austro-Hungarian Government. The question of having some seven hundred obsolete varieties of stamps or entires to dispose of does not seem to indicate remarkable official precision of supply on the part of that Government, and it is well that the issues of other countries—our Colonies, for instance—cannot afford similar experiences. The spectacle of hundreds of obsolete varieties of stamps issued—say, of New South Wales, Ceylon, or Victoria—being offered for sale, unused, at face value, would produce upon us the effect of a veritable philatelic earthquake!

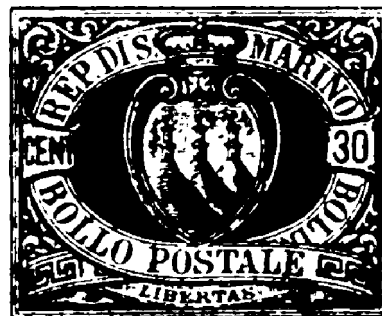
Our Competition.

A PRIZE FOR FORGERY DETECTION.

HERE are two enlarged illustrations, one of which is a reproduction of a genuine and the other a reproduction of a forged San Marino stamp.

Now, which is which?

Also, in what special way or ways does the forged stamp differ from the genuine issue?



I.—IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?



II.—IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?

Frankly, nobody in the *Fortnightly* office knows anything about the subject. The blocks have been made for us, but purposely, no track has been kept as to the identity of the copies. The editorial mind on this subject (as on several others) is a blank. Even the advertisement manager, than man of much knowledge, is ignorant of the answers to the questions propounded above.

To the reader who supplies the best article of not more than 300 words stating (1) which is the forgery and which the genuine stamp, and (2) the chief differences between the two, a prize of half-a-guinea will be awarded, and there will be three consolation prizes of free annual subscriptions to the *Fortnightly*.

All letters to be addressed to the Competition Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C., and to reach us not later than Tuesday, June 1st.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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"S.C.F." Medals have now been awarded to the members of various Societies for papers read during the season 1908-1909, but it will be better to wait awhile before publishing a list. The medals we refer to are, of course, those allocated by the Committees of individual Societies. The Open Competition is yet to be decided, and in this connection we wish to make an appeal to those Societies which are sending further papers for publication to let us have the manuscripts forthwith. In the next three or four numbers of the *Fortnightly* we shall hope to reserve considerable space for this purpose, and then we shall invite our readers to vote on the season's published papers as a whole.

Bravo, Manchester! We congratulate the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society on showing a balance on the "right side," as a result of the Exhibition and Congress. There is an "excess of income over expenditure" shown in the balance sheet of £12 odd, which sum has been handed to the Treasurer of the M.J.P.S. The accounts are a tribute to the economical management of the Exhibition Committee, who, in circulating the balance sheet, express a desire to "take this opportunity of thanking all those who by their support helped to make the Exhibition a success."

Apropos the Congress we observe that Mr. W. Ward, who contributes a few "Philatelic Nothings" to one of our contemporaries, does not appear to believe that there was any such thing! He refers to "the recent *alleged* British Congress." The special point of Mr. Ward's paragraph—if it has any point—relates to the proposed "provisal (*sic*) of a Philatelic Encyclopædia," which of course was one of the subjects debated at Manchester. It is argued that a Philatelic Encyclopædia is not wanted, and we are inclined to agree so far as Mr. Ward personally is concerned. What he appears to want is an English Dictionary.

There is an allegation, by the way, to the effect that a second Congress of British Philatelists is to be held in London next year. We advise the writer of "Philatelic Nothings" to induce some ambitious philatelic society to secure his services as delegate, for, if he were really to visit one of the gatherings he so glibly writes about, possibly Mr. Ward, by dint of constantly pinching himself, might arrive at some sure and certain conclusion as to whether the Congress really existed. It is lamentable in these days of a cheap and popular press (to say nothing of cheap dictionaries) to find a man so indifferently posted on the actual happenings of the month before last.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

THE interest in U.S.A. imperforations shows no sign of abating, and the traffic in these varieties is immense, says "Redfield's Weekly."

New Issues of common stamps are among the most popular things that are selling; the great army of those collectors who will give no more than a halfpenny apiece for their stamps is worth catering for. A selection of collectors of course want such things as Hebrides Condominium and other latest arrivals, but there is a steady band of modest general collectors who are absorbing commoner stamps in tremendous quantities.

Four varieties of the surcharge "Ellas" on the stamps of Crete are noted in a French journal.

Peru 1909, should be interesting stamps to look out for this summer

Small lots of the surcharged Rhodesia may also presently turn up.

Rumour says there is to be a 30c. and 50c. French Recouvements.

The Uruguayan cow now comes over in two sizes, but the larger animal has the best sale.

Roumania 1908, 25 to 50 bani, are accumulating in used condition and are worth questing for in quantity.

Swiss 1908, seem mysteriously hard to get, Turkey 1908 come more readily to hand.

200 reis Brazil 1906, is getting fairly common, but the other values are still good sellers, and the new Service stamps are good things to have.

Pictorial Bosnia, 29 to 45 heller, are procurable in quantity in certain places at a moderate figure.

Some stamps more or less frequently inquired for are: Hayti 1906; 4 on 8 ore Denmark; 72h. Austria and the 30h. pink of 1906; 4, 6 and 12c. Argentine; Austrian Unpaid of 1908; all recent South Americans; 500 reis Brazil 1906; Quebecs; 15c. Chili 1905; new colours U.S.A.; Denmark newspaper stamps; 30c. French 1906; 50 lepta Greek 1906; 5c. Guatemala 1903; 40c. Italy 1908; Luxemburg 1906; Indo China 1907, and Madagascar 1908; 4c. Mexico; new French Morocco, low values; new 2c. Newfoundland, and all other low values of new Colonial issues; 2c. brown Dutch Indies 1902 (a scarce stamp apparently); Philippines 1906; 70 kop. Russia; 12c. and 15c. Swiss 1907; 30 ore, grey Norway; 50 stot. Bulgaria 1902; 1c. Jamestown; 3c. Cuba 1900, etc.

Current Austrian Levant seem curiously elusive.

What to do with bad copies. (1) Give them away to make friends among customers. (2) Make them into cheap packets to be sold as "seconds." (3) Destroy them. This destruction of bad copies makes for the best interests of philately, for there is no telling to what uses bad copies may be put.

Approval sheets or books full of perfect copies, with here and there a stamp or two inserted at half the usual price by way of a "snap," seems to be one of the secrets of successful dealing.

I do my best to discourage the habit of the buyer of deducting a penny for return postage.

In San Francisco there is an agitation on foot for the inclusive of a portrait of Fremont in the next series of U.S.A. postage stamps. Says the "Evening Globe," of San Francisco: "It is considered no more than fitting that Fremont, who played a most important part in bringing California into the Union and thus affixing the thirty-first Star in the banner of 'Old Glory,' should receive due recognition."

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ISSUE.

MAY—DECEMBER, 1884.

A beautiful series of engraved stamps was next supplied by the American Bank Note Company, of New York, and placed on sale on the date indicated in the following decree :

"Montevideo, 29th April, 1884.

"By order of the General Administration there will be placed in circulation on the 1st of May next, a new issue of postage stamps of the following values :—

1 centesimo,	colour green.
2 centesimos	" vermillion.
7 "	" brown.
10 "	" bistre.
20 "	" violet.
25 "	" grey.

"A period of 60 days is allowed for exchanging, &c."

There was a special type for each value, as shown in the illustrations here given :



THE SIX STAMPS ISSUED MAY, 1884.

Descriptions :—

- 1 centesimo, numeral in circle, green, grey-green.
- 2 centesimos, numeral in circle, red, red-vermillion.
- 7 centesimos, brown, portrait of Artigas.
- 10 centesimos, bistre-brown, portrait of General Santos.
- 20 centesimos, large numerals, bright violet.
- 25 centesimos, Arms, &c., slate-grey.

The following further decree created a 5 centesimos stamp :

"Montevideo, 17th Dec., 1884.

"By order of the Administration, there will be placed in circulation on December 19th a new issue of stamps of 5 centesimos; colour, blue. There is allowed a period of 60 days for exchanging, &c."

The design shows a large numeral on an ornamental ground.



The Stamp was rouletted in lines.

5 centesimos, blue.

Variety: Imperforate horizontally.

Each sheet of this issue had 100 stamps, in ten rows of ten. The 5 centesimos was not issued at the same time as the other values of the series for the reason that the American Bank Note Company originally printed the 5 centesimos in violet instead of blue. The Uruguayan Government had refused them and had returned the stamps. A new printing was made in New York and the American Bank Note Company, in sending the stamps of correct colour again returned the violet printing; and eventually the Postal Direction decided that the 5 centesimos blue should be used for external and the 5c. violet for internal postage.



(1) THE AUBRIOT-WELKER ESSAY, 1886; (2) THE 10 CENT RED, OCTOBER 1887; (3) THE 10c., DECEMBER, 1887.

In October, 1886, Mous. Aubriot, lithographer, and Mons. Welker, engraver, presented a plan for a 5c. postage stamp bearing the effigy of General Santos.

This essay is known in four colours: red, brown, violet, and blue.

The suggested stamp was not accepted for the reason that the issue of the 5 centesimos, violet, had been ordered, as witness the following decree :—

"Montevideo, 27th Nov., 1886.

"By order of the General Direction there will be circulated on the 1st of December next, a postage stamp of 5 centesimos of violet colour, and of the same type as that of the emission in December, 1884.

"There is accorded a period of 60 days for exchanging, &c."

5 cent violet.

Printed in sheets of 100 stamps (ten rows of ten) by the American Bank Note Company; *percé en lignes*.

TWENTY-EIGHTH ISSUE.

OCTOBER, 1887.

Supplies of 10c. stamps being urgently required, recourse was had to local talent, and a stamp of this value was lithographed by M. Godel, of Montevideo—the printing being in colour on white, *percé en lignes*, each sheet consisting of 100 stamps.

100c. red-violet, lilac, slate.

Variety: Imperforate horizontally.

TWENTY-NINTH ISSUE.

JANUARY, 1888.

It having been decided that the colours of the current stamps must be changed, an order was issued to the American Bank Note Company for a new series, and the following decree made a public announcement of the issue :—

"Montevideo, 30th Dec., 1887.

"By order of the General Direction there will be circulated on January 1st, 1888, a new series of postage stamps com-

prising the values designated hereunder. There is accorded a delay—etc."

The series comprise the following values. With the exception of the 10 centimos, which is of a new type, all the designs are those used for the same values of the preceding emission.

1	centesimo, green, numeral type.
2	centesimos, rose
5	" sky blue "
7	" orange, portrait of Artigas.
10	" violet (new type as illustrated).
20	" bistre, numeral type.
25	" bright red; Arms.

One hundred stamps to each sheet; *percé en lignes*.

No varieties are known.

THIRTIETH ISSUE.

OCTOBER, 1889.

On the 12th of October, 1889, the government, during a shortage of the 5 centesimos, blue, decided to surcharge the 5c. violet "Provisorio" for external postal use, and notified the fact publicly in the following decree:—

"Montevideo, 12th Oct., 1889.

"By order of the General Direction there will be circulated on October 14th, provisionally, the stamp of 5c. violet with a black surcharge, 'Provisorio.'"

This stamp is of course the one of which the government refused delivery in 1884 consequent on the error of colour.

5c. violet, surcharged "Provisorio" in black.

Varieties: (1) Surcharge in red;
(2) Surcharge inverted;
(3) PROAISORIO ("A" instead of "V").



(1) THE 5 CENT "PROVISORIO"; (2) THE 10c. AND (3) THE 20c. OF THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE COMPANY'S PRINTING OF 1889-90.

THIRTY-FIRST ISSUE.

(DECEMBER, 1889. MAY 1890).

The designs of the natural postage stamps having been criticised, the Uruguayan Government called upon the American Bank Note Company to supply a new series after designs which had been submitted. The stamps, of which descriptions are appended, are admirably designed and engraved.

Two values were first issued:—

"Montevideo, Nov. 28th, 1889.

"By order of the General Direction, on the 1st December next, there will be issued new postage stamps of 2 and 5 centesimos, a period of 90 days is accorded, &c."

The 2 centesimos bears a large numeral "2" in the centre of an ornamental ground of extraordinary intricacy.

The 5 centesimos contains at the head of the stamp the arms of the Republic in a small circle.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 and a machine perforation was introduced, gauging 15.

2	centesimos, rose.
5	" blue.

Variety: 5c., imperforate.

On the 1st of May following the remaining stamps of the series were placed on sale.



THE 5, 7, 10, 20, 25 AND 50 CENTESIMOS AND 1 PESO OF THE 1889-1890 ISSUE.

"Montevideo, 28th, April, 1890.

"By order of the General Direction, on May 1st, 1890, there will be placed in circulation a new series of postage stamps of the following values:—1, 7, 10, 20, 25, 50 centesimo and 1 peso."

There is accorded a period of 90 days for exchanging, &c.

Like the preceding stamps these are perforated 15 and printed in colour on white paper.

1	cent., yellow-green (numerals and Arms).
7	" brown (large numeral).
10	" sea-green (Arms).
20	" orange (numeral).
25	" red-brown (figure of Justice).
50	" sky-blue (figure of Mercury).
1	peso, lilac (Arms).

Varieties:— 1 cent green, imperforate.
10 " blue-green, transparent printing.

(To be continued.)

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- May 15.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, E.C.: Display by Mr. S. R. Turner, "The Later Issues of France"; paper and display, "Surcharged Stamps of China," Mr. C. L. Harte-Lovelace.
May 18.—Herts Philatelic Society's Annual Meeting.
May 18.—Annual Meeting, Leeds Philatelic Society.
May 19.—Annual Meeting, North London Philatelic Society.
May 20.—Royal Philatelic Society: Notes on Mauritius, with Display, by Mr. M. P. Castle.
May 26.—Bath Philatelic Society's Annual Meeting.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- May 18.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
May 20 and 21.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
May 24.—(Wholesale) Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet St., E.C.
May 25 and 26.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
May 27 and 28.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

An Interesting Case at Manchester.

A CLAIM FOR ALLEGED BREACH OF WARRANTY.

CATALOGUED £850: PRICE, £80.

JUDGE SHIRESS WILL, of the Salford County Court, has been called upon to decide a case of very great interest to philatelists. It would appear that a collection alleged to catalogue up to £850 according to Gibbons' was offered for sale at £80. The purchaser, however, afterwards disputed this valuation, claimed the return of a portion of the money, failed to get it, and—hence the action. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue was mentioned at frequent intervals during the hearing of the case, and two well known Manchester philatelists, Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Bernstein, were called as expert witnesses.

The following summary of the proceedings is compiled from reports published in the Manchester newspapers:

On Friday, May 7th, in the Salford County Court, before His Honour Judge Shiress Will, Mr. Richard Hollins Murray, accountant, of Tib Lane, Manchester, sued Miss M. Sharp, of Stretford Road, in connection with the sale of a collection of foreign stamps. Plaintiff claimed £35 damages for breach of contract and fraudulent misrepresentation. Mr. R. Bellis appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. Ray for the defendant.

Mr. Bellis stated that the plaintiff became acquainted with the defendant through the medium of a newspaper advertisement in 1906. After some delay a purchase was arrived at, the lady giving a written guarantee that the value, according to the Stanley Gibbons' Catalogue, was at least £850. The purchase price was £80, and the plaintiff agreed that if, on the collection being catalogued, it should show a total value of £900, he would pay her an extra £10.

Mr. Murray took the collection home, relying on Miss Sharp's guarantee. When, however, he came to catalogue the collection he found, according to the Stanley Gibbons' standard, that it only catalogued out at £419, and that a great number of the stamps were reprints, others were forgeries, and others were so hopelessly damaged as to be worthless. Plaintiff wrote asking Miss Sharp to return him £15 of the purchase money in view of this breach of the warranty, but she refused it. He then offered to return the collection in exchange for the purchase money, but she declined, and he had no alternative but to bring this action.

Plaintiff gave evidence in support of counsel's statement, and said that defendant had over-estimated the Stanley Gibbons' total value of the collection by £400. Over one hundred of the stamps had been skilfully repaired or "faked."

Cross-examined by Mr. Ray, witness said he had been a stamp collector for twelve years, and he occasionally sold stamps. He would be able to detect a forgery quickly, and he admitted that he went carefully through the collection in 1906.

Mr. Harold Rhodes, a philatelic expert, estimated the face value of the collection on the Stanley Gibbons' standard at £450.

Mr. I. J. Bernstein, president of the Manchester Junior Philatelic, said the reprints and forgeries in the collection were of no value whatever.

Miss Fanny Bust Sharp, the defendant, said that before first offering the stamps for sale she went carefully through the collection in the Stanley Gibbons, and on that basis she calculated their face value at something over £800.

The Judge held that there had been no fraudulent misrepresentations or breach of contract, and found for the defendant with costs.

Philatelic Tales.

III.—A STORY OF "LA SUSSE" PERFORATIONS.

[Some of these tales are true. We can guarantee this one. —Ed., S.C.F.]

SCENE, one of those Caves of Harmony which it was the object of the Licensing Bill to abolish.

Dramatis personæ, sundry "philatelists" of all sorts, journalists, *bons vivants* of uncertain class, glasses and pewter pots.

"Did I ever tell you about them 'Lar Sooss' perforations?" asks a gentleman who has been doing a great deal of the talking. "Great joke, that! I was young at the game then, and I liked branchin' out into new lines, you understand. Got some good ideas just about that time, I did" he goes on with unctuous complacency.

"Well, what about it, Bill?"

"Well, I'm a-telling you. It was just about that time as the little restyrong I goes to starts a new idea of havin' little perforated checks workin' on a roll for the waitresses to write customers' bills on. Quite a new notion it was. It didn't take me more'n a hundred years to see that the perf. was just the very size of the Sooss perfs. on the French stamps. 'Wot-oh!' says I, and I starts ferretting around. Cottoned on to the waitress, but she couldn't tell me nothing. Through 'er, however, I got to know the stationer's traveller who supplied the check-rolls, went to his firm, told 'em a tale about me being a big export merchant, using a lot of French stamps, and wanting them perforated for convenience like, and—well, there you are!"

"Did it pay well?" somebody asks him.

"Oh, pretty fair! pretty fair!" is the answer in a tone of placid contentment. "'Ave another?"

Philatelic News-notes.

The "Chums" Society of Stamp Collectors now has nearly eleven hundred members.

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Liberia has issued a new and very striking series of picture stamps. Details and illustrations will appear in the next *Fortnightly*, with other new issues to date.

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Another U.S.A. commemorative stamp! "Mekeel's Weekly" for May 1st, brings details of a forthcoming 2c. stamp to commemorate the development of the Alaska—Yukon—Pacific territory. The stamp will present a portrait new to the philatelic gallery—that of William H. Seward, who as Secretary of State, conducted negotiations for the purchase of Alaska from Russia. The stamp is to be issued about June 1st.

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Stamp collectors are now making great efforts to include in their collections telephone stamps. These stamps were first issued in 1884, and they remained in circulation until the end of 1891, when they were discontinued by request of the Postmaster-General to prevent the possibility of their being used by the public as postage stamps. Whilst in circulation they were sold by the company to their subscribers and the public for the purpose of affixing to forms kept at the National Telephone Company's various call offices when requiring to send a message over the company's lines.—"Manchester Evening News."

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Leeds Philatelic Society.

At a meeting of this Society, held in the Leeds Institute on Tuesday, April 20th, Mr. G. Davis was to have given a display of "Some Recent Issues," but owing to delay in regaining possession of his stamps which were left in the train, the "show" was postponed to a later date. The stamp auction in itself, however, was sufficient to fill the evening, and this was quite as successful as the preceding ones. The Hon. Auctioneer, Mr. J. E. Kitchen, was thanked for his services.

Novelties shown were: Complete set of the new Rhodesian provisional stamps, value 1d. to 1s., mint, with variations of overprint, by Mr. W. G. Findlater; and a specialist's album, with moveable clips, so that stamps may be mounted and transferred without removal from the slips, by Mr. W. V. Morten.

Messrs. W. and A. Oxley, of Dewsbury, were elected full members of the Society.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rook Ferry, Birkenhead.

The Annual Meeting of the above Society for the 1908/09 Session was held at the Common Hall, Hackins Hey, Liverpool, on Monday evening, 26th April. Mr. Allender occupied the chair, and twenty-two members were present.

The Hon. Secretary's report was a very satisfactory one, showing that the membership had been increased to 103.

The Exchange Packets had been well patronized, more sheets having been sent in than in previous years, the sales being double those of last year. Mr. Bate, the Hon. Exchange Secretary, who has found it necessary, through business, to resign his post, was complimented on the excellent manner in which he had performed his duties.

The Competitions were not supported as well as might have been expected, considering the fine prizes offered. The prize for the best displays all through the season was won by Mr. S. Evans, Mr. Sampson taking the second prize.

The meetings have been attended by an average of twenty-five members.

The President, Mr. Allender, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Savage, were re-elected; Mr. R. S. Archer, Jr., was elected Hon. Treasurer, and Mr. Pearn, Hon. Exchange Secretary.

The silver and bronze medals, kindly offered by the S.C.F. for the two best papers during the season, were voted for by the members: Miss Lyster's paper on "War Stamps" taking the silver medal, and Mr. MacKay's paper on "Crete" the bronze medal. Both of these papers have been reproduced in the S.C.F.

The programme for next season is well on its way, and will be quite up to the usual standard.

A new suggestion, which will be acted upon next season, is "fifteen minutes of questions." The questions to be sent in at one meeting and answered at the next, for the benefit of the juniors.

North of England Philatelic Society.

The last meeting of this Society for the session was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne, on Thursday, April 1st, at 7 o'clock. Mr. T. D. Hume was in the chair, and there were 14 members and one visitor present. After formal business Miss McQueen, Capt. Cochrane and Mr. Harry Patterson were elected members.

Mr. Wilkinson being unable, through illness, to be present, the President, Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, kindly gave a display of his "S" album, viz.:—St. Christopher to Straits Settlements, and showed most of the rarities in these countries. Those present had an enjoyable evening, and at the close Mr. Sanderson proposed a vote of thanks to the President for his display, and this was carried with acclamation. Mr. Bainbridge in reply spoke of his sympathy with Mr. Wilkinson in not being able to get to the Exhibition, in consequence of illness, all the more as the success of the undertaking was largely due to his energy. He suggested that each member should take up one country at a time, and while he personally had no patience with many infinitesimal varieties, it was only by careful study that a collector would come across many gems, and concluded by asking members to do their best for the "Hobby," but to avoid making it ludicrous.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: Fred. J. Melville.
Hon. Secretary: Arthur Selinger, 44, Digby Road, Finsbury Park, N.
Meetings: 17, Fleet Street, E.C.

In connection with the Golden West Exhibition, now open at Earl's Court, London, S.W., the "J.P.S." is holding an Exhibition of the Stamps of the United States of America and Colonies, including General Issues, Departmentals, Confederates, Locals, Fiscals and anything of interest relating to the Postal History of the Country.

The Society hope to receive the hearty support and co-operation of collectors, and appeal for Exhibits of the nature specified above.

Collectors who are prepared to lend at once are requested to communicate without delay.

Fuller particulars will be sent on application to MR. HERBERT F. JOHNSON, Hon. Exhibition Secretary, at 44, Fleet Street, London, E.C.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
Meeting Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton.

The 13th meeting of the session was held on 15th April, at the Royal Hotel. In the absence of Mr. Mead, the chair was taken by Mr. C. J. Smith.

A very interesting history of the Pony Express of America was given by Mr. Herbert Clark. This was organized by Messrs. Wells, Fargo & Co., in 1860, to carry letters beyond the bounds of the Government service of mails. As the riders travelled across hundreds of miles of prairie alone, they carried their lives in their hands, and it was difficult to get men to take the risks. It was in this connection that Buffalo Bill first came into the public eye. He undertook the post and *always* came into time, a very important item. The tariff for a letter weighing half an ounce, carried between San Francisco and New York City was 35¢.

Mr. Clark showed several U.S. Government envelopes, also stamped and cancelled by Wells, Fargo & Co., and the stamps of the Co. which came into use later, and are in use at the present day.

On the motion of Mr. Blake, seconded by Mr. Dallimore a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clark.

The 14th meeting of the present session was held on 22nd April at the Royal Hotel, Brighton. In the absence of Mr. Mead, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Cyril Owen.

Lieut.-Col. L. M. Kennedy was elected a member, on the proposition of the Secretary and Mr. G. H. Type.

A letter was read from Mr. Herbert F. Johnson, asking for exhibits for the Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Earl's Court during the summer. Mr. A. W. Streete offered to send some exhibits of essays and a block of twelve 90c. of 1870.

Mr. G. H. Type gave a magnificent display of King's Head stamps, most countries being shown complete up to the £1 value, when issued. Every stamp was in mint condition, and the artistic arrangement of the sets was greatly admired. Mr. Type also informed the meeting that the initials of the designer of the Barbados, Nelson stamps, Mr. G. W. Goodman, could be found on the two lower corners of the Nelson issue, worked in as part of the design.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Type, on the proposition of Messrs. A. W. Streete and J. Jonas.

Swadlincote Stamp Society.

President: Councillor W. Oakley.
Secretary: Fred. W. Edwards, 64, Coppice Side, Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent.

MR. FRANK BULLOCK (Vice-President, Hurton and Derby Philatelic Society), of Derby, gave the Swadlincote Stamp Society a great treat on Tuesday, by reading them a paper on "Philately as a Hobby."

After the paper, Mr. Bullock was warmly thanked for his kindness in providing such a treat.

Mr. J. E. Hegibottom kindly sent another display of British West Indies stamps, the Colonies represented being Grenada, Jamaica, and the Leeward Isles. Mr. A. S. Allender kindly sent his Egyptian stamps for this meeting, this collection having been exhibited at the recent Manchester Exhibition.

Proposed Bolton Philatelic Society.

At the request of a few local philatelists, a preliminary meeting will shortly be called for the purpose of establishing the above-named Society.

It is hoped that the hearty support of all interested in philately residing in, or near, Bolton, will be forthcoming. Mr. H. O. Moscrop, who is taking an active part in the work of organisation, will be happy to hear from anyone interested or desirous of attending the first meeting. His address is 91, Thicketford Road, Tong Moor, Bolton.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 19 Vicarage Road, Croydon. On Wednesday, April 14th, the Society terminated the season with a Social.

There was a goodly attendance, and a most enjoyable evening was spent.

A capital musical programme was provided by Madame Elsie Brooker, Miss Lines, and Messrs. Ashby, Bing and Lines as vocalists; violin solos by Mr. W. Holman; and recitations by Mr. H. Simmonds and Master H. Bing; whilst Mrs. Harvey, Mrs. Holman and Miss Lines rendered pleasing service as accompanists at the piano.

After refreshments, came the reading and awards of the Essay Competition, Master H. Bing and Mr. A. Holman being the winners in their respective sections.

Microscopical work by Messrs. Ashby, Bing and Fagg; stamp displays by several other members of the Society; and a revelation on the possibilities of the gramophone, by Mr. G. Cole, well filled up the rest of the evening.

The Palace Philatelic Exchange Society.

THE January packets have been returned from circuit and all sheets have been returned to owners with credits where due.

The Club is divided into three sections, viz.:—Colonial, Intermediate, and Junior, and many desirable stamps are circulated. The Society is an excellent medium for acquiring and disposing of stamps at reasonable prices.

There are a few vacancies in each Section and particulars will be sent on application. The main points in the Palace are No Fees, Prompt Settlements and Nett prices. All Club Packets insured against loss in post.

The Society charges 10% Commission on Sales, or if members desire, a Subscription of 2/6 per annum (this includes the three Sections), and 5% Commission on Sales. Members required in all stamp issuing Countries.

For further particulars, and rules, and apply to the Secretary, C. A. SQUIRE COX, 3, Seymour Terrace, Anerley, S.E.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

President: Miss Parr.
Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.
Hon. Secretary: W. Hnsworth, Chaplain's House, Portland.

THE above Society held its General Meeting on April 13th, when the Secretary read his report for the past session.

The Secretary, he said, was in a most flourishing condition, the number of members having more than doubled itself during the past session.

After a short discussion it was decided to continue meetings through the summer once a month. Two new members were elected.

On April 27th, the first meeting of the new session was held, when the Secretary gave a most interesting paper and display of the "Stamps of Chili." This was followed by a short paper on "Chinese Stamp Designs," by Miss J. Henley. Votes of thanks were passed as usual.

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

President: Mr. R. Mallick.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: G. Johnson, B.A., 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

MARCH 18th.—Mr. F. D. Wilson gave a very exhaustive account of the Sunday label stamps of Belgium. It was a revelation to those present how much was to be learnt from a few issues of modern foreign stamps. Indeed, as presented to the meeting, the paper was far more interesting than the examination of many of the Colonial issues. Mr. Wilson shewed all shades in blocks, mostly with dated marginal imprints, thus proving the order of issue.

April 1st, Silk thread issues of Switzerland, by Mr. A. J. Seft.

Mr. Seft, owing to ill-health, was unable to be present to read his paper. He, however, forwarded it, together with his collection, to the Hon. Sec., who read it to the meeting. It was extremely interesting, brought out a number of fresh points, and evoked a very good discussion afterwards. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Seft for giving the Society an early opportunity of discussing the paper.

April 28th.—Annual Dinner at the Imperial Hotel, Birmingham, followed by an auction.

In spite of the finer weather having set in, the packets show no signs of falling off. Those for May are very fine indeed, and total £3,176 11s. 10½d., including over £1,000 from members abroad.

Will members be sure to give the Hon. Sec. good notice of their holidays, in order that he may arrange packets accordingly?

Sheffield Philatelic Society.

President: W. C. Fox, F.R.P.S.L.

AT the meeting held on April 7th, Mr. W. C. Fox displayed his splendid collection of the stamps of the South African Colonies. Descriptive remarks on the stamps were offered by Mr. Sneath, greatly enhancing the interest of the display.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

Not "Face," but "Catalogue" Value.

SOME philatelic myrmidon of one of the Manchester newspapers made it appear in the report of that curious action in the Salford County Court, that Mr. J. H. Rhodes computed the "face value" of the stamp collection which was the subject of the action at £450 whereas Mr. J. H. Rhodes wishes it to be known that he did nothing of the kind. He simply valued the collection on the basis of Stanley Gibbons' catalogue, and the words used should have been "catalogue value," not "face value." I agree with Mr. Rhodes when he very mildly remarks that the report in that particular, is "rather misleading."

The 2 cents "Lincoln" Stamp.

It now appears that the 2 cents Abe Lincoln stamp of the United States is not nearly so scarce as it has been cracked up to be. I take the following from a letter just to hand from Dr. Hazzard, of Pittsburg, Pa.:-

"The Lincoln stamp is not much seen here in used condition, but I imagine it will be after a bit. Many persons, non-stamp folks, bought the Lincoln's on the day of sale, thinking to reap a rich reward in a week or two. The stamps are, of course, still available for postage and are seen quite often. I send you two herewith. You will notice that the one on cover came only to-day. I have a half dozen or more without looking for them particularly. While the stamp may become scarce—used—I do not think it will be rare. I have two of them mailed on the day of issue."

Gold Coasts for "Postage and Revenue."

I HAVE to thank Mr. J. F. Head for this interesting excerpt from the "Gold Coast Leader" of April 17th last:-

"According to the Government Gazette of the 6th March, Gold Coast Postage Stamps issued since 1891-1900 bearing the King's Head and the issues bearing the late Queen's Head, namely, ½d. colour lilac and green, 1d. lilac and red, 2d. lilac and red, 2½d. lilac and blue, 3d. lilac and orange, 6d. lilac and mauve, 1/- green and black, 2/- green and carmine, 5/- green and lilac, 10/- green and brown, 20/- brown lilac and black or red, will be accepted in payment of Postage and Revenue fees from the 1st instant."

The Property of the Addressee.

From the "Manchester Courier" of last Friday, May 21st, I extract the following paragraph:

"A correspondent writes:—I frequently receive letters from Abyssinia, and Abyssinian stamps are as every philatelist knows, of particular value at present. To my surprise, on several occasions lately these letters have been delivered without the stamps affixed to them. I complained to the postman, but he told me that he was not the culprit, and added that the stamps had been detached before they reached his hands. This complaint, I may add, is not an isolated one; many business friends of mine have had similar experiences, in all cases the stamps 'lost' being of some value to the collector. I really think that the matter deserves to be thoroughly inquired into by the Manchester postal authorities."

Complaints of this kind are frequently being made, not only in Manchester, but in other large town and cities. The stamp on any piece of mail matter, as I take it, the property of the addressee, and I hope some way will be found of impressing the fact upon the pilferers of stamps.

The Welker Essays of Uruguay.

MR. HERBERT CLARK writes to the *Fortnightly* as follows:

"In the translation of Mons. Sigismund Jean's book on the 'Postage Stamps of Uruguay,' now being published in the *S.C.F.*, it appears to me that the list of varieties of colour of the "Welker" essay is incomplete.

"I have the following specimens in my collection:—

Black on white.	wove paper.
Lilac .. ..	..
Black .. Prussian blue	..
.. .. vermilion	..
.. .. crimson-lake	..

Coming Events in Philately.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- June 3 and 4.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- June 7 and 8.—Mr. W. Hadlow at the Covent Garden Hotel, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.
- June 8 and 9.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- June 10 and 11.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- June 17 and 18.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

Notes on the Cayman Islands.

A Paper read by Mr. Cyril J. Phillip, before the Members of the North London Philatelic Society, on Thursday, December 16th, 1908.

THE stamp issue of the Cayman Islands has not completed its first decade, and yet it has made more noise in the Philatelic World than many countries that have already celebrated their Jubilee.

There are three islands, known respectively as Grand Cayman, Little Cayman, and Cayman Brac, the largest of these being the first named, which is about seventeen miles in length, seven miles at its greatest width, the highest elevation being about 150 feet.

These islands, which were discovered by Columbus on his return voyage from Porto Bello to Spain, lie 171 miles W.N.W. from Negril Point. The name given to them by this explorer was Las Tortugas, probably on account of the very large number of turtles he noticed on the coast. The islands were apparently never occupied by the Spaniards, and at a later date were re-named Cayman Islands.

The word Cayman is supposed to be derived from the Spanish word "Caiman," signifying alligator, and the largest island no doubt received its new name, owing to its resemblance in shape to that reptile. Early tradition states that Grand Cayman was at one time the rendezvous of pirates, who preyed upon passing ships, which they boarded at night, far from shore, in large armed boats. These marauders protected themselves against attack by means of heavy guns mounted upon the rocks, and as these were also surrounded by coral reefs, they could only be approached by boats. Semblance is lent to this story by the fact that many heavy guns still lie embedded in the sand at Sun Bay on the Eastern coast.

The Islands were annexed by the English, soon after the conquest of Jamaica, during General Doyle's Government. By him measures were adopted for their protection and settlement.

The records at Spanish Town, show that grants of land were made in 1741 by the Crown, to several persons on the Island of Great Cayman. Among these will be found 1000 acres to Mrs. Mary Bodden, upon which site the present town of Boddentown probably stands; 1000 acres each to William Foster (probably the site of Georgetown, the capital) to Murray Campbell and to Samuel Hatforth. In 1774 the number of white inhabitants was but 106. They had a Chief or Governor of their own choosing and magistrates appointed by the Governor of Jamaica. The affairs of the Cayman Islands are at present managed by a body composed of the Custos, the Hon. Edmond Parsons, the Justices and the Vestry. Their enactments have to be assented to by the Governor of Jamaica.

The chief towns are Georgetown (the capital), Boddentown, Prospect, West Bay, East End and Northside. All are located on the Sea Coast, and the shore is in most cases skirted by a margin of pure white sand which lends to the settlement a picturesque appearance.

Having now dealt briefly with the history of these Islands, I will proceed to the philatelic side of the subject.

In 1900 we received the first Cayman postage stamps, consisting of two values, designed and engraved by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., and printed by them in panes of 60 (ten rows of six), on paper watermarked Crown CA, and perforated 14. The values are ½d. green and 1d. carmine.

In 1901-2 five more values appeared, design as in the previous issue, but with head of King Edward VII. in profile to left, substituted for that of Queen Victoria. These were designed and printed as before by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. on similar paper, and with the same perf.

Values, ½d. green, 1d. carmine, 2½d. ultramarine, 6d. brown, and 1/- orange.

The employment of multiple watermarked paper added, in 1905-6, five more varieties to the rapidly increasing list. These were in every respect similar to the preceding King's head issue, but on paper watermarked with the multiple C.A.

The following year, saw the issue of the bi-coloured stamps, 6d. olive and rose, and 1/- violet and green. Two new values were also added; 4d. brown and rose, 5/- vermilion and

green. These were printed in the same arrangement of panes, and with the same perforation.

Determined to keep pace with the surcharging tendencies in Philately, the year 1907-8 produced the famous provisionals. The first was the "one half penny" in two lines on the 1d. carmine.

The descent of Avernus was very rapid, for this first provisional was soon followed by really startling ones from that land of earthquakes "Jamaica." In order came the ½d. on 5/-, the 1d. on 5/- and the 2½d. on 4d.

Each succeeding year produced a novel series. Cayman Isles was becoming one of the "Great" stamp issuing countries of the world! No doubt the Western breezes were blowing the disease from the neighbours, Nicaragua, etc.

Thus in 1908 the following were the changes:—

- (a) 1/- became black on green paper.
- (b) "Postage and Revenue" on all values.
- (c) A new value 10s., green and red on green paper was added.

During the same year (1908), as if it were not prolific enough, we had to record the appearance of a farthing value, which looks as if it had been made in Germany—Dutch built at top and bottom. These farthing stamps were announced for internal use only, but owing (it was said) to a shortage of the ½d. stamps they were ultimately authorised for general use. There are a great number of minor varieties to be found in them.

Thus the total number of stamps issued for this favoured race of Islanders, in less than eight years, is no less than thirty-three.

Juniors, Old and Young, at Dinner.

A HAPPY CELEBRATION.

A NOTE of genial gratification marked the Junior Philatelic Society's dinner at the Florence Restaurant, Rupert Street, W., on Saturday last, May 22nd, when many members and friends foregathered to toast the "J.P.S." on the completion of ten years of philatelic usefulness.

One saw many familiar faces, and met others hitherto known only by repute. A most interesting member of the gathering was Mr. Mount Brown of catalogue fame.

Among the ladies present was Mrs. Melville, mother of the President of the Society. On the toast list figured the name of Mrs. Field, and most charmingly did she fulfil her task of responding for "The Ladies." One of Mrs. Field's philatelic cakes, this time representing the 3 lire of Tuscany, was one of the edible items of the evening's entertainment.

Many of the oldest members of the J.P.S. were present—Mr. Purdom, Mr. Johnson, Mr. Atharley, Mr. Feeney (hearty and genial as ever), Mr. Nissen, Mr. Bertram Poole, etc. There were dealers present in plenty, including Mr. W. S. Lincoln, Mr. J. W. Jones, Mr. Field, and Mr. Edwin Healey.

The toast of the evening, "The Junior Philatelic Society," was entrusted to Mr. C. B. Purdom, who gave a few reminiscences of the early days of the Society. The Chairman, Mr. Fred J. Melville, President of the Society, mentioned in his response that over four hundred new members of the J.P.S. had been elected during the past season.

To the "lot" of Mr. Gilbert Lodge fell the toast of "The Ladies," and he dealt with it fluently and joyously.

Mr. W. S. Lincoln, *doyen* of London stamp dealers, responded for "The Stamp Trade," a toast most breezily and cordially proposed by Mr. Feeney. Mr. Lincoln's reminiscences of the early days and early ways of stamp dealing were listened to with rapt attention.

The toast of "The Philatelic Press" was most eloquently offered by Mr. F. J. Lloyd, the response being by Mr. Percy C. Bishop, Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*; after which Mr. David Field gave "The Chairman," and Mr. Melville's brief response, followed by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne," brought a happy and enjoyable evening to a close.

Mr. Douglas Beanfort, illusionist, vocalist and ventriloquist, added much to the hilarity of the occasion by a number of clever and amusing selections.

Notes on the "Star" Watermarked Papers of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.

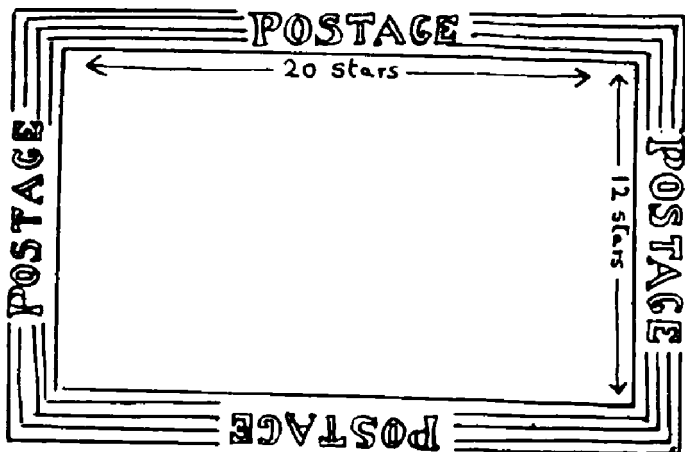
By R. E. R. DALWICK.

THE three different "Stars" which appeared as watermarks for several British Colonies in by-gone days, form a very interesting and fascinating study. The grand old stamps of that famous firm, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., were—during a period of several years—produced on papers watermarked with three distinct types of "Star":

- (i.) "Small Star."
- (ii.) "Large Star."
- (iii.) "Large broad-pointed Star."

No. (iii.) is of no importance at present, so we will confine ourselves to some general remarks concerning Stars (i.) and (ii.), which remarks may be applied equally to both the above sized Stars.

The sheets had a watermarked border of five straight lines which ran continuously round the entire outer edge of the sheet, except at the middle of the top and bottom borders and twice on each of the side borders, where the innermost line of the five *alone* went on uninterrupted from beginning to end of the border. The outer lines of the sheet were therefore arranged *roughly* as follows:



The above figure is not drawn to scale, but it will suffice to give the reader an idea of the frame watermark, whilst enclosed in this framework are the 240 Stars, arranged in twenty rows of twelve, to correspond with the 240 adhesives afterwards to be printed upon the paper. The Stars (in each case) were six-rayed, having one point up, one down and two on each side, in which position they are most often found in the centre of an adhesive.

The words "POSTAGE" in the framework watermark vary from 6½ to 8mm. in height, whilst in length the word usually varies from 64 to 68mm. The cause for these variations may not at first appear quite clear. It has been attributed to the enormous variations in the thickness of the paper employed, it being argued that some of the different thicknesses of paper might quite possibly and plausibly become subjected to atmospheric pressure and thereby skrink to a certain extent. Although the above may quite possibly have a very slight effect upon the paper, it is hardly likely that the paper would shrink (or increase?) to the extent of the extreme measurements. Messrs. E. D. Bacon and F. H. Napier in their remarks upon this particular subject in their "Barbados" handbook (to which I am indebted for much information in this article) give what is undoubtedly the correct solution to the above problem. There were two double moulds for each paper, which meant no less than 960 "bits" for each kind of paper, each "bit" having to be bent out of wire and fixed by hand to their respective moulds.

In early times, when the "small" and "large Stars" first made their appearance, philatelists were, more often than

not, very much behindhand in discovering such important facts. In some cases, over a year elapsed before it was discovered that such and such a country had a Star watermark in their adhesives. Then there were other puzzles staring "the new issues and discoveries" editor in the face, when it was announced that a second Star of different dimensions than the old one had been discovered. What was *this* new discovery; did it imply that the newly found Star was an error in the sheet of ordinary sized Stars; did it imply that "large" and "small Stars" were happily mixed up together in the same sheet; or was the solution to be found in assuming that the newly discovered "Star" was an altogether separate and special printing of its own? Even up to fairly modern times it has been stated here and there that "small" and "large Star" exist side by side on the same sheet, but the specialist was not long in settling the dispute by declaring that both Stars do *not* exist in the same sheet.

As a matter of interest, it may be stated here that the "large Star" was the first paper employed with a Star; but as there is no need to proceed in chronological order here, we will begin with the least and work upwards up to the greatest.

Before proceeding any further I should like to reproduce *in extenso* a most interesting list from the handbook on "Barbados" referred to earlier in this article.

The dimensions of the two sheets and watermarks (large and small Star).

	Large Star.	Small Star.
Width of sheet	11in.	10½in.
Height of sheet	22½in.	20½in.
Width of inner frame of watermark	9½in.	9in.
Height	21½in.	18½in.
Lateral spacing of Stars from centre to centre	20½mm.	20½mm.
Vertical	27½mm.	24mm.

From the above table it will be seen that the two papers differs to a marked degree in some respects, whilst in other particulars both "small" and "large Star" show measurements that are exactly identical.

To be continued.

A Standard of Condition.

WHAT is your idea of perfect condition? The Editor of the "Australian Philatelist" gives the following as his conception of the ideal in this direction:—

"Stamps must be clear impressions, not creased or torn; if imperforate, good margins all round; if perforated, perforations showing at equal distances all round the stamp; if unused, must have original gum; if used, lightly post-marked—with date preferred."

Stamp Notes from Australia.

WE GATHER from our most excellent contemporary, the "Australian Philatelist," that Mr. Fred Hagen was given a splendid "send off" on leaving Sydney for his trip to the Old Country. A dinner was held, at which all the leading philatelists of the N.S.W. capital were present.

The following paragraphs are quoted from the same source:—

"BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS.—The Resident Commissioner, Mr. C. M. Woodford, who is now on his way to England, informed us when passing through Sydney, that before he left the Solomons the whole of the remainder of the first issue were destroyed."

"We regret very much to have to announce the death of a New Zealand collector, Mr. H. T. MacLean, of the Supreme Court Library, Auckland. Strange to say, his executors have been unable to find his collection. The following advertisement appeared in the Auckland papers last month: 'In the estate of Henry Travers Maclean, deceased. Anybody having information regarding a collection of English and Colonial stamps owned by the late H. T. Maclean, kindly communicate with the undersigned. Buddle, Button & Co., Solicitors, Wyndham Street (Auckland).'"

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"Repudiated" (?) Australian Stamps!

Something very curious is going on at the present moment in connection with the alleged improper surcharging by the British postal authorities of letters arriving from Australia. Mr. W. Lane Joynt sends us the following paragraph from the "Sydney Daily Telegraph," of April 8th, 1909:—

Both in Queensland and in Victoria stamps are still issued bearing an imprint of the head of the late Queen. The Central Bureau has received a communication from the Queensland deputy, that a letter sent to London by a Queensland firm had been surcharged 4d. A regulation exists in the British Post-office under which stamps bearing the head of the Sovereign become obsolete in the United Kingdom six years after the Sovereign's death. The Postmaster-General has cabled to the London postal authorities asking for information why the action has been taken, seeing that the stamps are good in the Commonwealth.

"I was unaware," comments Mr. Lane Joynt, "that the Statute of Limitations applied to postage stamps." So were we; but it would appear that there is some such regulation, for we have personally seen envelopes from Australia franked with Queen's Heads, the surcharges on which have caused much surprise and perturbation among the addressees in London.

As we write, the "Australian Philatelist" of April 10th, comes to hand with an interesting article on the subject.

It would appear (says our contemporary) that there is a disposition on the part of the British authorities to challenge the right of the Federal authorities to continue to issue stamps bearing the portrait of Her Majesty Queen Victoria, which most likely is considered to be an insult to His Majesty King Edward VII. If their objection is on this ground, and is backed up by some legality on the subject, then we say their action is quite justified. We have in days gone by contended that stamps bearing the portrait of Queen Victoria should be superseded, but we got so weary of doing so that we gave it up in disgust.

This action on the part of the British authorities should force the hands of those in this country who are responsible for the issue of stamps, and bring about, perhaps earlier than was anticipated, a Commonwealth series which need not necessarily bear a portrait of the King, but must not, in accordance to the above information, bear a portrait of the late Queen.

It was stated in the press some time since that an undertaking was given that the first issue of Commonwealth stamps would bear a portrait of his Majesty King Edward VII. Perhaps there is more in the affair than appears to ordinary outsiders. Some people in authority contend that as stamps are a kind of currency, like coins, all new issues should bear a portrait of the reigning monarch.

Only a storm in a tea cup, maybe. In any case we shall probably know all about it before the next *Fortnightly* appears.

On Cards and Covers.

By B. W. W.

A SOCIETY for Collecting Entires has been suggested on more than one occasion, and the impetus recently given to such collecting—or that form of it which goes in for the obtaining of British stamps used abroad as illustrated last year in the "Gibbons Stamp Weekly"—now being encouraged by a book by Mr. J. G. Hendy on our old Postmarks, may lead to a combination of those who prefer this method of obtaining used adhesive stamps with those enthusiasts who still hold to the belief that stamped envelopes and cards are quite as worthy a form of collecting as strictly postal issues. The number of old letter covers obtainable is much smaller than that of postcards and covers with embossed stamps, though there may be many stores yet undiscovered in the tin boxes of old family solicitors that would yield unmitigated pleasure to collectors of this class of stationery. Some years ago I had the offer of hundreds of the outer half-sheets of letters received in a lawyer's office, but as the postmarks were not specially clear or interesting being limited to about a score of places in the Emerald Isle, a few only were selected as showing the old rates of postage in the "pre-1840" days, mostly pen-marked 7d., 1/2, and 1/9, from which figures it will be seen they were nearly all from one district. At the same time all those evidences of postage paid, as also of the parliamentary franks are of interest to the postal collector.

There is great need for some such Society as none of the philatelic societies or their official organs now publish information on these pieces of postal stationery, and there is no book printed specially on the subject or any means of obtaining information on certain scarce pieces, many questions even asked in these pages being still unanswered; the history of which may be known to but two or three persons now living and they of advanced years. The dealers too, having boycotted the envelopes and postcards, the supply of these foreign stamps can only be got from abroad, or through the one remaining Exchange Club that keeps together a few scores of scattered enthusiasts. An association for the collecting and study of these items would in time collect a mass of information which the future student of scientific philatelic history will otherwise be unable to obtain. A subscription of five shillings yearly would be sufficient with a well-planned Exchange from which a small commission could be extracted to pay for printing expenses. If the members also subscribed or rather invested from £1 to £5 each for the purpose of purchasing new issues, or at auctions of buying good collections to be offered in detail first (at cost) to the investors and afterwards at a slight advance to ordinary members, the whole affair might be made a big success, and lead to the publication of an annual and of a larger book on the numerous uncatalogued varieties of cards and covers that have been found by indefatigable collectors in this branch of Philately.

There are many envelopes and cards, as of adhesives, that would realize big prices, if there was a means of making them known. Some years ago an exhibit of fifty varieties of Orange Free State cards, among which was one that sixpence had been given for owing to a slight peculiarity, and for which the owner was offered £5 the next week by a dealer who knew it was unusual. It has since been listed in a German catalogue unpriced, but not in an English catalogue, and is believed to be unique. Another instance of how one has to go to foreign countries for information is the case of a German postcard overprinted "China" nine years ago. A copy of that passed through the Entires Exchange at 3d. untaken until a German member saw it and promptly annexed it. It is now in the catalogue priced at 100 marks! The mere listing in this column of new varieties or of old discoveries does not enlighten collectors much, for the simple reason that no stamp dealer in this country imports them, but if the Society suggested was formed on a proper co-operative basis, many collectors would be gratified.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

Belgium.—Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. send us a new "unpaid."

Postage Due. 30c. blue.

Dutch Colonies.—*Surinam.*—A provisional 5c. stamp has been issued. We are indebted to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for a specimen.



Provisional. 5c. red.

Indian Native States.—*Charkhari.*—We have to thank Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. for one of the new stamps for this state.



There is a medley of crossed swords, &c., for design. The values and colours are:—

- ½ anna, brown.
- ¼ anna, red.
- 1 anna, sage-green.
- 2 annas, blue.
- 4 annas, green.
- 8 annas, red.
- 1 rupee, brown.

Liberia.—A varied and most interesting new set has appeared. Mr. Harry L. Hayman kindly sends us specimens for illustration, accompanied by the instructive descriptions of the various values given hereunder.

The 1 cent gives a view in a coffee plantation in Liberia, with hills in the distance, the frame being simply arabesque in style with numerals in the upper corners and a few coffee beans at each side.

The 2 cents, with a small portrait of President Barclay, from a very life-like photograph, by Messrs. Fradelle & Young, has rather a more ornate style of frame, with numeral in left-hand bottom corner.



The 5 cents is perhaps one of the most remarkable "seascape" stamps ever seen. The Liberian gunboat "Lark" is seen lying with steam up, ready to protect the shores of the Republic, the effect of the Postal Union blue sea and sky being very pretty. A rope frame with the usual knots, with numerals in lifebuoys in the bottom corners, completes a very unique stamp.

The 10 cents is triangular in form, with allegorical figures representing Commerce, with Anchor, &c.



The 15 cents shows a native woman making cotton threads, sitting under the branches of a huge tree, with her bowl of carded cotton; holding the spool high in her left hand, she twists it rapidly and the thread is drawn off by the right. Numerals are in both bottom corners, and palms overshadow the vignettes in a graceful manner.

The 20 cents is one of the "plant series," showing the Malagueta pepper plant, a native of Liberia, with its leaves and flowers. The frame, with numerals, in the left bottom corner, is a suggestion of Borassus palm leaves, blending very prettily with the pepper plant.



The 25 cents gives the idea of a calendar or show-card, but instead of the almanac, a pretty native view of palms, and hills in the background, is shown.

The 30 cents, one colour stamp, we have a larger and very striking portrait of the President. Such an effect as is shown in this stamp is only possible in plate work; surface printed stamps can never show the like.

The 50 cents stamp has been pronounced the most beautiful of the series. The four natives in the "dug-out" canoe, three rowing, one steering, on the broad river, with the jungle foliage in the background, show a typical native scene. The frame with the "travellers' tree," a wonderful kind of palm tree of the country, on either side, gives an appropriate surrounding.

The 75 cents is, we suppose, one of the most singular and extraordinary and at the same time appropriate stamps ever designed. The last of the series of views is, most suitably, an album of views! No similar stamp has to our knowledge ever been printed. It shows the book, as accurately as circumstances will allow; and on the cover is a label with a pretty view of a native village. The illusion is complete and we can only commend the designers of this elegantly devised novelty for their ingenuity.

The whole series has been most beautifully engraved by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., Limited.

The "On Service" stamps are printed from the same plates, but in different shades and colours from the ordinary stamps, the letters "O.S." being in writing style as before, the stamp being varied according to the design.

All stamps are perforated 14, by the comb machine, with the exception of the 10 cents stamp, which is rouletted.

Adhesives. Perf. 14, except the 10c., which is rouletted.

- 1c. black and yellow-green.
- 2c. " brown-red.
- 5c. " blue.
- 10c. " purple.
- 15c. indigo-blue.
- 20c. myrtle and dull rose.
- 25c. black and black-brown.
- 30c. " brown.
- 50c. " myrtle.
- 75c. " chocolate.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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THIRTY-SECOND ISSUE.

AUGUST 1891.

Again the Government resorted to the stock of the 5 centesimos, violet, of the 1886 issue for a supply of 5c. stamps, and a new surcharge was applied diagonally in two lines: "Provisorio 1891."



1.

2.

3.

- (1) The 5 centesimos violet with diagonal surcharge "Provisorio 1891";
 (2) The 1 centesimo, bright green, 1888, with overprint "Provisorio 1892";
 (3) "Un Centesimo Provisorio 1892" on the 20c. orange.

5c., violet, surcharged "Provisorio 1891" in red.

The following are the varieties which exist in this provisional:

Error of numerals, "1391" instead of "1891," occurring once in each sheet of 100 stamps.

"Previsorio" instead of "Provisorio"; also many incomplete surcharges, such "ORIO," "ISORIO," "ORIO 891," "OVISORIO," "PROVISO 18." This last surcharge exists inverted—one in each sheet.

The error "1391" occurs in the third stamp of the second row of the sheet, counting from the left. This also has been found inverted.

THIRTY-THIRD ISSUE.

JANUARY-FEBRUARY, 1892.

The stocks of 1 and 5 centesimos being exhausted further provisionals were created.

The 1 centesimo bright green of 1888 was requisitioned for surcharging, and was overprinted in red in two lines: "Provisorio 1892." Also the 7 centesimos, brown, of the emission of 1889, which was surcharged "Cinco centesimos Provisorio 1892" in four lines.

Following is the decree announcing these two surcharges:—

"Montevideo, 16th January, 1892.

"By order of the general direction, there will be issued on the 18th instant, a provisional series of postage stamps of 1 centesimo of the same type and value as that which was issued on January 1st, 1888, which will bear the overprint in red, '1892, Provisorio'; and another series, also provisional, of a stamp of 5 centesimos, of the current type of 7 centesimos, which will bear the impression in red, 'Cinco centesimos, provisorio 1892.'"

1c. green, surcharge in red.

5c. on 7c. brown, surcharge red.

There are the following interesting varieties of the 1 centesimo:—

- With surcharge inverted.
- With double surcharge.
- "Previsorio" instead of "Provisorio."
- "Provsorio" ("l" instead of "i").
- 18 92 (space between "8" and "9").

Of (c), the "Previsorio" error, there was but one specimen

to each sheet of one hundred stamps. This was the fourth from the right in the bottom row.

Of the 5 centesimos there are the following varieties:

- With surcharge inverted.
- "Prevosorio" instead of "Provisorio."

This occurs only once on the sheet—namely, in the third stamp from the right in the bottom row.

- 18 92 (spaced) instead of the normal 1892.

- "7892" instead of 1892.

This occurs in the fifth stamp from the right of the third row from the bottom of the sheet.

On the 14th of February following it was the turn of the 20 centesimos, orange, to contribute to the supply of provisionals. It was transformed into a stamp of 1 centesimo by a surcharge printed in black, in four lines: "Un centesimo Provisorio 1892."

1c. on 20c., surcharge in black.

Varities: Surcharge inverted.

Spaced date "18 92" for "1892."

"Previsorio" instead of "Provisorio," occurs only once in the sheet.

When it is remarked that this last error occurs in each of the stamps of this emission and in each of them once only on the sheet, it seems fairly certain that the same composition of the word "Provisorio" was used for all the surcharges.

(To be continued.)

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

CONDITION, in British stamps, is a consideration that must come to the front in selling. Where any really fine copy is worth, say 4d., a poor copy of the same stamp may not be cheap at a quarter of that figure.

This week a dealer had 500 low values of used Nigeria to spare, an incident that says much for the increasing trade of that region.

The 1 dollar Straits with fiscal cancellation seem plentiful.

Stamps of British Honduras are often to be bought cheaply in New York; high value British are sometimes offered in the same neighbourhood. The 4d. values of Queen's Heads of the West Indies seem also to be easily obtained in the States.

An American dealer is advertising British Colonial King's Heads only; his announcement reminds one of the palmy days of 1905 when these stamps were at the height of their popularity in England.

It is reported that some of the current U.S.A. are appearing on "experimental paper."

Bavaria Officials, surcharged "E," have come down to about eighteen pence per used set of three to 50 pfg. They used to be 3s. 6d.

Gatherers of Austria Jubilees on the Continent are now inviting wholesale exchange.

Spanish Morocco surcharged "Tetuan," 5c., 10c. and 25c. used, are offered at 2s. the set in Berlin.

Abyssinia 1909, in one big advertisement, is apparently thought worthy of being surrounded by a conspicuous black border; it strikes one that this set is popular on the Continent, and it has been said somewhere that Abyssinian stamps seldom disappoint their purchasers.

The present general interest in common stamps is no doubt due to their attractiveness, in colour and design, since 1900. It is presumed that advanced collectors as well as beginners are gathering them; anyhow, a dealer will confess that cheap regular issues usually sell readily.

Of the 15c. new Swiss only one solitary copy has so far turned up, but the 35c. French 1906 type I. has come to hand in quantity at a very pleasing price.

The Charges Against Stamp Dealers.

THE ALLEGED FORGERIES OF NORTH BORNEO STAMPS.

ON Saturday, May 15th, at Bow Street Police Court, before Mr. Curtis Bennett, there was a further hearing of the charges against John Stewart Lowden, 29, Stamp Dealer, 20, Villiers Street, Strand, and Harry Harmer, 39, Stamp Dealer, 11, Preston Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, of conspiring to obtain money by fraud from persons buying from them, or from the West End Stamp Company, or Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., stamps purporting to be issued for postage and revenue purposes in British North Borneo.

Mr. Bodkin appeared on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecution. Mr. Curtis Bennett, instructed by Mr. Solomon Meyers, defended Lowden. Harmer was represented by Mr. Frampton. Mr. C. V. Young watched the case on behalf of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Mr. J. D. Watts, Public Notary, spoke to a statutory declaration made before him by J. S. Lowden on December 31st last. To the best of his belief Lowden was the person who signed the declaration.

Mr. William Ackland, 50, Osmond Road, Hove, replying to Mr. Bodkin, said he dealt in stamps under the name of the London and Brighton Stamp Company. He recognised both prisoners. He first became acquainted with Lowden in April, 1908. He knew him as a stamp dealer trading as the West End Stamp Company, 20, Villiers Street, Strand. He was managing director of the Company. He saw Harmer about two months after at the same place. He had transactions with the Company, in buying, exchanging and selling stamps. Generally the transactions has taken place through the post, but he had dealt personally with Lowden. He bought a quantity of stamps in April last year. Amongst the purchase was 1,500 sets of four stamps each of the Borneo 1887 issue, for which he paid five guineas. Also 400 sets of Borneo of the same issue at £1 13s. 4d. per 100—£6 13s. 4d. The 100 sets of Borneo and Labuan priced at £10 were of another issue. He got a letter dated 22nd April signed H. Harmer, Managing Director, saying that they expected to have a further supply of Borneo stamps in a fortnight from that time, and offering to supply him with any quantity he required. On April 22nd he bought 5,000 sets of four stamps of the Borneo 1887 issue for £15, and 1,000 sets of nine stamps, same issue, for £12 10s. He had another transaction in May of last year when he bought 1,750 sets of four stamps of the Borneo 1887 issue for £5 5s., and 430 sets of nine stamps of the same issue for £5 7s. 6d. He paid for the last sets by exchange, the others by cash. On August 7th he received a letter signed by Harmer referring to Lowden's absence, and apologising for the delay in forwarding stamps, and in September he had another transaction and had a letter from Lowden in connection therewith, signed as Managing Director. On that occasion he purchased 1,000 sets of four Borneo 1887 issue for £3, and 400 complete sets of nine for £5. On October 7th of last year he had another transaction with Lowden, who called at his (witness's) house at Hove. He brought a quantity of stamps with him and witness agreed to buy, amongst others, 8,000 sets of the stamps called "small" Borneo $\frac{1}{2}$, 1, 2 and 3 cents. They were sets of the 1887 issue, the price being £24. He also bought 2,000 sets complete of nine stamps each 1887 issue for £25. On the same invoice there was a reference to ten sets of British North Borneo 25 cents to 10 dollars. The total of his transactions that day came to £266 3s. 8d. He received the stamps at his own house the same day and next day by post he received stamps amounting to £30, bringing up the total to £296 3s. 8d.

Questioned as to what he did with the 1887 issues bought from the West End Stamp Company, witness said that in July or August 1908, he sold some of them to Mr. Brown, stamp dealer, from his April or May purchases. Speaking from memory, he sold about £60 worth of stamps to Mr. Brown; some of them were complete sets and all were of the 1887 issue. Mr. Brown paid him by exchange. After he had sold them he received a communication from Mr. Brown, after his (witness's) last deal with Lowden. The date of Mr. Brown's letter was October 17th. In consequence of receiving the letter he came up to London and saw Lowden at his office. They adjourned to a

cafe and he told Lowden that a correspondent had said that he did not think the 1887 Borneo issue were genuine. He did not tell Lowden the name of the correspondent. Lowden said to him (witness) "They are all right. I got them from the Borneo Company, along with the others, excepting a few that I have obtained here and there to complete broken sets."

Did he say anything further about the stamps? Yes, he said that when he received some of them they were not perforated and some of them might be reprints or printer's waste. He (witness) said that if that was the case he could not send the stamps out to his customers.

Did you say why you could not send them out to your customers? Yes, because they would not be genuine.

And what did Lowden say? He advised me to send them out without comment.

Continuing, witness said that Lowden told him that any of the Borneo stamps might be reprints for all he (Lowden) knew. Nothing was said about making him any allowance for the stamps, as at that time he (witness) thought they were genuine. Later on he got some further information, in consequence of which he made an allowance to Mr. Brown in respect of the stamps of which he was complaining. He remembered Chief Inspector Stockley calling upon him and he gave him a quantity of stamps. He had received back from Mr. Brown part of the Borneo stamps which he sold to him, but he did not give the Inspector any of these stamps. The stamps he handed over to the Inspector were those which he had bought from the West End Stamp Company.

Witness was then handed up nine separate sheets of nine separate stamps, and identified them as the ones he had given to Inspector Stockley.

Questioned as to the conversation that took place between himself and Lowden, witness said that Lowden did not say that some of the stamps were reprints, but that they might be. The stamps were not sold to him as reprints. The first he heard about them possibly being reprints was when he called on Lowden. He had had no dealings with either of the defendants prior to April last year.

The further hearing was adjourned until Monday, May 17th, the defendants being released on the same bail.

At the resumed hearing of the charge, Mr. F. N. Parker, Stamford Hill, examined by Mr. Bodkin, said he was a stamp speculator. He knew the two defendants. About five years ago he became connected with Harmer when he was trading in the city. He was introduced to Lowden about three years ago by Harmer in Villiers Street, as a stamp dealer. His first business with the defendants was with the West End Stamp Company; sometimes he saw Harmer there and sometimes Lowden. He bought more Borneo stamps than any other dealer, that being his speciality. He first bought them from the British North Borneo Company about the year 1885, and had purchased all issues up to the 1886 issue. He had bought them unused and cancelled, but always in sheets. They were cancelled by bars across the stamps; sometimes the mark would be over the four stamps, but sometimes only over two. He had some unperforated stamps of the 1886 issues. He bought $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 cents, and, if some of the higher values were issued at the same time, he bought some of them.

After the 1886 issue we have heard of two further issues of stamps by the Company—1887 to 1889 issue and the 1894. Did you buy some of these?—Yes, some of all of them.

Continuing, witness said he had continued to purchase stamps from the Company up to the present time, all in sheets, some unused and some cancelled. He had bought some of the higher value stamps which were called "trial sheets" which had been doubly printed. For a short time he might have had a monopoly in the stamps on account of the large quantities he was buying, but speaking generally the Company could dispose of their stamps to whoever they liked. He was not an agent of the Company, he was an independent buyer. In 1887 he had a very large quantity of Borneo stamps, and he entered into an arrangement with the two defendants to sell to them. Under the agreement he was to deliver £2,000 worth of stamps in the course of the year at the rate of £200 a month with the exception of

August and September, which were holiday months. He had continued to supply them and had made two-and-half deliveries this year. He had been paid for his deliveries up to date. Altogether under the contract he had received £3,500, £800 of which was in the nature of a deposit, which was to be set off on the last delivery. His last delivery was about two months ago. He had been waiting for Lowden to request him to continue the supplies. He saw Lowden and told him he would not press him to take deliveries while the case was going on.

Under that contract what kind of stamps did you deliver?

All kinds of stamps which I received from the British North Borneo Company, from the 1887 to 1889 issue, Postage and Revenue, unperforated. He never supplied any other stamps under the contract than those which he got direct from the Company. He might have supplied some of the trial sheets, but he was not absolutely certain. Last December he received a communication from a Mr. Healey who read him a letter from a stamp dealer in Paris. Consequent upon that he and Mr. Healey went to the offices of the British North Borneo Company.

The witnesses evidence was broken off at this point in order that he might go home to get a copy of the agreement.

Mr. H. N. Burgess, 40, Cottingham Road, Penge, managing clerk to Messrs. Bright & Son, Stamp Dealers, 64, Strand, said he got instructions from his principal in consequence of which he wrote a letter from his private house to Herbert Mack & Co. He sent the letter under the name of Plummer, and asked for specimens of the Borneo stamps which they were advertising. In reply he received a small book of Borneo stamps, containing a number of specimen stamps for selection. He looked through the book and took out one set of the Borneo, priced at 1s. 3d. net, and returned it with a remittance. A few days afterwards he received a letter and another book of Borneo stamps containing rather higher priced stamps than the previous one. He handed the book and the letter to his principal. Acting on instructions he wrote saying that the price asked for the book, £9 9s. 6d., was rather high, but, that if they would accept £3 net he would be inclined to keep it, and he got a postcard a day or two after accepting his offer. He sent the £3 by postal orders. The book he received contained ½ cent and 10 cent postage and revenue Borneo and some of the higher value. Also a one dollar stamp surcharged "British Protectorate."

Cross-examined by Mr. Curtis Bennett, witness said that his wife wrote the letters under his instructions. He himself selected the set which was purchased, but the money for it was paid by his employers. He could not say definitely what had become of the first book he purchased, it might have gone into their stock.

I put it to you that the low value stamps in the second book are printers' waste and the higher value are reprints?

I don't know anything about it.

Continuing, witness said his employers did not sell reprints. They would only supply reprints if specially asked for.

Miss Ethel Pix, of 75, Whittington Road, Bowes Park, deposed to having been in the employment of the West End Stamp Company from February 1907 until the end of last year, when she transferred her services to Herbert Mack & Co. Harmer ceased to have any connection with the business at Villiers Street, last Autumn. Up to that time he used to attend the office almost every day, as well as Lowden. Her principal duty was to make up approval sheets and books and forward them to intending customers.

Cross-examined:—Harmer travelled a good deal on the Continent, and was therefore away from the office for considerable intervals.

Miss Newmann, 62, Portway, West Ham, said she had been in the employ of the defendants at 20, Villiers Street, for some time as a clerk. Previous to that she had worked as a clerk for Bolton & Co., stamp dealers, King Street, Cheapside, a business which was carried on by Harmer & Wichmann. In May, 1906, Harmer left and entered into business with Lowden as the West End Stamp Co., and remained connected with the business until October last. The business of Mack & Co. was started at Villiers Street about February, 1907, to the best of her recollection. It was carried on by the two defendants, separately from the West End Stamp Co. Since Harmer left in October she had seen him there a few times and seen Lowden. Witness then explained the various books which she kept for the West End Stamp Company, and identified a number of entries in the cash book of cheques paid to Rene Careme, presumably for stamps bought. She was not able to say what the stamps were that were so bought. She had written letters to Careme in French and German which had been dictated to her by the two defendants. Careme's letters to the defendants were always in German. She was a holder of four shares in Herbert

Mack & Co., but she had never paid for them. Lowden asked her if she minded having them. (Laughter). She had not yet any dividends, she was waiting. (Renewed laughter).

In cross-examination by Mr. Curtis Bennett witness said there was no secrecy about the fact that the West End Stamp Company had dealings with Careme.

Detective Ward spoke to having translated copies of letters in German, to Careme, from the letter book of the West End Stamp Co., and also letters purporting to come from Careme.

Mr. Parker was recalled and examined by Mr. Bodkin on the agreements, dated Sept. 25th, 1907, and June 4th, 1908, between himself and the West End Stamp Co., referring to the sale of British North Borneo stamps. Witness handed up a detailed statement showing the various sums he had received from the defendants, amounting in all to £3,400, in respect of deliveries up to the end of 1908.

In further cross-examination by Mr. Curtis Bennett, witness said he had had a monopoly for certain periods at certain times from the British North Borneo Co. For about twelve months he possessed the monopoly of purchasing the 1887 to 1889 issue. He could not remember whether he had anything in writing on the matter, it was quite possible he did; but if so he would not have it now, as his papers only went back three or four years. He did not know of anybody else who was dealing with the Company over the 1887 and 1889 issues. The cancelled stamps were sold to him at considerably under face value. They were sold to him for the purpose of re-sale to collectors or dealers. He was taking very large quantities of stamps from the Company. He could not say whether the Company printed the stamps specially for him. It may have been so, but it was so many years ago that the transaction happened that he was not positive on the point. Of course if the stamps were cancelled they would be of no use for postal or revenue purposes, but only for collectors or dealers. Under the agreement he undertook not to sell any cancelled stamps to anybody except the defendants, and he stood by the agreement. At the end of last year he gave the Company an order for the current 1887 issue. The stamps that he sold to the defendants included unperforated ones of the 1887 issue.

Witness was handed up the book which the witness Burgess bought from Mack & Co., and was pressed by Counsel as to whether it did not contain stamps which he had sold to the defendant.

Witness, in reply, said that if the stamps in the book were genuine, then they would have passed through his hands; but he was not an expert—only as regarded the question of price.

Was it known to any official of the British North Borneo Co. that you were selling all these cancelled stamps to the defendant? It was known to one of the clerks.

Continuing, witness said he was aware that for some time past a circular issued by Mack & Co. had been exposing forgeries, and had attacked members of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Re-examined, witness said he never remembered seeing any article in reference to forged Borneo stamps. He should say that the high value stamps in the book, which had been purchased by the witness Burgess, had passed through his hands, and the lower ones might have.

Pressed as to his reasons for saying that a particular stamp had passed through his hands—a 5 dollar Borneo, double impression—witness said he could only say that he saw nothing to lead him to the contrary opinion. He judged from general appearances.

The case was again adjourned until Thursday, May 27th, defendants being released on the same bail as before.

ADDENDA.

INDIA, Queen, 3rs., used, superb	per 12.
.. .. 5rs.	7/6
.. .. King, 2rs.	2/0
.. .. 3rs.	2/11
.. .. 5rs.	15/6
JHIND, King, 2½an., mint (New)	32/8
.. .. Post and Rev., 1an., mint (New)	4/0
.. .. 1/2	1/2
NAIHA, King Service, ½, ½, 1, 1, 2, 4, 8ans. and 1rs.	per doz. sets
PATIALA, 3 pies, King Service, used (New)	56/0
	4/0

WANTED.

INDIA, blocks of four of all issues up to 1876. Ordinary and Service.
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GWALIOR, S.G. No. 65, 116, 121.
JHIND, NAIHA and PATIALA, 1st issue and error Stamps.

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LIST OF AWARDS.

BARON LEHMANN SECURES THE "CHAMPIONSHIP."

THE Amsterdam Philatelic Exhibition (writes the special representative of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*) attracted a large and cosmopolitan assemblage of philatelists. Among well-known amateurs and dealers present I saw Mr. E. D. Bacon, Mr. H. J. Duveen, Baron A. de Reuterskiold, Mr. A. D. Ferguson (of British Guiana), Mr. C. Whitfield King, Mr. Charles J. Phillips, Mr. D. Field, Mr. Fred Hagan (from "Down Under,"), Mr. F. Breitfuss, Mr. A. Coyette, Mr. P. L. Pemberton, Mr. Hugo Griebert, Dr. jus. Paul Kloss, Mr. Paul Kohl, Mr. A. J. Warren, Mr. M. Z. Booleman, Mr. F. J. Melville, Mr. Ernest Zumstein, and many others.

As is probably well known to all readers of the *S.C.F.*, the Exhibition was held as a means of marking the 25 years jubilee of the "Nederlandsche Vereeniging van Postzegelverzamelaars," which we may render into English as the "Philatelic Society of the Netherlands," although "Dutch Union of Stamp Collectors" would perhaps be a more faithful equivalent. Be that as it may the Exhibition was thoroughly well organised, and so far as can be seen at the moment of writing it is a complete success.

In all my experience of Philatelic Exhibitions—international and otherwise—I do not remember a show more richly dowered with medals as this. There have been awarded four large gold medals, ten gold medals, twenty-one silver gilt medals, twenty-three silver medals, and six bronze medals.

The principal awards in the various classes have been declared as follows:—

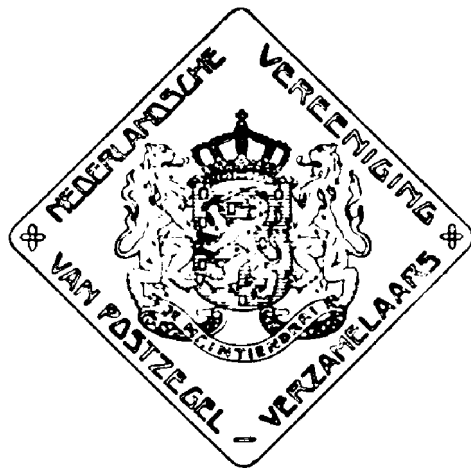
CHAMPION CLASS OF DIVISION I. (Holland and Colonies).—Large gold medal to Baron R. A. Lehmann.

DIVISION I. (Holland and Colonies).—Gold medals to Messrs. J. J. W. Buning, P. W. Waller, and A. J. Warren; silver and gilt medals to Messrs. D. C. Paraira, Louis Weimar, G. Bujs and Jonkheer J. A. v. Schmid; silver medals to Messrs. A. F. W. Stroo, and A. C. Voss, and a bronze medal to Mr. W. P. Costerns.

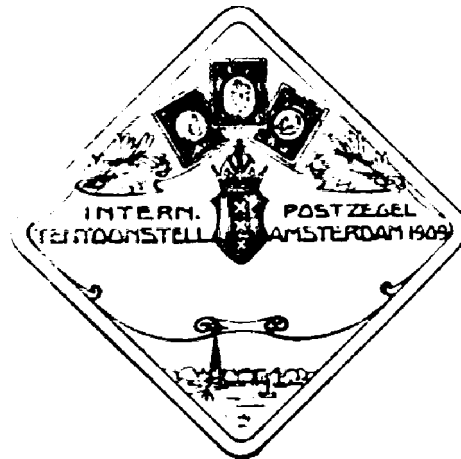
DIVISION II. (Collections of Special Countries).—In this section—the finest in the Exhibition for the range and variety of rare exhibits—three large gold medals were awarded, the recipients being Mr. Ernest Zumstein, of Berne, for his incomparable Swiss display, Mr. L. L. K. Hausburg (Mauritius) and Mr. Frans Reichenheim, France. There were also four gold medals, awarded to Messrs. M. Z. Booleman, Hugo Hartmann, Adolf Passer, and Harvey Clarke; two silver

gilt medals to Messrs. F. H. Hancock and Frank E. Wilson; five silver medals to Messrs. J. R. M. Allrecht, W. von Polansky, Humphrey Bennett, J. M. Bartels, and G. J. Stork; and five bronze to Messrs. H. F. W. Becking, Jacques Veershijm, Isaac Blanco, J. Duiven and Leo Daamen.

DIVISION III. (Various Collections of Groups of Countries, &c.).—Here the large gold medal went to Mr. E. Bayer, of Prague; a gold medal was awarded to Jonkheer Teixeira de Mattos; silver gilt medals to Messrs. E. Bonn, Jacques Veershijm, F. Consemüller, G. von Hessling, and Augst. Hoevels; silver medals to Dr. A. H. v. d. Berg, and to



THE MEDAL OF THE AMSTERDAM EXHIBITION.



Messrs. L. M. Konig, M. van der Lugt, A. E. Sitsen, and M. E. Unger; bronze medals to Messrs. A. J. Warren, P. Jorissen, D. C. Paraira, H. W. Sonnega, P. A. M. v. d. Ven, Arthur Bohle, Ernst Metzkes, and P. A. Stippler.

DIVISION IV. (Entires, Caricatures, &c.)—Gold medal, Mr. C. Wafelbakker; silver-gilt medals, Messrs. Leon de Raay and W. P. Costerns; silver medals, Messrs. G. V. v. d. Schooren and M. Z. Booleman.

DIVISION V.—The gold medal in this section fell to Mendel Albrecht, of Manchester, for his display of Mulcraads. Silver-gilt medals were awarded to Messrs. A. Coyette (Paris) and Mr. C. George (Lisbon). Silver medals, Messrs. R. Kerlen, E. Bonn, Rudolf Friedl, L. de Raay, and M. E. Unger.

DIVISION VI. (the Junior Section) was remarkable for the success of a British young lady junior—Miss Kitty Nelke, of London, who carried off the silver-gilt medal. Bronze medals were awarded to D. J. W. van Rosendael and W. J. Wijmuller.

DIVISION VII. (Literature, Albums, Accessories).—Congratulations to the "Philatelic Record" on securing one of the silver-gilt medals—the highest award for this division. Among British dealers honoured in this department of the Exhibition are Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. and Mr. W. S. Lincoln. The "West End Philatelist" was awarded a bronze medal, so also was the "Stamp Lover"—oddly misspelled "Stamp Lower" in the official list of awards.

All praise is due to the various committees, who appear to have laboured arduously for the success of the Exhibition. The Jury consisted of the following—all philatelists of world-wide repute:—

Jhr. H. A. Elias, Arnheim; Baron A de Reuterskiold, Lausanne; H. J. Duveen, London; F. Breiffuss, St. Petersburg; J. Goossen, Amsterdam; Dr. jur. Paul Kloss, Dresden; H. P. Manus, Amsterdam; H. Ritter de la Renotière, Vienna; Adolphe Schoeller, Montmorency.

I think all visitors to Amsterdam will agree that we may bracket the Exhibition of the Netherlands Philatelic Society with such former Continental Exhibitions as those of Vienna, Paris, Milan, Utrecht, &c., and write it down an unqualified success!

New Designs for Swiss Stamps.

The London "Standard" publishes the following interesting despatch from its Lausanne correspondent:—

The chorus of disapproval called forth by the two new designs used for the Swiss stamps issued towards the end of 1907 is responsible for the numerous experiments which have produced so many "varieties" as they are called, of the issues of 1908.

The two designs which embellished these stamps could hardly have been more inartistic; and it is little wonder that there has been an outcry against them, though the magnitude of the agitation could hardly have been foreseen. It is said that there are four large volumes of cuttings at the Federal Postal Department, containing nothing but articles adversely criticising the issue.

One of the designs, which represented Helvetia as a ferocious looking dame, of masculine appearance, has been nicknamed the "Germania-Helvetia," owing to a by no means flattering resemblance to the design of the German stamp; and the other, which is commonly called "Walti's Dwarf," after the artist who made the design, representing the diminutive son of William Tell holding a gigantic crossbow in one hand and an apple, pierced by a dart, in the other.

So insistent was the voice of public disapproval that the designs were returned to the artists to be retouched. This has now been done, and the stamps that are being issued have been slightly changed and somewhat improved, though they are still very far from perfect. In fact, even these finally accepted designs compare very unfavourably with that of the seated figure of Helvetia, as on the 25 centimes stamps.

CIRCULATED with this number of the S.C.F. is a Special Price List of Indian and "Convention" States Stamps, published by Mr. B. Gordon Jones, of 76, Loraine Mansions, Holloway, London, N. Any reader not receiving his copy should send a postcard to Mr. Jones, at above address.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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THIRTY-FOURTH ISSUE.

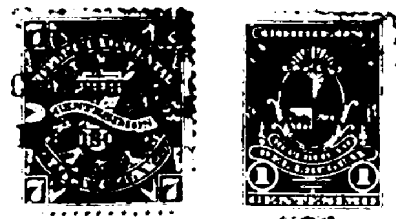
All these surcharges were made pending the delivery to the Uruguayan Government of the stamps ordered from Waterlow & Sons, London

The first values of these arrived at the commencement of March, 1892, and were thus announced:—

"Montevideo, 8th March, 1892.

"By order of the general direction, on the 9th instant, there will be placed in circulation a new issue of postage stamps of 1 and 2 centesimos, printed the first in green and the second in carmine.

"There is granted a term of 90 days for retiring from circulation, &c."



These two new stamps inaugurated a novel form of stamp, they being narrower than the preceding issues, and appearing to be of greater height. In a central oval on the 1c., and in a circle on the 2c., appear the Arms of the Republic. The stamps are finely engraved and nicely printed in well chosen colours. The printing is on white paper; perforation 15.

1 cent. green.
2 " carmine.

There are no plate varieties, but specimens are known without perforation vertically.

On the 19th of April was issued the 5 centesimos blue. Here the Uruguayan Arms are placed on a shield in the upper right corner of the stamp; in the lower left corner appears a Sun, shedding its rays on the inscription, "5 centesimos."

5 cent. blue.

A variety of this is known without perforation horizontally.



Finally on the 15th of December of the same year there was placed in circulation the 10 centesimos, orange, whereon

appears a winged figure whose arms support a band bearing the inscription, "Republica O. del Uruguay." The national arms appear on a shield at the lower right.

10 cent. orange.

The stamp exists with double impression, one sheet having been passed twice through the press.

In the month of October, 1892, grand fêtes were held in all the American Republics in commemoration of the discovery of the western world by Christopher Columbus. The postal administrators of Uruguay went to no great expense to mark



the occasion. They simply used a special seal engraved on copper, to obliterate letters—and this for Montevideo only.

This seal is of elongated shape, measuring 49 millimetres high by 27 millimetres wide. It bears the following inscriptions displayed as in the illustration, which is an exact reproduction:—

"Correos Telégrafos, R.O. del Uruguay, Octubre 1892—4th Centenario del descubrimiento de America—Montevideo."

The seal was in use only on October 11th, 12th and 13th, 1892.

The stamps which received this obliteration, or surcharge, are as follows:—

1 cent. green	1889.
2 .. carmine	"
5 .. blue	"
7 .. brown	"
10 .. green	"
20 .. orange	"
25 .. brown-red	"
50 .. blue	"
1 peso lilac	"
1 cent. green	1892.
2 .. rose	"
5 .. blue	"

Certain of these are rare, notably the 7, 20, 25, 50c. and 1 peso of 1889, and the 1 and 5c. of 1892.

(To be continued.)

Coming Events in Philately.

LONDON AUCTION SALES.

- June 14 and 15.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co. at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- June 17 and 18.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- June 21 and 22.—Mr. W. Hadlow at the Covent Garden Hotel, Southampton Street, Strand, W.C.
- June 24 and 25.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- Sept. 28 and 29.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson at 47, Leicester Sq., W.C.

Notes on the "Star" Watermarked Papers of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.

By R. E. R. DALWICK.

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(I.) "THE SMALL STAR."

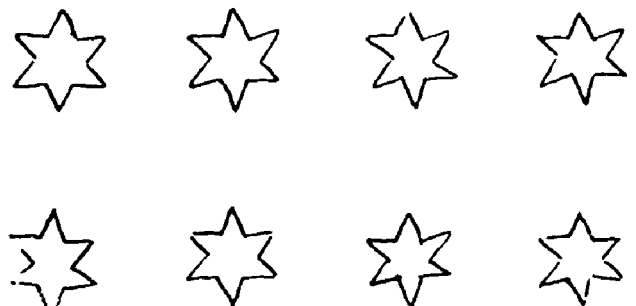
Originally the "small Star" paper was intended for the stamps of Queensland, for which purpose the paper was very well suited, seeing that the early Queensland adhesives were small, especially was their *shortness* (from top to bottom) noticeable. It is more than likely that the "small Star" was manufactured for the stamps of Queensland alone. If such was the primary idea, there must have been a shortage of "large Star" paper about this time (1860), or to be correct I should say a little later, for we soon come across the "small Star" among certain stamps of Antigua, 1863; Barbados, 1871; Grenada, 1863; Natal, 1862; St. Lucia, 1860 (Dec.); St. Vincent, 1871; Turks Islands, 1873. The dates given above are in all cases the dates when the "small Star" paper first appeared on the stamps of the colonies mentioned.

In the case of Natal and St. Lucia the plates corresponded to those of Queensland in size, but in the case of the other districts mentioned above the *plates* were smaller than those of Queensland, Natal and St. Lucia, but the *stamps* were all the same size.

Just as the framework lines and more especially the word POSTAGE vary in size, so also do the "small Stars" vary. Measuring from the extreme end of one of the six points of the Star to the point directly opposite varies from 11½ to 13½mm. Besides varying in size, the "small Stars" are often very irregular in shape; one or more of the points may be found much thicker or thinner than the remainder, or a point or two may be a rounded or may be a square point. Another curious and commonplace type of Star has the two vertical points *much* thinner than the four horizontally inclined points or rays.

By far the greater quantity of the "small Stars" have rather thick fat points which are also somewhat short, but a few, however, have long deep cut points, these are fairly rare. The *deep cut* "small Stars," to all but the experienced philatelist on this subject, are very likely to be confused with the "large Star," which latter consist almost entirely of deep cut long pointed Stars. The difference lies naturally in the size, but in the case of the deep cut "small Star," it will be found that not until minutely compared with the "large Star" will the difference be noted.

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The above illustration gives an idea of the size and general appearance of the "small Star," it is taken from the top central portion of the sheet and is only approximately correct in dimensions.

To be continued.

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Congratulations to our good confrères in Holland on a successful exhibition at Amsterdam. It is good to know that British philatelists lent every support to the occasion, and at the same time it is satisfactory that many of the chief awards were awarded for exhibits hailing from Great Britain. The great prize of the Exhibition, namely, the large gold medal in the Championship Class, was won by Baron Lehmann, of London; other gold medals were secured by Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg, Mr. Reichenheim, Mr. A. J. Warren, Mr. Harvey Clarke and Mr. Mendal Albrecht, while Mr. Frank E. Wilson, of Birmingham, secured a silver gilt and Mr. Humphrey Bennett, of Northampton, a silver medal. *Place aux dames.* Miss Kitty Nelke, a London junior, secured the chief award in Section VI., which was sacred to the exhibits of young collectors, "Jonge Verzamelaars," under the age of eighteen years.

A storm in a tea cup is apparently the only name for the recent scare as to the surcharging of letters prepaid with Queen's Head Colonial stamps on their arrival in Great Britain. Nevertheless the trouble looked real enough, especially when one read such paragraphs as the following in such an unsensational newspaper as the "Daily Chronicle":—

"The action of the Post Office authorities in making a surcharge of fourpence on letters from Australia stamped with the head of Queen Victoria is causing commotion in the Commonwealth. A strong protest has been published by the President of the Sydney Philatelic Club. Mr. R. T. Scott, the permanent head of the Commonwealth Postal Department, has asked St. Martin's-le-Grand to explain. He is under the impression that some recent order intended to affect only letters in the British Isles has been applied in error to correspondence from the Commonwealth. It is stated that there is a rule declaring obsolete stamps bearing the head of a monarch who has been six years deceased. But a penny stamp that is obsolete long enough is always worth more than a penny."

However, it must be all right, we suppose, for the following is from the parliamentary report of another unsensational newspaper, the "Morning Post":—

Mr. Henniker Heaton (U, Canterbury) having asked the Postmaster-General whether the British postal officials impose a fine or surcharge on all letters from Australia that have the portrait of Queen Victoria on the postage stamps on the ground that such stamps are not current six months after the demise of the Sovereign, Mr. Sidney Buxton says: There is no foundation whatever in the allegations conveyed in the question. No stamps, Australian, or other, are regarded as obsolete here unless they have been declared by the country of issue to be no longer current. Many of the stamps now valid in States of the Commonwealth bear the Head of Queen Victoria. I received an enquiry on April 8th from the Post Office of the Commonwealth with regard to a surcharge said to have been raised on a particular

letter addressed from Brisbane to a firm in London on the ground that the stamp was obsolete. Inquiry was made, but the addressee stated that he had destroyed the envelope and could give no particulars. A reply to this effect was despatched on April 16th. The envelope in question must have been marked for surcharge in Australia, as it is not customary to disallow stamps which have been accepted as valid by the office of origin.

The Stamp Market.

By SENAX.

PROBABLY few stamp sellers have any great quantity of postally used Borneo or Labuan; used stamps do not seem to accumulate in these Colonies in any appreciable number, but the few odd copies that occasionally turn up, possessing the beautiful ring postmark and perhaps on pieces of the original envelope, should have a good value, although at times it seems a trifle difficult to arrive at a correct estimate of that value.

The following stamps seem to be well to the fore, at the present moment, in different parts of the world:—

Canada Quebecs. A Canadian firm says these are being held, in many places, for an advance.

Cayman Islands, 1905, ½d. to 1/-, used.

Germany, mint mark values.

Wurtemberg Jubilee, 2c. to 50c., the price of which is a good slice out of ten shillings.

The two high values of Italy, 1904, 50 and 100 lire, which are cheaper than they used to be.

Hayti, of most issues, good supplies of which seem to exist everywhere on the Continent.

U.S.A. imperforates.

Unused U.S.A. pictorials, at good prices.

Uruguay Jubilee, 1908, which in one place are stated to have been only on issue for a day or two.

New Zealand postage dues, since changing postal rates, may lead to the scarcity of some of the values.

Higher values of current Tunis and used Tunis parcel post.

Austria Jubilee, 12 and 30 heller, 5 and 10 kronen.

Current Servia, Bosnia, and all similarly attractive Europeans, both high and low values; also pictorial issues of Roumania and the 1908 series.

Iceland, 1908, which dealers in Denmark will be found to supply readily.

Panama, and the 1906 surcharges, which may be successfully queried for throughout U.S.A.

French Pictorial Colonials, 15c. to 1fr. values.

Most used South Americans, popular on the Continent, often to be had in parcels from dealers in Liverpool or Manchester.

Current Mexico, which seems to be accumulating by the thousand in some places in the United States.

Rhodesia, 1909, which someone says may presently be superseded by a regular issue.

The possession of the above, and similar stamps, is perhaps desirable where up-to-dateness is aimed at, but of course it is wise to keep in stock a few copies of those thousands of other stamps that occupy the greater space in one's stock books. There are doubtless many stamps that are seldom advertised, which are nevertheless in good demand where they can be got. Such stamps turn up in twos and threes, probably, and are easily sold without any necessity for an announcement. 3d. to 1/- values of most British Colonials may be of this class, and as to the market value of these there seems little necessity for any comment.

The 25 bani Roumania, error of 1906, has come down to 6d.

Interest in Precancelled United States seems to be growing.

Experience seems to show that a general collector will usually buy minor varieties of any stamp in which is interested. This week a customer bought the same stamp in six different shades. The moral of which be: Classify your shades and varieties.

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1854. Lithographed.							
½ anna, blue, die I., shades	5/- to 7 6	0	4½	1856-64. No wmk.			
ditto die II.		0	9	4 annas, black, shades	7	6	0 2½
1 anna, red, die I.		2	0	.. green	40	0	2 6
ditto die II.	7/6 to 10/-	2	0	8 annas, carmine, shades	13	6	1 0
ditto die III.		3	8 to 7 6	1856-64, Imperf. no wmk.			
2 annas, green, shades	17	6	2 6	½ anna, blue	20	0	
4 .. blue and red, shades	5	to 20		2 annas, yellow-buff	30	0	
				.. green	60	0	
Quotations made for pairs 4s. all transfers.				1865. El. Head.			
1854. Ditto.				½ anna, blue, shades	2	0	0 ½
½ anna, blue shades, Die I. (May, July or August, '54), superb				8 pies, purple or mauve	1	3	0 6
mint pairs	13	6		1 anna, brown, shades	2	0	0 ½
ditto, blocks of four	25	0		2 annas, yellow	7	6	0 ½
1 anna, red, shades, Die II., superb				.. orange	12	6	0 6
mint pairs	17	6		.. brown-orange	3	0	0 1
ditto, blocks of four	30	0		4 annas, green	10	0	1 6
1854. Essay.				8 annas, carmine	75	0	10 0
½ anna, red, 9½ arches	150	0		1866. Provisional.			
ditto, proof, 8 arches, unwmkd	10	0		6 annas, purple, tall letters	27	6	10 0
1855. Blue Glazed Paper.				ditto, short letters			13 6
4 annas, black	17	6	0 6	1866-76. El. Head.			
8 .. carmine	17	6	1 3	½ anna, blue, Die II., shades	1	0	0 ½
1856-64. No Wmk.				9 pies, mauve, shades	2	0	1 0
½ anna, blue, shades	2	0	0 1	4 annas, green, Dies I. or II., shades	3	0	0 1
8 pies, purple, shades	3	0	0 4	6 .. olive-bistre or pale brown	0	9	0 2
1 anna, brown, shades	3	9	0 2	6 as. 8 pies, slate	7	6	2 6
2 annas, dull pink	37	6	1 0	8 annas, rose, Die II.	5	0	0 3
.. yellow-buff	20	0	0 6	12 .. Venetian red	2	0	1 6
.. yellow	17	6	0 6	1 rupee, slate	7	6	1 0
.. orange	27	6	2 0	1882-1900. Star.			
.. green	67	6		9 pies, carmine	0	2	0 2
				1 anna 6 pies, sepia	0	3	
				2 annas, blue, shades	0	6	

2 Special Price List of Indian and "Convention" States Stamps.

1882-1900. Star.	Un. s. d.	Used. s. d.	1902-09. King.	Un. s. d.	Used. s. d.
2½ as. on 4 annas 6 pies, green ...	0 8	0 2	6 annas, bistre ...	6 1	
3 annas, orange ...	5 0	0 3	12 .. purple on red ...	0 1½	
3 .. brown-orange ...	0 6		1 rupee, bi-coloured ...	0 1	
4 .. slate-green ...	0 6		2 rupees, ditto ...	0 3	
4 as. 6 pies, green ...	2 6		ditto, per 100 ...	22 6	
8 annas, dull mauve ...	2 6		3 .. bi-coloured ...	2 6	
8 .. magenta ...	1 0		5	5 0	
12 .. purple on red ...	1 6	0 2	2, 3 and 5 rupees, telegraph cancellations, set of 3, fine		3 6
1 rupee slate ...	3 6	0 1	10 rupees, bi-coloured ...	15 0	10 0
1 .. bi-coloured ...	1 9	0 1	15	22 6	
2 rupees ..	3 0	0 6	25	37 6	
3	4 6	1 0	1866. Small Service.		
5	7 6	3 0	No wmk., ½ anna, blue ...		3 6
2, 3 and 5 rupees, telegraph cancellations, set of 3, fine		3 0	.. 8 pies, purple ...	30 0	
ditto, with "Postal Service,"			.. 1 anna, brown ...	12 6	
black postmarks, set of 3, fine		3 6	8 annas, carmine ...	3 0	3 0
			El. Head, ½ anna, blue ...		3 6
			.. 8 pies, purple ...	15 0	
			.. 1 anna, brown ...		2 6
			.. 2 annas, yellow ...	10 6	5 0
			.. 4 .. green ...	12 6	10 0
			.. 4 .. oct., green ...	22 6	
			1866-68. Service Provisionals.		
			½ anna, green and mauve ...		12 6
			2 annas, black and purple ...	50 0	40 0
			ditto, superb pairs, mint ...	50 0	
			2 annas, green and purple ...		45 0
			4		75 0
			8		£12
			1867-73. Large Service.		
			½ anna, blue, Die I., shades ...	2 0	0 2
			ditto, Die II. ...	80 0	5 0
			1 anna, brown, shades ...	2 0	0 6
			2 annas, yellow, shades ...	1 6	0 2
			4 .. green, shades ...	1 0	0 1
			8 .. carmine ...	1 6	0 1
			Essay, 6 annas 8 pies, slate ...	75 0	
			1874-82. On H.M.S.		
			½ anna, blue ...	0 9	0 1
			ditto, blue overprint ...	80 0	2 6
			1 anna, brown ...	1 0	0 1
			ditto, blue overprint ...	£8	17 6
			2 annas, yellow ...	2 6	0 6
			4 .. green ...	2 6	0 1½
			8 .. rose ...	2 6	1 0
			1883-1900. On H.M.S.		
			3 pies, carmine ...	0 3	0 1
			½ anna, deep green ...	0 3	
			.. yellow-green ...	0 4	
			1 anna, brown-purple or plum ...	0 6	
			1 .. carmine ...	0 4	
			2 annas, ultramarine ...	1 0	
			2 .. blue ...	0 6	
			2 .. violet ...	0 6	
			4 .. olive-green ...	0 6	
			8 .. mauve or magenta ...	1 0	0 ½
			1 rupee, bi-coloured ...	1 6	0 1
			ditto, set of 10 varieties, used ...		0 4
			1902-09.		
			3 pies, grey ...	0 3	
			½ anna, green ...	0 2	
			ditto (P. and R.) ...	0 2	
			1 anna, carmine ...	0 3	
			ditto (P. and R.) ...	0 3	
			2 annas, mauve, shades ...	0 6	
			4 .. olive-green ...	0 9	
			8 .. magenta ...	1 6	
			1 rupee, bi-coloured ...	2 6	
			2 rupees, bi-coloured ...	5 0	
			5	12 6	
			10	20 0	
			15	30 0	
			25	50 0	
			Indian "Convention" States.		
			(*.* These stamps are all in unused <i>mint</i> condition).		
			CHAMRA. 1886-1904. Queen.	Ordy.	Service
			3 pies, carmine ...	0 1	
			3 .. grey ...	0 2	0 2
			½ anna, deep green ...	0 1½	0 1½
			.. yellow-green ...	0 2	0 4
			1 .. plum ...	0 2	0 3
			1 .. carmine ...	0 4	0 6
			1 anna 6 pies, sepia ...	0 9	
			2 annas, blue, shades ...	0 6	0 8
			2 .. violet ...	3 6	2 6
			2 annas 6 pies, green ...	5 0	
			3 annas, orange ...	5 0	—
			3 .. brown-orange ...	0 8	1 0
			4 .. olive-green ...	1 6	1 6
			4 .. slate-green ...	0 9	0 9
			6 .. olive-bistre ...	3 6	2 6
			6 .. bistre-brown ...	2 6	—
			8 .. dull mauve ...	3 0	3 0
			8 .. magenta ...	1 6	1 6
			12 .. purple on red ...	2 0	10 0
			1 rupee, slate ...	10 6	10 0
			1 .. bi-coloured ...	2 6	4 6
			2, 3 and 5 rupees, set of 3 ...	60 0	
			FARIDKOT. 1886-1900.	Ordy.	Service
			3 pies, carmine ...	0 4	
			½ anna, deep green ...	0 2	0 3
			1 .. plum ...	0 6	0 6
			2 annas, blue, shades ...	0 8	0 8
			3 .. orange ...	2 6	3 6
			3 .. brown-orange ...	1 0	1 3
			4 annas, olive-green ...	1 6	2 6
			4 .. slate-green ...	1 0	1 6
			6 .. olive-bistre ...	3 6	7 6
			6 .. bistre-brown ...	5 0	6 0
			8 .. dull mauve ...	4 6	5 0
			8 .. magenta ...	3 6	4 0
			12 .. purple on red ...	10 6	
			1 rupee slate ...	17 6	20 0
			1 .. bi-coloured ...	10 0	12 6
			GWALIOR. May 1885 (1st issue.		
			type A).	Short	Hindi.
			½ anna, green ...	10 0	
			1 .. brown-purple ...	10 0	
			2 annas, blue ...	7 6	

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ALIOR. June 1885 (1st issue, type B).	Short Hindi.	Long Hindi.
1/4 anna, green	17 6	20 0
1 .. brown-purple	13 6	27 6
1 anna 6 pies, sepia	27 6	75 0
2 annas, blue	22 6	27 6
4 .. green	40 0	67 6
6 .. olive-bistre	42 6	67 6
8 .. dull mauve	50 0	67 6
1 rupee, slate	50 0	67 6

MAHALIOR. 1885. Red surcharge.

1/4 anna, green	0 4	0 8
2 annas, blue	3 6	7 6
4 .. green	7 6	40 0
1 rupee, slate	7 6	27 6

MAHALIOR. 1885-1904 Black surcharge. Queen.

	Short Hindi.	Long Hindi.	Serv.
3 pies, carmine	0 1	1 0	
3 .. grey	—	0 8	
1/4 anna, deep green	0 8	0 2	0 3
1 .. yellow-green	0 1 1/2	0 2	
9 pies, carmine	13 6	27 6	
1 anna, brown-purple	0 6	0 6	1 0
1 .. plum	—	0 3	0 4
1 .. carmine	—	0 2	0 9
1 anna 6 pies, sepia	0 4	0 4	
2 annas, dull blue	2 0	1 6	2 0
2 .. deep blue	—	0 6	0 9
2 .. violet	—	0 4	1 0
2 annas 6 pies, green	—	3 6	
2 .. blue	—	0 6	
3 annas, orange	2 6	5 0	
3 .. brown-orange	3 0	0 6	
4 .. olive-green	2 6	2 0	3 6
4 .. slate-green	—	0 8	1 0
6 .. olive-bistre	3 6	2 6	
6 .. bistre-brown	2 0	1 0	
8 .. dull mauve	5 0	1 3	
8 .. magenta	—	5 0	5 0
12 .. purple on red	10 0	1 6	
1 rupee, slate	75 0	2 0	
1 .. bi-coloured	—	2 0	4 0
2, 3 and 5 rupees, set of 3	—	22 6	

Errors: "Servis" for "Service."

1/4 anna, green, used	—	5 0
1 .. plum, ditto	—	7 6
2 annas, blue, mint pair, normal surch., <i>se tenant</i> with error	—	17 6

MAHALIOR. 1903-07. Service. King.

3 pies, grey	0 1
1/4 anna, green	0 1 1/2
ditto (P. and R.)	0 2
1 anna, carmine	0 2
ditto (P. and R.)	0 3
2 annas, mauve, shades	0 6
4 .. olive-green	0 9
8 .. magenta	1 6
1 rupee, bi-coloured	3 0

JHIND. 1885. Curved surcharge.

	Ord.	Service
1 anna, green	1 0	0 3
1 anna, brown-purple	7 6	0 3
2 annas, blue	6 0	6 0
4 .. green	10 6	
8 .. mauve	80 0	
1 rupee, slate	80 0	

JHIND. 1885. ("Jeend").

	Ord.	Service.
1/4 anna, green	20 0	15 0
1 .. brown-purple	17 6	15 0
2 annas, blue	17 6	15 0
4 .. green	18 6	
8 .. dull mauve	20 0	
1 rupee, slate	25 0	

JHIND. 1886. Red surcharge ("Jhind").

1/4 anna, green	27 6	32 6
2 annas, blue	27 6	50 0
4 .. green	40 0	
1 rupee, slate	80 0	

JHIND. 1886-1904. Queen.

3 pies, carmine	0 4	
3 .. grey	0 2	
1/4 anna, deep green	0 2	0 4
1 .. yellow-green	0 6	0 4
1 .. purple-brown	0 6	—
1 .. plum	2 0	0 6
1 .. carmine	0 6	
1 anna 6 pies, sepia	1 3	
2 annas, blue, shades	0 6	0 6
3 .. brown-orange	1 6	
4 .. olive-green	1 6	1 6
6 .. olive-bistre	2 6	
8 .. dull mauve	3 6	5 0
8 .. magenta	3 6	—
12 .. purple on red	2 6	
1 rupee, slate	5 0	
1 .. bi-coloured	3 6	7 6
2, 3 and 5 rupees, set of 3	150 0	

JHIND 1903-07. Service. King.

3 pies, grey	0 6
1/4 anna, green	1 0
ditto (P. and R.)	0 9
1 anna, carmine	1 0
ditto (P. and R.)	1 0
2 annas, mauve, shades	1 3
4 .. olive-green	2 6
8 .. magenta	12 6
1 rupee, bi-coloured	12 6

NABHA. 1885. Curved surcharge.

	Ord.	Service
1/4 anna, green	0 6	0 4
1 .. brown-purple	7 6	0 4
2 annas, blue	6 0	12 6
4 .. green	13 6	
8 .. dull mauve	60 0	
1 rupee, slate	60 0	

NABHA. 1885. Red surcharge.

1/4 anna, green	0 3	1 0
2 annas, blue	0 8	1 0
4 .. green	5 0	
1 rupee, slate	27 6	

NABHA. 1887-1901. Queen.

3 pies, carmine	0 1	
1/4 anna, deep green	0 2 1/2	0 6
9 pies, carmine	2 6	
1 anna, plum	0 3	0 6
1 anna 6 pies, sepia	0 6	
2 annas, blue, shades	0 6	1 0
3 .. orange	4 6	5 0
3 .. brown-orange	1 0	5 0
4 .. olive-green	1 0	2 0
4 .. slate-green	0 10	
6 .. olive-bistre	5 0	5 0
6 .. bistre-brown	2 6	—
8 .. dull mauve	1 6	2 0
12 .. purple on red	2 0	10 0
1 rupee, slate	4 6	27 6
1 .. bi-coloured	2 6	10 6
2, 3 and 5 rupees, set of 3	50 0	

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Variety: Stop after "Service."	Ordy. Service.	
	s. d.	s. d.
1 anna, plum	1	3
NARHA. 1903-07. Service. King.		
3 pies, grey	1	0
½ anna, green	0	2
ditto (P. and R.)	0	1
1 anna, carmine	0	4
ditto (P. and R.)	0	2
2 annas, mauve, shades	0	6
4 .. olive-green	0	8
8 .. magenta	1	3
1 rupee, bi-coloured	2	6
PUTTIALA. 1884. Curved surcharge. Ordy. Service.		
½ anna, green	0	4
1 .. purple-brown	6	0
2 annas, blue	5	0
4 .. green	7	6
8 .. dull mauve	50	0
1 rupee, slate	40	0
Variety: Double print, black and red.		
8 as., dull mauve	15	0
PUTTIALA. 1885. Straight Red surcharge.		
½ anna, green	0	4
2 annas, blue	1	3
4 .. green	2	6
1 rupee, slate	6	0
Errors: "Auttialla."		
½ anna, green	4	0
2 annas, blue	10	0
PUTTIALA. 1885. Black surcharge.		
½ anna, green	0	3
1 .. brown-purple	0	4
8 annas, dull mauve	2	6
Error: "Auttialla."		
1 anna, brown-purple	20	0
Variety: Double print, red and black.		
1 anna, brown-purple	5	0
PATIALA. 1891-1902. Queen.		
3 pies, carmine	0	1
½ anna, deep green	0	3
½ .. yellow-green	0	4
3 pies, carmine	1	0
1 anna, brown-purple	0	4
1 .. plum	—	0
1 .. carmine	0	3
1 anna 6 pies, sepia	1	0
2 annas, blue, shades	0	8
3 .. brown-orange	1	6
4 .. slate-green	0	8
6 .. bistre-brown	1	0
8 .. dull mauve	1	3
8 .. magenta	1	3
12 .. purple on red	2	0
1 rupee, slate	2	0
1 .. bi-coloured	3	0
2, 3 and 5 rupees, set of 3	£10	

PATIALA. 1903-07. Service. King.	Ordy. Service.	
	s. d.	s. d.
3 pies, grey	0	4
½ anna, green	0	1
ditto (P. and R.)	0	1
1 anna, carmine	0	2
ditto (P. and R.)	0	2
2 annas, mauve, shades	0	1
3 .. orange-brown	1	0
4 .. olive-green	0	8
8 .. magenta	1	0
1 rupee, bi-coloured	2	0
ditto, used, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8 annas, 1 rupee (6)		2



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Triangular Issues of the Cape of Good Hope.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

By R. O. DAGG.

MR. PRESIDENT, LADIES, AND GENTLEMEN,

In presenting my paper on "*Triangular Capes*" I doubt not but that you will all agree with me that the stamps selected for treatment constitute one of the most interesting and fascinating series that exist in our hobby.

Who is there amongst us but does not remember how he longed to possess his first Triangular Cape, his eagerness for its acquirement, and the importance with which he regarded his collection once such a treasure was secured.

At the beginning I would like to comment on one fact, *i.e.*, that although the Colony for which the Cape stamps were, and are still used is known officially as "Cape Colony," the stamps are still inscribed "Cape of Good Hope," *i.e.*, the name of the headland merely from which the Colony takes its name.

I will now venture to trespass on your patience with a very brief résumé of the *history* of the Colony, as it will no doubt be interesting although probably well known to all of you.

Discovered in A.D. 1486 by the Portuguese navigator, Bartholomew Diaz, he named it, because of the buffetings his ships received in its region, "The Cape of all Storms." On return of the expedition home, his King (John II.), recognising it an important post on the road to the long sought for Indies, is said to have re-christened it its present appellation, "Cape de Bona Speranza," that is, Good Hope. No permanent settlement by the Portuguese was attempted; the Dutch East India Company, under Charter from Holland, being the first Europeans to take possession, when in 1652 they occupied the present site of Cape Town. In 1796 it was taken by a British force under General Craig, but restored to the Batavian Republic at the Peace of Amiens in 1803. In 1806 it was again taken by Great Britain, and at the General Peace in 1814 formally ceded to the British Crown.

In 1872 *responsible government* was granted the Colony, its boundaries being extended as follows:—

- 1880. Amalgamation with Griqualand West.
- 1885. Incorporation of Transkeian Territories.
- 1894. Annexation of Pondoland.
- 1895. Annexation of British Bechuanaland.

Now for a very few words as to the geographical facts and postal history of the Colony.

Geographically the Colony is washed by the Atlantic and Indian Oceans on the west, south and south-east, and bounded on the north and north-east by the German Protectorate, and each of the other Colonies and States of South Africa, *i.e.*, British Bechuanaland, Orange River Colony, Basutoland and Natal.

In length the Colony East to West is nearly 600 miles and in *breadth* 450 miles, an *area* (276,095 square miles) greater than double that of Great Britain and Ireland. *The population*, roughly, is about 2½ millions; *the capital* and seat of Government Cape Town (population 87,500).

Passing now to the Colony's postal affairs I would own here to my indebtedness for the information from which I have written my paper to the following gentlemen and publications:—Messrs. E. D. Bacon and M. P. Castle, fellows of the R.P.S., London; Africa Part I.; The London Philatelist; and the Rev. R. B. Earee's Album Weeds.

I would here tender my thanks also to Mr. Herbert Clark, of the Birmingham Philatelic Society, for loan of his Triangular Forgeries as exhibited at the recent Manchester Exhibition, and which I now show for your inspection, and to Mr. Lawson of our own Society for various helpful suggestions.

In the Colony the office of Postmaster-General is a permanent one, *i.e.*, it does not, as at home, change with the

Government in power. Changes in the post have therefore of necessity been but few as is evidenced by the following record of the appointments to date:—

M. Gal	Appointed	1811	Resigned	1815
Robert Crozier	"	1815	"	1851
J. A. LeSueur	"	1851	"	1867
Chas. Piers	"	1867	"	1873
G. W. Aitchison	"	1873	died	1892
Somerset R. Ffrench	"	1892	<i>and now in office.</i>	

The first notice we find on Cape stamps is that of a reference list, compiled by the Philatelic Society of London, and published in 1875 in "The Philatelist," Vol. ix., pp 35, the date as for the first postal issue being given therein as 1853. In Moens (7th edition) Catalogue January 3rd, 1853, is assigned, this however from copy proclamation instituting the issue (and in the "Gazette" for 18th August, 1853), is clearly incorrect the official date given being 1st September, 1853.

PROCLAMATION.

By His Excellency Lieut.-General the Hon'ble Sir George Cathcart, Knight Commander of the Military Order of the Bath, etc., etc.

Whereas by the 8th Section of Ordinance No. 1, 1846, entitled "Ordinance for the Regulation of the Post Office and Postage," it is enacted that it should be lawful for the Governor of the Colony to provide *Stamps*, to be affixed to letters, and to announce by Proclamation by whom, and at what places such stamps should be issued to the public, and from and after what date such stamps should be receivable, in lieu of postage, and at the several Post Offices within this Colony,—now therefore I do hereby PROCLAIM, DECLARE, AND MAKE KNOWN the several matters following, that is to say,—

1st, That certain stamps of the value of 4d. each, and certain other stamps of the value of 1d. each, have been provided by Government for the use and convenience of the Public.

2ndly, That upon and from the 1st of September next, all persons desirous of purchasing any of the said stamps will be able to obtain the same from the Postmaster-General in Cape Town, and from the several Postmasters throughout the Colony.

3rdly, That upon and from the said 1st of September, every letter, not exceeding half an ounce, which shall have affixed thereto one such stamp of the value of 4d., and if exceeding half an ounce, then so many such stamps as shall together amount to the postage which would by the said ordinance require to be prepaid in money, in case no stamps were used, shall (provided none of the stamps so affixed shall have been used before) pass by the post free of postage.

4thly, That upon and from the said 1st of September, newspapers, having affixed thereto, or to the cover thereof, a stamp of 1d. for each newspaper, will (provided none of the stamps so affixed shall have been used before) pass by the post free of postage.

5thly, That persons licensed in any part of the Colony to keep retail shops, and who shall purchase for sale in such shops any of the stamps aforesaid, will be allowed a reduction or discount of 2½ per cent. upon all purchases to the amount of £1 sterling, or upwards.

(Signed) G. CATHCART, Governor.

(Countersigned) R. SOUTHEY,

Acting Secretary to Government.

Appearing in the same number of the "Gazette" with this proclamation is a postal notice (17.8.1853) appended to which is a list of names and addresses of tradesmen who had consented and were authorised as vendors.

ISSUE I.—1ST SEPTEMBER, 1853.

Two values. One penny for the postage of newspapers and fourpence for the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. letter rate within the Colony.

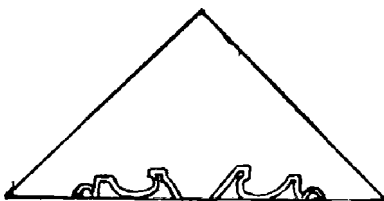
Design. Emblematical female figure of Hope seated on an Anchor and facing to left in a triangle, border inscribed postage on left, value on right, Cape of Good Hope at bottom.



Engraved in *taille douce* by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., and printed by them on thickish rough white wove paper, varying in substance, they are *watermarked* with a plain double lined Anchor, one impression in the centre, upon each stamp. (Crossbar 2mm. wide \times 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. long).

Gum, yellowish. Imperforate.

Owing to some chemical change through action of the inks employed in the printing, the stamps of this issue are usually found on apparently bluish paper, resembling in this our own early penny red stamps printed by the same firm about the same time. As a print distinction, this peculiarity renders easy their separation from the issues which follow.



A variety of watermark due to the paper being put sideways into the printing press may be found, parts of two Anchors, placed sideways, being shown at the bottom of the stamp.

SUMMARY.

ISSUE I.—1ST SEPTEMBER, 1853.

Perkins, Bacon & Co. prints.

Wmk. Double-lined Anchor, Imperf.

1d. brick-red on blued paper.

4d. dull blue " "

Variety. Misplaced Anchor watermark.

Proofs. Struck in black, known, viz:—

From the die upon white card of 1d. and 4d. values.

" " " " unwmkd. paper, 1d. and 4d. "

" " plate " white card, 1d. value only.

Of the 1d. value in use (four years) to 1857, 1,970,000 were despatched to the Colony, and of the 4d. in use only (two years) to 1855, 540,000 (440 Th. in *L.P.*, Vol. 17, pp. 213 is evidently a misprint). Exceeding by some 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1 the number of 4d. stamps sent out, the much more frequent use for that value as compared with the 1d., for franking to this country must be ascribed accountable the higher prices now obtaining for the lower value as shown in the catalogue. *Unused specimens of either value are now rare.*

The 2nd Notice taken from the Government Gazette for February 19th, 1858, proves the date of issue for the 6d. and one shilling values, the public being therein informed of their receipt and being now procurable at the G.P.O.

The 6d. stamp was to prepay the $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. letter rate to Great Britain and the 1/- to defray the higher postal rates to Foreign Countries.

ISSUE II.—1855-58.

Four values. With the extension of the post to Great Britain, and other Foreign Countries, new sixpenny and one shilling stamps were authorised for use as per "Gazette" notice for 19th February, 1858, for purposes of prepaying the new rates.

Design, Paper and Watermark as before.

Imperforate. In most respects similar, this printing differs from the preceding, in that, excepting for some sixpenny in slate-lilac which may be found on bleute, the paper now is uniformly white throughout.

The colours of the previous (1853) issue seem less bright perhaps than in this printing, the bluing of the paper in the former varying somewhat the appearance. All four values may be found rouletted, but such like the *Susse Frères* of France are declared unofficial.

An entire with a sixpence value in slate-lilac bisected and used in conjunction with a penny brick-red to make up the fourpenny rate is known and noted in "Gibbons' Monthly Journal" Vol. 13, pp. 101. From dated specimens the order of appearance of these printings (on white paper) are given as follows:—

1d. value (1857). Dull red, woolly impression on white followed by brighter red, deep red, and rose-red, these all being sharply printed. *i.e.*, with the fine lines of background clearly defined.

4d. value (1855). Blue to dark blue on white, then paler blue which is the scarcest shade of all, followed by bright and grey-blue.

6d. value (1858). Dull lilac on white and slate-lilac.

1/- value (1858). Yellow-green shades on white first, blue-green last.

SUMMARY.

ISSUE II.—1855-58.

White Wove Paper, Wmk. Double-lined Anchor, Imperf.

1857. 1d. red (shades), rose-red.

1855. 4d. blue (shades).

19th Feb., 1858. -

6d. dull lilac, pale grey and slate-lilac.

1/- yellow-green (shades), deep green.

Varieties :

Half of 6d. used as 3 pence.

1d. red per ce en scie (or saw tooth roulette) and roul. 7.

4d. blue " (" ") " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ & 7.

6d. pale lilac, roulette 6 $\frac{1}{2}$.

1/- green " 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 7.

All declared unofficial.

A specimen 4d. in lilac has been seen, but genuineness doubted.

" 4d. in black is known, but this is merely a colour change of the blue.

" 6d. slate-lilac on bleute may be found (scarce unused).

Proofs struck in black are known, viz. :

From the die upon white card of 6d. and 1/- values.

" " " unwatermarked paper of 6d. and 1/- values.

" " plate upon white card of 1/- value only.

The number of stamps of this issue (on white paper) sent out to the Colony were as follows:—

Of 1d. value (1857)	3,880,000
4d. " (1855)	6,470,000
6d. " { (18 Feb. 1858)	920,000
1/- " }	380,160

ISSUE I. AND II.—1853-58.

Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s Printings.

The original die for all four values was that of the 1d., the other three being made from it. Printed from steel plates in sheets of 240 stamps in fifteen horizontal rows of sixteen stamps, arranged in eight squares; the space between each stamp being about $\frac{1}{8}$ of an inch with $\frac{3}{8}$ of an inch between each pair and $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch between each row with a $\frac{1}{4}$ -inch margin all round.

The total number of triangular printings of each value by this firm were as follows:—

Of 1d. value	From 9 May, 1853 to 8 May, 1861	5,850,000
" 4d. "	" Do. to Do.	7,010,000
" 6d. "	" 16 Dec., 1857 to 1 Apl., 1862	920,000
" 1/- "	" Do. to Do.	380,000

All of which, as required, were forwarded to the Colony excepting some 120,000 sixpenny lilac and 80,160 one shilling

green, stock printed and left on hand before the plates were handed over (28.1.1863) and probably destroyed.

The next "Gazette" notice (Sept. 4th, 1860) treats with establishment for the Cape Town Local Post. Issued under proclamation by His Excellency Sir George Grey, the new service was to operate as on and from the 15th day of the month then next (15th Sept., '60).

By this service letters not exceeding ½oz. now were reduced from 4d. to 1d. Exceeding ½oz. but not exceeding 1oz. the fee was 2d., and 15 Sep., 1860 2d. for every additional ounce or fraction of an ounce.

Deliveries in Cape Town were three a day.

1st to commence 9½ p.m.
2nd " 1¼ p.m.
3rd " 3¼ p.m.

Under a similar proclamation in "Gazette" for 23rd April, Pt. Elizabeth 1861, a Local Post for the town of Port Elizabeth was instituted to operate as on and from the 1st of May, then next with rates the same as for Cape Town.

ISSUE III.—EARLY 1861 "PROVISIONALS."

Two values. Early in the year 1861, the stock of one penny and fourpenny values had, it would appear, run inordinately low, and the authorities, confronted with a probable shortage before supplies could arrive from England decided for an issue locally of provisionals. The supply of the new stamps was entrusted to Messrs. Saul Solomon & Co., of 49 and 50, St. George's Street, Cape Town.



Design. A rough imitation of the regular issue but having straight white lines parallel with the sides of the stamps, separating the inscription from the central design.

Paper. Rather thin yellowish white laid.

No watermark. Imperforate.

Two dies, one for each value (1d. and 4d.), were separately engraved on steel, and from each of these 64 stereotype impressions were afterwards taken.

Stereotyping. In this process an impression is taken from the engraved die upon plaster of Paris or papier maché, metal is then poured into the impression and this naturally after cooling presents a facsimile of the original die. The transfer can be made either in the shape of thick metal block, as in casting type, or it can be made in the form of a thin metal surface. In the latter case it is attached to a wooden block, and it is then ready for printing.

In the case of the particular issue we are now considering the impressions were cemented on to a wooden block to form the printing plate, hence the term "Woodblocks" commonly applied to these stamps. The 64 stereotypes of both values were each arranged in 4 horizontal rows of 16 stamps to the row, forming 8 squares, and in cementing these impressions on to the wooden blocks one of the fourpenny stereotypes was by inadvertance inserted on the one penny plate and vice-versa, thus occasioning the well-known colour errors—the 1d. blue and 4d. red. A sheet of prints measure 10½ x 7 inches (10½ x 4, L.P., Vol. 5, pp. 250, corrected, Vol. 6, pp. 10), with a margin all round of three-quarters of an inch, the spaces between the stamp, pairs and rows varying, owing to uneven adjustment of the dies on the plates, from ¼ to ⅜ of an inch, irregularly throughout. In the stamps themselves a slight variation in size may also be found.

The original dies, as I have already mentioned, were each separately engraved on steel, the respective values as noted by Mr. Castle in a paper (in the "London Philatelist" for 17th August 1907) differing from one another in many particulars, and of which the chief, for a ready comparison, may be given as follows:

PROVISIONAL WOODBLOCKS.

ORIGINAL DIE DISTINCTIONS.

	In the 1d. Value.	In the 4d. Value.
1 The inscription "Cape of Good Hope"	Measures 28mm. in length	It is 29½mm. in length
2 The word Postage	Is 17½mm. in length	It is 18½ Castle, 19 Earee 4d. 19½mm.
3 The remaining inscription denoting value naturally varies		
4 The head of the seated figure	Is only 1mm. away from the apex of the Triangle of the background	It is 2mm. away
5 The left arm	Is squared up at the shoulder	It hangs down
6 The right foot (crossed over the left)	Small and misshapen	Bolder and well drawn
7 The left foot	Large and out of proportion	Less prominent and artistically shaded
8 The fluke of the Anchor		Is longer than in the 1d. value
9 The folds of the dress behind the knees of the figure	Represented by an elongated zig-zag line	This totally (and correctly absent)
10 The corner ornaments	Bolder and thicker than in the 4d. value	
11 The dress, face and bust	Are only partially shaded	Carefully and fully shaded
12 The Chignon	Is round and small but distinct and placed just under the first stroke of the letter N of one.	It is larger than in the 1d. value and dot under the centre of the letter O of four

Of the two dies the fourpenny is then the more artistic in appearance, and in almost every respect the better executed design. The differences are shown more clearly in the reprints, in the plates of which in the penny value also is shown the two vacant spaces (dies subsequently removed). The date as from official information given for this issue, of which no notice appears in the "Gazette" is for the penny value, April 10th, 1861, and for the fourpenny two days later. One printing only of these woodblocks is said to have been made, supplies of both penny and fourpenny stamps being forwarded from England by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. on the 1st and 29th of April, and again on the 8th May, 1861. By the following September the whole provisional issue was entirely sold out, no specimen, it is stated, remaining at the time, either in the possession of the department or of the Postmaster-General for purposes of insertion in the official collection. The issue to the public as officially given was as follows:

Of 1d. value (in red) 385 sheets + 20 over = 4,660 stamps
Of 4d. " (in blue) 200 " + 40 " = 12,840 "

Total issue 37,500

The number of errors, of course, depend entirely upon whether any correction of the mistakes was made prior to completing the printings, but as in this I understand the wrongly inserted dies were never removed from the plates until reproduced in 1884 for the purpose of reprinting from the errors created according to the printings officially recorded should be of:

1d. value (in blue) 201 errors
and of 4d. " (in red) 386 "

Total errors 587

From the fact that no strict official check was kept upon this printing, the contractors finding all the paper and materials themselves, coupled with that of the errors existing, the official figures many authorities consider inauthentic.

In the dates again given for introduction, viz., April 10th and 12th, 1861, for the penny and fourpenny values respectively, inaccuracy, as evidence the following antedated originals, is obvious.

*A 4d. blue on cover addressed to Grahamstown and post-marked Port Elizabeth, 9th March 1861, in the Collection of Mr. W. M. Gray, F.R.P.S., Lond.

4d. blue (pair) postmarked Cape Town 12th March, 1861.

*1d. red " Cradock, 19th " "

*4d. blue " Port Elizabeth, 9th April " "

*As both Port Elizabeth and Cradock are nearly 500 miles (3 or 4 days transit) from Cape Town the issue again in their instance would be somewhat earlier than shown by the post-marks.

(To be continued.)

The Charges Against Stamp Dealers.

DEFENDANTS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

ON Thursday, May 27th, at Bow Street Police Court, before Mr. Curtis Bennett, there was a further hearing of the charges against John Stewart Lowden, 29, Stamp Dealer, 20, Villiers Street, Strand, and Harry Harmer, 39, Stamp Dealer, 11, Preston Road, Westcliff-on-Sea, of conspiring to obtain money by fraud from persons buying from them, or from the West End Stamp Company, or Herbert Mack & Co., Ltd., stamps purporting to be issued for postage and revenue purposes in British North Borneo.

Mr. Bodkin appeared on behalf of the Director of Public Prosecution. Mr. Curtis Bennett, instructed by Mr. Solomon Meyers, defended Lowden. Harmer was represented by Mr. Frampton. Mr. C. V. Young watched the case on behalf of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Chief Inspector Stockley, recalled, produced 88 packages of stamps found on Lowden's premises on 13th April, each containing a number of Borneo stamps of varying values. He also produced an envelope which he had received from Mr. Otto Kuhn containing four Borneo stamps of the 1887 issue and a packet received from Mr. Woodhouse containing twelve approval sheets of Borneo stamps. He had submitted the stamps to Mr. Macdonald.

Mr. Otto Kuhn, Elgin Crescent, said that about two years ago he purchased sixpenny packets of stamps from Mack & Co., Cheapside. One of the packets contained North Borneo stamps, and were those referred to by Inspector Stockley. They sent him a copy of their circular for twelve months without payment. He had also received sheets of approval stamps, some of which contained North Borneo stamps.

Cross-examined by Mr. Curtis Bennett, witness said he had seen Messrs. Mack's stamp circular last year, and remembered that in June and July it was attacking certain persons for dealing in forged stamps.

Replying to Mr. Frampton, witness said his dealings had not been confined to Mack & Co. In addition to purchasing from other firms he had from time to time made exchanges.

Mr. W. Brown, stamp dealer, Salisbury, said he had been engaged in that business for the past 25 years. He had known the West End Stamp Company, Villiers Street, all the time they had been carrying on business. He had bought and sold foreign stamps with them. He had met Harmer both in London and Salisbury. He bought some 1886 North Borneo stamps some time ago, which were invoiced to him at £8 6s. 8d. He paid for them by way of exchange. He sent the stamps out on approval in the ordinary course of his business. He had sent some of the stamps to a customer, who returned them to him. In consequence of that he wrote to the West End Stamp Company, and returned 1,000 Borneo stamps, stating that they had been returned to him from the Continent as forgeries, and he added that he had no doubt they were. In reply, he received a letter in which they stated that they were perfectly satisfied with the genuineness of the stamps, but that they would take them back, and credit him with the amount. He also wrote to Harmer and told him he had had the stamps returned to him as forgeries. Harmer replied that the Borneos were undoubtedly alright, but that if he was uneasy about them, he had better send them back to Villiers Street. Last August witness purchased some North Borneo stamps from the London and Brighton Stamp Company. He kept the stamps until January this year, when he returned them to the Company. He handed over certain stamps in his possession to Inspector Stockley in February, among them being some Borneos which he had bought from the London and Brighton Stamp Company.

Cross-examined by Mr. Curtis Bennett, witness said he was acquainted with the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, which was a well recognised stamp journal. He believed the Editor was Mr. Bishop, but he did not know whether he was a member of the Stamp Trade Protection Association.

Mr. J. Wallis, a foreign stamp dealer, of 59, Finsbury Pavement, deposed to having done business with the West End Stamp Company ever since they started. He had sold them genuine Borneo stamps, Postage and Revenue. In September, 1907, Mr. Harmer handed him back 175 sets, telling him (witness) he did not want them. He gave as his reason for returning them that they had plenty. He appeared to hand him over the same sets as those which he (witness) had sent them, but he was unable to identify them.

Mr. C. Woodhouse, Lansdowne Road, Hackney, spoke to

having had dealings with Mack & Co. He remembered seeing Lowden at 20, Villiers Street, when he made some purchases. He continued to deal with them until about two months ago. Amongst the stamps he purchased were some Borneos, for which he paid 3/- or 4/- a packet. He had bought in all about a dozen packets. Some of them he had kept, others he had sent out on approval sheets. He had also purchased a number of approval sheets containing Borneo stamps, which he had handed over to the Detective.

The further hearing was adjourned until Monday last, June 7th, when the last act in the police court proceedings took place, the defendants being committed for trial.

Detective Wyborn examined by Mr. Bodkin, spoke to receiving from Mr. Cyril Woodhouse a number of stamps on May 18th. He handed them to Chief Inspector Stockley.

Mr. Thomas Macdonald, recalled, said he had looked at certain stamps, which had been proved to have been received from Mr. Woodhouse. Five purported to be of North Borneo issue, 1887 to 1889 series. In all there were 11 approval sheets.

What do you say as to the stamps on those sheets?—I say they are all forgeries.

Witness's attention was next directed to another lot of stamps, postage and revenue, all of which he said were forgeries. They purported to be $\frac{1}{2}$ cent, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 10 cent of the 1887-1889 issue. There were also three 1 cent ("postage" only) 1886 issue. He believed they were also forgeries, but he would not like to be quite positive. Where it was a question of engraving his knowledge enabled him to give a definite opinion, but with up to date photography it was more difficult to detect a forgery.

He had also examined four stamps which were produced by Mr. Kuhn— $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3 cents, 1887-1889, postage and revenue. They were forgeries. From his examination of the 1887-1889 stamps they appeared to have come from the same photographic drawings of the other stamps to which he had referred, but they appeared to have been printed from various stones.

Mr. Calcas recalled, produced the original letters found at Careme's place in Paris.

Detective-Serjeant Currie of New Scotland Yard, spoke to having translated the French correspondence in the case, and Detective Ward the German letters.

Mr. Bodkin emphasised the fact that the correspondence showed the exactness with which the defendants insisted upon Careme carrying out their instructions as to the printing and perforating of the stamps, as they feared that people would think they were reprints.

Miss Neumann, re-called, identified the foreign correspondence in connection with the case, which she had typed at the direction of one or other of the defendants, also several letters in German, written by Harmer.

Mr. Macdonald was further recalled, and deposed to having examined a packet containing 88 small envelopes, each containing a quantity of mixed stamps, amongst them some British North Borneo of 1887 to 1889 issue $\frac{1}{2}$ to 10 cents, and he said that in his opinion they were all forgeries.

Mr. Bodkin said that completed the evidence, on which he should ask that the two defendants be committed for trial on the charges which he had mentioned in opening—first, for conspiring to cheat and defraud persons to whom stamps were sent for sale, and for conspiring to obtain money by false pretences and actually obtaining money from Mr. Woodhouse, Mr. Kuhn, Mr. Wallace and others, and also with conspiring to commit breaches of the Post Office Protection Act 1884.

Mr. Curtis Bennett, for Lowden, said that if the Magistrate was of opinion that a *prima facie* case had been made out against his client he did not propose to take up the time of the Court, although probably it would be necessary to call a number of witnesses later on at the trial.

Mr. Frampton said he proposed to adopt the same course with regard to Harmer, and reserve his defence.

A statement which had been prepared by Lowden, and which was attached to the depositions was read by Mr. Curtis Bennett. In this the defendant denied that he was guilty of the charges brought against him. The stamps were, he said, bought by him as genuine reprints and sold as such. He denied that he had obtained money by false pretences, as it was the custom in the trade to return the money if stamps which were sold were proved to be bad, and he contended that he had done that. He asked the Magistrate to remember that since his arrest over three million stamps had been seized at his place and all of them, with the exception of the North Borneo had been returned to him as genuine.

The Magistrates committed both defendants to take their trial at the next sessions of the Central Criminal Court on June 22nd, and released them on the same bail as before.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

A Nankivell Biography.

I AM happy to hear that Mr. John Lanyon is making satisfactory headway with his biography of the late Mr. E. J. Nankivell. I believe the intention is to issue it at quite a popular price. Mr. W. T. Stead, who was "E. J. N.'s" journalistic colleague for many years, has consented to contribute a chapter to the book.

Both philately and phonography—the two absorbing pursuits of Mr. Nankivell's life—are to be fully dealt with in Mr. John Lanyon's book. Mr. Lanyon, however, though an expert shorthand-writer, is no philatelist, and is therefore largely dependent on others for material relating to the stamp collecting side of his subject. He will be glad to have any interesting letters, &c., calculated to add to the interest of his work. Any readers of the *S.C.F.*, who are interested, may address Mr. Lanyon at 13, Treyew Road, Truro, Cornwall, and all may be assured of a most courteous reception of their communications.

B.W.I. to U.S.A. One Penny.

Is my excellent contemporary, the "Philatelic World," I have been reading of the movement initiated by Mr. A. D. Ferguson—himself a well-known philatelist of British Guiana—to bring about penny postage between the West Indies and the United States, British Guiana being also included in the scheme. Anyone who is at all acquainted with the conditions out there will recognise the importance of the movement and wish it all success. Penny postage to America will spell not merely an increase of prosperity to the West Indies, but in many cases all the difference between affluence and bankruptcy.

Brazil without a President.

AT the moment that I pen these notes there is no President of the Republic of Brazil—or, more correctly, the United States of Brazil. Dr. Affonso Penna, who occupied the presidential chair from November 15th, 1906, died at Rio de Janeiro on the 14th instant. He was the sixth President in the twenty years that had elapsed since the Republican coup of 1889, when the Emperor Dom Pedro was quietly hustled off the throne and requested to quit the country.

Stamp collectors know the features of the dead President from the present official stamps of Brazil.

Death of Mr. W. B. Thornhill.

ANOTHER death which more closely concerns the hobby of Philately is that of Mr. W. B. Thornhill, who, I regret to say, breathed his last in Ireland on May 6th last. For very many years Mr. Thornhill was prominent among London philatelists. He made many fine collections, specialising several British Colonies with great success. During recent years Mr. Thornhill had been heard of but little in connection with stamp collecting. He will be best remembered for his monograph on the stamps of Shanghai, published by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Limited. It was an able work, betraying a great knowledge of the subject; nevertheless, certain of its contents were rather severely criticised.

Critics of the Amsterdam Exhibition.

ALTHOUGH the Amsterdam Exhibition was a fine show of stamps, and though there was no mistaking the cordiality of the welcome extended to all visitors, yet various faults have been found in respect of the organisation and general management. Mr. Charles J. Phillips writes:—

As to the jury, I don't think it was international enough. I think that if *well-known* men, such as M. Bernichon for France and Dr. Diena for Italy, had been judges we should have seen many more exhibits from those great countries.

Another point that struck me was that to a very great extent the Exhibition was run by military officers—most charming men who worked well and hard, but who lacked the business training that is necessary in affairs of this kind.

The public attendance was scanty in the extreme. There were few advertisements, no distribution of tickets, no flags or banners outside the building to show that an Exhibition was on, and I would recommend the Committee in future to secure a few members of the London and Manchester Junior Philatelic Societies to show them how to get an attendance of thousands of collectors.

The light was very bad indeed in parts of the Exhibition; important exhibits like Mr. Harvey Clarke's "Transvaals" could hardly be seen without a special searchlight.

Now all this is very well, but I question whether it is quite gracious to criticise the exhibitions of our foreign confrères in this manner. If it be admitted that the Exhibition, as a Philatelic Exhibition, was a good one, surely the rest may be left for time and greater experience to remedy. "The public attendance was scanty in the extreme," says Mr. Phillips. May be so; but what sort of attendance was there at the last International Philatelic Exhibition in our own country?

I am glad to note, however, that Mr. Phillips concludes with a cordial commendation of Mr. M. Z. Booleman and his nephew, Mr. S. J. Weening—both of whom worked hard for the success of the Exhibition. A well deserved tribute is paid also to Baron Lehmann, who supported the Exhibition most liberally, both financially and in the way of securing notable exhibits.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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THIRTY-FIFTH ISSUE (continued).

Two new values were introduced in this issue: the 2 and 3 pesos.

All the stamps are perforated 15 and printed in sheets of 100.

Following is a complete list of this issue, with the numbers printed:—

1 cent. blue	...	...	3,400,000
2 " red-brown	...	...	1,000,000
5 " rose	...	...	3,000,000
7 " green	...	...	50,000
10 " orange	...	...	430,000
20 " brown	...	...	50,000
25 " vermilion	...	...	25,000
50 " violet	...	...	20,000
1 peso, sky blue	...	...	15,000
2 pesos, vermilion	...	...	5,000
3 " violet	...	...	5,000

The 2 pesos bears a head of Liberty; the 3 pesos shows the Arms of the Republic.

Varieties:—The only varieties known are the 1 cent., blue, imperforate horizontally or vertically and the 5 and 10 centimos imperforate vertically.

THIRTY-SIXTH ISSUE.

OCTOBER—DECEMBER, 1895.

The Government announced on the 5th October, 1895, that there would be issued two new stamps of 1 and 5 centesimos, and the stamps appeared forthwith.



The 1 centesimo, colour bistre, depicts a Gaucho, or South American cowboy, readily recognisable by his enormous spurs. The 5 centesimos, bright carmine, shows a railway train. These stamps came from Messrs. Waterlow, London, who in the December of the same year supplied the remainder of the series as follows:—



2 centesimos, blue, showing the National Theatre.

7 centesimos, green, bearing the head of an Ox.

10 centesimos, brown, dedicated to Ceres.

20 centesimos, green, black centre, bearing a very beautiful picture of a sailing ship.

25 centesimos, red-brown, black centre, with a figure of Minerva.

The following is a complete list of values, 1c. to 25c., with their shades of colour:—

1c. ochre, pale yellow, dark yellow.

2c. blue, light blue, dark blue.

5c. bright red, carmine.

7c. dark green.

10c. dark brown.

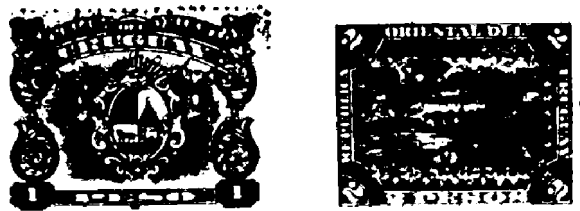
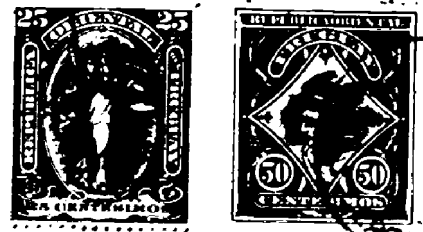
20c. green, centre black.

25c. brown-red, centre black.

Varieties:—There were printings of the 1, 7 and 10 centesimos stamps, of which the top row of the sheet was imperforate at the top and the bottom row imperforate at the foot.

Also the 1 and 5 centesimos are known imperforate vertically.

The 25 centesimos exists with inverted centre, only one sheet of 100 stamps having been printed in this fashion. Only fifteen of the stamps have been seen in Montevideo in used condition, and not more than thirty are known to exist. It is therefore a rarity of the first order.



The rest of the stamps of this series were forthcoming at the end of December, 1895, and the public were notified by means of the following decree, dated Dec. 30th:—

"By order of the General Direction of the Posts there is placed in circulation, on the 1st of January, 1896, a new issue of postage stamps, consisting of 50 centesimos, 1, 2 and 3 pesos.

"There is accorded a delay of 90 days for exchanging"—etc.

The 50 centesimos, blue, with black centre, bears a Head of Mercury, within an artistic engine-turned framing.

The 1 peso, brown, black centre, bears the Arms of Uruguay remarkably finely engraved.

The 2 pesos, violet, green centre, depicts the ancient Fort of San José.

The 3 pesos, carmine, blue centre, presents a view of the Cathedral of Montevideo.

Variety:—The 2 pesos, violet, exists imperforate.

There are essays in various colours of all these stamps. All are imperforate.

(To be continued.)

Notes on the "Star" Watermarked Papers of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.

BY R. E. R. DALWICK.

(Concluded from page 63.)

It may be well to make a few general remarks here before proceeding with the "large Star" paper.

In the first place, it will not always be found that the Stars upon certain stamps have the top vertical ray upright, as is usually and more generally the case. As an example of this the "Star" stamps of Grenada are often met with showing the two points upright which are generally horizontal. In this case the varieties of positions in the stamp and also the star being sideways were caused by the sheet of 240 stamps being divided into two sheets of 120, thus making the bisecteds practically square. As the sheets were now square it did not matter much whether they were put into the printing machine sideways or upside—it was all the same.

Another point worth noting is that in certain stamps of the countries listed, the sheet was put in the printing machine very unevenly so that on of the rows of stamps got printed on the five border lines. This accounts for some so-called "laid paper varieties."

These early "Star" paper often consisted of a very thick texture, so thick in some cases that it is well nigh impossible to find out whether or not a watermark existed, in which extreinity a watermark detector must be employed.

(II.)—"THE LARGE STAR."

This was the first of the three "Star" papers to put in an appearance, and as early as 1854 we find a South Australian stamp printed upon the "large Star" paper. If reference be made to the measurement list of the "small" and "large Stars" already given it will be seen that in many particulars both papers—and even "Stars"—resemble each other strongly. The greatest and most noticeable difference of all between the two papers is the spacing, from centre to centre of the stars vertically, which shows a difference of no less than 3½mm.

Subsequently stamps of the following Colonies were printed upon the "large Star" paper—Barbados, 1870; Ceylon, 1855; Grenada, 1873; New Zealand, 1855; Queensland, 1860; St. Helena, 1856; South Australia, 1855; Tasmania, 1855; Victoria, 1856. As in the case of the small Star, the dates given refer to the first instance of the mentioned Colony using "large Star" paper.

In coming to statistics we find that the "large Stars" vary between 15 and 16mm., measuring from point to point, as compared with the 11½ to 13½mms. of the "small Stars." This particular kind of Star (large) possesses a somewhat curious elongated shape in its vertical line, both the top and bottom points of the Stars being unusually long and slender when compared with the Stars four remaining points.

The "large Star" paper shows a much more consistant thoroughness all round than the previous paper already described. The variations of the sizes of the Stars, with their many minor inconsistencies and irregularities, are much less noticeable in the "large" paper; a statement which points to the superiority of the "large" as compared with the "small Stars" paper. Although this last sentence seems logical, experience shows us that it is not altogether true, owing to the fact that both papers were manufactured at Rush Mill (Northampton), and were of identical quality. Both papers, it may here be stated, are hand-made from "fine rags and new pieces" with "deckle" edges on the four sides of the sheet, with one side rolled.

In the illustration of the "large Stars" given herewith, it is

quite unnecessary to again show the word POSTAGE and the five border lines as these are practically identical to the "small Star" paper (see illustration of "small Star" paper).

(III.)—"THE LARGE BROAD-POINTED STAR."

Although very well-known to philatelists, the above watermark was only used for certain adhesives of two colonies, i.e., South Australia and Grenada. Apparently in the by-gone days it was thought that this type of Star was unique to South Australia alone, as we find a statement to the effect that: "it will be a surprize to collectors to learn that certain stamps of Grenada also exist on this paper, etc." these may not be the exact words used, but they convey the meaning equally well.

The origin of the "large broad-pointed Star" paper is very interesting. In giving the following short account of this paper, I must again acknowledge my indebtedness to Messrs. Bacon & Napier.

It appears that South Australia required fifteen reams of Star watermarked paper as previously supplied to them, with the addition of a plain outer margin of two inches on either side. The necessity for the extra outer margin was to keep the sheets together by means of either binding or stringing them together, so as to keep the same values together, instead of the sheets getting hopelessly mixed and confused.

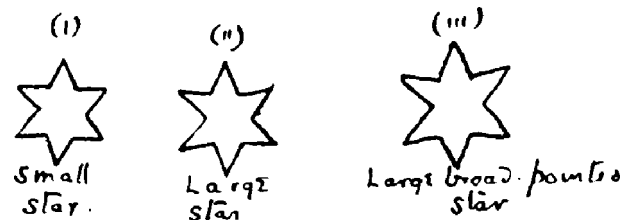
A wholesale stationer in London received the order for this wide margin paper, which he submitted to Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., who, however, said they could not see their way to altering the existing moulds so as to produce the extra large paper required. There being only one way out of the difficulty, the stationers resolved to adopt it: namely, to make new moulds themselves. A sheet of the ordinary "large Star" was taken as an example, with the result that the well-known "broad-pointed Star" paper was turned out in imitation. The moulds when completed were forwarded to Rush Mill, Northampton, where, as formerly, the paper was made.

After the completion of the contract with South Australia for a definite number of reams, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. found that there were a quantity of sheets of "broad-pointed" paper upon their hands. It is probable that after the second despatch of ten and a half reams to South Australia, Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., thought that no more of the paper would be needed for that Colony (although more was sent out in 1885), so accordingly they used up some of the "broad-pointed Star" paper in their next contract which happened to be Grenada.

The following illustration gives some idea of the "large broad pointed Stars."



In conclusion, it might be found useful to illustrate one specimen of each of the three Stars side by side, so as to facilitate their identification by the unaccustomed eye.



When looking through a bundle of Star watermarked adhesives, the difference in size of the three Stars does not appear very noticeable, but in reality there ought to be no difficulty in sorting them out correctly, as is fully demonstrated in the above illustrations.

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The Great Stamp Trial will be in progress at the Old Bailey, London, when this number of the *Fortnightly* makes its appearance. Meanwhile, we are desired by Mr. Parker to point out that there was a misprint in the report of his evidence as given in our issue of May 29th. If the reader will glance at the 37th specimen in the right-hand pane—*tut, tut!* we mean the 37th line in the right-hand column, of page 60, he will find a reference in Mr. Parker's evidence to "the current 1887 issue." This, it is almost needless to say, should read "1897 issue." It would be obvious to every philatelist that the 1887 issue would not be the "current" issue, but, since Mr. Parker desires it, we make the correction.

Love of Philately, rather than any hope of financial gain, must have prompted Mr. J. Crocker to publish the splendid volume on the Numeral Issues of Hawaii, which has just reached us from America. A full review must be deferred, for we have not yet completed our perusal of the work. There need be no hesitation, however, in commending Mr. Crocker's elegant volume as one of the most notable of recent additions to the library of the stamp-lover. The author of the work now before us is in a unique position. He is no paid author working for royalties as well as fame, for assuredly there will be no great profit on this undertaking. He is a wealthy amateur writing on his own hobby in his own way and simply out of his own love of the subject. The thought occurs that it only the most eminent specialist of each country or group were to set down all he knew and present it to the philatelic world, as Mr. Crocker has done in the case of Hawaii, we should advance by a very considerable stride towards finality in philatelic knowledge—so far, at any rate, as the older issues are concerned. But alas! in many cases those who know the most are the least inclined, or perhaps have the least leisure, to disseminate their knowledge for the general good, whilst those whose information is only of the superficial kind are the most eager to rush into print. Be all this as it may we think philatelists owe a great debt of gratitude to Mr. Crocker for his enterprise and public spirit in producing this fine work on the scarce old "Missionaries" and "Numerals" of Hawaii.

It is difficult to keep pace with the Melville philatelic handbooks. Two more of them, "Holland" and "Nevis," have now ranged themselves alongside "Gambia" (of which mention has already been made) on the editorial table. A full notice shall be given as early as possible of these chatty and useful sixpennyworths, which are published by Mr. W. H. Peckitt, of 47, Strand, London, W.C., and are enjoying a very extensive sale among philatelists.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

THIS year the stamp "season" has shewn wonderful vigour right up to the moment of writing, and the "slack" months seem destined to be confined to the extreme end of the summer. Some stamp journals usually present a slenderer appearance in the summer months, due to the falling off of advertisements, but Continental papers continue to arrive in as bulky a form as of yore, and the number of advertisers shows little sign of decreasing.

It is becoming evident to most stamp sellers that the lower prices now quoted for certain used stamps betrays an increase of trade (business transactions, letters posted and stamps used) in various places here and there. A list of countries that seem to be doing more trade than formerly could easily be made, and where extensive purchases of the stamps of these countries are contemplated, there is wisdom in drawing up such a list since it may have a bearing on prices.

The leisure hours which the slack season brings may of course be profitably employed in such study, the benefits of which are bound to appear later. An eye should also be kept on fluctuations or advances in distant parts of the world, and such bargains as present themselves here and there be secured promptly. "Summer bargains" seem to be a reality in some places, and there is the additional advantage of having the stamps already sorted and classified in good time for the autumn trade. Large purchases at the last moment, when a new season is on the threshold, may possibly result in some confusion and the delay of the necessary printed price list.

Club members whose exchange activities abroad do not cease with the summer months are likely to be in a position to place many new things on sale on their sheets in the autumn. A "live" secretary will be thankful to the club member whose summer correspondence has resulted in a display calculated to brighten up the first autumn packet, and possibly to serve as an inducement to the enrolling of new recruits.

The summer has its dangers. The temptation to indulge in some sweeping change in one's methods may present itself, yet one's best plan may be to go on as of old, unless some really promising new avenue comes into prominence.

Some stamp sellers believe in watching which way the wind blows, and regulating their purchases accordingly; others are content to invest in anything that seems to promise a ready sale. Luckily the field is wide, and a careful buyer cannot go far wrong.

Correspondents with the United States will of course be on the look-out now for used copies of the Yukon Exposition stamps.

Of the 5c. imperforate U.S.A. of 1902, 13,000 copies are stated to have been issued, and the stamp is held to "have a future before it."

An American paper advises the study of the catalogue as an educative force.

Triangular Issues of the Cape of Good Hope.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE LIVERPOOL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.
By R. O. DAGG.

(Concluded from page 67).

ISSUE III. (1861): PROVISIONALS.

The earliest postmark at present known is a 4d. blue with the redrawn angle and is in the possession of Mr. W. H. Peckitt, London, obliterated within a large circle March 2nd, 1861. In assigning date of introduction of this issue February would then seem suggested as more probably correct.

As to exactly how long these provisionals continued in use it is of course impossible to say, but as at this time some five to six weeks would necessarily intervene between the dispatch by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. on April 1st of regular supplies from England and their receipt and circulation in the Colony, from February to the middle of May at least would appear certain. That they were not at that date even entirely used up is also clear from a cover dated May 27th, 61, franked with 4d. Perkins, Bacon print in conjunction with a 1d. red woodblock.



This of course proves that at that date the regular issue was again in circulation, but it in addition proves, that the provisionals were at the same time also being used. In fact according to Captain Norris Newman as late as September is given before they were finally exhausted but in this isolated cases only are evidently referred to. Estimating say a three months life, then at 3,000 a day (the average consumption believed of both 1d. and 4d. values together for preceding years), Mr. Castle is of the opinion that the total issue of woodblocks would be some seven times 37,500, the official total given, i.e., 262,500 (with errors roughly say 4,000). This may in turn of course be somewhat excessive.

From the official figures (1d. in blue 201, 4d. in red 386), the penny blue error should be nearly twice as rare as the fourpenny red, but as a matter of fact it is not quite so rare. As to the method adopted for distributing these errors to the public, I am unable to say but as the fourpenny red of which there were 386 as compared with 201 only of the penny blue, should not be, as it is the scarcest, the inference to me, seeing the pre-dominant use of the blue (i.e., the 4d. colour) for franking to this country, coupled with that of the "woodblocks" known *se-tenant* is that the colours (red for 1d. and blue for 4d.) rather than the denominations inscribed, indicated respectively the values.

To-day these errors are of considerable rarity, fine used specimens of the penny being valued at £75 and of the fourpenny at £85. In unused condition no copy of the penny blue is known to exist, and of the fourpenny red one copy only, and that in the Von Ferrary collection is known. The price paid for this stamp which emanated from the Hughes Hughes collection sold in 1892 was, I believe £500. *Se-tenant* (i.e., in conjunction with the normal) they are of the greatest rarity, unused specimens being unknown, while of used probably in all less than a dozen pairs are to be found. In 1890 a copy of the 1d. blue, *se-tenant* with the 4d. value is said to have been sold for £9.

In November 1893 a similar pair realised £100, the highest price ever bid at an English stamp auction down to that date.

As given by Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., in a paper read before the Birmingham Philatelic Society, 7/1/1897, the errors occur in the case of the penny plate either in the 48th or 64th electro, and in the fourpenny in the 64th.

That 2 dies from the penny plate were subsequently removed, the two vacant spaces show in the reprints seemingly confirm, but why in this plate an additional die to the error should be removed I am unable to say. In the fourpenny plate the damaged stereo (i.e., with the redrawn angle) though said to be still in the plate has never yet, I believe, been seen in the reprints, so that as it now stands the evidence is conflicting. In one journal I have seen it stated that the second penny die removed corresponded with that of the redrawn angle in the fourpenny plate but this, while of course quite possibly correct, by no means follows as a certainty, the two plates as I have already stated being made from two separate dies. From the fact that the 64th electro or last position in the sheet is in both plates alike, a blank, the inference I think suggested is, that on completion of the penny plate the mistake had been found out, but that rather than delay waiting the preparation of another die, the surplus penny stereo was utilised to complete the fourpenny plate and was cemented therein in the same position.

Of varieties of this issue, there are a number of course presented, the principal, the fourpenny blue stamp with the retouched corner (i.e., having the damaged right-hand lower corner rectified by parallel white lines) being, in unused condition, unknown.

Further small varieties in both penny and fourpenny values as well and due probably to defective electrotypes also exist. All these varieties occur both in the originals and in the reprints, excepting the first named fourpenny stamp with the redrawn angle, which, as I earlier mentioned, though represented as still in the plate, has not, I believe, yet been seen in the reprints.

Other minor defects, as for instance, incomplete outlines of the dies and the penck variety, may, in addition, be found, but these are merely due to defective printing or over-inking.

With regard to the marked differences which exist in the impressions and colour of the stamps of this issue, Mr. Castle suggests that they are due, if not to different printings to at least different mixings of the printing inks and that they were consequently produced in batches. The pale brick red and dark blue shades of the last printing are many times rarer than the normal shades, as but few in these were prepared. No errors in either shade are known.

SUMMARY.

ISSUE III.—EARLY 1861.

Provisional Woodblocks. Thin yellowish white laid paper. No unkn., imperf.

1d. red, shades.

4d. blue ..

Errors: 1d. in blue.

4d. in red.

- Varieties:*
- 4d. blue with lower right hand angle redrawn.
 - 1d. value (1) with left corner not pointed but square ended and measuring 1mm. across.
 - (2) With right hand corner squared to about 1½mm. diameter. In this variety the blank space connects with the corner ornament in the angle and presents a V shaped termination to the corner of the stamp.
 - 4d. value (1) with "G" of "Good" elongated vertically above the white line of the lower frame.
 - (2) With a break or deflection in the outer frame beneath and towards the left angle.

All these varieties, due apparently to defective electros, are found also in the reprints (excepting the 4d. with the redrawn angle).

Minor varieties: PENCK for pence.

Incomplete outlines of the dies, &c., &c.

(These due to defective printing or over-inking).

FORGERIES.

ISSUE III.

Forgeries of these provisionals are of course by no means unknown, but to enumerate here to-night all minor distinctions would only, I think, add to confusion. In giving therefore very briefly the chief points of the genuine stamps, with their outstanding differences to various forgeries found, some clues will at least, I trust, be afforded for safeguarding against deception.

Taking the Genuine Stamps first.

1. In both values they are block printed, on rather thin yellowish white laid paper, the lettering good and slightly embossed.
 2. The white lines under postage and value and above Cape of Good Hope are single and straight, and the background, name, and value labels quite solid.
 3. In the 1d. value the top of left foot reaches just as far as beginning of "P" in "Cape" and
 4. " " the right foot to the beginning of E of that word.
 5. The chignon is round and distinct but small and placed just under first stroke of "N" of "one."
 6. The "O" of "one" very nearly touches the white line to left of it.
- A. In the 4d. value the tip of left foot extends to centre of 1d. of Cape, and the
 - B. " tip of right foot rather further than to centre of "E" of that word.
 - C. " the heel of the right foot is over commencement of "O" of "of."
 - D. " the chignon is larger than in the 1d. and is under the centre of "O" of "four."
 - E. " the inscription 4d. is 19½mm. in length.
" the word Postage 19 " "
" the name C. of G. Hope 29½ " "

In the Forgeries of 1d. Value.

(1) Wove paper has, I notice, in every instance before me been employed, the whole five specimens (2) being also by the litho. process; (3) a white line which, in two specimens, is found round the outside edge of the stamp in the genuine does not exist, (4) and in a third the correct inner lines forming the triangle, in place of being single to straight, differ from the genuine in that they are both double and wavy.

In No. 4 the o of one is more than ¼mm. from white line to left. In the genuine it nearly touches.

A further easy distinction in the 1d. value is shown, in that horizontal white lines of shading at ends of all three outer labels are included, which in the genuine do not appear.

With the higher value forgeries though, only three of the five are on wove paper, the other two being correctly on laid, less difficulty is I think presented, the lengths of the inscriptions Cape of Good Hope, Postage and Fourpence, if not in all, at least in most, differ from those of the genuine.

On January 28th, 1863, the contract for the supply of Cape stamps having been secured by Messrs. De La Rue & Co., all *four printing plates were handed over by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. to the Crown Agents of the Colonies.

On April 1st, 1863, a change was made in the postal rates to Great Britain the ¼-oz. letter rate for conveyance by mail packet being raised to 1/-, but reduced if for forwarding by private ship, to 4d.

On February 1st, 1864, the Inland ¼-oz. letter rate, established in Cape Town 15th Sept., 1860, and in Port Elizabeth 1st May, 1861, was now extended to other towns in the vicinity of Cape Town and gradually throughout the whole Colony but did not become uniform until January 1st, 1889, nearly half a century later than in our own country.

ISSUE IV.—1863-64.

Messrs. De La Rue & Co.'s Printings.

Four values, 1d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-. Design the same as the 1853/58 stamps, being printings by the new Contractors from the plates made and used by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. for those issues. The paper is also identical, a balance of Anchor remaining after delivery of the plates (28/1/1863); it was likewise taken over to be paid for as it was used and employed for the new prints.

To distinguish, then, between these prints and the prints of the original engravers (Perkins, Bacon & Co.) impression, and the colours respectively employed present the determining factors. With the two higher (6d. and 1/-) values, the bright mauve and emerald-green shades of the De La Rue prints being quite distinct from the duller shades of lilac (slate and grey) and yellow-green respectively employed by Messrs.

*These printing plates were destroyed in England on 7th, 8th and 10th July, 1865.

Perkins, Bacon & Co., obviate much difficulty in so far as they are concerned. This shade distinction in the lower (1d. and 4d.) values is much less pronounced, particularly so in respect to the 4d., the best guide for separating now afforded being the background to the lettering, which in the original engraver's prints show always the fine lacework of engine turning more or less distinct as compared with the rougher or more woolly looking De La Rue prints, the latter more resembling surface printing, in comparison to fine engraving, as presented by the earlier emissions. With the exception of the 4d. stamps the colours employed by Messrs. De La Rue & Co. are fresher and brighter than those of the preceding issues.

For a ready comparison, the colours respectively employed may be given as follows:—

- De la Rue 1d. red-brown and carmine, in place of Perkins, Bacon & Co. red, rose-red and brick-red.
- Ditto 4d. violet-blue and slate-blue in place of Perkins, Bacon & Co. dull and dark blue.
- Ditto 6d. bright mauve in place of Perkins, Bacon & Co. lilac, pale grey, dull and slate.
- Ditto 1/- emerald green shades in place of Perkins, Bacon & Co. deep green and yellow-green.

In 1864 a single sheet of penny value in red-brown is stated to have been printed on paper watermarked with Crown CC. As four copies only with this watermark are known and these are all unused, it would appear somewhat doubtful if any triangular stamps on this paper were ever issued to the Colony. The watermark Crown CC, a portion of which only appears on each stamp, is found always sideways. All four printing plates were destroyed in England on 7th, 8th and 10th July, 1865.

The stock of white wove paper handed over by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. to the Crown Agents for the Colonies, was twenty-nine reams, and this was in turn given out to Messrs. De La Rue & Co. as follows:—

1863, January 21st ...	570	sheets		
" March 25th ...	201	"		
" December 1st	4060	"		
1864, April 13th ...	6107	"		
	10938	"	Rms.	Qrs. Sheets.
			= 21	17 13

Leaving a balance of 7 reams, 3 quires, 11 sheets retained by Crown Agents. Consignments forwarded by Messrs. De La Rue with their dates of dispatch and distribution in the Colony were as follows:—

From England.	Distributed in Cape.	No. of Sheets.	Denom.	Total of each value.
1863 Jan. 31st	1863 June	398	6d.	
	"	158	1/0	
April 17th	Sept.	195	4d.	of 1d. 5098 = 1,223,040
Dec. 2nd	1864 April	2056	1d.	of 4d. 5266 = 1,263,840
	"	2004	4d.	of 6d. 398 = 95,520
1864 April 13th	Sept.	3040	1d.	of 1/0 158 = 37,920
"	"	3067	4d.	
	Total ...	10,918	sheets.	10,918 = 2,620,320

This, excepting for 20 sheets, accounts for this paper handed out for printing and these would of course be defectives or spoil in the printing.

From the quantities printed by the respective contractors of the engraved issues (the figures you have here on the chart before you so I need not repeat them) the proportions are as follows:—

1d. value.	5	Perkins, Bacon & Co. to 1	De La Rue.
4d. "	5½	"	" 1 "
6d. "	10	"	" 1 "
1/- "	10	"	" 1 "

The latter then from this would appear relatively more rare than the earlier issues, and the higher prices in the catalogue to-day quoted for the De La Rue prints appear seemingly correct. Against this must be allowed, however, the De La Rue stamps were not in use until 1863 (i.e., ten years after the earliest (1853) Perkins, Bacon & Co., and then at a time when much more interest in stamp collecting was being taken, so that all things considered the De La Rue prints are not, I believe, so rare as the earlier Perkins, Bacon & Co. issues.

SUMMARY.

ISSUE IV.—1863-64.

De La Rue & Co. Prints.

White Wove Paper, Wmk. Double-lined Anchor, Imperf.

1d. red-brown and carmine shades.

4d. violet-blue and slate-blue.

6d. bright-mauve shades.

1/- emerald-green "

Error of Paper or Essay. 1d. red-brown, wmk. Crown sideways. CC

Proofs struck in black are known of all four values.

FORGERIES OF THE ENGRAVED TRIANGULAR STAMPS.

Before treating with these, a brief description of the genuine stamp is probably more desirable than the contrasting of a list of differences, the various known forgeries present and which owing to the necessary very lengthy detail would retard rather than assist for remembrance of the easier tests.

The genuine then are finely engraved in *taille-douce* on rather (1) stout, rough wove paper, *bleuté* or white according to date of issue; (2) watermark Anchor, the crossbar measuring 2mm. wide by 7½mm. in length; (3) profile shows indentation where the nose and forehead join (4) and there is no projecting tuft of hair on the latter; (5) *chignon* small and almost wholly shaded; (6) top of right knee level with S of postage; (7) tip of left foot reaches centre of vertical stroke of P of Cape; (8) left hand closed except that first finger is slightly extended; (9) right thumb of first finger is distinct, the others much the reverse; (10) background behind figure composed of engine turned lines set very close together (at a distance look as if solid); (11) point of great toe of right foot is exactly over centre of E of Cape; (12) all lettering is 1¼mm. high only.

In the forgeries, and of which both litho and engraved may be found, the background, height of the lettering, and measurements of the watermark, *i.e.*, if there is one, generally present most important clues to their identification.

In January, 1864, the rectangular stamps (first the 1/- value) of Messrs. De La Rue & Co. began to appear and gradually replaced the old triangular varieties, as the stocks of those different values became used up. Towards the end of 1868 the supply of 4d. rectangular stamps became temporarily exhausted, and for a time the old triangular fourpenny was re-issued. The remaining stock being absorbed, the provisional 4d. on 6d. rectangular was prepared and issued as per notice in the "Gazette" on 16th November, 1868.

Passing now the issues chronologically succeeding on to the "Woodblock Reprints" in 1883, which to-night completes for our purpose the series, I would here first make mention of the

1873.—OFFICIAL IMITATIONS OF THE PROVISIONAL WOODBLOCKS.

An official imitation of both values of the 1861 provisional woodblocks was made in 1873 on smooth white wove paper, the plates for that issue at the time not being known to be still in existence. These differ from the originals, both as regards the shape of the lettering, and in the inscription at the sides; this latter in the imitations being much the shorter.

SUMMARY.

1873.—OFFICIAL IMITATION PROVISIONAL WOODBLOCKS.

Smooth White Wove Paper, No Wmk., Imperf.

1d. orange-red.

1d. black.

4d. light blue.

MARCH, 1883.—REPRINT PROVISIONAL WOODBLOCKS.

In the early part of 1883 a request was made to the Colony by the stamp-issuing countries of the Union Postale Universalle for specimens of its stamps for purposes of insertion in their official collections. As at this date all stocks of triangular stamps had long been exhausted, reprinting from the 1861 provisional plates of the 1d. and 4d. values was decided on, these plates, of course, being the only ones available (four engraved plates destroyed July '65) for the purpose.

This printing, like the originals, was entrusted to Messrs. Saul Solomon & Co., the errors (*i.e.* the wrongly inserted dies) being, in this instance, however, first removed from each

plate prior to their being taken from the Treasury for printing from. From the 1d. plate an additional (probably damaged) stereo was also removed: a sheet of reprints consequently consist of—

1d. value. 62 stamps and 2 blank spaces.

4d. " 63 " 1 " "

Paper.—Common smooth white wove as used for newspapers—*no wmk., imperf.* The colours are brighter than those stamps of the 1861 issue, the 1d. being a deep red and the 4d. a deep blue.

As no special check appears to have been placed upon this issue, and nothing official as to the quantities printed is available, correct statistics are, of course, impossible. Of the number delivered to the Authorities the following is recorded, *viz.* :—

1d. 195 sheets (less 2 removed dies, *i.e.*, 62 to a sheet)=
12090 stamps.
4d. 195 sheets (less 1 removed die, *i.e.*, 63 to a sheet)=
12285 stamps.

To each of the stamp-issuing countries in the U.P.C. (about 175) three stamps of each value were presented, specimens of each value in addition being issued either by order of the Government or of the Post Office (officials to various other public and private collections. The total presentations as officially given number.

To 175 U.P.C. countries, 3 of each=of			
1d. value...	...	525 of 4d.	525
.. public and private collections of 1d.			
value ...	...	23 ..	25
		<u>Total 1d.</u>	<u>Total 4d.</u>
		548	550

The balance still held by the Treasury being:

Of 1d., 185 sheets and part (51 stamps)	
of another sheet ...	=11,521
Of 4d., 186 sheets and part (6 stamps)	
of another sheet ...	11,724

Making a total of 1d. 12,069 of 4d. 12,274

and leaving thus 10 to 20 of each value (21 of 1d. and 11 of 4d. to be exact) unaccounted for.

From the numerous used reprints in existence not to mention the unused which can be shown by some private collectors in sheets and none of which are in the official records accounted for the inference is that the total printing was probably not 195 sheets of each value, but 200 or half a ream (240 sheets) five or more sheets being abstracted either during the printing or at any rate before delivery to the Treasury. Surcharging with the word "Reprint" or "Specimen" as is usual with an issue of this kind, was in this case omitted, and as no proclamation ever has been issued against these stamps on withdrawing the old woodblocks from circulation, their franking power is still good.

SUMMARY.

1883.—REPRINT PROVISIONAL WOODBLOCKS.

Smooth white wove paper. No watermark, imperf.

1d. value, deep bright red.

4d. value, indigo.

Varieties: Same as woodblocks, 1d. No. 1 and 2 and 4d. No. 1 and 2, but redrawn angle 4d., though said still to be in the plate has not yet been seen in the reprints.

No errors in reprints.

EARLY CAPE OBLITERATING MARKS.

Since establishment of the postal service in 1853 various kinds of obliterating marks have been used in the Colony.

The earliest known was a triangle containing from 18 to 20 lines of varying breadth across it, leaving a space in centre.

Following this was a very similar one, but with the letters CGH in the three corners and these two are found on nearly all the postally used triangular Cape stamps, whether of steel engraved or woodblock issue.

A few triangular and 1st issue rectangular stamps may be found on original covers penmarked for postal use, having passed through the post, the majority of pen-cancelled specimens, however, met with, have been fiscally used.

Notes on Fiscals.

By A. B. Kay.

Australian Commonwealth.—*Customs.*—Some short time ago a 1d. stamp was chronicled, bearing the inscriptions "Australia—London—Customs Duty," but it was not known for what duty the label was issued. It appears that advertising matter entering the Commonwealth is subject to duty, and the following issue has been made to collect these charges.

1d. blue and brown,	no wmk.,	perf. 10.
3d. yellow and green	"	"
1/- olive and carmine	"	"

British South Africa.—Mr. H. O. Wells has submitted the £20 fiscal of the 1898 postage type, overprinted **REVENUE** in green. The stamp is used in 1908, and it is very probable other values exist similarly overprinted.

£20 ochre, surcharged in green.

Great Britain.—*Isle of Man.*—Mr. A. M. South has sent a novelty in the shape of the 1/- King's Head stamp, with the figure of value overprinted in black over the numeral already appearing in the centre of the design. It may be that this additional surcharge will appear (as in the case of the Queen's Head series) on the other series of British fiscals in use.

1/- green and black, with overprint of value.

Hong Kong.—The current type of King's Head duty stamps are listed on ordinary paper, watermark Crown and C.C. Various values are coming to hand on chalky paper, and with C.C., and C.A. multiple watermarks. The following have been noted.

Chalky paper, C.C. watermark.	10c., 25c., 75c., \$1, \$1.50, \$2, \$6.
" C.A. multiple.	5c. 25c., \$1.50, \$6.

Natal.—Now that a separate series of postage stamps has been issued with "Postage" in place of the previous "Postage and Revenue," a separate set for "Revenue" will also appear. The only value as yet to hand has been shown us by Mr. D. Thomson. It is in the same design as the high values of late set of King's Head "Postage & Revenue" stamps, but with "Revenue" on each side.

1/- black on green, wmk. mult. CA.

Zanzibar.—Mr. H. O. Wells has submitted the following novelties:

Indian Special Adhesives surcharged ZANZIBAR and new values.

3as. 2R. lilac.
R3
R10 8a. blue.
5R 12a. carmine.
10R 5or. grey.

1899 postage stamps, surcharged "Revenue" 16mm. long.
3r. purple and red.

1904 postage stamps, surcharged "Revenue" 25mm. long.
1r. ultramarine and red.
2r. green and red.

United States.—*New York.*—In No. 958 of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" appears an article by E. R. Vanderhoof, on the New York Stock Transfer Stamps. It appears there are two further issues to be recorded. In 1907 an entirely new design appeared, but overprinted once with large numerals of value. In 1908 the stamps appeared in the same design and colours, but with the overprint of figures of value repeated several times on the stamp.

1907, perf. 11½, numerals once on gelatinous lozenge.

2c. red-brown.
4c. lilac.
10c. ultramarine.
20c. slate-green.
50c. red-orange.
\$1 deep rose.
\$2 green.

1908, values and colours as previous set, but with gelatinous overprint of wavy lines and numerals of value repeated over the stamp.

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On Cards and Covers.

By B. W. W.

WITH reference to the need for a Society, or of a book on Entires, that modern collectors may obtain information from, especially as to varieties not usually catalogued, we give a brief summary of a few items that may be looked for in some countries to encourage the study and discovery of others. In 1887, Messrs. Pemberton, Wilson & Co., published a Catalogue for Collectors of Postcards, by E. A. M. Fry, about 250 pages, with several illustrations, and in 1890 an extended book, on similar lines by Mr. Watson, of New York appeared, since when only a few scattered lists of single countries have been heard of. In some respects the Senf catalogue, as now published, gives many classified varieties not in our old Gibbons (though lacking in others), but the difficulties of the language neutralise the benefits to all not of the German persuasion, especially to their British cousins.

The books above-mentioned referred to cards only, though the envelopes and wrappers have also many interesting varieties, as in the lettering of early die varieties of the United States. Taking Austria first, as the pioneer State to issue cards in 1869, we may mention that in addition to the many issues for the various Provinces (which frighten some collectors at once), there are at least eight minor variations in the fancy type frames which formed a sheet. These are not even hinted at in any book we have seen, but our friend the late Mr. Skipton, whose plating of our early 2d. adhesives is well known, was equally keen on these varieties of the postcards and gave the writer a minutely detailed list, the points of which are to be found in the art of dot and dash (or diamond) pattern of inner frame. At the corners it will be found there are one or two dots meeting in different relative positions. This may seem trifling, but clearly indicates varieties for those who wish for them. The later large frames of 1890-1 vary in outside length from one to four millimetres.

The Argentine cards show a different class of variety, to be found in many countries, that of the smaller type of instructions being to right or left of points of letters in the upper line or headings. Belgium 1877-8 vary in this way; Brazil cards vary in the distance of points in a dozen undulating frames, and the lines at corners of ribbon frame, also in length of inscription lines. Denmark, Norway, &c., have some of the type ornaments in frames reversed or sideways at varying positions from the corners. The corner pieces vary sometimes for same cards of Portuguese Colonies, and the relative positions of 20 or 30 reis under the upper lettering varies. In French and German cards of the early type-set class there are differences, especially for those with dates or figures at bottom right corners. These and other issues on unstamped cards are ignored altogether by Senf in his catalogue, but as they were printed as Government issues and in many cases sold only with adhesives already affixed, they are as much official issues as the later fully engraved designs.

Guatemala's first issue is generally looked upon as about the finest specimen of engraved card there is, the machine turning being most intricate. There were ten varieties (in small details) to the sheet, the simplest method of fixing these are the curls at end of inner frame line near top centre above the stamp, no two being alike; also in the similar line at bottom, above the engraver's name. The double cards for reply are six to the sheet each varying in a similar way, though there are differences in the length of address lines. Mexico is a favorite hunting ground for variety seekers, the 1893-4 issues in particular with type-set scroll ornaments above and below curved label varying in each of the eight cards to a sheet. Gibbons omits an illustration of one main type which puzzles collectors. There are five varieties with "Servicio" and "Mexicano" curved as shown, and three others in the sheet with those letters almost straight. Modifications of these settings were used again in 1905 with the picture stamps.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

A "Compound" of "Paid" Marks.

I WONDER whether any other *Fortnightly*-readers have seen envelopes similar to one mentioned in the course of a letter I have just received from Mr. J. C. Taylor, of South Norwood: "Those collecting 'Paid' marks [Mr. Taylor writes] may be interested in the following. I have an envelope with a 1d. 'Paid' and a 1½d. 'Paid' circular impressions in red of the Burton-on-Trent office. They are placed side by side (just as one would use 1d. and 1½d. stamps to make up 2½d. postage) at the right-hand corner of the envelope. I have never heard of a compound 'Paid' envelope before!"

Nine Years of Stamp Accumulation.

MR. F. ELLIS, of Hayward's Heath, is a stamp accumulator with a vengeance. My "Strand Magazine" for June brings me a portrait of Mr. Ellis standing beside a "fountain" of postage stamps—thousands and thousands of them made up into "snakes," which are festooned in the form of a fountain. It is said that over a hundred thousand stamps have been used in this "fountain," representing Mr. Ellis's spare time employment for over nine years.

Wonderful, wonderful, and yet again wonderful!

And I dare swear that Mr. Ellis has driven a pin, needle or other harpoon-like implement through each and every one of these poor little stamps and has strung them on threads just as many of us philatelists did in our boyhood days before it dawned upon us that a postage stamp inherited a better fate than to have a thread driven through its middle.

I join the "Strand Magazine" in congratulating Mr. Ellis on his splendid patience and perseverance; but—is there no *Fortnightly*-reader down Hayward's Heath who will tell him of the joys of *real* stamp collecting, as distinct from *cotton-reel* stamp accumulating?

A Perforated Afghan.

I HOPE my readers will not attach any gruesome meaning to the head-line. We are not now at war with the Amir, and when I speak of "perforated Afghans" I am referring to the adoption of the perforating machine by the postal administrators of the great "Buffer State."

Mr. E. Brooks, of Karachi, sends me the new 1 abassi, blue, perforated—and remarkably well perforated, too, for a first attempt. How the Afghans have progressed during

recent years to be sure. It seems only the other day that the native postmen were biting pieces out of the Amir's postage stamps by way of obliterating them, and now—perforations, if you please! It will be a new sensation for the specialist of Afghan stamps to be called upon to bring his perf. gauge into action.

A Testimonial to the "S.C.F."

THE gentleman I have already mentioned, Mr. Brooks, of Karachi, pays the *Fortnightly* a very pretty compliment, for he writes: "I mean to subscribe to the *S.C.F.* so long as I am above the ground, so don't stop sending me the paper if my subscription does go over a bit!"

Salaam! I and all others associated with the *Fortnightly*, do most devoutly hope that Sahib Brooks will continue to cumber the ground for centuries!

The Ladies in Philately.

DURING the past season I have been delighted to observe the increasingly prominent part played by ladies in what may, I suppose, be termed the public life of philately—namely, in the administrative and debative (may I say "debative" just for this once?) work of our philatelic societies. Ladies actually read papers and give displays now—a thing unknown in former years. More power to them, say I.

At the same time I regret to see one of the fair votaries of the hobby, Miss Parr, retiring from the presidential chair of the Portland Philatelic Society, the Vice-President of which is Mr. J. de Gruchy.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

SOCIETIES' reports being "out of the bill" at the present moment I must find a corner here for the last two reports of the Portland P. S., recently to hand from the able and energetic Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Haworth:—

At the meeting held on May 25th, Mr. R. C. Henley displayed his collection of the later issues of the United States. This was followed by a paper on the 1d. black by the Vice-President, Mr. J. de Gruchy, which proved most interesting, being illustrated by specimens showing the several states of the plates and various different coloured postmarks.

On June 22nd, the Vice-President being absent, Mr. W. Haworth took the chair. After reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, he announced that Miss Parr, the President of the Society, had unfortunately been compelled to resign.

The display with notes on "Minor Varieties of the Sower Type of France," kindly sent by Mr. A. S. Allender was next shown. This the members much enjoyed.

Finally the Hon. Sec. read a short but interesting article on "The First Ten Years of the Postal Issues of the Cape of Good Hope."

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Indications to the contrary notwithstanding, it is a positive fact that the summer is here. Never mind the cold and the drizzling rain; the philatelic auctioneers have laid aside their hammers, the dealers are fleeing to coast and country side to escape their clamouring customers, and it is incontestable that we have reached the Quiet Season. The present attenuated issue of the *Fortnightly* is an additional proof that we are now held fast in the icy grip of an English summer.

The next "Fortnightly," however, will be larger, and it will contain, among other attractions, a remarkably interesting paper by Mr. Herbert Clark on "The Pony Express of America," together with a few notable illustrations. This paper was deservedly awarded the S.C.F. medal by the Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society.

The "S.C.F." Medals, by the way, will, we hope, be awarded to their respective recipients at the first Society meetings of the coming season. We shall be glad to hear further from Secretaries interested.

It is a bit of the proverbial philosophy of the music hall comedian that "you cannot stop a man from thinking," and many of us are thinking hard on the subject of the philatelic prosecution which ended at the Old Bailey on Tuesday, June 29th, the result being the acquittal of the two defendants, Messrs. Lowden and Harmer. There is no occasion to comment upon the verdict. The case is very fully reported in this issue of the *Fortnightly*.

One feature of the case, however, calls for a passing notice now that the matter is no longer *sub judice*. In the course of the police court proceedings one of the witnesses was asked if he knew of a journal called the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, whether he knew that the Editor was Mr. Percy C. Bishop, and also whether it was a fact that Mr. Bishop was the contributor of the London Letters appearing in the columns of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News." The witness's reply to the last question was that he did not know, but it seems only right that we should now state categorically that Mr. Percy C. Bishop, Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, is not the London correspondent of "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" and that he has not written a line for that journal for several years past. What may have been the precise object of the questions we do not know, but it is a fact that "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" published, during the progress of the stamp prosecution at Bow Street,

a series of most amazing and, indeed, scurrilous statements in its "London Letter"—statements such as no British periodical would have dreamt of publishing at a time when the individuals referred to were on their trial. We greatly regret that such a welcome exchange as "Mekeel's Weekly" should have opened its columns to such questionable and tactless writing. Our immediate object, however, is to asseverate that the Editor of this journal had no hand in the business whatever.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

PRICES for the 5c. U.S.A. 1902 imperforate have been noticed in one or two places, and vary from 3 dollars to 5 dollars per mint pair. An American dealer offers the 2c. and 8c. Canal Zone, with inverted surcharge, at 12 dollars each, and intimates an early advance on this price; 6s. 6d. seems a high price for the 2 dollar U.S.A. of 1902, but these American high values are in demand in the States, and prices depend a good deal on condition.

Persian Parcel Post is a novelty, but its price does not seem to be settled, since differing quotations hold in different places. Used Benadir apparently cost about double face value; a dealer in Rome appears to have all the values; where a collector has a liking for foreign correspondence, Benadir, Italian Levant, Eritrea, La Canea, etc., may be looked for in this neighbourhood.

Danish Newspaper Stamps will presently be a popular quotation, when used copies begin to accumulate. Brazil, 1906, the used set of 10 to 1000 reis, seems in good demand everywhere. Peru, 1907, the used set of 1c. to 1 sol., is now available, although the 4c. seems a scarce stamp. Of the Uruguay Jubilee stamps of 1908 there is believed to be a goodly number of sets in circulation, but used copies do not seem to be much in evidence.

Used Cayman Islands, and other scarce West Indians, often find their way to the United States as the result of the comparative proximity of the States to the West Indies, and the fact that fruit steamers run regularly to various ports in the group.

The 1fr. French Guiana, 1905, seems wonderfully cheap at 4d., a French quotation. As the number of these popular pictorials increases, bargains may, however, be expected here and there. Supplies of used copies of these stamps usually find their way to the big towns of France, and local correspondents are often able to send really nice specimens.

As a relaxation from business cares a collector may sometimes indulge in the purchase of some large lot of stamps for the purpose of affording him the pleasure of an evening's examination of them. Men have sauntered into an auction room and bought some large parcel of stamps simply for the delight of a later leisurely scrutiny of the bargain. Such ventures may prove costly; on the other hand, there are ways of indulging this pursuit that do not involve any loss.

The object of the purchase is presumably to secure such extra fine or scarce copies as the parcel may contain for one's own collection. In these busy times the seller has not always the time for a thorough examination of any bulk lot, and a buyer with leisure may sometimes discover among them copies of a rarer sort or in finer condition. The ensuing problem is how to dispose of the surplus, which, though depleted of a few dozen fine copies, is still a very desirable possession.

In this matter a wide field of correspondence, some knowledge of the countries where such and such stamps will be welcome, and perhaps a slight acquaintance with one or two European languages, should prove a help. A correspondent in some distant clime may be glad to take the stamps by an arrangement that may even make the transaction a profitable one. Care should be taken to correspond only in quarters where the standard of business morals is all that it should be.

Trial of Stamp Dealers at the Old Bailey.

ACQUITTAL OF THE ACCUSED.

Special Report for the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

ON Friday, June 25th, at the Central Criminal Court, before Mr. Judge Lumley Smith, the trial was commenced of H. Harmer and J. S. Lowden for alleged extensive frauds in connection with the sale of British North Borneo stamps.

Mr. Bodkin, with Mr. Travers Humphreys, appeared on behalf of the Treasury for the prosecution; Mr. Walter Frampton represented Harmer, and Mr. Curtis Bennett and Mr. Eustace Fulton (instructed by S. Myers & Son) represented Lowden; Mr. S. C. N. Goodman (instructed by Mr. C. E. V. Young) held a watching brief for the Stamp Trade Protection Society. The British North Borneo Company was also represented by counsel.

Mr. Bodkin, in opening the case, said the defendants were charged with conspiring together to cheat and defraud various members of the public. Other counts in the indictment charged them with obtaining sums of money by false pretences, and with conspiring together to contravene the Provisions of the Post Office Protection Act, 1884. The defendants had sold as genuine stamps issued by the British North Borneo Company, stamps which they had caused to be forged for them by a Frenchman in Paris. Having stated the law regarding the forging of stamps, learned counsel dealt with the facts of the case. The two defendants, he said, had been closely associated for some years past in dealing in stamps under different trading concerns.

There was no doubt that the stamps which were here impugned were clever and good imitations of the genuine stamps. The 1887-1889 issue of British North Borneo was available for postage and revenue purposes up to January of this year, but in 1893 the Company issued a fresh set of stamps, the designing and printing of which was done by Messrs. Waterlow. What he wanted to make clear was that while there was a new issue of 1894, the old issue of 1887-1889 was not cancelled until this year, and it was owing to discoveries that were made in this case that the British North Borneo Company demonstised the issue in January last. They discovered that hundreds of thousands of forgeries had been perpetrated. As there was such a demand for their stamps among collectors, the Borneo Company had from time to time, printed sets and sold them for purposes of trade; sometimes they sold these stamps uncanceled, and sometimes with a cancellation mark upon them. Among those who had bought stamps from the Company in that way was a Mr. Parker, and there was no doubt that by September, 1907, that gentleman had accumulated very large quantities of Borneo stamps of all denominations of the 1887-1889 issue. The West End Stamp Co., through the two defendants, entered into a contract with Mr. Parker to buy large quantities of these stamps from him—stamps which Mr. Parker had bought direct from the Company and which were, of course, genuine.

They had bought as much as £200 worth a month for ten months in one year. Yet the quantity, large as it was, that they were buying from Parker was not sufficient for their needs it would seem, because they were in communication almost day by day with a Frenchman in Paris, Rene Careme, a skilled printer and facsimilist of stamps, to get from him hundreds of thousands of forgeries of the 1887-1889 issue. In consequence of information which the British North Borneo Company received from abroad about Christmas last, a French police officer visited the premises of Careme, and seized everything there, and also made a raid upon the premises of another printer, M. Vina, in Paris. It would be proved that there were a number of workmen actually engaged in the printing of these forged stamps, and there was a perforating machine for the purpose of exactly imitating to the fraction of an inch the perforation put upon the stamps by the English printers. Also there was a facsimile of a cancel-

lation stamp to make them appear exactly like the stamps which the Company had cancelled at the request of the English traders in stamps. Inquiries were made in this country in consequence of the letters from Villiers Street which were found in Paris, and Chief Inspector Stockley visited the defendants' premises to execute a warrant on April 13th. Learned counsel proceeded to speak of the arrests of the defendants, and of the correspondence between them and the Frenchman, Careme.

Evidence was then called.

Mr. H. G. Forbes, the Secretary of the British North Borneo Company, examined by Mr. Travers Humphreys, said that the Company used to sell stamps to dealers direct—sometimes cancelled, and sometimes without any mark upon them. Occasionally they had spoiled or imperfect sheets of stamps, which they would sell to collectors. In cross examination by Mr. Curtis Bennett, witness said that occasionally issues of stamps would be printed purely for the purpose of selling to dealers.

Mr. W. Acland, of the London & Brighton Stamp Company, deposed to buying large quantities of North Borneo stamps from the two defendants, through the West End Stamp Company. In consequence of a communication regarding the stamps he came to London and had a conversation with Lowden, who said: "They are alright. I got them from the Borneo Company along with the others, except some few which I bought here and there to complete broken sets."

Mr. W. Brown, Salisbury, spoke to having purchased Borneo stamps from the defendants. He sold them among others to a person named Renant in Paris, who returned them as forgeries.

Otto Kuhn, a Westminster schoolboy, repeated the evidence he gave at the Police Court relative to his dealings with the defendants, in North Borneo stamps.

Cyril Woodhouse, a solicitor's clerk, of Hackney, also deposed to his dealings in stamps with the defendants.

Mr. H. N. Burgess, managing clerk to Bright & Son, stamp dealers, described writing to H. Mack & Co. in the name of H. Plummer, and receiving an approval book of North Borneo stamps. On the inside of the cover appeared the statement "all stamps guaranteed genuine." He purchased the book for £3.

Mr. J. Wallace, stamp dealer, also gave evidence.

On the case being resumed on Saturday, June 26th, Mr. F. R. Parker, stamp dealer, Stamford Hill, was examined by Mr. Travers Humphreys. He said he had known Harmer for about six and Lowden for about three years. He spoke to dealings with the West End Stamp Company. He had bought large quantities of the Borneo stamps, 1887-1889 issue, from the North Borneo Company. Some he had bought perforated and some imperforate, also both cancelled and uncanceled. He contracted to supply the West End Stamp Company with £200 worth of Borneo stamps per month, for ten months in the year. The cancelled stamps were sold very considerably under face value.

Cross-examined by Mr. Curtis Bennett: Although he had no monopoly in the stamps, there was a clause in the agreement that he would not sell any re-issues except to the defendants. He had no knowledge that the Borneo Company was printing stamps specially for him.

Witness was subjected to a lengthy cross-examination by Mr. Frampton as to whether the Company had surcharged Borneo stamps with the word "Labuan" at his request, but he denied that he had ever asked the Company to do such a thing, nor had he ever asked them to leave the word "Labuan" off any stamps. Some of the smaller Central and South American States had, after printing stamps, sold plates to dealers who had afterwards printed them for sale to collectors.

Re-examined, witness said he had never heard of the North Borneo Company selling its plates. He only wished they would have given him the opportunity to purchase them.

Chief Inspector Stockley, who executed the warrant, repeated the evidence he gave at the police court.

The case was further resumed on Monday, June 28th, when the first witness was Mr. Calcas, of the Paris Police, who repeated

the evidence given by him at Bow Street, relative to the result of his search at the premises of Careme in Paris. He found there women and men engaged in printing, gumming, and perforating British North Borneo stamps. Among the things he seized was a perforating machine, and some small lithographic stones. He also found about 700,000 or 800,000 Borneo stamps in course of manufacture.

Mr. Thomas Macdonald, designer and engraver of the genuine Borneo stamps of the 1887-1889 issue for Messrs. Blades, East and Blades, produced the plates from which the stamps were printed by a lithographic process. He said he had examined specimens of the stamps found at Careme's and had no hesitation in pronouncing them forgeries. He should say that a photograph of the genuine stamps had been first taken and enlarged. Then a transfer would be made and it was afterwards reduced by photography to the size of the actual stamp.

At the request of the Judge, Mr. Macdonald showed the jury two photographic enlargements, one of the genuine and the other of the alleged forgeries and pointed out to them the differences.

Mr. W. Cromac, the lithographic manager to Blades, East and Blades, gave similar evidence; also Mr. Tyler who was in charge of the paper department of the firm.

Miss Pyx, Miss Selby, and Miss Neumann, clerks at Villiers Street, gave formal evidence.

This closed the case for the prosecution.

Mr. Curtis Bennett, for Lowden, submitted that in regard to the two counts in the indictment referring to the purchase by Burgess, there was no case to go to the jury, as it could not be alleged that there had been any false pretences, and in addition he contended that there was no evidence that the stamps in the book sold, contained anything else than genuine stamps. Learned counsel submitted that the counts in the indictment relating to the transactions with the witnesses Kuhn, Brown and Acland, should also be struck out on the ground that there was no evidence to substantiate the charge of false pretences.

The Judge ruled that the sale to Burgess stood quite apart from the rest of the case. It was not connected in any way with the evidence that had come from Paris, and there was no direct evidence to show where the stamps actually came from. Therefore he did not think there was sufficient evidence to allow that part of the case to go to the jury, but the rest of the indictment must stand.

When the case was resumed on Tuesday, June 29th, Mr. Curtis Bennett at once called the defendant Lowden.

J. S. Lowden said he had been engaged in the stamp trade for eight or nine years, becoming associated with Harmer, about the latter end of 1906. He had never heard of Mr. Parker before he met Mr. Harmer—it was he who introduced him to Mr. Parker. Harmer told him that Parker had the entire monopoly of the Borneo stamps, and that if anyone wanted Borneo stamps they must get them from him. That would be about April, 1906. He first began business with Parker about two months after. His first transaction was to buy the entire Labuan Crown issue from him for £3,500. The money for that purchase was paid in the office of the British North Borneo Co. He subsequently contracted to buy from Parker the entire and remaining issues of the Labuan and Borneo cancelled stamps issued for collectors for £10,000, of which £7,500 had already been paid. Parker could not deliver the quantity of the 1894 issue, and he suggested that he should instead have a reprint of the 1897 issue, and that had been agreed to. When he was in Paris with Harmer a dealer named M. Gay called upon them and brought with him Rene Careme. Careme said that he had heard that they had bought a large stock of Borneo stamps, and that as he had the plates of the 1887 issue he suggested reprinting them for Harmer and himself, and selling the lot to them with the plates at the completion of the printing for a sum which was eventually agreed upon as £200.

Questioned respecting the statutory declaration he made in connection with the proceedings against Careme, witness said every single word of it was absolutely true. Until the raid on Careme's premises he had never told him (witness) that he was printing fac-similes and not genuine re-impressions. He had no idea that the lower values of Borneo stamps he was sending out on approval sheets were forgeries, and he never had any intention to obtain money by false pretences.

Cross-examined by Mr. Humphreys, witness was pressed as to whether he had caused inquiries to be made to find the letter book containing the letters from Careme written during 1908. He replied that he had not brought the books because he had not been asked to. The police took away all the books they thought

necessary. He could not say whether there was any reference in the letters to Careme having bought the plates; he should say in all probability there was not, as Careme had told them of the fact personally.

I understand your agreement with Parker was that if the Borneo Company should print more of their old issues you would have the right to purchase them. Did you think at that time that the Company were in a position to make further issues of old stamps?—Yes, I did.

Including the 1887?—No, I never thought anything about the 1887.

Why not?—Because it did not enter into my contract.

Did you believe at that time that the Borneo Company had already sold the plates of the 1887 issue?—No, it never crossed my mind one way or the other.

Continuing, witness said that up to the time of this case he was under the impression that the 1887 issue was demonetised, otherwise he would have had nothing to do with them from Careme. He was quite satisfied when Careme told them he had got the plates; they did not trouble to ask him where he got them from. Their idea was that he got them from a dealer in England, whose name he would rather not mention. If that was the case, and the stamps were demonetised as he thought, then there would be nothing wrong in printing them. It never occurred to him that it would have been a perfectly easy matter to let Blades, East & Blades perforate the stamps they bought from Parker instead of sending them to Paris.

Mr. Harmer then went into the box, and in reply to Mr. Frampton, said he had been in the stamp trade eleven years. Before he had joined Lowden he had made the acquaintance of Mr. Parker, and had bought North Borneo stamps from him. He always told him that he was the only person from whom it was possible to buy cancelled stamps issued by the Borneo Company. Parker called on them at 20, Villiers Street, and subsequently the agreement was entered into to purchase the North Borneo stamps. From the time of the agreement Parker was never able to supply any of the 1887 issue, excepting a certain amount of printer's waste. Witness then detailed the conversation which he and Lowden had with Mr. Gay and Careme in Paris as deposed to by Lowden. At no time did he represent that the stamps received from Careme were the originals. They were never sold at the price of original stamps. He would never have entered into the agreement with Careme, had he not believed that he possessed the original plates.

Asked, in cross-examination, how he would have described such stamps if he had sold them to collectors, witness replied that he would have sold them as reprints. When Careme told him that he had got the Borneo plates or could get them, it never occurred to him that he was manufacturing spurious plates. He did not take the trouble to ask Careme where he could get the plates from, as he had no wish to inquire into his private matters.

Witness was pressed as to why he had written to Careme complaining that the stamps looked too "new," and he said that their desire was that the stamps should not be printed so as to give people the idea that they had been newly printed. If that idea got abroad it would spoil their business, because people would imagine that millions were being printed, and of course down would go the value.

No further witnesses being called for the defence, Mr. Travers Humphreys replied on behalf of the prosecution.

He said that the indictment was really confined to the question of the 1887 issue of North Borneo stamps, values 1 to 10 cents. The charges might be said to be three in number. In the first place, they were charged with conspiring to cheat and defraud persons whom they could induce to buy, what he (learned counsel) would for shortness call the Careme stamps, by pretending that they were genuine, when in fact they were not. Then the indictment charged them with conspiring, in specific instances, of cheating and defrauding specific persons, such as Mr. Brown and Mr. Acland, by obtaining from them certain sums of money or stamps by way of exchange, by false pretences. The third indictment charged the defendants with contravening the Provisions of the Post Office Protection Act.

Dealing with the evidence, he submitted that it not only pointed to, but conclusively proved, that the forgeries which Careme was in the process of making when his premises were visited by the Paris police, were made at the request of, and at the instigation of the two defendants. The letters which had passed between the defendants and Careme made it perfectly plain that they gave Careme minute directions with regard to the manufacture of the stamps. They had it that the paper on which the stamps were to be printed was being selected with great care by Lowden and

Harmer, and sent out to France for the purpose, that they gave directions regarding the perforation, colour, the size, and even as to the border of the stamps in order that they should be printed like the genuine. He submitted that they had got it perfectly plain, that Careme, the forger, was forging these stamps solely at the dictation of the two defendants, one of whom when in the witness box referred to Careme, possibly by a slip of the tongue as "My man in Paris." They heard that day for the first time the story of the defendants, as to Careme telling them that he had got the original plates from which he printed the stamps.

The real issue, therefore, for the jury was, did they believe that the defendants innocently gave instructions to Careme to print all these stamps, which, in fact, were forgeries, because they were deceived by Careme's statement, that he had the authority of the North Borneo Company, which was implied in his purchase of the plates; or did they disbelieve that story? Neither of the defendants had suggested that they could have any answer to the charge, if they knew that Careme had not got the original plates. Examining the evidence bearing on the point Mr. Humphreys said that the story was that Careme made a statement to the effect that he had got the original plates from the Borneo Company. Without making any further inquiries, according to the story of the defendants, they gave Careme orders to print these stamps, and obviously from the time they gave the order there was constant communication by letter between Careme and the two defendants in London. A significant fact which he asked the jury to remember was that not one single letter had been produced written to Careme prior to the raid on his premises, and he (counsel) thought it was not unfair to assume that there was not one syllable in those letters that would support the story that the defendants had told in the box. In the one case, where they were told that Careme had bought plates from the Dominion of Hayti, they did find in the letters that careful inquiries were made on behalf of the defendants from him before they would give him an order to print them some Hayti stamps. Lowden agreed that if he had known that the 1887 stamps were still current, it would have been preposterous for Careme to have told him that story, and for him to have believed it, as of course it was obvious that the North Borneo Company would not sell to a dealer plates which would carry the right to reproduce stamps which could be used for revenue and postage in their own territory. Lowden was therefore forced to say that he thought the issue was demonetised. He (Mr. Humphreys) left it for the jury to say how much value they attached to that evidence.

Dealing with the statutory declaration by Lowden on behalf of Careme, learned counsel said it was important to remember that there was not a syllable in it from beginning to end to bear out the story which they had told in the box. If Careme had told them that he had got the original plates, why did he want Lowden to make a statutory declaration to assist him? It would have been perfectly simple for Lowden to have said to Careme, "You are not a forger; you have simply printed the stamps from the original plates." In the statutory declaration Lowden said that the stamps were bought as genuine reprints. How could that be, in face of the letter, by Harmer to Careme, in which, according to his own version, he told him (Careme) that he was printing the stamps so that they appeared "too newly printed." If the defendants were dealing in genuine reprints, why not let them honestly look like what they were reprints made in the year 1908. What was the necessity for making them look old, unless it was to pass them off as stamps of the original genuine issue, which every stamp dealer, and possibly many stamp collectors, knew for all practical purposes had ceased to be produced by the North Borneo Company for the past fourteen years. With regard to the statement that they were sold as genuine reprints, learned counsel was astonished to hear, according to Lowden, that it was the custom in the trade to give people their money back if they complained, although the seller knew that the stamps were perfectly genuine. He should have thought that the proper attitude for the defendants to have taken, when objection was taken to the stamps, instead of returning the money would have been to have declined to do so, if, as they said, they were selling them as genuine reprints. He suggested that the reason why they did return the money to Mr. Brown was because they were nervous of any enquiry being made as to their share in the production of these forged stamps. They had it from Mr. Brown and Mr. Acland, that they had no suspicion that the stamps they were buying were reprints, and that if they had known, they would not have dealt with them. The jury had it in evidence that these stamps, in large quantities, were being sold by Careme at something under a 3d. a set, and they were being sold as they knew from the sheets which had been produced

at 1s. 6d. per set, subject to a 50% discount, which meant 9d. in cash. They did not want better evidence than that of the temptation to do this sort of thing, because if those forged stamps could be dealt with in hundreds of thousands at that price, the seller was obviously making a very handsome profit.

In conclusion, learned counsel drew the attention of the jury to the provisions of the Post Office Protection Act, under which one of the indictments was framed, and contended that a clear case had been made out against the defendants.

The Judge: Supposing the defendants honestly believed that these were stamps produced from plates which had been sold by the North Borneo Company, would the charge still be made out?

Mr. Humphreys: No. If, as responsible men, they believed that Careme was in possession of the original plates, which he had obtained from the North Borneo Company, I agree that that would carry with it the right to use these plates, and therefore they would not be defrauding persons by selling the stamps.

The Judge: In that case do you think it would still be an offence against the Post Office Act?

Mr. Humphreys: No, I don't think it would.

Mr. Curtis Bennett, addressing the jury on behalf of Lowden, said the real point for them to consider was:—did they, or did they not, believe that the defendants might have thought that Careme had in fact got the plates of the 1887 issue? That, in a nutshell, was really the whole of the case which they had got to consider.

He submitted that when a prisoner went into the witness box he was just as much entitled to be believed as any witness for the prosecution. Dealing with the question as to whether the defendants were justified in thinking that Mr. Parker was the agent for the North Borneo Company, he said the evidence was not disputed that Harmer introduced Parker to Lowden first of all as the agent of the North Borneo Company. Mr. Forbes, in the box, had told them that upon occasions the Company had specially reprinted to the order of Parker, and he asked the jury to say that the defendants were entitled to believe, that in fact Mr. Parker was the agent of the Company. They had evidence, too, that Mr. Parker had very large quantities of these Borneo stamps, and could get them reprinted. One thing which had puzzled him very much in the case was what were genuine reprints. Mr. Forbes told them that genuine reprints were genuine stamps, and he went so far as to say, where the stamps which were printed, even if that particular issue had not been demonetised, it had been given up as far as sending out to Borneo for postage purposes were concerned, that the printing of stamps specially for sale to dealers and the cancellation of such stamps in the offices of the Company in London were genuine postage stamps. He (Mr. Bennett) was perfectly prepared to accept that. He was bound to say however that he had always understood that genuine postage stamps for the purpose of a collection were stamps that had in fact been properly cancelled, and not cancelled in an office by clerks in their own time. One certainly imagined until this case began that genuine stamps for the purpose of a collection, were stamps which had at some time or other, been actually in circulation, and not stamps which had been printed simply for the purposes of sale to collectors. He asked the jury whether they were prepared to draw any distinction between stamps printed to the order of Parker of the British North Borneo Company by plates, and cancelled by clerks in their overtime, and these stamps which had been specially printed from genuine plates by somebody else. He submitted that both stamps were in precisely the same position. If that was so, then, if the defendants believed that the plates were the genuine plates of the North Borneo Company, they were entitled to have them reprinted, and entitled to sell them in precisely the same way as they sold the stamps that they had obtained from Mr. Parker. In considering the story told by the defendants, it was important to remember that except for printer's waste they were unable to obtain from Parker any of the 1887 issue. That too was one of the greatest things in favour of the prisoners, when they looked at their evidence, because it must have struck them as curious that they could not obtain the 1887 issue except in the shape of printer's waste. Remembering that they could not obtain these stamps from Mr. Parker, was it such an extraordinary thing that they believed Careme when he told them that he had in fact got the original plates? He submitted that the contract was entered into in perfect good faith by the defendants, and all the instructions that they had sent out to him in regard to the careful printing of the stamps was perfectly consistent with the truth of their story. He did not know whether it had struck the jury, but it was important to remember that in not one single instance

did they find the defendants giving instructions to Careme as to the way in which the stamp was to be made—in not one single letter was anything said as to the design of the stamp. He submitted that the conduct of the defendants throughout had been that of perfectly honest people, and there was one thing which stood out prominently in regard to that particular point. They found that when the defendants got back from the bank, the cheques that they had paid to Careme instead of destroying them, as they would have done, if they had been people arranging forgeries, they pasted them back into the counterfoil of their cheque book, and those cheque books were the first things to be found when the premises were searched. They also had entries in the cash book of payments to Careme. Was it likely that that would be the sort of conduct of men who were clever and wholesale forgers of stamps. With regard to the non-production of the letter books containing the letters from the defendants to Careme prior to the proceedings in France, they had had it from Miss Neumann that in fact she had copied every one of the letters into the press copy letter book. He asked the jury to say that the two defendants had honestly thought that they had got possession of genuine reprints, and that it would be unsafe to convict them.

Mr. Frampton then addressed the jury on behalf of Harmer.

He said he agreed with Mr. Travers Humphreys that the real position was this—if they believed the two defendants were told by Careme and they believed Careme when he told them that he possessed the plates which had originally been used at the instance of the North Borneo Company, and if they believed the stamps sent to them by Careme were produced by those plates, then they had committed no offence. The whole case hinged upon that. He (counsel) submitted that not a scrap of evidence had been produced by the prosecution or elicited in the cross examination of the defendants to throw doubt upon their story. Because Lowden had not produced the letter book containing all the correspondence with Careme, the learned counsel for the prosecution was asking the jury to draw the inference that the letters had been got rid of, but his learned friend was forgetting the letters which he read the previous day from Careme to Lowden between Dec. 30th of last year and March of this year, in which Careme finding himself in difficulties in Paris was attempting to build up some sort of a case for himself and for the first time in any correspondence was making the suggestion that he was a *facsimile* printer and was not a printer from the original plates. Those letters, which had never before come to the knowledge of the defence, told against Lowden if his story was not true, but did he destroy them? He did not. Counsel for the prosecution complained that the conversation which the defendants had with Careme and Gay was not found in the correspondence—but why should it have been repeated in letters? The interview took place in November, 1907, and the order was given then and there for the printing from the North Borneo plates. He asked the jury to say that the fact that they could not get the 1887 issue from the official source would lead the defendants to believe that the plates were not in the possession of the Company. Parker could get reproductions of the other issues, but not of the 1887—why should the defendants not assume that the only reason was because the Company or the printers, or someone else, had done what many other Governments and Companies had done, viz., parted with those particular plates? Regarding the conversation between Lowden and Acland he (Mr. Frampton) suggested that the latter had given a mistaken account of it and they would remember that when Lowden wrote to Mr. Brown, he said: "you are probably not aware that there are many reprints of this issue." That did not help the prosecution, but it was ample corroboration of the story told by the defendants that they were selling the stamps as reprints and that they believed Careme had the plates from which he was supplying them. He further submitted that as regards the price at which the stamps were sold, the evidence was all in favour of their being sold as reprints. Again, if the defendants were the forgers the prosecution made them out to be, why did they only forge the low values and not the higher? He submitted that their story was true, but there was no doubt that they had been imposed upon by Careme. There was no doubt that Careme did not have the plates, because they had had it in evidence that they were either in the possession of Blades, East & Blades, or the North Borneo Company. He therefore asked the jury to say that neither of the defendants had been guilty of any criminal offence.

His Lordship, in summing up the case to the jury, said he did not propose to go into the evidence at any length—all he wanted to see was that the jury clearly understood the question they had to try.

The defendants, his Lordship said, were charged with conspiring together to do something which was unlawful. It was not disputed by the defence that the two men were working together, and it was quite clear from first to last that they had acted together throughout the transaction. What the jury had to consider was whether they were working together to do something which was unlawful. What was the history of the case? It seemed that large numbers of people were in the habit of buying and selling stamps. Then it seemed that in 1908, forged North Borneo stamps were found on the market. By some means or other the French police, acting on information received, descended upon Rème Careme's place, where they found a factory going on for making these particular North Borneo stamps. They found the plates, they found his printers, they found the stones, and they found the stamps some just finished and some in process of being finished. It was obvious that a man in that position would not make stamps unless he had got somebody to dispose of them and the question was, who was the person or persons who were employing Careme? On the premises letters were found from the two defendants showing that they were corresponding with Careme; they found letters in which they gave instructions about the colour, the perforation, and the size of the stamps, and letters showing that money had been paid for them. The result as it turned out proved that the stamps were being printed for the defendants. When the English police came into the matter it had also been proved that large quantities of these stamps were found at 20 Villiers Street, where the two defendants had been carrying on business. It was also proved that they had sold the stamps. From all these facts it was clear that they had instructed the forger to make these stamps; that they had paid him for doing it; that they had given him certain directions in regard to the work, and that they had received the stamps, from all of which the jury would be justified in inferring that they did this unlawfully, knowing that the stamps were fictitious. If the matter stood alone the jury would be entitled—if they thought that was a fair inference to draw—to infer that they had a criminal part in the affair. To that the defendants said in effect, "We are not criminals in this matter; we were ourselves taken in; we were beguiled by this man, Careme, who told us that he had got the original plates and that he was in a position to produce the stamps from those plates." Assuming that to be true, he (the Judge) daresay that the defendants were willing to be beguiled, because they were, by their contract with Parker, establishing control over all the North Borneo stamps. Parker had not got any of these particular issues, and he did not seem to have been in a position to supply them, and, therefore, by getting these stamps from Paris, the defendants might have made their list of Borneo stamps complete. Unfortunately they had not Careme before them to actually state what did take place, but the two defendants had given their version. Then it might be said that, even assuming that the story of the defendants was true, and that they believed they were getting impressions from the original prints, that did not quite clear them, because they were going to sell the stamps as original stamps—stamps that had been in circulation. That was the reason why he (the learned Judge) asked Mr. Travers Humphreys to say whether he would go so far as to say, that presuming the defendants believed that they were getting legitimate impressions, he would still say that there was a conspiracy. However, the prosecution did not go as far as that. It was for the jury to consider whether the story of the defendants was one that they would be disposed to accept. First of all, why should those plates be in Paris? It was said that there were some instances of Companies and States parting with their plates. When that came to be looked at, the States that had been parting with their plates were not States of the highest responsibility or respectability. One was Venezuela, where revolutions were constantly taking place, and then it was also said that from Hayti plates had been sold. Undoubtedly there were instances where plates had been sold, but North Borneo was a British possession, and one would not expect them to be in the habit of selling their plates when they were current. This particular issue was current in a sense, although the stamps did not appear to be in current issue, but they had not been demonetised in the sense that they were no longer a legal tender. That was how the thing stood. The defendants stated they honestly believed that Careme had got the plates, and they therefore thought it was fair and reasonable to have impressions made from them. The defendants said that they had acted *bona-fide* in the matter, and it was rather a pity that the letters which had been referred to had not been produced. If the

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jury accepted their statement they would probably be of opinion that the case had not been made out. On the other hand if they inferred that the defendants were knowingly doing what they knew to be unlawful they would of course find them guilty. The broad issue was whether the jury believed the explanation of the defendants, and whether they thought, bearing that explanation in mind, there was an illegal conspiracy; and of course they must remember that in a criminal charge the prosecution was expected to make out their case. Mr. Frampton had very properly said that every man who was prosecuted was entitled to the benefit of the doubt. He thought that broadly they must find the prisoners

either guilty or not guilty on the whole of the indictment, without dividing any particular count one way or another. In conclusion his Lordship said he thought there was something to be said in favour of what Mr. Frampton had drawn attention to, that the instructions given in the letters to Careme were all in regard to colour, size and perforation, instructions which might be necessary if the stamps were going to be printed from old plates.

After an absence of about five and twenty minutes the jury returned into court with a verdict of "Not Guilty" in regard to both the defendants, and they were accordingly discharged.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

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THIRTY-SEVENTH ISSUE.

JULY 18TH, 1896.

In connection with the unveiling of the statue of Suarez, the General Postal Direction circulated the following decree:—

"Montevideo, 13th July, 1896.

"By order of the Direction there will be placed in circulation a special issue of postage stamps of the values to be designated later. These stamps will be withdrawn from circulation on August 26th, and consequently will have no postal value from that date. Those who still hold the stamps after that time may change them for current postage stamps down to September 30th of the present year."

The issue was placed on sale on the 18th July, 1896, the day of the inauguration of the statue erected to the great citizen, Suarez.

The series is composed of three values, each being of a special shape and design. The stamps were engraved and



THE SUAREZ COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

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The 1 centesimo, dark violet, centre black, bears the head of Suarez, with face clean shaven and the historic cravat.

The 5 centesimos, blue and black, a little larger in form, illustrates the full length figure of Suarez on the plinth of the statue, the right hand resting on a walking-stick, while beneath the left arm is carried a plumed three-cornered hat.

The 10 centesimos, carmine and black, largest stamp of the three, shows the monument as a whole.

All the stamps are printed on white paper and perforated 15.

Varieties:—Some imperforate copies are known, emanating either from the supply of proofs or from sheets which were not passed through the perforating machine.

THIRTY-EIGHTH ISSUE.

MARCH 1ST, 1897.

The postal administration published the following notice:

"Montevideo, February 24th, 1897.

"The stock of stamps of 1, 5 and 10 centesimos being very limited, the General Postal Direction, acting under authority, has decided on March 1st next to make a provisional issue of postage stamps. Accordingly the 1, 5, and 10 centesimos

issued on July 18th, 1896, in commemoration of the monument to Suarez, will be placed in circulation with a red surcharge, 'Provisorio, 1897.'

The surcharge consisted of the words "Provisorio, 1897" arranged in a circle. It was the same for the 1 and 5 centesimos, but for the 10 centesimos the word "Provisorio" only was used in the circular formation, the date "1897" being placed horizontally at the base.



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Victoria, splendid set of 15, ½ to 1/-, and 4 Unpaid	1	3
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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

Postmaster-General Shackleton.

FROM the full text of the report of Lieut. E. H. Shackleton, as Postmaster of King Edward VII. Land, addressed to the Right Hon. Sir Joseph Ward, Postmaster-General of New Zealand, I make the following extracts:—

The first mail opened in the Antarctic, brought from New Zealand by the *Nimrod* contained 1,510 letters, and 550 letters were despatched from the King Edward VII. Land Post Office, the *Nimrod* taking this mail when she returned after landing the shore party. All the letters passed through my hands as Postmaster, and were postmarked with the date-stamp provided for the purpose by your department.

I opened a branch of the Post Office on the inland plateau in latitude 88.5 south, longitude 162 east on January 7th, 1908. I considered this to be in the sphere of King Edward VII. Land, which connects with the plateau. I propose to forward you photographs showing the position at which the post office was first opened, the winter quarters from which the bulk of the letters were dispatched, and the branch office on the plateau.

Under the peculiar circumstances of this work, in my capacity as Postmaster, I found it necessary to widen the range of the post office from the portion of the Antarctic continent known as King Edward VII. Land to points between 450 miles and 800 miles distant. Some 2,000 letters passed through my hands, and I sold the bulk of the stamps to members of the little community. I have further to report that all registered letters for which addresses could not be found were returned to the head office in Christchurch, New Zealand. The many communications addressed to me as Postmaster were attended to as far as possible. I understand that the head office in Christchurch received instructions not to forward to the Antarctic a large number of letters which bore obviously fictitious addresses. On my return to New Zealand, I returned the date-stamp and seal to the head office, and also delivered over my records and receipts.

The italics are mine. It would be interesting to see some of those addresses. Evidently the gallant and enterprising Lieutenant has made the acquaintance of many practitioners of the playful art of "spoof." I am indebted, by the way, to Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, N.Z., for press cuttings bearing on this subject.

Is it an Old Story Re-dished?

UNDER the heading of "A Dowry of Postage Stamps," the Paris correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" tells the following story:—

The other day a small procession of French troopers triumph-

antly escorted a sergeant carrying two postage stamps. The story of the latter is interesting. The sergeant, belonging to the French contingent of the troops of occupation, arrived in Crete with a young Creole wife, whom he had married while he was serving in a French colony. She brought him no dowry in money, but a handsome marriage portion all the same, consisting of two postage stamps. These are rare specimens of Mauritian issues, and have been estimated by experts as worth £1,600. The sergeant was told that their value would increase, and instead of selling them he had them framed, and placed his treasure in a Cretan bank. As the time is approaching for the departure of the troops of occupation, he went to the bank with his wife to withdraw his deposit, and his comrades formed a procession to escort the couple carrying home their fortune in two postage stamps.

Very interesting; but what a suspicious resemblance does this story bear to the old, old fable of the philatelic matrimonial advertisement in which the would-be bride stipulated for a husband who could give her a "Post Office" Mauritius!

Chinese Coronation Stamps.

I CLIP the following from a copy of the "Japan Daily Mail" kindly sent me by Mr. W. D. Cameron:—

Philatelists will be interested to learn that the Chinese Authorities are issuing stamps to celebrate the coronation of the Emperor of China. The issue will take place at the end of July and the stamps will be of three kinds, namely, 2 sen, of which two millions will be issued, and 3 sen and 7 sen, of which one million each will be printed. Doubtless thousands of people will be found eager to buy these bits of paper, especially as they will bear a design which is said to be very attractive. In some future age few subjects will furnish greater food for merriment to philatelic historians than this philatelic craze of the 19th and 20th centuries.

So in future ages the hobby, or, as some of us are "crazed" enough to call it, the Science of Philately will become, in the words of W. S. Gilbert's Mikado,

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Of innocent merriment!

At least so thinks the "Daily Mail" of Japan; but they are not always infallible, these "Daily Mails"!

Philately in Cardiff.

IT is with very great regret that I learn of the resignation of several of the most prominent officers of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society, and I trust that this may not mean any interruption of the philatelic work so ably begun by a band of enthusiasts in Cardiff.

Meantime, I rejoice to hear that Mr. H. Perkins, who has already done so much to popularise stamp collecting in South Wales, has been lecturing on Orange River issues to the students of the Cardiff Higher Grade Schools.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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As a Bank Holiday intervenes before the next issue of the *Fortnightly*, we shall ask all advertisers and other correspondents to let us have copy for publication not later than Saturday next, July 31st, for our number dated August 7th.

Regarding our remarks in this column on "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," we have had a letter from Mr. W. Ward, Didsbury, from which we gather that the writer wishes it to be known that he was not responsible for the comments complained of. We have said nothing connecting Mr. Ward with the incident, but as he points out that he is well known to be a contributor to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," we gladly give publicity to his disclaimer.

We are gently reminded (presumably by a correspondent of Scottish birth or descent) that we occasionally commit what is in Scottish eyes the unforgivable sin of calling things "English" when they should be called "British." In common with other journalists we have generally yielded to the clamour of Caledonian critics in this connection, and we have used the word "British" whenever we decently could. There is a disposition, however, to push this sort of thing to the point of absurdity. Seriously, why "British"? The word, we take it, refers purely to matters appertaining to Great Britain—i.e., England, Wales and Scotland. But what about Ireland? The term "British stamps" is as well calculated to arouse the ire of an Irishman as the words "English stamps" are to give offence to a Scotsman. How shall we please everybody? Shall we speak of "the Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland?" and even if we do, shall we not risk giving offence to the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man?—to say nothing of Plucky Little Wales. Scotsmen, we think (much as we love them) are a trifle too touchy on this matter, and some of their more ardent spirits run grave risk of making themselves look ridiculous. So far as our own writings are concerned, we think it may be claimed that the *Fortnightly* never used the word "English" where the word "British" would be more appropriate. At the same time we may be permitted to state that the *S.C.F.* is an English journal, edited, printed and published by Englishmen in England. Its articles, moreover, are written in the English language. Surely we shall not be asked to describe it as the "British" language? But on one point we plead guilty: in the last *Fortnightly* we spoke of "an English summer." That was wrong, un-neighbourly and un-generous. In the matter of our world-famed weather we strongly feel that Scotland should not be left out in the cold, and in all future references to meteorological matters we shall certainly speak of the climatic conditions as "British."

Congratulations to our bright and useful little contemporary, the "British Philatelist," on the completion of its first volume. We think Messrs. Nissen & Co. ought really to call their paper the "British, Irish, Channel Islands and Isle of Man Philatelist," but of course that would make rather a cumbersome title. A strongly and neatly bound copy of Vol. I. of the "B.P." has just reached us, and makes a welcome addition to our bookshelf. Messrs. Nissen are supplying the bound volume at 3s. 6d., and binding covers may be had for 10d. each.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

U.S.A. IMPERFORATES seem to be getting cheaper. A dealer states that it is difficult to get used copies of 1 dollar U.S.A., 1909, save such as have been perforated with firms' initials.

½c. Argentine, 1899, seems curiously scarce.

200 reis Brazil, 1906, promises to become fairly common.

The new Austrian unpaids, with the exception of the 10h. value, seem difficult to get in any quantity as yet.

There is a pretty set of four Roumania 1907 Crown Prince type which is selling on the Continent at 6d. per set.

Roumania, 1908, 25, 40 and 50 bani, when well centred and clean, are good "penny" stamps.

The 1 mil. brown, O.H.H.S. Egypt, is perhaps a good stamp to get in quantity at present prices.

The 30 and 60 heller Austria, 1904, have recently risen considerably in price in certain quarters. The 40h. violet is also on the up grade, while the 20h., 1906, unicoloured, seems a better stamp than is usually supposed.

Colombia, 1904, ½c. to 10c. are interesting stamps to look for, being attractive and not dear.

According to the price lists current Belgian, with the label attached, are worth about three times more than the same stamps minus the label.

The recent catalogue prices (July 10th) for used Bosnia, 1906, 20 to 50h., seem very cheap.

A good field for investment lies in the gathering (in quantity) of such stamps as are likely to be affected by changing postal rates, such as 50c. Italy, 50 filler Hungary, 25, 35 and 50 kop. Russia, 15, 75 and 80 reis Portugal and above, 22½c. Holland, and similar. Fluctuations seem to occur among these semi-commons with a frequency that makes them a delightful study, and prices vary so widely in different places that the pursuit of them is as exhilarating as a game of hide and seek.

It is not always wisest, however, to take advantage of the cheapest quotation; a very low price may mean poor condition. A good price, if the stamps are obtained from a tried and reliable source, usually secures a better article than a venture whose chief attraction is the lowness of the figure. In these days, although an American paper hazards the surmise that the "condition crank" is expiring, everyone seems to have a preference for copies in fine condition, and this is as much the case among common stamps as it is among the rarer sorts.

The "S.C.F." as an Advertising Medium.

CONTRACTS are now being made for advertising in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for the season 1909—1910. Stamp dealers and others desiring special positions are invited to make early application.

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The Postage Stamps of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

I.—INTRODUCTION.

THE Solomon Islands, the most important and most remote of the large groups of the Pacific, were the first to be discovered and the last to be explored, if, indeed, islands of whose interiors practically nothing is known, can be said to have been explored.

In 1568 an expedition fitted out by the Spanish Government spent about six months among the islands and brought back to Peru an account of their discoveries, so carefully detailed and accurate that it is now possible, 341 years afterwards, to identify every harbour, islet and creek by which they passed. Yet though numerous expeditions afterwards set out to discover them, they were so completely lost to Europeans that in the course of two centuries geographers entertained serious doubts as to their existence and they were actually expunged from the Chart until they were re-discovered by Carteret (an Englishman) and Bougainville (a Frenchman) in the latter half of the 18th century. This is all the more remarkable when it is considered that the group consists of seven large islands and numerous small ones stretched like a net in the course of navigation in an almost unbroken line for about 700 miles. There is surely nothing in the history of maritime discovery more strange than the story of how the Isles of Solomon were discovered, lost, and found again.

In order to clearly understand how this came about it is necessary to go back to the beginning of the 16th century, when Spain was the paramount power in South America and when Spanish mariners were in the fore front among the undaunted navigators who explored the, then, unknown seas. On September 26th, 1513, Balboa saw the South Seas from the mountains of Panama and wading into it up to his middle he formally took possession of it and all the lands it might contain in the name of his sovereign Ferdinand of Spain. The report of this discovery created intense excitement in Europe and in 1520 Herrando Magellan was sent to find a way into the South Seas, which he did by the Strait which now bears his name.

It was the age of gold and to the Spaniards the whole of the unknown world was yellow and the numerous expeditions that sailed to the South Seas did so in the search for islands which were imagined to abound in gold. In 1567 an expedition left Peru, fitted out and commanded by Alvaro de Mendaña, in quest of "certain islands and a continent." The expedition consisted of two ships, the *Capitana* (250 tons) and the *Almiranta* (107 tons), which were fitted out at a cost of £2,000, while the armaments, provisions, and materials for founding a settlement cost the treasury a further sum of £12,000. The official excuse of the expedition was "to convert all infidels to Christianity," while the real motives were, as was usual at that period, conquest and spoliation.

It is difficult, even for those acquainted with the ocean misnamed the Pacific, to realize the danger of the enterprise. The brave navigators, in these two small vessels, were literally setting forth into the great unknown though it is to be feared they were actuated chiefly by the ignoble motive of "greed for gold." At least six members of the expedition wrote a description of the journey from their respective points of view and these manuscripts are still extant and translations of them may be found in a wonderfully interesting book on "The Discovery of the Solomon Islands," by Lord Anherst of Hackney. From these we learnt that after an adventurous voyage land was sighted on February 7th, 1567, this proving to be Ysabel Island, the most central of the Solomon group. Natives came off at once in vessels "shaped like a crescent moon" and it is interesting to note that canoes of the same type are used to this day and one of them forms the subject of the design of the postage stamps for this protectorate.

The Spaniards at once built a small vessel, with which

they explored most of the islands during the six months of their visit. To some extent this expedition left its worth on the language of the islanders for, it is interesting to note, some of the tribes of the hinterland still use words taken from the lips of the Spaniards more than three centuries ago!

The explorers held a "Parliament," at which it was decided not to settle in the islands, and early in August the homeward journey was commenced, and Mendaña reached Peru with the loss of only a third of the members of the expedition. The Spanish Government did not view the results with much enthusiasm, for instead of a rich continent within easy reach of Peru, Mendaña has discovered "only a detached group of islands, inhabited by barbarians, at an impracticable distance from any Spanish settlement. The islanders have changed little in their habits and customs from that day to this, having neither deteriorated nor become more civilised—a state of affairs that is quite contrary to all the theories of evolution.

Why these islands received their name it is impossible to say, but an ancient writer ingeniously averred that: "the discoverers of these islands named them the Isles of Solomon to the era that the Spaniards, supposing them to be those Isles from whence Solomon fetched gold to adorn the temple at Jerusalem, might be the more desirous to go and inhabit the same."

In 1585 Mendaña, in company with Quiros, again sailed in search of the Solomon Islands but found, instead, the Marquesas, and the group was not again visited by Europeans until they were re-discovered by Carteret during his explorations in the South Seas in 1766-69. Shortly afterwards the group was also re-discovered by the French navigator, De Bougainville, and, a few years later, Surville, another French explorer, annexed the group in the name of France. The islands were not settled, however, and though they were doubtless visited occasionally by trading vessels nothing is recorded of them until 1857, when they were visited by Bishop Patteson, of the Melanesian Mission. Then, in 1871, the Solomon Islands came under the baneful influence of the labour market, thousands of the natives being persuaded to hire themselves out for three years service in the cotton fields of Queensland. It is to be proved that most of the "hiring" amounted to raiding and after numerous outrages the natives retaliated by killing their captors whenever possible, and even, at times, massacring innocents, in the shape of the resident mission workers. It was in consequence of these labour troubles that in 1893 Britain declared a protectorate over the Solomon Islands to save the blacks from the whites, and the whites from the blacks. "Philanthropy, not profit, was her aim. In order to control the wildest savages of the Pacific and see fair play between them and the rough and ready labour traders throughout an archipelago, 1000 miles in length, she set up two Deputy Commissioners—one at Tulagi and one at Gizo."

GEOGRAPHICAL.

The Solomon Islands form a volcanic Archipelago in the Pacific, east of New Guinea and about 1,000 miles north-west of Fiji. Including the islands of Baku and Bougainville, which have been under German protection since 1886, the Solomons are twice the size of Fiji. The islands forming the British Protectorate are Choiseul, Ysabel, Mala, New Georgia, Guadalcanar and San Christoral, and numerous islets, the total area being about 8,500 square miles, while the population consists of 150,000 natives and about 110 whites. Since 1898, the Santa Cruz group and several other islands have been included in the Protectorate for administrative purposes. The natives are Papuans and Polynesians, and until quite recent years they were strongly addicted to cannibalism. Head-hunting was the leading "sport" and until the white man made his presence felt the inhabitants of the different

islands spent most of their time raiding one another for heads or slaves. In this respect the islets and islet-clusters were far worse offenders than their bigger neighbours. Sandalwood, ebony, coconut, sweet potatoes, and bananas all grow on the islands. The fauna is not extensive and is confined chiefly to rats and bats and a curious marsupial "opossum." Mr. Charles M. Woodford is the Resident Commissioner and the seat of Government is at Tulagi—a tiny islet of the Florida Isles which are between Mala and Guadalcanar.

The philatelic history of the Solomon Islands dates back but a few years. When the first post office was opened I cannot say, but some time prior to the issue of the first postage stamps, some of the then current stamps of New South Wales were on sale at the Resident Commissioner's

office, and were used for the prepayment of postage. In 1907 the first set of stamps appeared, these being somewhat roughly produced lithographs. This was due to the fact that the working of the post office was in an experimental stage, and the authorities did not wish to incur more expense than could be helped. The chief post office is at Tulagi, and sub-offices are established at Gizo, Shortlands and Garutu. This experimental issue was quite successful, and as postal development was gradual and satisfactory, it was decided to have a new set, in Postal Union colours, printed in London. These were issued in November, 1908. The New South Wales Government helps this protectorate by a subsidized mail, steamers from Sydney visiting the islands every month.

(To be continued in the next "Fortnightly," when illustrations will be given.)

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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(Continued from page 84).

THIRTY-NINTH ISSUE.

JUNE 21ST—SEPTEMBER 26TH, 1897.

The stock of Provisionals being nearly exhausted, the Administration gave orders for new printings of old types, and issued the following notice:—

"Montevideo, 19th June, 1897.

"By order of the General Direction, on the 21st instant will be placed in circulation a new issue of postage stamps comprising the following values:—

"Of the same types as those issued on the 5th October, 1895:—The 1 centesimo, blue, the 2 centesimos, violet, the 5 centesimos, green.

"There will be granted a period of 90 days for exchanging"—etc.

These stamps, as stated in the decree quoted above, are of the same type as the emission of 1895, only the colours are changed. Printed on white paper, perforated 15. There exist the following shades:—

- 1 cent., blue (Gaucho), bright blue, dark blue.
- 2 cent., violet (Theatre), pale violet, dark violet.
- 5 cent., green (Locomotive), dark green.

Varieties:—The 1 and 5 cents. are known without vertical perforation, and the 5 cent. imperforate horizontally.

Additional values, completing the series, appeared on September 26th of the same year, and included a new type of 10 centesimos. The following notice notified the public of the new emission:—

"Montevideo, 25th September, 1897.

"By order of the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs the public are notified that, on the 26th instant, there will be placed in circulation new postage stamps of the values of 7, 10, 20, 25, 50 centesimos, and 1, 2 and 3 pesos. A delay of 90 days for exchanging"—etc.

This issue completed the series, and the stamps being similar to those of October, 1895, except for the new 10 centesimos, it remains only to chronicle them as follows:—

- 7 centesimos (Bull's Head) orange.
- 10 " (New Type) vermilion, red-orange.
- 20 " (Ship) violet, black centre.
- 25 " (Justice) red, blue centre.
- 50 " (Mercury) green, brown centre.
- 1 peso (Arms) brown, blue centre.
- 2 pesos (San José Fort) bistre, rose centre.
- 3 " (Cathedral) lilac, carmine centre.

Variety:—25 centesimos without vertical perforation.

FORTIETH ISSUE.

SEPTEMBER 26TH—28TH, 1897.

By way of celebrating the end of the civil war and the re-establishment of peace throughout Uruguay, the Government ordered a provisional issue, described in the following decree:

"Montevideo, 23rd September, 1897.

"By order of the General Direction, it is made known to the public that to mark the restoration of peace, a special issue of postage stamps will be made during the three days of the National Fête, the 26th, 27th and 28th of September, 1897. The stamps will be those of the current issue bearing the words following, 'Paz, 1897,' with an olive branch.

"After the three days named these stamps will have no postal value."

The stamps employed for this provisional issue were the 1, 2, 5 and 10 centesimos of the 39th issue. The surcharge was composed of the word PAZ, with the date "1897" printed in the centre of the stamp, but slightly to the left, and also a branch of olive. We indicate below the number printed of each value.

1 cent. blue ...	150,000	5 cent. green ...	200,000
2 " violet ..	100,000	10 " vermilion	50,000

The surcharge is in red for the 1 cent., and in dark blue for the other values.

Varieties:—There were certain sheets the right-hand vertical row of which did not receive the overprint. Pairs are known, the one stamp having the surcharge and the other not. These are of great rarity. All the stamps of this issue are found with inverted surcharges.

FORTY-FIRST ISSUE.

JULY 25TH, 1898.

In consequence of a reduction in the postage for newspapers within the Republic, there were issued further provisionals, as announced in the following decree:—

"Montevideo, July 15th, 1898.

"From the 25th instant the Post Office will undertake the carriage of journals destined for the interior of the Republic on the application to each piece of the postage fee of a half-centesimo for each 100 grammes.

"In consequence there will be placed in circulation an issue of postage stamps with the inscription, 'Provisional, ½ centesimo,' overprinted in black on the 1 centesimo, blue, issue of 15th May, 1894."

The 1 cent. blue (gaucho type) was accordingly surcharged in black, in three lines:—

PROVISIONAL

½

CENTESIMO

There were printed of this provisional 460,000 stamps.

But the stock was insufficient for the purposes of the service, and on the 10th of August, 1898, the postal administrators decided to apply the same surcharge to the 1 centesimo, bistre, of 1895, which had been withdrawn from circulation.

The 1 cent. bistre (gaucho type) was therefore supplied with the same surcharge as the foregoing; but the number printed is not known.

The stock of this last provisional having also been rapidly exhausted, the same surcharge was applied, on October 13th, 1898, to the 1 cent., violet and black (Effigy of Suarez) of the issue of 1896. Some weeks later (November 8th, 1898) it was the turn of the 2 cent. blue (Theatre Solis) to receive the same surcharge.

(To be continued.)

The Pony Express of America.

BY HERBERT CLARK.

A Paper read before the Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society, on April 15th, 1909.

Who has not heard of the Pony Express? Its very name stood for quality of "do and dare" manhood on the part of the men who did the riding.

We think at once of desperate races for life with a band of Indians galloping after the pony and his rider, who bears the precious mails.

The stamps and franks used in the service are very little understood by the general body of collectors of the present day. Before looking at these stamps and franks, let us see what the circumstances were that led to their use.

When California was peopled mainly by men from the eastern seaboard cities of the United States, the means of their receiving home news and sending money to their friends was a desideratum beyond pecuniary consideration.

The Post Office Mails were sent by steamship from New York to Colon in Central America, and carried on mules across the Isthmus to Panama and thence by sea to San Francisco. I do not know the date the railway was built from Colon to Panama, but in 1859-60 the mails were carried across on mules. The only rival to this Government service was what is called "The Pony Express," or overland mail.

In this paper I propose to deal only with "The Pony Express," but to avoid mistake let me first point out that the first letter carrying Express was established in California by Todd & Bryan, in 1849. A very good account of this and other Californian Local Posts was published by the late Mr. E. L. Pemberton in 1871-2, in the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine." These posts must not be confounded with the overland mail or Pony Express, as it is popularly known. This began in the winter of 1859, or more probably early in 1860. It went from the western cities, such as St. Louis and St. Joseph (at that time mere settlements) over the prairie, desert and rocky mountains, to the fast growing towns, the mining camps and groups of sheds in what was then called the Golden State.

Passengers were carried in stage coaches, specially constructed for roads which no European would have called highways and these coaches carried mails as well as treasure. These coaches and the accidents that befel them are well known to us now in the stories of Bret Harte; such for instance as "Snowbound at Eagles" and his "Yuba Bill," is as fine a portrayal of a type as fiction can boast of. We are all familiar with descriptions of such scenes, but I think we never get tired of reading about them.

Suddenly at dead of night the coach stops on an ascent; "Get down," calls a voice from the darkness beside the road. The passengers descend; they know what is expected of them and how hopeless is resistance. Then, "Hands up!" They are searched, the mail bags rifled, the passengers told to step in again. "You've five minutes to wait," says one of the marauders to the driver, who dare not disobey, and so the highwaymen gallop off with their spoil. Or worse; suddenly a troop of Indians appear back on the horizon. For a time the coach struggles on in the useless race, and then the redskins have caught it up and are around whooping and yelling. It is butchery then and no quarter.

These were some of the perils beyond the natural ones of storm and villainous road, that the overland mail had to face. Consequently it is not strange that merchants and private individuals with letters of importance to transmit, hit on a somewhat safer method of transit and paid an extra fee to have their letters to go by Pony Express. It is not quite clear what letters were carried on the coaches, but I rather think they were letters emanating from the western settlements bordering on the unsettled country. The writers probably preferred the risk of transit by coach, to the long delay entailed in the journey back to New York and thence by sea, as I have already described.

The Pony Express letters were written on the thinnest possible "bank post" or "onion peel" paper, and were carried by riders from point to point relayed across the uninhabited region. They went regularly, notwithstanding the weather, yet it was weather with variations and such intensity that the Meteorological Bureau refused the evidence of those who experienced it. At Fort Benton in Montana, sixty degrees below zero has been recorded. Arctic weather indeed, and in the Arid Belt the heat and dryness would parch a water melon into a pea in an hour's exposure. Then there are rain and hail storms and snowfalls, land slides which leave a mountain bereft of a third of its altitude, sand storms of a peculiarly cutting kind, which wear away the granite and basalt rocks into honeycombed fretwork. Then there were prairie fires. These were sometimes started by emigrants who threw down pipe lights on a prairie covered with thousands of acres of grass, all dry as tinder, with the carelessness of a city dweller in a paved street. The Indians sometimes fired the grass to ensure young grass for the game. One writer refers to the rattlesnakes "that dart on horses and bite the rider; and insects that settle on him so that he enters the post house like an apiarian on whom the bees have swarmed."

However, men were eager to undertake the carrying of the mails, and the Express Company did not accept all applicants.

Buffalo Bill, who had found neither schooling nor farming to his taste, after a trip to Atchison as assistant to Wild Bill, who ran a supply train from Leavenworth for the Overland Stage Company, volunteered as a Pony Express Rider.

The waggon train contractor, Russell, gave him a letter of introduction to the notorious Alf Slade, the overseer and stage coach agent for the Julesberg and Rocky Ridge division of the main line.

Slade's headquarters were forty miles out West from Fort Laramie at Horseshoe, where Buffalo Bill found him, and presented the letter. Slade was a panther in human shape who had killed a dozen men or so in rough and tumble fights, most of these encounters with firearms, depending for success, we must bear in mind, on the excellence and condition of weapons, and the extreme celerity in bringing them to bear on the enemy. Slade examined the volunteer critically, deeming him too young for the work, which wore out great grown men rapidly, but finally took him on, since his record as "Buffalo Billy" was already current on the frontier. Billy was given a seventy mile trail, from Red Buttes on the North Plate River, to Three Crossings, on the Sweet Water, a very long track, but the young rider did not cavil. Before long he came through "on time" so certainly that his reputation began to expand in this new line. All the rider was asked to do was to come through on time; if he delivered his mail bag safely, it was little moment if he had bullets or arrows in him, or if the horse he rode was not the Company's, on which he left the last station. More than one Eastern merchant has commented upon his "advice" from a San Francisco business house being contained in an envelope cleft through cleanly and red stained, and has irritably condemned the Company, whose employées had dirty fingers and sharp thumbnails. It was the stab of a bowie knife or the point of an arrow and the red stain was a blood drop from a postboy's heart, that is all.

One day when Billy stopped at the station to hand over his mail to the next man, he found him dead, killed in some private affair, and he volunteered to ride out his run—only five and eighty miles in addition to his accomplished seventy-five. Moreover he got in ahead of the scheduled time and thereupon turning back reached Red Buttes in due time; a ride without rest of three hundred and twenty odd miles at an average of fifteen miles an hour. The Company awarded him a purse of gold for this feat and he was esteemed The "Boss"

or foremost of their riders, a high recompense in fame after only a few months in riding.

ARRIVAL OF THE PONY.

The night of April 13th-14th, 1860, was long remembered in San Francisco, it being the occasion of a great public demonstration upon the arrival of the first Pony Express. A general committee had been appointed by the Chamber of Commerce to have charge of the celebration, and the affair was worked up on the plan of a Fourth of July celebration with music, fireworks, public speaking and a procession, the central feature of which was the "Pony," a bay horse with a Spanish saddle, decorated with flowers, and the machillas fitted with letters brought overland for San Francisco delivery, sixty in number. At Sacramento resolutions were adopted in both Senate and Assembly to celebrate the arrival of the Pony Express, and the messenger was met at Brighton by the German Hussars and a hundred horsemen and escorted into the city; in fact, it was an ovation at every point reached. One orator of the day is reported as follows: "One by one the chains of darkness and the desert are broken, and we are brought nearer and nearer to our brethren on the other side of the continent. American life is a continuous revolution of business activity and national progress, and revolutions never go backward. One of our most glorious advances of late is the Pony Express; its achievements will be famous throughout the world. Wherever men think, and books are read, there the Pony Express to California will be heard of. Honour to the men who planned it. The day of the ox team, which required four or five months' time to make the journey from the Missouri to the Sacramento, has passed away."

From that time to the present day the fame of the Pony Express has been sustained, and the exploits of its riders written and rewritten, but in the philatelic world there exists a misapprehension of the historical facts surrounding this most famous of American locals that it is the present object to set aright.

It is popularly supposed that Wells, Fargo & Co. started the original Pony Express, but such is not the case. Wells, Fargo & Co. operated the Pony Express in 1861, but with that of 1860 they had nothing to do.

John S. Jones, a Government freighter, and William H. Russell (of the firm of Russell, Majors & Waddell, also Government freighters to Salt Lake in 1857-58), started an Express and Stage line between Scavenworth and Denver via the Smoky Hill route, in the spring of 1859, and which they operated during that summer. The following winter the firm was re-organized, absorbing the John Hockaday line operated between St. Joseph's and Salt Lake City, and was styled "The Central Overland California and Pike's Peak Express Company," with William H. Russell as President. This is the Company that organized and operated the original Pony Express of 1860. William W. Finney was made agent at San Francisco. His office was with the Alta Telegraph Company on Montgomery Street. After months of preparation in establishing stations, procuring riders and relays of horses, at last on April 3rd, 1860, at 4 o'clock p.m. the first Express was simultaneously despatched from both ends of the run—San Francisco and St. Joseph.

The following advertisement from the "Evening Bulletin" of April 1st, 1860, is an official record of the established rates of postage, it being understood they carried nothing whatever but letters.

"The Central Overland Pony Express Company will start their letter express from San Francisco to New York and intermediate points on Tuesday, April 3rd.

"Letters will be charged, between San Francisco and Salt Lake City, \$3.00 for each half ounce and under, and at that rate according to weight. To all points beyond Salt Lake City \$5.00 for each half ounce and under, and at that rate according to weight. All letters must be enclosed in stamped envelopes.

"Wm. W. FINNEY, Agent, San Francisco."

In this connection the term "stamped envelopes" does not mean, as at the present time, the envelopes made by the Government, but that all letters offered for transmission

should be prepaid with the government rate of postage, an adhesive stamp on the envelope being included in the term stamped envelopes.

No adhesive stamps were prepared or used by this Company, either for sale to the public or for the purpose of collecting postage. Hand stamps were placed in use at both ends of the line, following the usual custom of Western expresses at that time.

This service was stopped by the storms of winter. When it started anew in the spring of 1861 it had changed proprietors and was operated by the "Overland Mail Company," by authority of an Act of Congress.

The cost of establishing and maintaining the Pony Express was enormous. Relays of horses were kept at each station, and riders employed at every third station. As the country produced nothing at that time, all provisions and supplies had to be hauled by waggon from the Missouri River, Utah or California.

The newspapers were its principal patrons. The California Press depended entirely upon the Pony Express for news, until the completion of the Overland Telegraph Line in 1861.

The letters were wrapped in oil silk for protection against wet, but that did not avail when swimming swollen streams. On one occasion the rider was shot and scalped, the horse escaping with the mails, and months afterwards they were found and the enclosed letters forwarded to their destinations.

The Express carrying the news of Abraham Lincoln's election went through from St. Joseph to Denver, 665 miles, in two days and twenty-one hours. The distance from St. Joseph to Sacramento was about 1900 miles and was covered in eight days.

The pony rider was usually a little bit of a man, brimfull of spirit and endurance. No matter what time of day or night his watch came on, or whether it was winter or summer, or a howling storm, or the trail was beset with hostile Indians, or over dizzy mountain heights, he must always be ready to leap into the saddle and be off like the wind. Both horse and rider went flying light, the rider carried no arms but a revolver, and nothing that was not absolutely necessary. He rode a splendid horse that was born for a racer, with a skeleton saddle, lightly shod or not at all. There were about eighty riders in the saddle all the time, night and day, stretching in a long, scattered, fleeting procession from Missouri to California, forty flying eastward and forty to the west, using some four hundred horses continually.

Let us go back some forty-nine years and stand beside the trail somewhere on the level stretches of the Platte River Valley and see the Pony Express rider pass. All eyes are strained in the direction indicated by the trail. Presently someone says: "Here he comes!" Every eye is strained. Away across the rolling prairie a black speck appears against the sky; it is plain that it moves. In a minute or two it resolves itself into a horse and rider. Nearer and nearer, now the clatter of the hoof beats come faintly to the ear; another minute a whoop and a hurrah from us, a wave of the rider's hand, and man and horse flash past and go swinging away like the belated fragment of a storm.

Very little appears to be recorded about the perils of the man who kept the lonely stations on the route and cared for the tired horses and men. When the Indians were hostile, their lot must have been as perilous as that of the riders. Evidently the Express Company could not keep a force of men at each station, and probably in most cases only one man was kept at each station. He would know the time when to expect the next rider.

Barring floods, accidents, and all-round cataclysms, the ponies usually made schedule time as closely as the railroad trains of to-day. As a result, at the appointed minute, the station keeper had the relay horse saddled and bridled and stood with him out in the middle of the road, with the horse faced in the proper direction, so that when the incoming rider galloped up he had simply to grab his mail pouch, slip out of the saddle to the ground, hurriedly mount the fresh steed, and be off like the wind.

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ONE PENNY.

The Postage Stamps of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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II.—THE FIRST ISSUE.

The first postage stamps for this Protectorate were issued early in 1907. The set consisted of seven different values— $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{2}$ d., 5d., 6d., and 1/-—all of the same design, and similar in size and shape to the stamps of British New Guinea. In the centre is a lagoon on which a native canoe, manned by numerous natives, is shown. At each end of this canoe, groups of palm trees appear, and there are two mountains in the background. At the top, "BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS PROTECTORATE" is shown in white letters on a curved coloured tablet, while at the base is "POSTAGE," and on each side of this are ornamented discs on which the value is shown in figures in white on solid circles of colour. The upper spandrels are filled with horizontal parallel lines, at each end of the name tablet are ornamental scrolls, in the outer borders are leaves, and the space between the bottom of the central oval and "Postage" is filled with rows of conventional ornamentation. The whole is enclosed in a single-line border.

METHOD OF PRODUCTION.

The stamps were produced by lithography of no very high class. The design was, I believe, suggested by Mr. Woodford and the stamps were manufactured in Sydney, though by whom I have been unable to find out.

There was, of course, a separate lithographic stone for each value and, as is so often the case with stamps produced by lithography, the stones were made up not from a number of single transfers from the original die but by means of transfers in strips from an intermediate stone for each value. By means of certain small defects and differences we are able to tell how many of these single transfers composed each of the strips in question. The $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. values were transferred in horizontal strips of three thus: 1 | 2 | 3 while all the other values were transferred in strips of six, viz:—

1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6

We thus get three minor varieties or types of two values and six similar varieties of five values, and in the following notes I have endeavoured to describe the distinguishing points of each of these. In some values the points of

difference are exceedingly minute, while in the case of the 5d. they are all very apparent.

In addition to these types there are flaws on certain stamps on the sheet, by means of which we can always determine the positions of these particular specimens. Probably it would not be an impossible task to plate some of the values, but in the following notes I only describe those stamps on which the flaws are fairly conspicuous. Except in the case of those varieties marked with an asterisk, I have been able to establish the fact of the "permanence" of these



THE 2d. VALUE, SHOWING MARGINAL NUMBER.

flaws by examining at least two entire sheets or corresponding portions of sheets of each value, and in this connection I must acknowledge my indebtedness to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., Mr. D. Field, and Mr. W. H. Peckitt for kindly placing their stocks of these stamps at my disposal.

SIZE OF SHEETS.

The stamps were all printed in sheets of sixty arranged in ten horizontal rows of six. A space of about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. divides the rows of stamps horizontally, while the space between the vertical rows is about $1\frac{1}{2}$ mm. Each horizontal row in the $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. values consisted of two transfers of the strips of three types, while in the other denominations each horizontal row is composed of one of the strips of six types. Thus the stamps in each vertical row on the sheets of every value are of the same type.

PAPER.

The paper on which these stamps are printed is fairly thick wove, of soft texture, and it has a slight yellowish tinge. It is quite devoid of watermark of any sort. The gum is fairly thick, smooth, and of a particularly shiny character.

PERFORATION.

The perforation is one of the most interesting points about these stamps, and it provides varieties which I do not think have yet been noticed—at any rate, I have seen no mention of them in any philatelic journal. The perforation was performed by two single-line machines, and while the product of both of these gauges the same—i.e., 11—the holes by the two machines are very different. For convenience of reference I designate these two varieties as A and B, and their individual characteristics are as follows:—

Perf. A. Large holes, fairly clean cut.

Perf. B. Small holes, very rough.

Most of the values show a compound perf. of A and B and, curiously enough, I have never found any of the stamps entirely perforated by the large hole machine. This large perforation is, with one exception, to which I shall refer shortly, always shown between the vertical rows of a sheet and never horizontally. There was a broken needle at one end of this machine, with the result that a "blind" hole or slight indentation of the paper is shown, where it should have removed the usual circular piece of paper. In all the sheets of the ½d. and 1d. values I have seen this blind perf. occurs between the stamps on the lower row on the first six vertical rows of perforation counting from the left, but on the seventh row (the one at the extreme right-hand side of the sheet) it occurs near the top. This apparently shows that the machine would not take a whole sheet, and the sheets therefore had to be turned round to take the last row of perforations necessary for their completion.

Judging from the sheets I have been able to examine the normal perforations of the several values seems to be as follows:—

½d. blue	B×A
1d. carmine	B×A
2d. indigo	B×A
2½d. orange	B
5d. emerald-green	B
6d. chocolate	B×A
1/- bright purple	B

In addition to these I have seen the 6d. perf. B only.

Another fact worth noting is that on all the sheets of the ½d., 1d. and 2d. values (at least, on all I have examined) the top horizontal row of perforation is from machine A while all the other horizontal rows were produced from machine B.

In the case of the small-holes perforation this was, as often as not, performed with the sheets face downwards, so that the rough edges of the perforation show on the face of the stamps.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. have shown me an interesting sheet of the ½d. value, in which all the vertical rows of perforation are double except the one in the centre of the sheet. In each case one of these rows consists of the large holes, and the other of the small holes perforation. It is evident that the sheet was first run through the small holes machine, and the perforation was so badly done—the lines being at irregular intervals, and the central row of holes omitted altogether—that, in order to remedy these defects, it was decided to re-perforate the sheet, and the second rows of perforation were applied on the large holes machine. In this particular sheet *all* the horizontal rows, including the one at the top of the sheet, show the small-holes perforation. I have also seen a block of six of the 1d. from the right-hand side of the sheet, in which the vertical row of perforations at the right is double, but both of these are from the large-holes machine. This is simply a curiosity, of little philatelic interest, but the doubly-perforated ½d. stamps are at least of the same importance as the "mixed" perforation varieties of New Zealand.

I have seen a sheet of the ½d. with the horizontal row of perforation omitted from the left hand side of the sheet and

a sheet of the 2½d. has been found with the line of perforation omitted from the right.

Mr. W. H. Peckitt has shown me a vertical pair of the 2d. imperforate between, and I understand that there are only six similar pairs in existence, a horizontal row of perforations being omitted from one sheet. Similar pairs of the 6d. may also be found due to the omission of the perforation between the third and fourth horizontal rows of stamps on one sheet.

The perforation is, as a rule, very badly done, so that well centred copies are difficult to obtain.

MARGINAL VARIETIES.

There are no plate numbers on the margins of the sheets but in the top right-hand corner a serial number, referring to the number of sheets printed, is shown in black. The series commenced at "1" for each value and the sheets were numbered consecutively.

In the left-hand margin of each sheet, reading upwards, one of the following inscriptions, varying, of course, according to the value, appears:—

"Sixty Stamps at One Halfpenny."

"Sixty Stamps at One Penny."

"Sixty Stamps at Two Pence."

"Sixty Stamps at Two Pence Halfpenny."

"Sixty Stamps at Five Pence."

"Sixty Stamps at Six Pence."

"Sixty Stamps at One Shilling."

These inscriptions extend along most of the margin and as they were drawn on the printing stones they are in the same colours as the stamps.

There is a roughly drawn cross in the centre of the top margin on the sheets of the 2d. and 6d. values, but on all the others this margin is quite plain.

The top and bottom margins are always narrower than those at the sides and of the side margins the right-hand one is always the wider.

SHADES.

There are no striking differences of colour in any of the stamps for there was, I believe, only one printing of this issue and the whole supply was despatched to the Solomon Islands at the same time. Most of the values, however, may be found in pale and deep shades.

NUMBERS PRINTED.

The total supply of these stamps printed consisted of 1000 sheets each of the ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d. values and 500 sheets each of the 5d., 6d. and 1/- denominations so that the actual numbers despatched to the Protectorate were:—

½d. blue	60,000
1d. carmine	60,000
2d. indigo	60,000
2½d. orange	60,000
5d. emerald-green	30,000
6d. chocolate	30,000
1/- bright purple	30,000

How many of these were actually sold I cannot say, for when the set was replaced by the new engraved issue all the remainders were burnt. It seems tolerably certain that all the ½d., 1d. and 2d. stamps were sold and probably the bonfire made by the remainders of the other values was not a very large one. Although the average monthly mail despatched to places abroad from this Protectorate is said to consist of 1000 letters and there is also a certain inter-island correspondence, the majority of the stamps of this issue were imported by stamp dealers. Genuinely used copies are undoubtedly scarce.

THE TYPES.

In the foregoing notes I referred to the fact that there are types of all the values, varying according to the number of transfers on the intermediate stones from which the printing stones were made, and I give below the points of difference by means of which these types may be identified. The plan I have adopted is to treat each value separately, first describing the types and then giving a list of the most conspicuous flaws that may be found on each sheet. I do not wish it

to be inferred that I consider all the latter are "collectible" varieties but some at any rate, cannot altogether be ignored by the specialist.

THE ¼D. VALUE.

There are three types of the ¼d. value, the transfers consisting of horizontal strips of three impressions. There are thus two of these strips in each horizontal row and the appearance of the sheets is as follows:—

1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3

No. 10.—There is a small white dot under the "R" of "BRITISH."

No. 11.—The letters "RI" of "BRITISH" are joined at the base.

No. 12.—There is an uncoloured flaw on the inner frame line on the right opposite the scroll at the end of the name tablet.

No. 13.—There is a large white dot over the "S" of "SOLOMON" and a flaw in front of the "2" of "¼" in the left-hand disc.

No. 14.—A white flaw at the base joins the two legs of the second "K" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 15.—There is a small white dot above the "L" of "ISLANDS."

No. 16.—A small white dot is attached to the left of the first "S" of "ISLANDS" and there is a coloured dot in the top of the last "T" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 17.—There is a break in the top frame line above the letters "OL" of "SOLOMON."

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STRIP OF THE 1D. STAMP, SHOWING MARGINAL INSCRIPTION.

The main points by which the three types may be identified are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a short coloured line in the top of the first "T" of "PROTECTORATE." There is a coloured line in the white frame of the name tablet above the first "I" of "BRITISH." There is a break in the outer line of the left-hand value disc almost opposite the hyphen of "¼d."

TYPE II.—There is a small coloured dot on the base of the first "T" of "PROTECTORATE," and another on the white frame of the name tablet above the first stroke of the "S" of "ISLANDS." There is a small break in the centre of the inner right-hand line of the central oval.

TYPE III.—There is a break in the right side of the inner coloured circle of the left-hand value disc, and a coloured dot on the "d" of the "¼d." in the same disc. There is a small break in the coloured line under the "P" of "POSTAGE."

In addition to the above, there are certain stamps on the sheet which can be distinguished by the presence of more or less conspicuous flaws. The majority of these, it is interesting to note, occur in the top half of the sheet. In the following list I only mention flaws that can be readily seen, but I have no doubt an enthusiastic specialist would find little difficulty in plating this and the other values of the set.

No. 2.—There is a white projection on the front of the upright stroke of the "P" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 4.—There is a break in the coloured line around the name tablet just above the last "O" of "SOLOMON."

No. 6.—There is a coloured dot on the white line under "POSTAGE" below the space between "AG."

No. 9.—There is a small uncoloured dot above and a little to the left of the "G" of "POSTAGE."

No. 19.—There is a break in the curve of the inner frame line at the top right-hand corner.

No. 20.—There is a small break in the top frame line near its left-hand end.

No. 21.—There is a break in the inner frame line at the base about 1½mm. to the left of the usual break under the "P" of "POSTAGE."

No. 23.—There is a small break in the top frame line above the "M" of "SOLOMON."

No. 24.—There is a break in the top frame line near its right-hand end.

No. 25.—A white flaw projects from the left side of the "L" of "ISLANDS."

No. 27.—A white flaw is attached to the left side of the "L" of "ISLANDS," near the base of the letter.

No. 28.—There is a flaw on the inner frame line at the left opposite the "leaf" ornament above the value disc.

No. 29.—There is a white notch on the left side of the right-hand value disc.

No. 48.—There is a break in the right-hand frame line opposite the end of the scroll.

No. 50.—There is a break in the coloured line over the name tablet above the space between the letters "BR" of "BRITISH."

No. 51.—There is a white dot after "PROTECTORATE" near the centre of the last "E."

No. 53.—There is an uncoloured line across the disc on the left, and the right-hand frame line is broken opposite the "d" of "¼d."

No. 54.—There is a small uncoloured dot after "BRITISH."

No. 55.—There is a white dot on the space below the letters "TI" of "BRITISH."

No. 58.—There is a small white dot above the "T" of "BRITISH."

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Mr. Herbert Clark's paper on "the Pony Express of America" concludes in this number of the *Fortnightly*. There were several interesting illustrations which it was found impracticable to reproduce in our columns, but some reference to them should be made as the various envelopes, &c., are of the greatest interest. The following, then, were Mr. Clark's principal exhibits:—

(1) A 3 cents embossed U.S.A. envelope addressed from British Columbia to London, with the printed inscription "Paid Wells, Fargo & Co." and also the elliptical obliterating mark of the "Victoria, V.I." office of that firm. The envelope also bears the 5 cents surcharged stamp of British Columbia and an additional 3 cents U.S.A. stamp of the 1869 issue.

(2) The Wells Fargo general frank. A 2 cents embossed U.S.A. envelope, with the inscription "Paid Wells, Fargo & Co.'s Express, over our Lines in the United States," and also a red hand-obliteration, inscribed "W.F. & Co.'s Express Messenger 132."

(3) The "Columbus" issue of 1892, being a 2c. embossed U.S.A. envelope of 1892, with a more elaborate and pictorial rendering of the Wells, Fargo Company's frank.

(4) Mexican Franks on United States envelopes.

(5) A franked U.S.A. envelope with postmarks dated March, 1894, showing that as late as that time Wells, Fargo & Co. were still carrying mails from Texas to California.

The "S.C.F." as an Advertising Medium.

CONTRACTS are now being made for advertising in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for the season 1909—1910. Stamp dealers and others desiring special positions are invited to make early application.

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The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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FORTY-SECOND ISSUE.

NOVEMBER 19, 1898—MARCH 12, 1899.

The values surcharged $\frac{1}{2}$ centesimo being exhausted, the Government ordered further stamps locally. A stamp with head of Liberty, rather roughly designed, was lithographed at the establishment of M. Pena ("Lithographic Orientale"), of Montevideo. Each sheet was composed of 100 stamps, perforated $11 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$. One may distinguish at the foot of the design the inscription: *Imp. y. lit. orientale calle 33 No. 108.*

5 millesimos, rose (Head of Liberty).

Three months later, the stock of the new stamp being exhausted, there was a new printing—this time in lilac.

5 millesimos, lilac (Head of Liberty).

Varieties:—The 5 mill., lilac, is known imperforate horizontally and also imperforate vertically.

FORTY-THIRD ISSUE.

APRIL 26TH, 1899.

Soon the new printing was in turn exhausted—(why print so few?)—and the Administration issued the following decree:—

"Montevideo, April 26th, 1899.

"General Direction of the Posts and Telegraphs: The stock of stamps of 5 millesimos being on the point of exhaustion, the Direction, with superior sanction, has decided:—

"Article 1: To place in circulation on April 26th a new issue of stamps of 5 millesimos, printed in blue, and representing the monument erected to the memory of General Artigas* in the public square of the City of San Jose de Mayo. Also a new stamp of 5 centesimos, printed in blue, of the same type as that issued on October 5th, 1895.

"Article 2: There is accorded a delay of 90 days —," etc.

5 millesimos, blue (Artigas Monument).

This new 5 millesimos stamp was engraved and printed by Waterlow & Sons, London, the sheet consisting of 100 stamps. Perforation, 15.

The 5 centesimos, printed this time in blue (because this value corresponds to the international postal rate of 25 centimes, or $2\frac{1}{2}$ d.) represents the locomotive type of 1895.

FORTY-FOURTH ISSUE.

JULY 1ST, 1899.

"The existing stock of the stamps of 1, 2 and 10 centesimos being very limited, the General Direction has ordered that, on July 1st next, there will be issued the following new stamps:—

"1 cent. green (Type of 1890).

"2 ,, vermilion (Type of 1894).

"10 ,, violet (Type of 1897).

"There is accorded a delay of 90 days —," &c.

For these stamps old plates were used, as indicated, the 1 cent. green-blue and the 2 cent. vermilion being in the numeral types of 1890-1894 and the 10c. violet in the new type of 1897, showing the allegorical figure.

(To be continued.)

*General Artigas was the founder of Uruguayan nationality.

The Pony Express of America.

BY HERBERT CLARK.

A Paper read before the Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society, on April 15th, 1909.

(Concluded from page 90).

In many cases the letters carried were entirely in the hands of the Express Company from start to delivery. The U.S. Government, therefore, in those cases did no work for the stamp on the envelope.

I have already referred to the extremely thin paper used for the letters in 1860. At that time when the rate was from 12/6 to 20/10 per half ounce, Government stamped envelopes were seldom if ever used.

Congress passed an Act in 1861 authorizing the overland mail contractor to run a Pony Express, fixed the frequency of its service and also the maximum rate of postage per half ounce.

The contractor was the Wells Fargo Company and the Express was their celebrated overland Pony Express.

One provision insisted on by Congress was that the Government rate of postage should in addition be paid on all letters carried by the Pony Express. The Government ordered their contractor, Geo. W. Nesbitt, of New York, to prepare a special 10 cent envelope of extra thin, but tough, paper, for the Pony Express, and bearing the ordinary 10 cent type of embossed stamp. The reason for wanting a thin special envelope was on account of the high rates charged, the regular 10 cent envelope being too heavy.



THE "PONY EXPRESS" STAMP OF ST. JOSEPH, MISSOURI.

The Wells Fargo Company's postal service extended to British Columbia, Mexico, and the Hawaiian Islands and at one time a letter service was extended to China and Japan.

The frank of this Company was beyond question, more widely known and extensively employed than any other that has ever been used in any country. For a period of thirty years or more three-quarters of all the business done between the various cities and towns on the Pacific Coast has leaned upon the trustworthiness which the Company's frank represented.

This Company had a reputation that would do any Post Office good, for they seldom lose a letter, and would send a man thirty or forty miles to deliver one to the person to whom it was addressed. "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" last year gave an extract from an announcement of the Wells Fargo Company, dated 1853, showing how the mails to California were handled before the advent of the Pony Express. "The Company's Expresses, in charge of special messengers, are regularly despatched semi-monthly to and from California, by the mail steamship lines, via Panama, and also by the Nicaragua steamship lines."

One writer, who was evidently well acquainted with the work of the Company, says:—"The first three establishments set up in a new mining camp were a restaurant, a billiard saloon and a Wells Fargo office. With these three the first stage of civilization was complete. In carrying of letters the Company proved that even in a new country it was practicable

for the Government to leave the Post Office business to private enterprise without any inconvenience to the people. For years it carried many more letters on the Pacific Coast than the Government did, for though it first paid the Government postage on every one, and then added its own charges, the reliable service and prompt delivery made this department of the agency very popular with the public. At all its offices letters were received and delivered as in a Government Post office."

The history of the Pony Express teems with exciting incidents and deeds of daring and endurance and would fill many pages.

We have already seen how the first Express rider was welcomed in Sacramento by the whole population turning out to meet him. The following tale, clipped from an American paper, relates an incident of this occasion:—

"He was at once surrounded, cheered, and congratulated, and he and his pony were bedecked in wreaths and flowers—veritable heroes of the hour. The relic fiend was present, as well, and it is further related, to the shame of the crowd, that every hair of the pony's tail was pulled out on the spot, as mementos of the occasion."

There are several points about the letter carrying system of Wells, Fargo & Co. that are not clear. I have been unable to find the information necessary to complete my paper, though I made careful enquiries from American philatelists. In fact I am not at all satisfied with this paper. I should like more information on many points about the United States



THE STAMP USED IN SAN FRANCISCO AND NOT CHANGED THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE PERIOD OF THE OPERATION OF THE "PONY EXPRESS."

Local Posts of the Western States. The published information is fairly extensive but appears to be scrappy and in some cases contradictory. One of the best illustrated catalogues of Western Franks is found in Vol. III. of a Catalogue published by the C. H. Mekeel Compy. in 1895.

I began with the Pony Express, but it is impossible to tell where one mode of transmission stopped and another began and I have no information that would help me to distinguish between Wells Fargo's Pony Express and their other services.

As to postage stamps, it should be clearly understood that few were ever issued. Nearly all the correspondence was in franked envelopes purchased from the Express Companies.

More stamps were issued by Wells, Fargo & Co., than any other Company. The following Companies used stamps but I do not put list forward as being anything like complete.

Adams & Co.

Langton & Co. (Nevada Territory to Maryville, California).

California Penny Post Co.

Carnes' Post, San Francisco, 1864-6.

Langton & Co. (Downville, Maryville and Sacramento,

California, 1850).

In conclusion I may mention that there are forgeries of the stamps of Wells, Fargo & Co., and both forgeries and

reprints of some of the stamps and franked envelopes of other Companies. A useful note on the forgeries of the Wells, Fargo Stamps may be found in the "Postage Stamp," of May 8th, in a short paper by Mr. L. W. Crouch, entitled: "Pony Express Stamps."

Mr. J. W. Scott published in the "American Journal of Philately" a series of Articles on United States Locals. Section III. in Vol. II. (1889) deals with "Western Letter Express Stamped Envelopes of Private Companies."

Encased Postage Stamps.

BY EDGAR H. ADAMS.

ONE OF THE MOST INTERESTING SERIES OF "NECESSITY MONEY" EVER ISSUED.

THE discovery recently of a new variety of the curious encased postage stamp money, which for a limited time circulated freely in New York City in particular, and in several other sections of the United States during 1862, brings the number of varieties of these pieces of currency known to be in existence up to about 180. The latest addition to this interesting series is of the denomination of ten cents, and was issued by John W. Norris, of Chicago. Hitherto but the one cent stamp had been credited to this source, and at the Green sale, held some time ago in Chicago, a local collector thought so well of this insignificant substitute for a ten cent piece that he paid over \$30 for its possession.

New York City was the birthplace of this peculiar sort of money, which was formed by placing regular United States postage stamps in flat, circular, brass cases, with the faces protected by a thin sheet of mica. The encased stamps consisted of the denominations of 1, 3, 5, 10, 12, 24, 30, and 90 cents, and this method of protecting the stamps so that they could withstand the wear of circulation was the invention of John Gault, who did business at Park Place, in New York City. He manufactured many varieties to be used by business houses in lieu of small change, and the badly mutilated and worn postage stamps that answered the purpose of practical money for a while at the beginning of the war. Many of the encased stamps bore the name of the issuing firm on the back, and not only served the purpose of a fractional currency but advertised the firm of issue in a thoroughly and yet inexpensive fashion.

The patent dated from July and August, 1862, and the stamps used in the metallic cases were the regular postage stamps of the period—the one-cent blue, and the three orange, showing the portrait of Franklin; the five-cent brown, bearing Jefferson's portrait, and the ten-cent green, twelve-cent black, twenty-four-cent violet, and ninety-cent blue, all with the portrait of Washington.

Collectors of both stamps and coins regard this series of necessity currency as being one of the most interesting of the numerous issues of United States, which has been especially conspicuous for its various freakish circulating mediums and some of the premiums now paid for these homely substitutes for real money actually exceed those commanded by any of the far more pretentious and handsome coins struck at the United States mints during and since the war.

Some firms issued the encased stamp pieces of nearly every one of the denominations mentioned above, while others are credited with but a single one. Often the latter specimens are the rarest and command the highest premiums, and not infrequently they were but little more than samples and were issued in quite limited number. In nearly every instance it is found that the denominations of twelve, twenty-four, thirty, and ninety cents are the rarest, and in the case of the highest denominations it is thought their rarity is due to the fact that some of the firms ordered but a single specimen each of the denominations above ten cents, and before deciding upon their issue the law was passed forbidding the use of anything of the semblance of money by private persons.

The medicine house of Ayer issued the greatest variety of the encased stamp, there being no less than fourteen varieties, of the denominations of one, three, five, ten and twelve, twenty-four and thirty cents, which bore on the back the inscription "Ayer's Sarsaparilla."

One of the rarest of this series is that of the denomination of thirty cents, of which only one specimen is known, this bringing \$25.25 at the Green sale in Chicago in 1907.

Next to this, and also supposed to be unique, is the twenty-four cent stamp, with the same inscription, which brought \$25.

There are at least nine varieties of the stamps bearing the inscription "Ayer's Cathartic Pills" on the back, the rarest of this lot being that of the denomination of five cents, with short arrows in the design, which is worth \$5.

Still another series issued by the same house is represented by denominations of one, three, five, ten and twelve cents, inscribed "Take Ayers Pills," a fine specimen of the last-named having brought \$8.

John Gault, of New York City, issued at least nineteen varieties bearing his name, which included denominations of one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four, thirty, and ninety cents. The rarest of these, and probably the highest priced of all the encased stamps, is that of ninety cents, which has a record price of \$121. The thirty cent stamp of the same issue also is rare, and has sold for \$20, while the twenty-four cent stamp has brought \$15.

The New York firm of Kirkpatrick & Gault issued as many as nine varieties, which consisted of the denominations of one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four, thirty and ninety cents. The rarest of these is the last named stamp, a very fine specimen of which was bid in at \$75 at the Green sale in 1906. At the same sale a thirty cent stamp brought \$20, and a twenty cent specimen \$18.

There were eight varieties of encased stamps showing the words, "Burnett's Standard Cooking Extracts," of the denominations of one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four, and thirty cents. The last variety is extremely scarce and has brought \$36 at a sale. A perfect specimen of the twenty-four cent stamp of this house has sold for over \$30.

This firm also issued five varieties with the wording on the back, "Burnett's Cocaine Kalliston," which were of the denomination of three, five, ten and twelve cents, a very rare and perfect specimen of the latter having sold for \$20.

Six varieties were issued by the North American Life Insurance Company, each bearing the name of the company on the reverse. The denominations were three, five and ten cents. These stamps are quite common, as compared with some of the other issues, yet one variety of the three cent stamp is valued at \$6.

Lord & Taylor, of New York City, issued seven varieties of the denomination of one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four and thirty cents. Nearly every one of these stamps is now scarce. The twelve cent stamp is held at the highest figure, it having a record premium of \$25. Both the twenty-four and thirty cent varieties have sold for \$20.50, the three cent at \$9.25, and the lowest valued of the whole series, the ten cent stamp, at \$5.75.

Hunt & Nash, of New York, whose stamps are inscribed on the reverse "Hunt & Nash, Irving House, N.Y. City," are credited with at least nine varieties, the denominations being one, three, five, ten, twelve, and twenty-four cents. The rarest is the twenty-four cent stamp. There is only one specimen known of this denomination, which sold for \$30.50. The twelve cent stamp has brought over \$11.

The eight varieties of stamps bearing the inscription of "Drake's Plantation Bitters," of the denominations of one, three, five, ten, twelve, twenty-four, thirty and ninety cents, are rather low priced and common for all the denominations up to and including the twelve cent stamp, which has sold for \$5, but the three highest denominations—twenty-four, thirty, and ninety cents—are each believed to be unique, and command extremely high premiums. The twenty-four and thirty cent stamps have each sold for \$60, and the ninety cent stamp has brought \$73.

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ENCASED POSTAGE STAMPS.

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Gage Brothers and Drake, Tremont House, Chicago, issued five varieties of stamps—one, three, five, and ten cents—all of which are common, the scarcest being the three cent variety, which has sold for \$5.

Six stamps bear the name of "Mendum's Family Wine Emporium, Broadway, Cor. Cedar St., New York." These are of the denominations of one, three, five, ten, and twelve cents. Fine specimens of the two latter have brought \$10 each.

The inscription "Jos. L. Bates, Fancy Goods, Boston," is shown on six varieties of stamps of the denomination of one, five, ten, and twelve cents. The five cent stamp, the twelve, and one variety of the ten cent, have each brought \$10 and more.

"Brown's Bronchial Troches" is the title borne by encased stamps of the denominations of one, three, five, ten and twelve cents. The last named is regarded as the rarest of the series, and has sold for \$10.

Stamps of the denomination of one, three, five, ten and twelve cents show the name of "F. Buhl & Co., of Detroit." The five cent stamp has sold for \$10.75, and the ten cent for over \$8.

Four varieties are placed to the credit of Schapker and Bussing, Evansville, Ind., of the denominations of one, three, five and ten cents. The first named is supposed to be the only one in existence, and \$25.50 was paid for it when offered for sale.

The Cincinnati firm of John Shillito & Co. has its name on four known varieties of encased stamps, one and three cents, two varieties of five cents, and one of ten cents. The latter may be regarded as the scarcest of this series, although the varieties have all brought \$5 or more each.

"White, the Hatter, of New York," is responsible for the issuance of four varieties of stamps. These are of the denominations of one, three, five and ten cents. The two latter have each brought \$25.

Three varieties were issued by Pearce, Tolle & Holton, of Cincinnati—three, five and twelve cents. The latter stamp is very rare, and has brought a record premium of \$30.

"N. & G. Taylor & Co., of Philadelphia, issued one, three five and ten cent stamps, the last named of which having sold for \$20.

The stamps of "Dougan the Hatter" of New York City, showing the design of a hat, were of at least three denominations—one, three and five cents. Perfect specimens of the latter two denominations have brought \$16 each.

There are three varieties of encased stamps, of the denominations of one, three and five-cents, which were manufactured by G. G. Evans, "California Wines," of Philadelphia. These pieces were said to infringe on the patent of Gault, but the work was inferior to that of the New York manufacturer. A fine specimen of the one-cent stamp by the Philadelphia maker, bearing his name on the reverse, sold for \$9, while a fine three-cent specimen of the same kind has brought \$5.

Bailey & Co., jewellers, of Philadelphia, had stamps of one, three, five and ten-cents. The five-cent variety is the scarcest, having recently sold for \$11.50.

The three, five, ten and twenty-four-cent stamps of Ellis, McAlpin & Co., of Cincinnati, have each sold for \$20; the one, three and five cent stamps of C. L. Hopkins & Co., of Cincinnati, have brought respectively \$11 and \$20, while the three and ten cent issues of Weir & Larminie of Montreal, Canada, have fetched \$30 and \$20, respectively. This firm also issued stamps of the denomination of one and five cents.

There were several firms which issued only one or two varieties each, such as the five and ten cent stamps of "Sands Ale," which have brought over \$8; the one cent stamp of "S. Steinfeld," of New York City, which has sold for \$6; the one cent stamp of "Arthur M. Chaffin," Hopkinton, R.I., and "Aerated Bread Co." of New York City, which

respectively have brought \$16 and \$6.75, and the five and ten cent stamps of H. A. Cook, of Evansville, Ind., which have sold for \$11, and the one cent stamp of B. F. Miles, of Peoria, Ill.

An interesting specimen of the encased stamp money is one of the odd denomination of nine cents. There being no postage stamp of this value, the denomination was produced by placing three three cent stamps in an oblong copper case, with the usual covering of mica. The back bore no name, but the piece evidently was intended for circulation in New York City, for the reverse bore an embossed representation of an eagle and snake, the same as that shown by the New York cents struck in German silver by Dr. Lewis Feuchtwanger, of New York City, which were issued in 1837. Around the central device was scroll work. Nothing is known of the piece's history, but it is thought to have been a product of Gault, on account of the New York device. This curious bit sold for \$9.

Another equally interesting piece associated with the encased postage stamp money is an essay for a five cent piece. In a frame of silver had been placed a stamp cut from a five cent note of the first issue of the postage currency. This was protected by mica both back and front. This specimen, which is believed to be unique, recently sold for \$15.50.

Probably other varieties of this little known currency will soon be brought to notice, now that so much interest is being taken in the pieces by collectors, for there is no known record in existence to show how many varieties originally were issued or how many specimens were put into circulation.

—From "Mehl's Numismatic Monthly" and
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Ditto, perforated O.S., 1d. to 2/-	set 9	2 0
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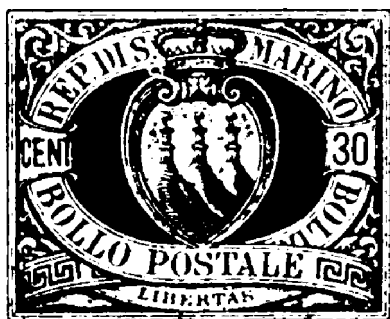
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"Fortnightly"—Readers as Forgery Detectors.

ESSAYS SENT IN FOR THE "S.C.F." COMPETITION.

SOME time ago we printed in the *Fortnightly* the following illustrations, and invited our readers to decide which was the genuine 30c. San Marino stamp and which the forged, and to give their reasons. The competition aroused



I.—IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?



II.—IS THIS THE GENUINE OR THE FORGERY?

extraordinary interest, possibly because no contest of quite the same sort had ever been introduced before. In setting such a problem before our readers we fully anticipated that it would reveal a vast amount of latent talent for forgery detection among amateurs of Philately, and the results exceeded our expectations. We have had to read through a record number of "solutions" and are not quite through with our adjudication yet.

We think it will be of interest to publish some of the essays sent in, appending the initials or *nom de plume* of the

sender in each case. The following are given because of their intrinsic interest and not necessarily in order of merit:—

I.

The first illustration I take to be an enlarged copy of the forgery, and the second an enlarged copy of the genuine stamp, for the following reasons:

1.—In the genuine stamp, the point of the shield forming the centre picture and enclosing the mountain top is directly over the beginning of the top horizontal stroke of the "S" of "Postale."

2.—In the forgery, the point of the shield is over the middle of the horizontal top stroke of "S" of "Postale."

3.—In the genuine, the point of the shield merges into the top line of the label, enclosing the lines, "Bollio Postale."

4.—In the forgery, the point of the shield comes fairly below the line of the same label.

5.—In the genuine, there are four lines above the feather in the towers, the fourth line crosses the feather in the first tower, breaks just at the feather of the second tower, and dips down to the feather in the third tower, on the left side, giving it the appearance of being below the line.

6.—In the forgery, the fourth line crosses over the feather of the first tower, touches the feather of the second tower on the left side, giving it the appearance of ending above the line, and breaks completely above the feather of the third tower, not dipping and touching the feather of the third tower, which is so significant in the genuine stamp.

H.B.

II.

The genuine stamp is No. I.

In the forgery, the shading of the design on shield is heavier and the points above the band of the crown are not so clear, the first one on the left being filled with colour. The scroll work at the top of the shield is also not so clear, and the pearls on the bow of the crown are less regular and distinct.

There are other differences, but the above are the most easily recognised.

Though very closely imitated, the forgery has a somewhat rougher appearance than the genuine stamp.

III.

The genuine stamp is fairly well engraved, *i.e.*, the crown, shield, and letterings are clear and well drawn as are likewise the corner ornaments, and the border lines are straight and unbroken, whilst the whole design is clean and free from flaws. The top illustration appears to me to be the best representation of the genuine stamp.

In the second illustration the whole execution is too coarse, and there are several flaws which do not exist in the genuine stamps, probably one under the "O" of "Postale." The lines are broken and the top stroke of the letter "T" in "Cent" runs over the enclosing tablet, instead of being well within it as in the

genuine. The pearls of the crown are indistinct and broken, whilst in the genuine they are clean and well formed.

The genuine stamps were printed in the Italian Government printing office and bear a strong family likeness to some of the issues of Italy.

AN OLD TIMER.

IV.

This forgery appears to be most dangerous, as, as far as it is possible to make out from the illustrations, there are very few differences, and what there are most minute.

After close comparison with an undoubtedly genuine specimen, the first illustration appears to be that of the forgery. There are several slight discrepancies which lead me to this decision, of which the most important is that just below the crown there is a small white ornament, which, on the genuine stamp, is perfectly symmetrical, and across whose centre run two parallel lines of shading. In the forgery, the ornament is not at all symmetrical, and the two lines of shading are well to the left of the centre.

Again, the shading down the inner side of the first mountain on the right is composed chiefly of short lines on a genuine specimen. On a forgery, however, the shading is almost entirely absent, and what there is is made up of dots.

The lettering also differs slightly; for instance, the serifs of the letter "R" of "Rep" are straight lines on the forgery, but are triangles on the genuine label. There is another small difference, this time in the band containing the word "Libertas," the last line of shading before the "L" is a fairly long straight line on the genuine stamp, while it is a dot on the forgery.

There are one or two very small differences which are not mentioned above; these I have included in the following list:—

FORGERY.	GENUINE.
1.—The lower line of the band containing the words "Rep. Dis." does not touch the crown.	Here the lower line does touch the crown.
2.—Lining of centre shield is thick.	Lining is finer.
3.—The shading of the mountains is light.	Shading is much heavier.

W. H.

V.

In regard to the San Marino Stamp Competition, No. 2 is the forgery, which manifests itself more particularly in the crown, where I observe great defects as compared with the sharp artistical work noticeable in No. 1. The scroll work and centre piece in No. 2 are much coarser.

W.T.M.

VI.

The second illustration is, I believe, the genuine stamp, and I have enumerated their chief differences in the following order:—

GENUINE.	FORGERY.
The band containing "Bollo Postale" is broken immediately below the "O" of "Postale."	The band is complete.
A stroke to the right of the left Grecian border cuts into and deepens the last wave of the ribbon.	The Grecian border has no flaw, and the wave of the ribbon is shallower.
A blot in the shading of the left mountain resembles a knot in the graining of wood.	The absence of shading at the base of the middle and right mountains suggests a snowdrift.
The "N" of "Cent" is disproportionately thick in the centre.	All the letters of "Cent" are clearer.
The left border of the shield is made defective by the heavy shading in the middle and by the mountain breaking into it near the base.	The shield only lacks the very extreme point.
The stem of conventional ornamentation in the left spandrel is perfect.	The stem is severed half-way.
The aranthus leaves below the crown are undefined.	The leaves are clearer and better defined.
The twig in the lower left spandrel has, besides two branches, a clear dot opposite the lower one.	The lower branch is missing and the dot opposite is indistinct.
The pointed speck to the left of "L" in "Libertas" mars the band.	The band is without a flaw.
The background between the middle and right mountain is broken.	The background, though more even, does not come so far down.
Some of the crown pearls are incomplete; those facing "Marino" indistinct.	All the pearls are plainly discernable.
The serrations on the crown are irregular.	These are regular.

N.B.

The result of the competition will be announced in the next issue of the *Fortnightly*. We hope shortly to introduce another novel philatelic contest.

The Stamps of the Solomon Islands.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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THE FIRST ISSUE (continued).

THE 1D. VALUE.

There are six types of the 1d., the stone being made by applying ten horizontal strips of six transfers. The arrangement of the types on the sheet is, thus, as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

The chief points by which the six types can be identified are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a coloured dot on the base of the "P" of "PROTECTORATE." There is a tiny dot or dash of colour on the left side of the white outer band around the left-hand disc. The solid colour of the name tablet encroaches on the line of the white dots over the trees on the right for the space of about 1mm.

TYPE II.—There is a coloured curved line across the lower left side of the first "o" of "SOLOMON." There is a white flaw at the left end of the label containing "POSTAGE." The solid colour of the name tablet encroaches on the line of white dots as in type I and quite obliterates all those below and to the left of the "N" of "ISLANDS." The right hand bottom corner of the figure "1" on the right disc is cut away. There is a coloured dot on the white band below the "E" of "POSTAGE," and another is shown in the right-hand "horn" on the top of the outer white band of the left-hand value disc.

TYPE III.—There is a coloured dot on the white band above the second "o" of "SOLOMON," and another is shown on the lower left-side of the white outer band of the left-hand disc. The frame line on the left is broken near the base, and the right hand frame line is broken about 1mm. from the base and in the white border opposite this break there is a coloured dot. There is a long slanting flaw on the palm trees at the right.

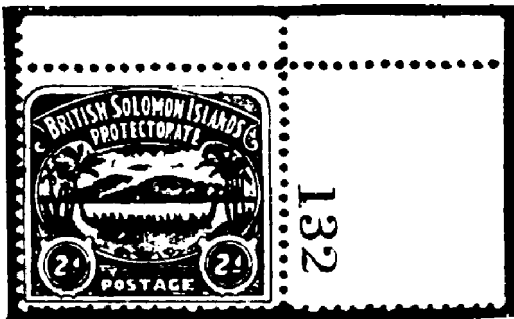
TYPE IV.—There is a coloured dash in the lower part of the "T" of "BRITISH," and another on the white band above the "N" of "SOLOMON."

TYPE V.—There is a break in the frame line at the top left-hand corner. There are small coloured dots on the base of the "B" of "BRITISH" and "S" of "SOLOMON," and there is another in the white band at the right about 2mm. from the base. The solid colour under the "TA" of "POSTAGE" nearly obliterates the white line below.

TYPE VI.—There is a coloured dot on the curved band over the palm tree at the extreme left, and another in the top of the figure "1" in the left-hand disc. A white flaw is attached to the base of the "D" of "ISLANDS," and there is a small coloured dash in the white border at the right about 2mm. from the base. The first point at the base of the outer line of the right-hand disc is broken, and there is a smudge of colour on the shading below the left-hand scroll.

The following is a list of the most conspicuous flaws which appear on the sheets of this value:—

- No. 2.—There is a small uncoloured dot over the second "1" of "BRITISH."
- No. 6.—The inner coloured line of the left-hand disc is broken at the left.
- No. 8.—There is a white dot between the "1" and "d" of "1d." on the right-hand disc.
- No. 12.—There is a white flaw across the centre of the first "O" of "SOLOMON."
- No. 16.—There is a white scratch across the inner frame-line and adjacent shading at the upper left-hand corner.
- No. 18.—There is an uncoloured flaw above the "s" of "POSTAGE."
- No. 30.—There is a white dot above the figure "1" in the right-hand disc.
- No. 32.—There is a large coloured dot almost in the centre of the right-hand mountain.
- No. 33.—A white flaw projects from the top of the "B" of "BRITISH."
- No. 40.—The letters "ND" of "ISLANDS" are joined together at the base.
- No. 45.—A slanting white stroke is attached to the top of the left side of the "1" of "ISLANDS" and the coloured line above this letter is broken.
- No. 49.—The inner frame line is broken above the "1" of "ISLANDS."
- No. 56.—A coloured line is attached to the right side of the inner circle around the left-hand disc.



THE 2D. VALUE, SHOWING MARGINAL NUMBER. THIS SPECIMEN IS TYPE VI.

THE 2D. VALUE.

There are six types of the 2d., the stone being made by applying ten horizontal strips of six transfers. The six types are, thus, arranged on the sheet as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

The chief points by which the six types of the 2d. value can be identified are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a small break in the left-hand frame about 16mm. from the base. A minute coloured line appears across the right side of the inner white band of the left-hand disc. The solid colour of the right-hand disc projects a little on the right as though the disc had been cut in half and the two portions imperfectly joined.

TYPE II.—There is a small coloured dot on the lower edge of the white band above the "T" of "BRITISH," and a minute coloured dot is shown on the left arm of the same letter. There are also coloured dots on the second "1" of "BRITISH" and the first "E" of "PROTECTORATE."

TYPE III.—There are coloured dashes on the white band over the name tablet above the "1" and "DS" of "ISLANDS," and the solid colour also projects at these points. There is a coloured dash across the left lower corner of the "L" of "SOLOMON" and another on the white band above the "B" of "BRITISH." There is a coloured dot in the top of the "D" on the right-hand disc and that letter is very badly formed.

TYPE IV.—There is a long coloured stroke on the left of the inner white band of the left-hand disc and the "D" in the same disc is poorly shaped. There is a small white dot between "PR" of "PROTECTORATE."

TYPE V.—There is a coloured dash across the white band above the "M" of "SOLOMON." There are coloured dots in the "2," top of the "d," and dash in the right-hand disc.

TYPE VI.—There is a white flaw on the mountain by the left side of the right-hand end of the canoe. A large coloured dot connects the top branch of the palm trees on the right with the coloured line above. There is a coloured dash on the lowest arm of the "E" of "POSTAGE."

The following is a list of the most conspicuous flaws that occur on the sheets of this value:—

- No. 6.—There is a dot on the outer line opposite the right-hand end of the name tablet.
- No. 14.—The solid colour of the right-hand disc extends nearly across the white band at the left side near the base.
- No. 30.—The outer frame is broken at the right opposite the end of the scroll.
- No. 34.—There is a coloured notch in the top of the "D" of "ISLANDS" and a white dot above and to the left of the "L" of "SOLOMON."
- No. 36.—The coloured line is broken below the "T" of "POSTAGE."
- No. 41.—There is a white flaw at the upper end of the "2" in the left-hand disc.
- No. 45.—There is a small break in the lower frame line below the "P" of "POSTAGE."
- No. 47.—There is a large coloured flaw on the centre of the left-hand palm tree of the group on the right.
- No. 51.—There is a large break in the lower frame line under the "T" of "POSTAGE."
- No. 57.—There is a large white flaw on top of the "2" on the left-hand disc.
- No. 58.—A small white flaw is attached to one end of the dash on the right-hand disc, and there is a white dot before the "B" of "BRITISH."
- No. 60.—There is a large white flaw on the top of the shading in the upper right-hand corner.

(To be continued in our next number.)

NEWSPAPER correspondents report an impending new issue for Sweden, some of them bearing the Arms of the country.

"PHILATELIST" writes to the "Glasgow News" to ask the values of Great Britain penny red, Plates 70 and 126. Why not throw in the elixir of life and perpetual motion?

TARIFF Reform stamps now! They are sold at a shilling a thousand, but alas! they won't pay postage at that or any other price, and a nasty interfering Liberal and Free Trade P.M.G. says they may only be stuck on the back of the envelope.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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THE STAMP COLLECTORS' FORTNIGHTLY is published on alternate Saturdays. Henceforth the journal will be published (on behalf of the proprietors) by Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at the Offices, 63 and 64, Chancery Lane, London.

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In certain foreign countries, it appears, stamp forgery is actually regarded as a criminal offence and punished accordingly. We gather from "L'Écho de la Timbrologie" that one Thouin, a dealer in forged stamps, has been condemned by the Tribunal of the Seine, to three months imprisonment and a fine of 300 francs. True, Thouin's address is at present unknown, but the sentence is awaiting him so soon as it suits his convenience to return to his usual haunts.

The same excellent contemporary issues a warning, accompanied by a portrait, concerning one Helvadtjian, who is said to have left unfragrant memories behind him in Paris. This individual carries a stock of Nyassaland Pictorials, Thessaly, Hayti (1904), Bolivia (1894), Panama, Luxemburg and other stamps, which he offers at much below usual prices. He is tall, thin, of dull complexion, scarred on the face, and with a very large nose. Age about 25. Readers of the *Fortnightly* who should happen upon the young gentleman are invited to communicate with M. A. Forbin at 24 Rue de Milan, Paris, or M. Victor Robert at 83 Rue Richelieu, Paris—or the French police! There is mentioned in our contemporary a little matter of a reward of 500 francs for information.

Just as our Postmasters - General are almost invariably civilians, so our Postal Secretaries are mostly recruited from among military officers. The idea appears to be to appoint a man who is not in any danger of knowing anything about the work he is called upon to take up. Sir Matthew Nathan, who succeeds Sir Henry Babington Smith, as Secretary to the Post Office, is, however, described as an exceedingly able man and a member of a family which has won conspicuous distinction in the service of the State.

One is sorry to see a recrudescence of the "political" element in American Philately. A deal of wire-pulling has been going on during recent weeks. It seems that rival factions are at work in connection with the American Philatelic Society, and the readers of the various philatelic journals are being invited to send in their proxies for this or that "ticket"—for all the world as if it were a political job with plenty of "boodle" hanging to it. A particular bone of contention is the official organship of the A.P.S. This has been held for years by "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," whose position is now being vigorously assailed by "Redfield's Weekly." It is alleged against "Mekeel's" that its staff have been riding the high horse and attempting to "run" the national Society from the editorial sanctum. In the latest issue of that very bright and informing exchange, the "Collectors' Journal," of Chicago, there is an excellent cartoon which exactly hits off the situation. Two boys, respectively ticketed "Mekeel's" and "Redfield's," are contending for possession of a basket of apples representing the "A.P.S. Official Organship," while in the background

another boy, labelled "Severn" and addressed familiarly as "Charlie," is reproving a representative of the "Stamp Journal" for hanging on to "Redfield's" coat-tails and thereby assisting him to secure the spoils. However, if we may judge of the contest at this great distance, it seems probable that "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" will retain its position as the official journal of the premier American Society. "We believe" (says the "Collectors' Journal," in supporting the candidature of the Boston paper) "that the Editors of 'Mekeel's' have learned their little lesson and will be more careful not to abuse their power and position in the future."

Concerning New Zealand Perforations.

(From the "Australian Philatelist.")

OUR esteemed correspondent, Mr. W. D. Ulph, of New Zealand, has directed our attention to the manner in which Messrs. Gibbons in their catalogue describe the perms. of the 1864 issue on N.Z. paper, and the 1863-66 issue on large star paper, viz., perf. 12½ or 13. The figures look innocent enough, but the "or" makes a vast difference between them.

It may not be generally known that while perf. 12½ was the regular Government perforation, perf. 13 was not "official," but was authorised by the postmaster at Dunedin, and was in use for about one year and nine months before perf. 12½ came into existence.

Mr. Ulph thinks that the difference between this unofficial perf. 13 and the Government machine perf. 12½ is a much more important variety for cataloguing separately than many that are catalogued. He instances the fact that the New South Wales *hadem* stamps, 1860 issue, are separated into two classes of perforation having similar degrees of difference as the New Zealands and asks the question: "Why are the New Zealand stamps not treated on similar lines?"

The same gentleman sends us his opinions regarding the relative rarity of the imperf. and perforated stamps both 13 and 12½, and we think the simplest plan will be to use his own words.

As to the N.Z. watermark, perf. and imperf., the following suggests itself: 1d. carmine-*vermilion* (S.G. 66 and 70), apparently not a great many were printed on this paper, and as the perforated are much scarcer than the imperf. it might be reckoned that they were only issued imperf. officially, and that any perforated stamps found would be perf. 13 from Dunedin.

2d. blue imperf. are rarest. As certainly two other papers were in use in December, 1863, and early in 1864, possibly the 2d. N.Z. paper were not printed very early in 1864, and as the Government machine was perforating 12½ in the latter part of 1864 it does not leave very long for the use of the imperf. stamps. The fact that these stamps are to be found pretty plentiful perf. 12½, and they are known to exist perf. 13, the tendency would be to make the imperf. rarer still.

6d. red-brown. This value is probably on the same level as the 2d. Mr. Ulph does not know of its existence perf. 13, but has a perf. 12½ dated September, 1864.

1/- green. Mr. Ulph thinks that as these stamps are pretty close together on the plate, possibly, at first, the Government jibbed at perforating them, or being busy with the lower denominations, then more generally in use, they may have been overlooked. He asks the question, did the Government perforate this value at all? His only perforated copy is perf. 13, and if these stamps were only issued with the unofficial perforation it would account for the comparative rarity of them.

Speaking from our own point of view as regards the relative values of the Star watermarked paper, perf. 13 as against 12½, after having gone through our stock, we would say that the former are worth as many pounds as the latter are worth shillings.

We would therefore advise collectors to examine their so-called perf. 12½ first type New Zealand, and "ear-mark" those that are perf. 13.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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FORTY-FIFTH ISSUE.

AUGUST 10TH, 1900.

A decree of August 10th 1900, announced the completion of the issue, as follows:—

- 5 millesimos, orange (Artigas Monument).
- 7 cent., carmine (Numeral type of 1890).
- 20 cent., blue (Numeral type of 1890).

These stamps were engraved by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, of London; they were printed in sheets of 100, and perforated 15. No varieties.



"Paz," 1897.



THE 10c. NEW TYPE, 1897.



1c., 1898.



5 MILL., 1898-99.



5 MILL., 1900.

FORTY-SIXTH ISSUE.

OCTOBER 1ST, 1900.

The 5 centesimos value being sold out, the Postal Administration proposed to use the remaining stock of the Suarez commemorative stamps of March, 1897, (already surcharged "PROVISORIO") and announced that decision in the following decree:—

"The General Administration of Posts and Telegraphs makes known to the public that it has been decided to place in circulation on October 1st next (provisionally) the stamp



THE 5c. PROVISIONAL, 1900.

of 10 centesimos issued on the 1st of March, 1897. This stamp will be surcharged '1900' and '5 CENTESIMOS'."

This is the large commemorative stamp first issued on July 15th, 1896, and surcharged "Provisorio" on March 1st, 1897.

It was now surcharged "1900" in antique type. At the top of the stamp, and below the word "Provisorio" was placed "5 centesimos" with a thick bar obliterating the date "1897."

Many specimens are known without the obliterating bar, and others with the two last letters of "centesimos" omitted—thus: "CENTIM."

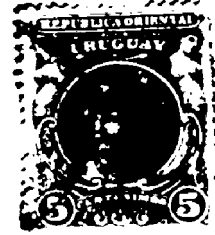
In each case the error has been found with a normal stamp *se tenant*, and there was but one error in the sheet.

FORTY-SEVENTH ISSUE.

DECEMBER 15TH—27TH, 1900.

This provisional issue being exhausted, the General Direction, having ordered a new type of stamp, issued the following decree:—

"The public is notified that on the 15th of December next,



WATERLOW PRINTING, DECEMBER, 1900.
1c. GREEN AND 5c. BLUE.

there will be placed on sale a stamp of 5 centesimos, colour blue, and another of 10 centesimos, colour violet.

"There is accorded a delay—etc."

These two stamps, very beautifully engraved in London by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, represented, for the 5 centesimos value, a head of a fair Uruguayan in a circle, with female figures in each upper corner. For the 10 centesimos, a shepherdess and her sheep.

On the 27th of December was issued a new stamp of very original design, the 1 centesimo green, portraying in the upper half a herd of wild cattle.

All these stamps are perforated 15.

Varieties: One may find the 1c. and 5c. imperforate either horizontally or vertically.

FORTY-EIGHTH ISSUE.

FEBRUARY 11TH, 1901.

On February 11th, 1901, appeared the following:—

- 2 centesimos, red-vermilion, representing an angel, seated.
- 7 centesimos, brown-yellow, showing a pretty basket of flowers.

25 centesimos, black-brown (figure of a Goddess; type of May, 1890).

- 50 centesimos, carmine (figure of Hermes; type of May, 1890).
- 1 peso, green (Arms of Uruguay; type of May, 1890).

The peso stamps have been employed for the tax on post office boxes ("Casillas de Correos") which are in very ordinary use in Uruguay. The tax is 12 pesos per annum.

The stamps are stuck on the cards of the holders of the



WATERLOW PRINTINGS: 2c. AND 7c. OF FEB., 1901,
AND 10c. OF DEC., 1900.

boxes and duly obliterated. The subscriptions for six months are paid by stamps of 1, 2 and 3 pesos making a total of 6 pesos. Hence the fact that the value of these stamps, used,

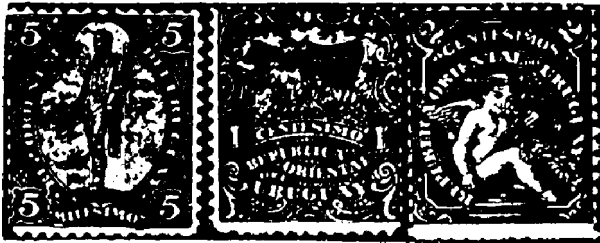
is not excessive and that they are found so largely in the used state.

FORTY-NINTH ISSUE.

Lithographed.

MAY 1904—13TH FEBRUARY, 1905.

In Uruguay there were many people who criticised the government for sending abroad orders for postage stamps, when, in Montevideo, they had the studios of the School of Arts and Handicrafts. Owing to the vehement objurgations



THE LITHOGRAPHED STAMPS OF 1904-1905, THE WORK OF THE SCHOOL OF ARTS AND HANDICRAFTS, MONTEVIDEO.

of these patriotic souls, the postal administration gave the School aforesaid the order to supply future issues of stamps.

The designer appointed to the work was not long in selecting his subjects. He contented himself with copying the models of the preceding issue; and in this manner appeared the hideous lithographic series, badly printed in indecisive colours.

All these stamps are perforated 11½, and were issued in the following order:—

MAY 1ST, 1904.

5 cent. light blue and dark blue, small size, representing a Bull.

SEPTEMBER 10TH, 1904.

2 cent. red, dull vermilion, a flat reproduction of the 2c. "Angel" type of 1901.

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 1904.

1 cent. yellow-green (Cattle).

DECEMBER 1ST, 1904.

5 millesimos, orange (new type) representing Suarez standing, with a background of clouds.

FEBRUARY 13TH, 1905.

10 cent. violet (Shepherdess).

20 " sky blue (Numeral).

25 " dull bistre (Female Figure).

Varieties:—As varieties of this issue, the following may be mentioned: 1, 2, and 5c. imperforate vertically; also the 5 centesimos with "F" instead of "E" in "Republica."

Not only were these stamps disappointing from an artistic point of view, but also they were much dearer than those engraved and printed in London. Furthermore, they were the object of attempted forgeries, proof of which may be seen



GENUINE.



FORGED.

in the 5c. blue (small size), which we reproduce here. This was a recrudescence of the colossal forging of Fiscals dating back to a period twelve years earlier.

The postal administration, dissatisfied with this state of affairs, immediately cabled to Waterlow's and ordered eight millions of stamps printed from the engraved plates.

Note the characteristics which enable one to detect the forged 5 centesimos:—

The design is less neat; the cow is too heavily shaded; there are no clouds touching the animal's back. The colour is a lighter blue, but the perforation is identical with that of the genuine original stamps. There is a little white ring at the upper extremity of the letter "c" of "REPUBLICA." The word "del" in the inscription reads "DEL."

(To be continued).

The "S.C.F." as an Advertising Medium.

CONTRACTS are now being made for advertising in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for the season 1909-1910. Stamp dealers and others desiring special positions are invited to make early application.

The revised rates for advertisements are as follows:—

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An Empire in Postage Stamps.

WHAT PHILATELY TEACHES.

TWENTY years since Stamp Collecting was a schoolboy's hobby, encouraged discreetly by parents as a harmless and engaging means whereby young people might receive unconscious instruction in geography. To-day (says a writer in the "Manchester Courier") the pursuit has far outgrown its early limitations. It is a serious science, numbering its devotees and students by the thousand, and the subject of learned and minute discussion on the part of people far different from the average schoolboy. So vastly has the fashion of philately developed that no serious collector thinks of approaching it as other than a specialist. The day of the general collection is over, for the thousands of types of postage stamps in existence forbid anyone possessed of the true collector's spirit to undertake the hopeless task of compiling a representative number of the issues of the world at large. It has long been the fashion for a number of patriotic philatelists to specialise in a collection of the stamps of the British Empire. Even so limited the subject is becoming too vast for satisfactory treatment, for the postage stamps which are issued by the great number of territories which boast the sway of the British Monarch are so many in number that in an accepted catalogue published by an English firm of dealers they fill a volume of over three hundred pages, very little smaller in size than that which comprises the types issued by all the other countries of the world put together. This is as it should be. Great Britain led the way in the issue of postage stamps, and has well maintained her lead. The system of postage which was introduced in 1840 in this country by the efforts of Sir Rowland Hill has been typical of what is perhaps the most characteristic feature of the progress of the past century. When he contemplates all that has followed in the wake of thought and idea which has resulted from a cheap postal system, even the most cynical of the opponents of philately may be disposed to look with a kindly eye on the reverential enthusiasm with which the collector regards a Mulready Envelope, or an old black penny stamp of the 1840 issue. Of old types of stamps and philatelic rarities, of the mysteries of watermarks and the various ramifications of forgeries, reprints, errors, and surcharges, let the expert speak. The commercial man has heard of the twopenny blue Mauritius of September, 1847, with its uncomplimentary profile of Queen Victoria, for which some fourteen hundred pounds was paid not very long since, and everyone knows, from his recollections of childhood, the eagerness with which the triangular Cape of Good Hope stamps were and are sought. Rarities and peculiarities beyond these narrow limits are matters for the keen philatelist alone.

But even the modern man of affairs can realise an interest, which is by no means represented by expressions of pecuniary value, in the modern stamps of the British Colonies. They have a lesson to teach which no one can be slow to apprehend. Beyond their monetary value in collections—in most cases this is trifling enough—the postage stamps of King Edward's dominions constitute what really exists in no other form so pointed and convincing—a veritable picture-book of the British Empire. Therein are commemorated deeds that won the Empire, and events never to fade from human memory while the British race shall endure. It wants but little imagination for a man regarding a well-ordered collection of British and colonial stamps to reconstruct in his mind's eye all the romance of Empire. Here are records of brave explorers, of gallant soldiers and sailors and intrepid adventurers from the Elizabethan voyagers, who won the West for Britain, to such modern upholders of the English name as Rajah Brooke, of Sarawak. Even the latest British explorer, Lieutenant Shackleton, has left a record of his bold voyage of discovery in the existence of some few New Zealand stamps surcharged with the name of his newly discovered country, "King Edward the Seventh's Land." Of journeys through

wild jungles, morasses and forests, over precipitous peaks and endless ocean tracts these stamps speak to him who would rightly read their message. Everywhere is the impress of the pioneer. He appears in bodily form on the stamps which commemorate with portraits of Cartier, Champlain, Wolfe and Montcalm the Tercentenary of the founding of Quebec, or when New Zealand marks with pictures of the landing of Captain Cook the Christchurch Exhibition of 1906. Of commemorative series there have been many throughout the Empire, and it is safe to say that in every case the pictorial issues which have been printed are in accord with high canons of art and sentiment. Pride in a present Empire can only be justified in conjunction with a true realisation of the self-sacrifice and heroism that wide dominion has entailed on the descendants of those who founded it.

(To be concluded.)

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ONE PENNY.

The "Gumpap" Petition to the Universal Postal Union.

TEXT OF THE DOCUMENT DRAWN UP BY THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED AT THE MANCHESTER PHILATELIC CONGRESS.

It will be well within the recollection of our readers that the Manchester Philatelic Congress resolved, on the motion of Mr. Percy C. Bishop, Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, seconded by Mr. I. J. Bernstein, President of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, to petition the Postal Union with a view to the prevention of further issues of speculative and unnecessary postage stamps. A Committee was appointed to draft and forward the petition, consisting of Mr. Castle, Mr. Dorning Beckton, and the mover and seconder of the resolution.

The form of the petition, after much necessary correspondence between Manchester and London, has been agreed upon, and the document, signed by Messrs. Bernstein, Beckton, Castle, and Bishop, is, at the moment of writing, on its way to the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, Switzerland. We give the text of the document as finally approved:—

Manchester, 20th August, 1909.

THE DIRECTOR,
THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION, BERNE.

DEAR SIR,—At a Congress of all the Philatelic Societies of Great Britain, held in Manchester, on the 18th, 19th, and 20th February, 1909, the following resolution was unanimously passed:

- “That this Congress is of opinion that a petition should be prepared and presented to the Universal Postal Union.
- “soliciting their help in the prevention of further issues of
- “Commemorative and other stamps which are unnecessary
- “for the public service.”

We, the Committee appointed to draw up this petition, beg respectfully to remind you that at your Congress held in 1897, at Washington, it was decided that stamps issued for a special object peculiar to the country of issue, such as stamps called Commemorative stamps available for a limited time only, should no longer be valid for international postage.

In addition to these, large numbers of stamps are constantly being issued, which, whilst not restricted as to period of currency, nevertheless are unnecessary for the public service and are apparently only produced for the purpose of sale to stamp collectors of the young and inexperienced class. Serious philatelists deplore the appearance of so many such issues, because they tend to lower the reputation of the postal authorities of such countries whose business it is to cater for the wants of the letter writing public, and not the stamp collector.

In the category of stamps which we submit ought to be discouraged, and whose status you are respectfully asked to consider,

are many provisional (surcharged) issues. These, in isolated cases, may be necessary, but the great majority could be easily avoided, and we respectfully submit that their issue could be discouraged and restricted by some ruling or recommendation of the Universal Postal Union.

We regret that some of our own colonies are serious offenders in this respect, and the attention of our Colonial Secretary has already been drawn to this matter. We feel that the clearly expressed opinion of the Universal Postal Union, whose work in the cause of civilisation has been of such extraordinary value and whose recommendations command universal respect and attention, would have a strong effect in preventing the future issue of these unnecessary and purely speculative postage stamps.

In conclusion, we would respectfully point out that this petition expresses the views, not only of the British Philatelic Societies assembled in Congress and of the leading members of the stamp trade in this country, but of the Societies and dealers in all parts of the world.

Yours respectfully,

(Signed) I. J. BERNSTEIN,

President, Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

(Signed) W. DORNING BECKTON,

President, Manchester Philatelic Society.

(Signed) M. P. CASTLE,

Hon. Vice-President Royal Philatelic Society.

(Signed) PERCY C. BISHOP,

Editor, *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

In connection with the last paragraph of the petition it may be noted that the matter has found a place on the agenda of the German "Philatelistentag"—of which more anon. Other countries, it may be hoped, will add their voices to swell the general chorus of condemnation of unnecessary issues.

The Postage Stamps of the British Solomon Islands Protectorate.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 103.)

THE 2½D. VALUE.

There are three types of the 2½d. value, the transfers consisting of horizontal strips of three impressions. There are thus two of these strips in each horizontal row and the appearance of the types in the sheet is as follows:—

1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3
1	2	3	1	2	3

The chief characteristics by means of which the three types can be distinguished are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is no fraction bar in the "½" on the left-hand disc, and the upper part of the "d" in the same disc slopes backwards. The dash under the "d" in the right-hand disc nearly touches the white band.

TYPE II.—The tops of both letters "d" on the value discs are straight; the dashes under them are in their correct position; and the fraction bars are often very indistinct. There is a coloured dot on the centre of the inner white border on the left.

TYPE III.—The tops of both letters "d" slope a little, the fraction lines are short, and the dash under the "d" in the right-hand disc is very small.

The most conspicuous flaws found on the sheets of this value are as follows:—

No. 28.—A coloured dot is attached to the bottom frame line almost below the "d" in the left-hand disc.

No. 31.—The inner line around the central design is broken in the centre on the right.

No. 35.—There is an uncoloured flaw on the left "horn" at the top of the right-hand disc.

No. 41.—The central bar of the first "E" of "PROTECTORATE" protrudes from the back of the letter.

No. 43.—There is a coloured dot on the lower white border below the "E" of "POSTAGE."

No. 50.—There is a small white dot in front of the "s" of "SOLOMON."

No. 52.—There is a coloured dot in the white border above the "R" of "BRITISH" and another in the top of the first "E" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 54.—There is a large coloured dot on the right-hand mountain and two dots are shown outside the right-hand frame, opposite the centre of the scroll.

THE 5D. VALUE.

There are six types of the 5d., the stone being made by applying ten horizontal strips of six transfers. The distinguishing marks of the six types of this value are all very conspicuous and no one should have the slightest difficulty in identifying them. They are arranged on the sheet as shown in the diagram given in the next column.

The chief points by means of which the six types can be identified are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a large white flaw over the "o" of "POSTAGE," and another at the top of the leaf in the left-hand border.

TYPE II.—There is a large coloured dot opposite the right-hand end of the canoe and another to the left of the top branch of the palms on the right. There is a coloured dot in the centre of the white left-hand border, a small white dot under the "P" of "POSTAGE" and the outer coloured line of the disc on the right is broken at its base on the right.

1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
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1	2	3	4	5	6
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ARRANGEMENT OF SHEET OF 5D. VALUE.

TYPE III.—There is a coloured dot over the third row or pair of rows, counting from the left, the "A" in "PROTECTORATE" is short, and the inner coloured line of the left-hand disc is broken on the right near the base. There is a coloured dot in the white right-hand border about 1mm. from the base.

TYPE IV.—There is a coloured dash or line of dots in the top of the second "s" of "ISLANDS" and the colour of the "POSTAGE" tablet projects on to the base of the letter "E" of that word.

TYPE V.—There is a coloured blotch on the water below the right-hand part of the canoe, there is an uncoloured flaw on the centre of the canoe, and a coloured curved line is shown in the white outer border above the "I" of "ISLANDS." There is a small white dot after the "E" of "POSTAGE" and another in front of the same letter joins the white line below. The curved outer line under the left-hand disc is broken in the centre and there is a coloured dot in the right-hand end of the top border of the name tablet. There is another coloured dot on the white line below the scroll on the right.

TYPE VI.—The tops of the letters "OR" of "PROTECTORATE" are cut off, there is a small coloured dot in the top of the "5" on the left-hand disc, and a small coloured dash is shown in the inner white band under the left side of the same figure. There is a small white flaw on the shading above the leaves at the left, and there is a white notch on the shading below the centrepiece. The lowest line of shading at the right extends through the vertical frame line into the outer white border.

The following is a list of the most conspicuous flaws which may be found in the sheets of this value:—

No. 14.—There is a white dot in front of the base of the "T" of "POSTAGE."

No. 25.—There is a small white dot above the "R" of "BRITISH."

No. 29.—This stamp does not show the uncoloured flaw on the canoe, as is the case with Type V. on all the other rows of the sheet.

No. 31.—An uncoloured flaw almost entirely obliterates the coloured centre of the "d" in the right-hand disc.

No. 32.—There is a coloured dot on the right side of the white outer border of the left-hand disc.

No. 40.—There is a small break in the coloured line below "PO" of "POSTAGE."

No. 47.—There is a large coloured dot in the right-hand top corner of the outer border.

No. 48.—There is a small white dot under the "B" of "BRITISH."

No. 56.—There is a white flaw on top of the "G" of "POSTAGE."

No. 59.—There is a large coloured dot on the white border above and to the left of the "S" of "SOLOMON."

THE 6D. VALUE.

There are six types of the 6d., the printing stone being made by applying ten horizontal rows of six transfers. The types were, thus, arranged on the sheet as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

The chief points by means of which the six types can be identified are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a coloured dash on the inner white circle above and to the right of the "d" in the left-hand disc and there is a coloured dot on the white dash under that letter. There is a curved coloured line on the right-hand curve of the "P" of "PROTECTORATE" and another on the "ro" of the same word. The top stroke of the "d" in the right-hand disc is very short and bends to the right.

TYPE II.—The solid colour of the right-hand disc almost covers the white line below and to the left of the "6," and a curved coloured line runs through the white and coloured rings above the "d" on the same disc. There is a large coloured dot on the top of the "A" of "PROTECTORATE" and another in the base of the "B" of "BRITISH." A short coloured line is attached to the outside of the top frame line near its left-hand end.

TYPE III.—There is a small coloured dot on the white inner circle of the right-hand disc above the "d," and there are two small coloured dots on the "6" of the same disc. The coloured line is slightly thickened under the "A" of "POSTAGE" and there is a coloured dot on the base of the right leg of the same letter.

TYPE IV.—The coloured line below the left side of the right-hand disc is broken at its left end. There is a small coloured dash or line of dots on the "d" in the left-hand disc and another on the lower curve of the "B" of "BRITISH."

TYPE V.—The top of the "6" in the right hand disc is flattened and there is a coloured dot in the outer white border about 1mm. from the base. There is a large coloured dot on the top of the "P" of "PROTECTORATE" and another on the lower left side of the second "o" of the same word.

TYPE VI.—There is a coloured line on the lower limb of the second "E" of "PROTECTORATE" and the top left corner of the "P" of the same word is cut away. The outer corner of the right-hand disc is broken on the left and right at the base.

The following is a list of the most conspicuous flaws that occur on certain stamps on every sheet. Those marked with an asterisk I am unable to vouch for, as I have only seen one entire sheet of this value, so these particular flaws may not be "constant" ones.

*No. 6.—A white flaw joins the tops of the letters "ds" of "ISLANDS."

*No. 9.—There is a small white dot in front of the "6" in the right-hand disc.

No. 19.—The outer frame line on the left-hand side is broken near the top.

No. 29.—A large white flaw joins the letters "om" of "SOLOMON" at the base, and another flaw joins the tops of the letters "to" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 37.—There is a large coloured dot on the white frame above the second "i" of "BRITISH."

No. 40.—There is a small coloured dot above the top frame about 3/4mm. from its right-hand end.

No. 41.—There is a small white dot after the "6" in the left-hand disc.

No. 42.—There is a large oval flaw under the letters "an" of "ISLANDS."

No. 43.—The letters "ro" of "PROTECTORATE" are blurred.

No. 46.—A white flaw is attached to the top of the right side of the second upright stroke of the "n" of "SOLOMON."

No. 47.—There is a small white dot under the second "i" of "BRITISH" and a white line above the "ds" of "ISLANDS."

No. 49.—A white flaw runs upwards from the right-hand end of the dash below the "d" in the right-hand disc.

No. 51.—There is a small white dot under the "m" of "SOLOMON" and a large white flaw under the "c" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 53.—There is a large white flaw on the left-hand mountain.

No. 55.—There is a curved white line under the letters "te" of "PROTECTORATE," and there is a small white stroke on the solid colour below and to the left of the "B" of "BRITISH."

(To be continued.)

King's Heads for New Zealand.

A CONTRIBUTOR to "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" who has assumed the not very elegant *nom de guerre* of "Antonio Buster," thus comments upon the promised King's Head stamps for New Zealand:—

"Tis news indeed to learn that one of our Australasian colonies is about to issue low value stamps bearing the portrait of His Majesty King Edward VII. New Zealand it is, sirs! and not only will the stamps be the first King's Heads for this colony, but they will also be the first to bear the proud title 'Dominion of New Zealand.' The 'Australian Philatelist' is first in this interesting news, and our contemporary tells us that only the 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s. stamps will be issued in the new design. The stamps are to be printed from steel plates, so that in future, the Falkland Islands will have to share honours with New Zealand as the only colonies issuing King's Head stamps printed by the line-engraved process.

"I have no doubt some of the wisecracs will attribute the decision of the New Zealand authorities to issue King's Head stamps to the recent little storm in a tea-cup over the alleged surcharging of Australian letters franked with Queen's Head stamps on their arrival in this country. The whole affair is somewhat of a mystery, but it caused sufficient stir to induce Mr. Henniker Heaton to put a question in Parliament. In his reply Mr. Sydney Buxton, the Postmaster-General, said: 'There is no foundation whatever in the allegations conveyed in the question. No stamps, Australian or others, are regarded as obsolete here unless they have been declared by the country of issue to be no longer current. Many of the stamps now valid in States of the Commonwealth bear the head of Queen Victoria.'"

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The result of our Competition cannot be given until the next *Fortnightly*, wherein we hope to be able to announce a novel contest for the coming season.

To popularise Philately there is no surer method than the illustrated lecture, and if only the keen appreciation with which these entertainments are rewarded were more widely known, we feel sure that a greater number of philatelists would bear a hand in the good work. Mr. H. Perkins, of Cardiff, is one of those who are to be congratulated upon good service to the hobby in the direction indicated. We are glad to know that Mr. Perkins' lecture to the students of the Howard Gardens Secondary Schools, Cardiff, was most successful. He chose for his subject the stamps of Orange Free State and Orange River Colony, illustrating his remarks with his collection of these stamps. The boys, we hear, were much amused by Mr. Perkins' references to the eager discussions on "dots" in Bloemfontein on the first appearance of the "V.R.I." surcharges, but they were still more tickled when the lecturer treated them to a few philatelic conundrums, such as the difference between a postage stamp and a donkey, the answer to which is: "One you lick with a stick and the other you stick with a lick." The hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Perkins, which was carried amid cheers, should encourage that gentleman—and others of equal public spirit—to give further lectures calculated to spread a knowledge of Philately's usefulness and charm.

Elusive "Postage Dues."

We have been reading an article on "Continental Postage Due Stamps" in the "Bazaar," wherein it is remarked that while ordinary stamps may be plentiful to the point of surfeit, the "due" stamp of Europe, with perhaps one or two countries as exceptions, are seldom obtainable in quantities. There is a vast deal of truth in this as many collectors have found in their own experience.

It is remarked in the article that Austrian stamps of this class are fairly common, but that Hungary, 1903, though on issue now for over five years, are seldom mentioned in Continental price lists. French "unpaid" of recent emission are plentiful; Swiss, Belgian and Italian stamps of this class are fairly cheap throughout. As regards Holland the "dues" above 10c. are not abundant. Bosnians are mostly postmarked to order; Norwegians are uncommon; Swedish "dues" are often very badly centred.

An Appreciation of the Stamps of St. Helena.

By H. H. HARLAND.

MY chief reason for taking up St. Helena (writes Mr. H. H. Harland in our weekly contemporary, the "Postage Stamp"), was that I undertook in a rash moment to supply this country's stamps to the Caxton Hall Exhibition. My choice fell upon St. Helena partly because I had a sneaking fancy for it from my youth, and this is perhaps due to its being one of the only countries which is to all intents and purposes limited to one die for a long series of curiously varied and interesting postal emissions.

That die in itself I contend to be a thing of beauty, and it will be to me a joy for ever. It was, I believe, one of the choicest pieces of the work of the late Mr. W. Humphrys though it cannot with absolute certainty be ascribed to his graver, the internal evidence of its period however making it extremely probable. Mr. Humphrys, I need scarcely remind the readers of "The Postage Stamp," was the engraver charged with the difficult and important work of deepening the English line engraved die of 1855.

This handsome die of St. Helena bears a family resemblance approaching almost to identity to the choice early issues of Ceylon which have been utilised so effectively for philatelic specialisation by Baron de Worms.

I contend that in starting upon a subject for specialisation one must first have some satisfaction or shall we say confidence in the worthiness of the object to which one is setting oneself. And the whole series of St. Helena throughout the nineteenth century was never questioned as to its postal utility or artistic beauty, and is thus, what few of the other minor island colonies can claim to be, like Caesar's wife, above reproach.

Then we have here in this first series, which I may mention was entirely printed from one plate, a magnificent study of the serviceability of the grand old Perkins, Bacon process of line engraving, which, I think it will be admitted, has never been excelled by any of the more modern, or the American Bank Note Companies for its delicacy of line and perfection of printing. The American productions, it may be said, are generally more flash and showy, but it must be borne in mind that the supreme test for a line engraved stamp is a faithful portrait and that Perkins, Bacon have given, where practically everyone else has failed.

For richness of colouring, the De la Rue productions from the Perkins, Bacon plate are, I think, superior, and here I may point to the wealth of shades which will delight any collector taking up my pet country.

One of the things I should always look for in a country I was about to specialise is something in the nature of complications, whether in design, watermark, perforation, or in surcharge. One or two of these classes of complications provide the happy hunting ground which is the joy of the specialist, and which enables the studious collector of moderate means to become more the master of his subject than the dealers who are to most of us the chief source of our supply. I have wandered along the Strand time after time, and rarely in a newly made up book have I failed to find some choice little items which have not been recognised at their true value by the astute caterers for our philatelic requirements.

The arrangements and the settings of the surcharges by which one ground design has been made to cover eight different values has still to yield much result to persistent study, and no country could have much interest for me if I felt on entering upon my task that the whole thing had been worked to death and that the Great Moguls, as the late Mr. Nankivell called them, had left me no tiny detail to find myself. In this respect I think it is that the specialist differs from the collector. He must be fed with a certain proportion of new discovery to sustain him. The general collector stands in no need, perhaps of this meat, though doubtless we owe much of our wider knowledge to this class.

But as most careful students can tell you nothing in the philatelic sense has yet been done *quite* to the death, though some countries' stamps have perhaps received more attention than their legitimate postal requirements would have entitled them to.

Lastly, I may say that I have been sustained in my interest for the stamps of St. Helena to some extent by the historical interest which attaches and always will attach to this tiny islet, with its mere handful of present inhabitants. Napoleon, perhaps the greatest man in modern history, made the name and fame of St. Helena a perpetuity. And in quite recent times the island became associated with another notable epoch in our history, when, after General Cronje's surrender to Lord Roberts in the South African War, the Boer prisoners were escorted to the lonely isle.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

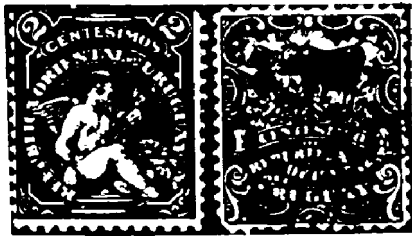
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FIFTIETH ISSUE.

PROVISIONALS, OCTOBER 15TH, 1904.

To celebrate the reconciliation of the revolutionaries and the Government, in the termination of the troubles which disturbed the peace of the Republic in 1904, the Direction overprinted three of the then current lithographed stamps with an oblique surcharge, PAZ 1904. There are two varieties of the position of the surcharge, as shown in the



THE "PAZ 1904" ISSUE.

illustrations (Note: In the reproductions given here the surcharges are not very clearly shown. The variety simply consists of a greater or less degree of "obliquity," so to speak, in the setting of the surcharge).

The stamps were on sale for only two days: October 15th and 16th, 1904.

Descriptions of the stamps and the numbers printed:—

Surcharged, diagonally, "Paz, 1904."

1 cent., yellow-green, red surcharge	...	20,000
2 cent., orange, black surcharge	...	60,000
5 cent., blue, red surcharge	...	20,000

On the 16th October, there remained of these stamps, 5000 of the 1 centesimo, 4000 of the 2c., and 12,000 of the 5c., all of which were ordered to be burnt.

FIFTY-FIRST ISSUE.

FEBRUARY 23RD, 1906.

The stock of the 5 cent., blue, being exhausted, another printing of that value was ordered, the design being an enlargement of the 5c. blue of 1904. Of this issue there are two pronounced shades—light blue and indigo blue.

FIFTY-SECOND ISSUE.

SEPTEMBER, 1907.

Pending the arrival of the stamps ordered from Waterlow's, there was a new issue of stamps hailing from the School of Arts and Handicrafts, Montevideo. The designs were in the



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manner of those issued in 1883. They bear in the centre the Arms of the Republic on a white ground. The stamps were printed by lithography on an intense white paper, and perforated 1½. The issue comprised three values:—

5 cent., light blue.	7 cent., pale red-brown.
50 cent., bright rose.	

FIFTY-THIRD ISSUE.

NOVEMBER 26TH, 1907—AUGUST, 1908.

On the arrival of the stamps printed in London, the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs notified the public in the following terms:—

"Montevideo, 26th November, 1907.

"By order of the General Direction of the Posts and Telegraphs, there is placed in circulation, this day, an issue of postage stamps of the value of 2 centesimos, printed in blue, and 5 centesimos, printed in light blue-green. These stamps are identical with those issued on the 11th of February, 1901, and the 15th of December, 1900, having been printed from the same plates.

"There is accorded a delay of 90 days—" etc.

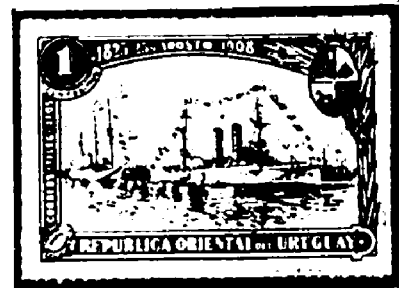
Other values followed, and the series issued between the dates given above, was:—

- 1 cent., light green.
- 2 cent., vermilion.
- (Paler in colour than the 2c. issued on Feb. 11th, 1901).
- 5 cent., light peacock blue.
- (The 5c. issued on Dec. 15th, 1901, was light blue, without a trace of a green tint).
- 7 cent., maroon.
- 10 cent., violet.
- 25 cent., blue and black.
- 50 cent., olive.
- 2 pesos, sepia.
- 3 pesos, pale blue.

FIFTY-FOURTH ISSUE.

COMMEMORATIVES, AUGUST 23RD, 1908.

On August 23rd, 24th and 25th were sold three stamps commemorative of the independence of Uruguay. These stamps were only current for use in the interior. They were



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printed lithographically at the works of M. Antonio Barraró y Ramos.

The centre of the design represents the armoured cruiser "Montevideo" (formerly the "Dogali," and purchased from Italy) and a smaller vessel. Each sheet contained 25 stamps, which were rouletted.

1 cent., light blue and red.
2 " " " green.
5 " " " orange.

Of each value 100,000 were printed.

(To be continued.)

Concerning New Zealand Perforations.

MR. KARL WIEHEN writes us:—

"After reading the paragraph on 'New Zealand Perforations' in your last number, I looked at some of my copies, watermark Star, perf. 12½ or 13, and seeing a 3d. lilac and a pair of the 4d. yellow, both with the Dunedin postmark, I measured these and found them both perf. 13.

"Of the watermark 'N.Z.' I have one perforated specimen of the one shilling green, and this is also perf. 13, but the postmark is not clear."

Auction Reports.

A NOTE TO AUCTION-GOERS.

Messrs. Plumridge & Co. have entirely taken over the auctioneering portion of Mr. W. Hadlow's business, and we understand that the latter gentleman will in future trade as a stamp dealer only. Special attention is called to the fact that the Monday auctions which were a regular feature of Mr. Hadlow's practice as a philatelic auctioneer will now be added to Messrs. Plumridge's existing arrangements for sales. Those who have been in the habit of attending Mr. Hadlow's Monday sales in Southampton Street, Strand, must now go to the sale room of Messrs. Plumridge at 63-64 Chancery Lane, W.C. The adding of these extra sale-days to the programme of the last named firm will be of great advantage to clients, since it will ensure rapid realisations on philatelic property.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, April 22nd and 23rd, 1909.

Danish West Indies, 1873, 14 cents green and lilac ..	£1 1 0
Great Britain, 1867, Cross, 10/- grey-grn.	1 2 0
Ditto, Anchor on white, £5 orange	2 2 0
Ionian Isles, 1859, 2d. carmine ..	1 5 0
Ceylon, 1857, 2/- blue ..	5 15 0
1862, no wmk., 6d. deep brown*	2 0 0
1863, CC., 5d. red-brown ..	1 6 0
India, 1854, 4 annas, a pair showing blue dividing line ..	2 15 0
B. Central Africa, 1895, £1 orange*	2 16 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855, 1/- yellow-green, pair, with red postmark	4 15 0
Ditto, 1/- deep green, mint ..	2 17 6
1861, woodblock, 1d. scarlet ..	3 10 0
Ditto, ditto, 4d. pale blue ..	3 5 0
Ditto, ditto, 4d. blue ..	2 6 0
Ditto, 4d. deep blue ..	5 15 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1863, 1/- emerald, a mint pair ..	5 5 0
Ditto, 1/- pale emerald, a do. do.	5 15 0
Gambia, 1869, no wmk., 6d. blue with red postmark ..	1 5 0
Gold Coast, 1883, CA., 1d. blue, two-and-a-half copies used as Provisional on piece ..	1 7 0
Mauritius, 1848, 1d. red, on blued paper, worn plate ..	2 4 0
St. Helena, 1884, CA., perf. 12, 6d. greenish-grey*	1 10 0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose ..	1 6 0
British Columbia, 1861, imperf., 2½d. brown-rose, mint ..	5 5 0
1867, CC., 10c. lake, mint ..	2 10 0
Nevis, 1883, 1/- lilac ..	2 0 0
St. Vincent, 1874, 1/- violet-rose ..	1 1 0
N.S. Wales, Sydney View, 1d. lake, on laid paper ..	2 2 0
Ditto, 2d. deep bl., plate 2, variety Pick and Shovel omitted ..	3 12 6
Ditto, 2d. blue, plate 3, 1st retouch variety double-lined bale ..	2 4 0
Ditto, 3d. green ..	4 0 0
1853, 8d. deep orange, the rare variety WALLES ..	2 15 0
New Zealand, 1856, blue paper, 1/- grn.	1 4 0
1862, imperf. Star, 2d. slate blue	2 10 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, April 27th & 28th, 1909.

Great Britain, I.R. Official, 1902-04, King's Head, 5/- carm., mint	25 10 0
Ditto, 10/- blue, mint ..	94 0 0

Switzerland, Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen, blk. & red, vertical lines, type 5	£8 15 0
Ditto, 6 rappen, black and red, vertical lines, type 1 ..	1 0 0
Ceylon, 1861, 4d. rose ..	2 8 0
India, 1854, essays, proofs and reprints, ½ anna, Lion and Palm-tree essay in yellow ..	1 9 0
Ditto, a proof of the 2a. in red ..	1 0 0
1854, 4a. blue and red, the close setting with blue dividing line, a pair ..	2 14 0
1854-64, no wmk., 2a. green, imperf.	1 14 0
British Central Africa, 1895, £1 dull yellow, mint ..	3 0 0
1902-4, £1 carmine and grey, mint	1 4 0
British South Africa, 1896, One Penny on 3d. grey, mint ..	2 5 0
Gambia, 1860, CC., 1/- green ..	1 1 0
Natal, 1875, 1d. rose, with inverted overprint ..	2 10 0
Sierra Leone, 1903, £1 purple on red, mint ..	1 3 0
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 12½, 1 dollar green, mint ..	1 16 0
Nevis, 1867, perf. 15, 1/- yellow-green	1 4 0
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney Views, 1d. carmine, plate 2 ..	2 14 0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, April 29th and 30th, 1909.

Hungary, 1871, litho., 3kr. green, mint	1 4 0
Do., 25kr. mauve, a mint block of 4	7 15 0
Belgium, 1849, 10c. brown, mint ..	1 10 0
Congo State, 1895, 10c. greenish-blue, variety, centre inverted, mint Parcel Post Stamps, 1887, 3f. 50c. in blk. on 1st 5fr. mauve, mint	3 12 6
E. Roumelia, 1884, perf. 11½, 5 piastres red and blue, mint ..	1 11 0
France, Colonies, 1879, 25c. black on red, a block of 4, mint ..	5 10 0
Djibouti, 1894, 25fr. blue & rose, and 50fr. rose & blue, both mint	2 10 0
Obock, 1894, 25f. blue & brn., and 50f. green & lake, both mint	2 10 0
Greece, 1861, Paris print, with figures at back, 10l. oran. on bluish, mint ..	1 2 0
Luxemburg, 1879, the error 1 'Franc' on 37½c. bistre, mint ..	3 0 0
Portuguese Indies, 1st issue, thin paper, 40 reis Prussian blue, mint ..	2 12 0
Roumania, Moldavia, 1859, 5 paras black*	1 16 0
Philippine Islands, 1st issue, 5c. orange-red, mint ..	2 17 6
Ditto, 10c. carmine, mint ..	1 18 0
Ditto, 1R. blue, mint ..	1 18 0
1863, 1R. rosy-mauve*	3 12 6
Porto Rico, 1878, 10c. brown, mint ..	1 5 0
United States, State, 2 dollars, black and green, mint ..	2 2 0
Argentina, 1862, with accent over U, 15c. pale blue, mint ..	1 16 0
Ditto, ditto, 15c. deep blue, mint	1 18 0
1864, 10c. green, imperforate, mint	7 0 0
Ditto, 15c. blue, imperforate, mint	9 0 0
1891, 5 pesos, ultramarine, mint	1 8 0
Ditto, 20 pesos, green, mint ..	3 7 6
Buenos Ayres, Steamship, 1859, in ps. blue*	1 0 0
Brazil, 1843, thick paper, 30r. black and 60r. black, both mint ..	2 2 0
Ditto, 1866, perf. 13½, 280R. vermilion, mint ..	1 14 0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & CO.'S Sale, May 6th and 7th, 1909.

Bremen, 1856, imperf., 7 grote, yellow	1 8 0
Great Britain, 1841, scarce die proof of the 1d. in blue, with voided corners ..	2 0 0
1854, small Crown, die II., imperforate, 1d. red with marginal inscription at top*	1 11 0
Ditto, large Crown, imperforate, with marginal inscription at top*	1 10 0

Great Britain, 1867, Cross, 10/- grey-green, a strip of 3 ..	£3 0 0
Ditto, Anchor on white, £5 orange	2 0 0
Ceylon, 1861, rough perms., 8d. yellow-brown ..	4 4 0
Uganda, Nov., 1896, 5 rupees*	1 3 0
British Honduras, 1882, 1/- grey ..	1 9 0
Cayman Isles, Queen, 2½d. on 4d. with two ½d. stamps ..	3 5 0
1908, Postage and Revenue, 1d. on 4d. ..	1 11 0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green ..	1 9 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, May 11th and 12th, 1909.

Hanover, 1861, 10 gros. green ..	2 5 0
Oldenburg, 1855, 1sgr. balck on green	1 5 0
Tuscany, 1851, 60 crazie brick-red on azure ..	10 0 0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70kr. purple ..	2 12 6
India, 1854, 4a. red and blue, a pair of the wide setting, with blue dividing lines ..	6 0 0
B.C. Africa, 1895, £10 vermilion ..	6 0 0
Barbados, 1873, small star, 5/- rose ..	1 5 0
Jamaica, 1878-81, 5/- lilac on bleuté ..	1 16 0
St. Lucia, 1883-4, CA., 1/- orange and black*	2 5 0
1883-86, 6d. lilac*	1 10 0
St. Vincent, 1881, ½d. in red on half of 6d. yellow-green, a pair*	2 15 0
Ditto, 4d. on 1/- vermilion ..	9 0 0
Trinidad, 1863, perf. 11½-12½, 1/- violet-blue ..	1 5 0
Buenos Ayres, 1858, Nov., 4 pesos, brn.	1 10 0
New Zealand, 1856, blue paper, 1/- grn. 1874, perf. 10 x 12½, 2d. rose, mint	7 0 0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, May 13th and 14th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1867-83, £5 orange ..	1 18 0
Brunei, 1st issue, 1c. black and purple with overprint in black, on entire envelope with 3 other 1c. values, postmarked 31 Jan. 1907 ..	4 0 0
Federated Malay States, 1900, on Perak 25 dollars, grn. & oran., mint	7 10 0
1901, 25 dollars, grn. & oran., mint	2 8 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1853, half a 4d. deep blue used on piece with a 6d. mauve, as 8d., Expert Committee's report attached with the opinion that it is genuine ..	4 4 0
Ditto, Woodblock, 4d. pale blue	3 12 6
Lagos, 1884-6, 2 6 olive-black, 5 - blue and 10 - purple-brown, all overprinted "SPECIMEN," mint ..	5 0 0
Mauritius, 1859, Greek border, 2d. blue, a pair ..	3 12 6
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 12½, 1 dollar green ..	2 0 0
Canada, 1852-57, 7½d. green ..	2 2 0
Newfoundland, 1857, 2d. scarlet-vermilion ..	3 15 0
Ditto, 4d. scarlet-vermilion ..	4 0 0
Ditto, 1/- scarlet-vermilion ..	8 0 0
British Guiana, 1862 provisional, 4c. black on blue, pearl in heart border, full roulettes ..	10 0 0
Grenada, King's Head, multiple wmk., 10 - green and purple, mint ..	1 5 0
St. Vincent, 1885, 4d. red-brown, mint	4 15 0
Trinidad, 1896-1900, 10 - green and ultramarine, mint ..	1 10 0
Peru, Pacific Steam Nav. Co.'s Stamps, 1857, blued paper, 1rl. blue, and 2rls. brn.-red, both mint	2 15 0
Uruguay, 1st issue, 80c. green*	1 7 0
Ditto, 1rl. deep vermilion*	1 12 0
New Zealand, King Edward VII. Land, 1d. carmine ..	1 10 0

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BY THE EDITOR.

Some Canadian Stamp Portraits.

A fluent and well informed contributor to the American stamp journals, the Rev. L. G. Dorpat, has been writing in the "Collectors' Journal" on Canadian stamp designs, the article being one of an excellent series entitled "What appears on the faces of our stamps." We quote:—

Of Jacques Cartier, whose portrait appears on the 17 cent of 1859-64, the Britannica gives the following short biography:—
 "He was born at St. Malo, in Brittany, in 1494. According to the custom of the place, even his early youth was passed upon the sea; and he was probably already acquainted with the coast of Newfoundland when he was appointed by Francis I. to the command of the two ships, which, on the 20th April, 1534, set sail from St. Malo, for the purpose of exploring the district beyond the fishing grounds. Cartier first touched at Cape Buonavista, on the east coast of Newfoundland, then passed northward along the coast, and sailing southwest through the Straits of Belle Isle, discovered the mainland of Canada, which he claimed for France, by erecting a wooden cross with the inscription "Vive le Roi de France." Next year a second expedition was placed under his control to explore the estuary of the St. Lawrence. He penetrated as far as Hochelaga, a large fortified village at the foot of a hill, to which he gave the name of Mont Royal, and which is the site of the modern Montreal. But he did nothing more, and returned on the 16th of May, 1536, disgusted with the climate and with his crew weakened by scurvy, a disease then unknown in Europe. The idea of colonizing Canada was abandoned after this, till in 1540 Jean Francis de la Roche, Seigneur de Roberval, obtained permission to form a settlement. The project was carried out partly at Roberval's and partly at the King's expense; Cartier was sent out in command of five ships, in the spring of 1541; and in the autumn he arrived at the mouth of the St. Lawrence. Near the present situation of Quebec he built a fort named Charlesbourg. (This shows his connection with the founding of Quebec.) But the Indians, whose king he had carried off with him on his last voyage, annoyed him so much with their attacks that he determined to return to France; and though Roberval arrived at Newfoundland in June, 1542 with three ships and a colony of 200 men and women, and commanded him to turn back, he continued his homeward voyage. Whether this was his last expedition is disputed. Some say that he returned to the assistance of Roberval, in the autumn of 1543; but if this be so, we know nothing more. The rest of his life was spent in his native town or at the village of Limoilou, of which he was created seigneur by his patron Francis I. He was alive in 1552; but the date of his death is not known."

Of Samuel de Champlain the Britannica says:—"His father was a sea-captain, and probably he was already skilled in navigation when, while still young, he entered the army of Henry IV. On the conclusion of the war he accompanied a Spanish fleet to Mexico and the West Indies, and on his return wrote an account of the exhibition. In 1603, he made his first voyage to Canada, being sent by De Chastes, on whom the king had bestowed some territory in that country. During 1604-1607 he was engaged, together with De Monts, to whom De Chaste's privileges had been transferred, in exploring the Canadian coast, in seeking a site for a new settlement, and in making surveys and maps. In 1608 he made his third voyage; and in this year he commenced the formation of a settlement at Quebec. But De Monts' influence was now waning; he had been deprived of some of his privileges; and the merchants who had ventured in the affair were losing heart. Under these circumstances Champlain prevailed upon the Duc de Loissons to interest himself in the matter, and to seek the post of Governor and Lieutenant-General of New France. Under him, and under his successor the Duke of Conde, Champlain held the office of lieutenant, which made him in reality the governor of the colony. Owing, however, to quarrels with the Indians, the settlement seemed likely to fail; but under the viceroyalty of the Duc de Montmorency and still more under that of the Duc de Ventadour, it began to flourish. In 1629 it met with a reverse, Champlain being forced to surrender to an English fleet commanded by three brothers named Kirk. He was carried to England, but was restored to liberty in 1632. He returned to Canada in the next year, and died there two years afterwards (1635)."

Varieties of Trinidad, 1852-1860.

In that welcome and improving journal, "The Hobbyist," Mr. William E. Ault offers a few notes on Trinidad, dealing with the lithographed stamps of 1852-1860.

"As is the case with lithographed stamps, especially those in use for any length of time, these show many signs of the wearing of the stones, and there are five very distinct printings:

"1.—First printing, October 1852. The lines of the background are very distinct, sharp and clear and is found on thick yellowish wove paper, both thin and thick white wove paper and on thick bluish wove paper, the latter being issued in 1853.

"2.—Second printing, 1855. The lines of the background have lost their original sharpness, but can still be seen very clearly. The paper is yellowish-white and varies somewhat in thickness.

"3.—Third printing, 1856. The lines are now very faint and indistinct, but that the background is lined can still be noted. The paper is the same.

"4.—Fourth printing, 1858. In this series the lines have almost disappeared, only traces of them being visible. Same paper as preceding.

"In all above the colour of the stamps was blue, but can be found in many shades, dull blue, deep blue, pale blue, slate blue and greenish-blue.

"5.—Fifth printing, 1860. The lines of the background have now entirely disappeared, the background appearing almost solid. The paper is thin, yellowish wove, the colour was changed during the year 1860 to red, and is, like the blue, found in shades, red, dull red and deep red.

"Unused, the blue stamps are very rare, and even in used condition are exceedingly desirable property. The red stamps are much commoner unused than used, as reference to the catalogue will show."

The "Philatelic World" as a Quarterly!

Mr. Alexander Séfi, Editor and Manager of the "Philatelic World," writes me as follows:—

"In future the 'Philatelic World' will be published *Quarterly*. We only take this step after due consideration and are convinced that in our new form we shall be of more service to our readers. The paper will, of course, be considerably enlarged and will contain several new and important features. The 'Quarterly Philatelic World' will appear in March, June, September and December, the next number being dated September 30th."

A Chat about Errors.

Mr. R. E. R. Dalwick writes on "An 'Error' Collection" in a recent number of "Gibbons Stamp Weekly." In the course of an interesting paper, he remarks:—

When one comes to really consider the matter, one is not a little surprised that errors are not more frequent than is the case, as the members of a large stamp-printing firm do not occupy what may be termed an enviable position; their occupation of going through sheet after sheet of postage stamps must be trying in the extreme. How easy it really is for an official to overlook an error of lettering placed somewhere in a sheet of over two hundred impressions, especially if such an error be some such easily overlookable mistake as "GENT" or "CENT" for "CENT"! The excuses for more prominent errors are much less, but even in that case one must always make allowance for the rapidity at which stamps are produced, and have some pity for the offending officials, always remembering that their time is precious, whilst they are not provided with microscopes to discover unrecognized errors caused through a multitude of causes. By the term unrecognized errors I refer to instances of defective letters, figures, etc., caused by the plate being unevenly inked or through the wear of the plate, etc.; it being obvious that all such imperfections are not errors in the strict sense, but merely varieties.

A well arranged and representative collection of errors of the world is indeed an imposing and fascinating sight, and one which cannot but interest all who happen to see it, in that it comprises all the mistakes and oversights of man, whilst, on the

other hand, the rareness, variety, and numbers, all tend to make this the greatest and by far the most interesting of all forms of philatelic "freak" collections.

The number of errors in existence is of course large, but not so very large in comparison with the numbers of the ordinary normal varieties which are printed. When one considers how many millions of stamps are printed yearly, one begins to fully grasp the extent of the production of errors as compared with stamps produced—the only true method by which any approximate guess can be made as to the increase or decrease of errors in general.

A point well worth considering here is: "Have errors decreased in modern times?" A question of this sort requires well considering before coming to any definite conclusion on the matter, as even in the philatelic world "time works wonders." It is more than probable that if you asked a friend whether he thought errors were decreasing he would promptly answer, "Yes"; his natural argument being (1) that modern machinery is better than old, (2) that more care is now taken over the production of postage stamps. It is beyond question that both these arguments are correct, but nevertheless, they are not the only points on which one must work to answer such a question with anything like common-sense result.

In the early days of postage stamps the chief errors consisted of mistakes caused through "errors of composition" and "errors of making," whilst in modern times "errors of surcharge" are the commonest variety of defect. It is only natural that during Philatelia's youth errors relating to the plates themselves and to the methods of production were of themselves common, as all the little helps which come only through experience were then unknown secrets to postage-stamp producers. To insinuate that all early stamps were crude and badly printed would be quite absurd, to say the least of it; for where can we beat some of the beautiful productions of Messrs. Perkins, Bacon and Co.? The only point that I am endeavouring to drive home is that early errors often consisted of composition failings.

In recent years composition errors have taken a more backward station, but surcharge defects have to a certain extent taken their places, while errors of manipulation continue much the same as from the first. Although it is possible, nay probable, that errors,

were more common at early times, yet they are, in all probability, more errors being made now than ever before. There are so many more stamps printed now than there were forty years ago, that, in comparison to numbers printed, it may be assumed that mistakes are rarer now than was the case heretofore. The errors of surcharge are the modern mistakes which show us that taking all classes of errors together there is little to convince us of the decrease of philatelic errors: in fact, with such energetic district as Panama, Salvador, Paraguay, etc., we are always kept merry with new items for "the error collection"!

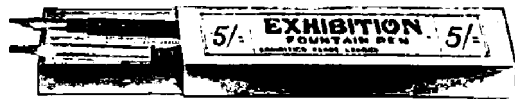
As is only natural, certain types of error are more popular than others, with the result that errors of inverted centre and errors of colour occupy the places of honour. Another noteworthy point of interest in connection with these two classes of errors is that they both contain rarities of the first class.

A question that ought not to be omitted in a discourse on errors is, "Are all errors absolutely accidental?" Unfortunately the unhesitating answer is "No!" The reason for this is apparent after a moment's thought. A Government boasting no morals issues some provisionals, and being in sore pecuniary difficulties, decides to make some surcharge errors to sell to collectors on advantageous terms—not to the collector! There is nothing to prevent this sort of thing being done, but the error hunter can always help the stamp-collecting fraternity by excluding such valueless rubbish from his collection, the only method by which there is any chance of suppressing these so-called errors.

Rare Stamps found at Bale.

When part of the Archive Office at Bale was being cleaned recently, a sheet of fifteen rare postage stamps was discovered amongst a heap of dust-covered papers. The stamps, which are known to collectors as the "doves of Bale," are very valuable and extremely rare. This sheet of fifteen stamps—the largest number known to exist in one set has been roughly valued at £300, but, though a much larger price might be realised if the stamps were sold separately to collectors, it is improbable that they will come into the market.—"Standard" correspondent.

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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

The Liverpool Society's 21st Year.

WITH the advent of another session, the attention of enthusiasts in the philatelic hobby is naturally drawn to the arrangements made by the various Societies for the winter meetings.

The Liverpool Society is entering into an interesting phase of its existence—namely, its twenty-first year of active work. This is specially noteworthy as few (if any) provincial societies, and not many of the London ones, can lay claim to such long service to Philately.

The Society was inaugurated in November 1888. One of the original members is still on the active list. From small beginnings its numbers have increased until it now adds up to well over a hundred, and the attendance at the fortnightly meetings averages above thirty.

The programme of this session promises well, and one or two new features are noticeable. An experiment on March 21st, 1910, namely, "Six Interesting stamps, with Notes thereon by all the Members," should be of special interest if thoroughly supported by the members. The "public" invitation night on November 8th, should also be a great success. Two auctions are being held and the Committee have been lucky enough to secure the services of Mr. Eric W. Thomas, a rising Liverpool auctioneer.

A new place of meeting has been secured, namely the "St. George's Restaurant," No. 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool and it is anticipated that this move will be of great advantage.

With great regret the Society has lost the services of Mr. F. W. Calloway as Exchange Secretary, but his successor, Mr. W. McMillan, will doubtless prove a very worthy one, and the packets under his care will retain their high standard of sales. My readers will recall the name of Mr. McMillan as the author of a very shrewd and helpful paper on the subject of philatelic values, published some time ago in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*; and they will join me in wishing Mr. McMillan all success in his new office. The syllabus of meetings of the Liverpool Society, and also that of the Liverpool Juniors, has already been published in our columns.

Re-Constituting the J.P.S.

THERE has been a thorough overhauling of the constitution, for, truth to tell, lack of constitution—of the Junior Philatelic Society. The J.P.S. has lived through its first ten years of strenuous life with only a very meagre set of rules, which

have long been felt to be inadequate; and at various times situations have arisen for which no adequate provision had ever been made. At a committee meeting preceding the Annual General Meeting of the Society all this was changed. A proper constitution was framed, under which it is expected the J.P.S. will continue to grow in strength and usefulness.

At the J.P.S. Annual Meeting, on Saturday evening last, September 11th, a spirit of cheery optimism prevailed, and another successful season was predicted. So may it prove! Many old familiar faces were to be seen at the meeting, including, of course, the President, Mr. Melville, Mr. H. F. Johnson, Mr. Arthur Sellinger (who now retires from the Hon. Secretaryship, being succeeded by Mr. Wedmore), Mr. H. Clark, and many others. I had the pleasure of meeting, for the first time, Mr. Haworth, of the Portland Philatelic Society, now in town for his "matric.," also Mr. Albert Harris, who was the founder of the "Enterprise," (now City of London) Philatelic Society, a good many years ago.

An Exchange Club with New Ideas.

THE mention of Mr. Albert Harris reminds me that I have before me the prospectus of this gentleman's newest undertaking, the Modern Collectors' Philatelic Exchange Club. This embodies several novel features, there being three sections—a net section, a 50% section, and a "Wants and Offers" section.

The last-named is, I think, quite a new departure, and it will be interesting to note to what extent it "catches on." I learn from Mr. Harris that the "Wants and Offers" section at present promises to be the most successful department of the Club. The general working plan of this innovation in Exchange Club practice may be gathered from the special regulations governing it:—

1. A Register will be kept, and a monthly list will be circulated, in both of which Members' Wants and Offers will be entered in accordance with the following regulations:—
2. All communications will be treated as confidential, and the name of neither buyer nor seller will be divulged.
3. Wants and Offers should be communicated to the Secretary at frequent intervals. Entires will remain upon the Register for three months unless previously cancelled.
4. The lowest net price of all lots offered must be clearly stated. A commission of 10% will be charged to the seller on all sales effected.
5. A lot may consist of a stamp, group of stamps described collectively, or any item of philatelic property of a selling value not less than 1s. (one shilling.)
6. No member may have more than ten unsold lots on the Register at one time.
7. Members will be advised from time to time of property offered likely to suit their requirements. Any desired lot will be sent on approval (within the British Isles) upon receipt of postage or carriage.

8. Members should indicate the highest price they are prepared to pay for their requirements, as a guide to the Secretary when submitting particulars of offers received.

9. Lots offered on approval must be paid for or returned within three days of receipt, unless otherwise arranged.

The Modern Collectors' Philatelic Exchange Club will have an annual subscription of 2s. 6d. One important regulation regarding exchange sheets contributed is that "no single specimen may be priced at a lower value than 6d. net. or 1s. gross," the object, of course, being to eliminate common stamps. There are also excellent arrangements as to insurance, and indeed the whole scheme of the M.C.P.E.C. seems to have been most carefully and thoughtfully devised. I have no doubt that Mr. Harris will be happy to supply further details or forward the complete prospectus to any reader of the *Fortnightly*. His address is 44, Charlwood Street, Belgrave Road, S.W. The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* will act as the Club's official journal and publish reports as to its progress from time to time.

Removal of the "Travellers'."

MR. LEICESTER A. B. PAINE, of that old established exchange, the "Travellers' Stamp Exchange Club, notifies me of his change of address. Mr. Paine has left the Black Country for breezy Brighton and will in future have his home at 1, Portland Place, Kemp Town, Brighton. I rejoice to learn that the Travellers', one of the best and soundest of our Stamp Exchange Clubs, to say nothing of being one of the oldest, is still enjoying the support and the prosperity it richly deserves. There is now a membership of 215, and the annual "turnover," I doubt not, runs into very substantial figures.

A Request to Secretaries.

THE Editor of the *Fortnightly*, by the way, issues a special request to all Secretaries of Philatelic Societies, to send in their programmes for the coming season as rapidly as possible, and *in duplicate*. In the next three or four issues of the paper special space will be reserved for such announcements, and also for reports, &c., by the Secretaries of those Exchange Clubs which the *S.C.F.* serves as official journal.

The Petition to the Postal Union.

I UNDERSTAND that the anti-gumpap petition to the Universal Postal Union cannot be entertained, since that body can only receive resolutions submitted by administrations, Members of the Union. The only course open is to ask that the petition be forwarded *via* the British Post Office, and probably an effort will now be made in this direction.

Cleaned and Gummed British.

MR. J. IRELAND, of Brighton, writes us as follows:—

Your readers should be warned against an individual who is in the habit of offering cleaned and gummed copies of 1d. blacks and 2d. no lines at a quarter catalogue or less in reply to advertisers in philatelic journals.

I know of an instance where 9/- was paid for two "unused" 1d. blacks, and the same collector would probably have paid 10/- for a 2d. "no lines" in like condition, but was, fortunately, warned in time.

Collectors should remember that it is unnecessary to hawk stamps like 1d. blacks and 2d. "no lines" at a quarter catalogue—the latter in this case was *one-sixteenth* of the catalogue price—in order to find purchasers.

If such stamps are offered from unknown sources it is more likely than not there is something wrong with them.

The "S.C.F." Medals for Merit.

A STATEMENT is being prepared for the next *Fortnightly* regarding the *S.C.F.* medals. There has been some delay in preparing the die, but within the next few weeks it will be possible to make the formal presentations.

Meantime it is hoped that during the coming season the *S.C.F.* Medal Competition will provoke a more spirited rivalry throughout the country. The Editor will be glad if Secretaries of Societies will include, if possible, some reference to the medals in their prospectuses for the season.

The Hudson-Fulton Celebration Stamps.

(From "Shipping Illustrated," New York).

A NEW postage stamp to commemorate the Hudson-Fulton Celebration, is, after all, to be issued by the United States Post Office Department, and "Shipping Illustrated" can justly claim credit for obtaining the order. On July 31st this paper wrote the Postmaster-General, at Washington as follows:—

"Will you kindly advise us if it is contemplated to issue a special set of stamps commemorative of the Hudson-Fulton Centenary? also, if so, when they will be issued and what are to be the characteristics of each of the stamps?"

"Awaiting the favour of authoritative information on this matter, we are, etc."

To this letter came an official reply, dated Washington, August 3rd, as follows:—

"In answer to your letter of July 30th, you are advised that no steps have been taken for a special issue of postage stamps to commemorate the Hudson-Fulton Centenary."

As the result of this correspondence, a leading article upon the subject was printed in this paper on August 7th, reviewing suggestions that had been made in these columns for such stamps and expressing surprise that no action had been taken in connection with an event of such marked importance to the metropolis of the nation. Marked copies of the paper containing this article were sent to the Postmaster-General, at Washington, and to leading members of the Hudson-Fulton Committee, with the result that on August 17th, announcement was made by Postmaster-General Hitchcock that a special stamp would be issued. It may be satisfactory to the friends of "Shipping Illustrated" to have the above facts as evidence of the influence of this journal, and when they use the new stamp to remember that had it not been for the action taken in public welfare, the event would have been totally neglected. Even now the time is so short for the preparation of the single stamp decided upon that it is not expected to be on sale before September 20th. An issue of fifty millions is however promised, and the description is as follows:—

The stamp is oblong, about seven-eighths by one-and-three-eighths inches in size, and comprises a border containing at the top the inscription "Hudson-Fulton Centenary" with the dates "1609" and "1909." Below this inscription, in a curved line, are the words "U.S. Postage." At the bottom of each side is a prominent Arabic numeral 2 with the words "Two Cents" in a panel between the figures.

In the centre is engraved a picture showing the Palisades of the Hudson in the background with the "Half Moon" going up the river and the "Clermont" steaming in the opposite direction. In the foreground is an Indian in a canoe and in the distance, just discernible, is a canoe containing four other Indians, the canoes representing the first means of navigating the river.

The stamp will be printed in the same colour as the present 2c. stamp.

With this number of the "S.C.F." we circulate an inset from Mr. F. W. Guthrie, Thompson Avenue, Johnstone, N.B., which should prove of special interest to collectors. Any subscriber not receiving the circular can readily obtain a copy by writing to Mr. Guthrie at the address given.

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The philatelist who makes a speciality of collecting Siamese stamps will shortly be able to add largely to their number, for (says the "Java Times"), we believe it is the intention to surcharge all the existing stamps with satang values. The department at the Ministry of Finance, in whose care the stamps are, have quantities of old stamps not at present in use, and these along with the present issue are to be surcharged.

The Collecting of English.

Being a Paper read at a Meeting of the Bath Philatelic Society, 17th March, 1909.

By F. G. WARWICK.

THE paper which has been chosen for me to read this evening by our esteemed Secretary is entitled "The Collecting of English," or, in other words, "The Collecting of the Stamps of Great Britain." I hope I may be able to interest you for a short time on the Postal issues of our own country, which in my opinion have a greater interest (or should have) than the stamps of other parts of the world, because in the first place this country was the pioneer in the issuing of an adhesive stamp for the pre-payment of a postage fee on letters, and secondly although our present issue of stamps is by many considered inartistic both in design and colouring, yet the first stamps of this country were among the finest examples of engraving one could wish to see, and even at the present time they rank among the best that have ever been issued.

When I first took to specializing in the stamps of Great Britain there were not a great number of collectors, and as for dealers there were very few. I found it a matter of great difficulty to obtain information regarding the different issues, their plate numbers, &c., their being very little literature on the subject. This was in the year 1880, but in 1881, Messrs. Philbrick and Westoby published their monograph on the Postage and Telegraph stamps of Great Britain, which was for many years the most exhaustive work on the subject. This, however, I did not obtain until 1887, so I had to get my information the best way I could from dealers, &c., one of the first being Mr. Walter Morley, who was already an advanced specialist, and I obtained many of my early stamps from him—at prices very different from those now asked. Messrs. Stanley Gibbons at that time only noted about 70 varieties of Great Britain, but many people had saved hundreds and thousands of the penny red plate numbers and I was able to get friends to give me a large quantity. Still, I found it trying work to wade through between twenty and thirty thousand penny reds in my search for particular plate numbers. In fact even then I was unable to find a copy of plate 225, so I bought a fine copy for 2s. 6d.

And here I may mention a very strange coincidence. About 20 years later I bought a lot of English common stamps by weight, and amongst them I found a copy of the 1d., plate 225, which was the next stamp on the sheet to the one I had purchased twenty years before. Not only this, but it was issued from the same office and bore the same obliteration mark, so that when I put them together there was no doubt that they had been used as a pair on the same envelope!*

Well now, the collecting of English may seem an easy matter, as the stamps are all issued in this country, but I can assure you it is not. There are a great many rarities and varieties difficult to obtain. Of course, if you have a never-failing purse it is comparatively easy to obtain them, but for the person of small means it is not easy, and especially at the present time, when there are so many collectors of these stamps, not only here but abroad. But I think our own country's stamps are the most interesting, as we have a number of handsome sets not encumbered with a multitude of errors or surcharges, as some countries are—if we except the Government departmental overprints. Again, our stamps are seldom forged and never reprinted, so that we have an ideal field for a specialist.

You will ask, Do I collect used or unused? Well, as a collector of moderate means I chose to collect used specimens, and at first strictly kept to that. Any unused copies I obtained I sold, and bought other used ones to add to my collection, but of course if one can afford it, it is nice to collect a used and unused specimen of each. To the beginner

I would say make a collection of each variety mentioned in the catalogue, say, of Messrs. Stanley Gibbons; then when you have got together a fairly representative collection you can commence upon the varieties, for this requires not only a good deal of experience, but also a separate album or albums, and, to make any show, some investment of capital. Money spent on good stamps is one of the safest investments of the day, and here I would add, if you buy stamps, buy good specimens. Torn stamps, or specimens that are dirty, or with some of the perforations gone, are comparatively worthless, if one at any time wants to realise upon them.

I myself collect specimens of every variation it is possible to obtain. It is needless for me to add I have not got them all yet! I take imperforate, perforated of different gauges, misplaced and defective perforations, different watermarks, shades, postmarks (and especially the coloured obliteration marks on the early issues), plate numbers, different dies, errors of perforating, double letters, hair lines, blocks and pairs, strips, &c., nearly all in used condition, newspaper stamps, fiscal postals, telegraph stamps, proofs, essays, railway letter fee stamps, firms names printed over and under the gum, "O.U.S." government officials, control letters, inverted watermarks, stamps on the original envelopes, postcards, envelopes with embossed stamps entire, registered envelopes, &c.

In this way it is possible to get a collection of the stamps of Great Britain numbering many thousands, and for this it is obvious you must have separate albums. I at first obtained a blank book and ruled it into squares or rather rectangles; but now I would recommend a loose leaf album, especially as they can now be obtained at such a reasonable price and they are so convenient when one wishes to exhibit a portion of one's collection. Then it is necessary to get the various catalogues published, and make a careful comparison, so as to get a fairly good list of the various issues and varieties, also to compare prices to give for stamps when buying; likewise if possible to get one of the standard works on English stamps, and also it is necessary to take in some of the weekly or monthly philatelic papers to keep up to date, as the saying is.

For the benefit of beginners I may as well here say a few words on the subject of plate numbers, they exist on most of the English stamps from 1858 to 1874 and on some up to 1880, they are very small numbers to be found situated as a rule on the right and left side of the stamp, the first stamps bearing them were the common penny red with letters in all corners and the twopenny blue commencing in 1858, on which with the aid of a magnifying glass the plate numbers may be seen in the network frame on each side of the head also on the 4d. red of 1870.

I will now describe some of the different issues. The first adhesive stamp as you all know was what we now term the penny black. This was issued in May, 1840, and from a specialist point of view is one of the most interesting stamps. A short time ago I read you a paper giving full details of this stamp and the mode of its engraving and printing.

A 2d. stamp was issued at the same time, usually called the 2d. without lines. This can be obtained in several shades of blue, viz.: light blue, dark blue and violet-blue, besides such varieties as worn plate, watermark inverted, double letters, and also what used to be called hair lines, but now known as printer's guide lines.

The next 1d. stamp was issued in 1841, it was of the same design as the previous one but printed in a brick red colour and can be obtained on white or blue paper, the blue colour of the paper being caused by a chemical action of the ink and the gum on the paper. It continued more or less blued from 1841 until 1857. From 1857 it was a greyish white. Many colours of this stamp may be found, viz.: bright red, red-brown, brick red, and plum in numerous sub-shades.

Our readers will agree with us that the incident here related by Mr. Warwick reveals a very odd coincidence, but probably many others equally strange could be recounted by philatelists. It would be interesting to hear of similar experiences by Fortnightly-readers.—Ed. S.C.F.

This stamp was imperforate, there are many varieties—white paper, ivory head, worn plate, lettered "B" only in left lower corner, the right lower corner being void, roller applied twice, leaving two impressions, double letter in corner, inverted S, guide lines, outer line all round, watermark inverted, rouletted privately, rouletted by Archer and also perforated by Archer.

A 2d. blue, of same date, with the same design as the previous one shows white lines under "Postage" and over "Two-pence," the paper being more or less blued. This can be obtained in shades of violet-blue, dull blue, deep blue, pale blue, and varieties, guide lines, watermark inverted, ivory head, and printed from two plates, which can be distinguished by the corner lettering. This stamp was imperforate also.

I may here add that I will show you these different varieties from my collection (a portion of which I have brought) after I have read this paper.

In 1854 the first machine perforated stamps were put into circulation. They were the same as the preceding series in colour, design and value, but were perforated with small holes—what we now term perf. 16, meaning, 16 holes to the two centimeters. These had the small Crown watermark. In 1855 the perforation was made larger, viz., perf. 14, and also the watermark was changed to a much larger Crown, but specimens are found with both the 16 and 14 perf. on the small and large Crown watermarked paper. The 1d. of 1854 is from Die I. and occurs in a variety of shades—lake-red, brick-red, plum, &c., with the following varieties: White paper; inverted S; double perf.; watermark inverted; ivory head; and also with a larger type of the small Crown watermark.

In 1855 we have the same stamp with perf. 14, small Crown, in shades of red-brown, brick-red, orange-red, &c., with similar varieties to the last; also, in 1855 the die was altered somewhat, the lines being deepened, &c., by an engraver named Humphrey. This gives us what is called Die II. The alteration was on account of some of the plates showing signs of wear, thus giving weaker impressions. This stamp we have with perf. 14 and perf. 16; colours and varieties as in the 1854 issue.

In July 1855, the change of watermark was made to the large Crown, printed from die II. This occurs also in a variety of shades, brick-red, red-brown, lake-red, rose-red, red-orange, and rose-orange. Varieties: imperf.; white paper; watermark inverted; inverted S; roller applied twice, showing "postage" printed double; also traces of Stars in the lower corners of stamp lettered A, D.

In 1857 numerous experiments were made with a view to doing away with the blue discolouration of the papers, which had been a prominent defect in most of the earlier issues; and as a result a new ink of carmine-rose colour was adopted. The same design, perf. 14, and also for a short period in 1858, perf. 16, was used. These stamps are much scarcer than the perf. 14, and are on large Crown paper.

In 1862 the same design appeared, perf. 14, on the second type of large Crown watermarked paper, the difference principally being that the vertical strokes jutting up from the base of the Crown (called the fleur-de-lis lines) were absent. There is a very scarce error of this watermark, caused by a malformed bit being used; it occurs on a stamp lettered M.A. and also on M.L. I have one of this issue lettered M.A.

In 1864, an important change was made, the penny stamps appearing with check letters in each angle, and the plate number being indicated on the stamp, the numbers being 71 to 74, 76, 78 to 125, 127, 129 to 225, the numbers missing being 75, 77, 126, 128. Stamps were not printed from these plates on account of the plates being spoilt or damaged in the making (a specimen from plate 77 is said to exist in the Tapling collection.) The design was from Die II. and continued in use until the end of 1880. These stamps appear in so many shades of red that I have only collected one specimen of each, otherwise you would require a separate album for this series alone. Most of the plate numbers can be found with inverted watermark, one plate with an inverted "S," and also a few of the early ones with the error of large Crown watermark. I have one from plate 87—the only one known from this plate.

Running in conjunction with these series of one penny stamps were twopenny ones with similar watermarks and perforations, printed in shades of blue with varieties. In 1858 plate numbers on the stamps with letters in each angle were issued. One error of Crown watermark has been found on these—viz: on plate 9.

I must now mention the Octagonal Embossed Stamps. These are generally shewn as one set, but they were issued at different periods. They consist of the following:—

The 6d. lilac, shades of purple-violet and mauve, issued in 1854. Die I. only, on paper watermarked VR, which can be found in four different ways or positions. The sheet consisted of 20 stamps in four rows of five.

The 10d. brown, issued in 1848, various shades of brown. Dies 1, 2, 3, 4, and one issued without any die-number or W.W., printed in sheets of 24, six rows of four.

The 1/- green issued in 1847, pale and dark green, Dies 1 and 2, printed in sheets of 20, four rows of five.

The 10d. and 1/- were printed on paper having two silk threads running through each stamp. These threads were made in the paper, which is termed Dickinson paper. All this series were embossed, each stamp being struck separately. The stamps should be collected cut square, although many were cut to shape before being used.

In 1855 was issued the first 4d. stamp, printed in shades of carmine on blue glazed paper (termed safety paper), with quite a new design. This was our first postage stamp printed on the surface printed principle, the method of which I described in my paper on the Prince Consort essay. A new watermark was used, known as the "Small Garter," this was changed in 1857 to a bluish paper not glazed and later to white, with a medium Garter, and then to a large Garter watermark, many shades of this stamp may be found.

The same year saw the issue of the 6d. lilac and 1/- green, on another new watermarked paper, viz., "Emblems," or four flowers, consisting of two roses a thistle and shamrock. Of this watermark I have about twenty-four varieties. The 6d. and 1s. stamps were at first printed on a bluish sort of parchment paper, and very thin, but this was changed later to a thicker white paper.

The next sets issued in 1862 consists of five stamps of different values. These had small white letters in each angle and consists of a 3d. pale and dark rose, a 6d. lilac shades, a 9d. straw and bistre, and a 1s. green, all watermarked "Emblems," and a 4d. in shades of red with watermark "Large Garter." In this series, were the stamps with what is called hair lines (or secret marks) which was a small white line across the outer corners of each angle. The 9d. and 1s. are extremely rare; they were never really put into circulation. The 4d. and 6d. are both from plate 4.

The next set was issued in 1865 and were of a similar design, with the exception that they had large white letters in each corner and the plate numbers inscribed upon the stamp. They are the 3d. rose, plate 4; 6d. lilac, plate 5 and 6; 9d. straw, plate 4; 1s. green, plate 4; all with Emblems watermark; and 4d. dull vermilion with large Garter watermark. All can be obtained in shades and varieties of the watermark. The next set, 1867 to 1873, was caused by the watermark being changed to what is called the Spray of Rose, they were the 3d. rose, plates 7 to 10; 6d. lilac, purple and violet shades, plates 6, 8, 9 and 10; 9d. straw, pale and dark, plate 4; 10d. plate 1, in shades of brown; 1s. green in shades, plates 4 to 7; in 1872, 6d. plate 11, in chestnut and pale buff; and plate 12, pale buff, changed to grey in 1873; and also a new value of 2s. in dull, deep and pale blue, plate 1; and a 2s. brown in 1880. This is a rare stamp in fine condition, a 5/- rose in shades, plates 1 and 2, this had a new watermark the Maltese Cross, and is a large rectangular stamp, also a 10/- grey green and £1 brown-lilac, both plates No. 1 and the same watermark, then came a 5/- rose, plate 4; a 10/- grey-green, £1 brown-lilac, plate 1; and a £5 orange plate 1, all with a large Anchor watermark on white and also on blued paper, all these have the large white letters in the corners.

(To be continued.)

The Stamps of the Solomon Islands.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 111.)

FIRST ISSUE: THE 1/- VALUE.

There are six types of the 6d., the printing stone being made by applying ten horizontal rows of six transfers. The types were thus arranged on the sheet as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2	3	4	5	6

The chief points by means of which it is possible to identify the six types are as follows:—

TYPE I.—There is a coloured line on the top of the left-hand stroke of the "N" of "ISLANDS," and a coloured dot is shown in the base of the "C" of "PROTECTORATE." The figure "1" on the left-hand disc is bent inwards just below the serif, and the white line under "POSTAGE" is very crooked.

TYPE II.—There is a tiny coloured dot on the horizontal line in the left-hand disc.

TYPE III.—There is a coloured dot on the top of the second upright stroke of the "H" of "BRITISH" and the solid colour projects on to the white band above the same letter. There is a coloured dot on the lower part of the "D" of "ISLANDS" and another on the slanting stroke in the right-hand disc. The semi-circular line at the base of the border of the left-hand disc is broken in the centre.

TYPE IV.—There is a coloured line across the white band over the "N" of "ISLANDS," another in the top of the "A" of "PROTECTORATE," and a third across the base of the upright stroke of the first "R" in the same word. The lower end of the slanting stroke in the right-hand disc has been cut away, making it too short, there is a coloured flaw on the white line below the "S" of "POSTAGE," and the back of the scroll at the right-hand end of the name tablet is broken.

TYPE V.—There is a small break on the sixth line of shading below the scroll at the right-hand end of the name tablet, and the inner left-hand frame line is broken just between the two leaves near the base.

TYPE VI.—There is a coloured dot on the white band above the "ND" of "ISLANDS," and there are two similar dots on the figure "1" on the right-hand disc.

The following is a list of the most conspicuous flaws shown on the sheets, but those marked with an asterisk I have been unable to verify as "constant" owing to the fact that I have only seen one entire sheet.

*No. 3.—There is a white dot between the letters "PO" of "POSTAGE."

*No. 4.—There is a white dot between the letters "TA" of "POSTAGE."

*No. 5.—The top frame line is broken above the "1" of "ISLANDS."

*No. 8.—There is a coloured dot on the top of the "S" of "POSTAGE."

*No. 9.—There is a coloured dot on the upper arm of the first "E" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 13.—There are coloured dots on most of the letters in "POSTAGE."

*No. 15.—There is a coloured dot on the "G" of "POSTAGE."

*No. 16.—There is a small white dot under the first "R" of "PROTECTORATE."

*No. 17.—There are white dots between "SL" of "ISLAND" and "AT" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 29.—There is a small coloured dot below the centre of the bottom frame line.

No. 31.—The lower frame line is broken about 7/16mm. from the left-hand end.

No. 33.—There is a coloured dot in the right-hand border near the centre.

No. 35.—There is a white dot between the letters "PO" of "POSTAGE."

No. 38.—There is a large coloured flaw in the top of the outer white circle of the right-hand disc.

No. 39.—There is a coloured dot on the figure "1" in the left-hand disc.

No. 42.—The "P" of "POSTAGE" is blurred.

No. 43.—There is a white dot between the lower part of the letters "OT" and another between the tops of the letters "EC" of "PROTECTORATE."

No. 48.—A small white dot joins the "SO" of "SOLOMON," about the centre.

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The following is a synopsis of the varieties of this issue:—

1907. LITHOGRAPHED, NO WMK., PERF. 11.

1d. blue (shades).

Three types.

Perf. B x A.

Perf. B at bottom and A on other three sides.

Doubly perf. A and B vertically.

Imperforate at left.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

1d. rose carmine (shades).

Six types.

Perf. B x A.

Perf. B at bottom and A on other three sides.

Double perf. at right.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

2d. indigo (shades).

Six types.

Perf. B x A.

Perf. B at bottom and A on other three sides.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

2 1/2d. orange-yellow (shades).

Three types.

Perf. B.

Vertical pair, imperf. between.

Imperforate at right.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

5d. emerald-green (shades).

Six types.

Perf. B.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

6d. chocolate (shades).

Six types.

Perf. B.

Perf. B x A.

Vertical pair, imperf. between.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

1/- bright purple (shades).

Six types.

Perf. B.

With marginal inscription.

With marginal sheet number.

(To be concluded.)

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Replying to a paragraph in the *Fortnightly* on the perf. 13 New Zealand, Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg writes us:—

"I note your correspondent, Mr. Karl Wiehen, has discovered a 3d. lilac, and a pair of the 4d. yellow, New Zealand, perf. 13. If possible I should very much like to see these.

"Both of these were issued a long time after the government perforating machine, which gauged approximately 124, came into use at Auckland.

"If these stamps do exist perf. 13, a possible explanation is that some sheets were sent from Auckland, where the stamps were printed, in an imperforate condition to Dunedin, the head office of the South Island, and when discovered to be imperforate on arrival, were taken to Messrs. Fergusson and Mitchell's Office and perforated there.

"I enclose a copy of the 'Herts Report' which contains some notes I read on these perforations, in case they are of interest."

As there appears to be great interest in the subject of these early New Zealand perforations, we have taken leave to re-publish from the "Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society," dated December 1907, the paper referred to by Mr. Hausburg. It appears in this number of the *Fortnightly* as one of our "Papers Reprinted."

In our **Forgery Detection Competition** the prize of 10s. 6d. must be divided between Mr. Chas. T. Marshall, Liverpool, and a competitor who takes the *nom de plume* of "Filigrane." Consolation prizes of *S.C.F.* annual subscriptions are awarded to D. Herman Bets, Jamaica, N.Y., Mr. Walter Bartlett, Portsmouth, and Mr. W. Haworth, Portland. The new prize competition we are devising must wait awhile, as the details are not yet worked out. Meantime we wish to acknowledge that the illustrations for our **Forgery Detection Competition** were reproduced from Signor A. E. Fiecchi's excellent journal, "*Gazzetta dei Filatelisti*." We could not say so before; had we done so there would have been no real competition at all, as our readers would have known that they had only to go to Signor Fiecchi's journal to find the solution of the competition! We should have thought that this would have been obvious to our worthy Italian confrère; but it was not so. Instead, he has been frantically inveighing against us in his journal, even going to the trouble to translate his comments into English and send us copies per registered post! Signor Fiecchi must learn to know his *Fortnightly* a little better, and then he will understand that this journal steals no man's thunder, but honourably acknowledges every line it may see fit to reproduce from other journals. We thank the many *S.C.F.* readers at home and abroad who entered for this little competition.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

AMONG a lot of the Austrian Unpays of 1908 there are some 10h. values of quite a new sort, dull carmine instead of flaming red, and apparently on thinner paper. Much the same thing is observable in a parcel of the current 2h. newspaper stamp, where some of the copies are a duller blue and on thinner paper.

The 2c. Canada, imperforate, a copy of which is just to hand, may be expected to find ready purchasers everywhere. Another new stamp for cheap sheets is the 1 stot. Bulgaria, surcharged 1909. In this country there are also some other recent surcharges to be on the look-out for.

In an odd lot of 10c. Dutch Indies, King, of 1894, I found a 15c. yellow Unpaid of that period; it had doubtless escaped observation, as being of the same shade as the King's Heads. In another lot of the same country, the 10c. grey of 1903, quite a number of 20c. values and 10-on-20c. had slipped into the parcel. Where the colours of the intruders are not violently dissimilar from the prevailing shade of the bulk of the parcel, this sort of thing often happens, it is not by any means an unwelcome occurrence.

It seems not unlikely that the market prices for Chili, 1900, may in future be higher; in one list the 10c. value is marked as being "scarce," while the 1c. and 2c. values are dear in quantity.

The new 4c. on 64c. Holland Unpaid is priced 3d. in a Continental list, used or unused.

One of the European journals has a list of general dealers in foreign seaports who make a side-line of stamps; this should prove useful.

Prices for Finland, in one quarter, have gone up considerably. According to the quotations it looks as if even the 20p. of 1901 were going to be a "good stamp," that is to say, a good investment to the purchaser of 1,000 copies of it.

There is wisdom in attempting to set before one's "clients" such stamps as they are not likely to have, which perhaps they have never yet seen. Where the recipient of an approval book is obliged to exclaim "I've got them all," the sales are not likely to be heavy, but where new things can be presented there is better hope. A new stamp to a collector has much the same glamour as a new star to an astronomer:—

"Then felt I like some watcher of the skies,
When a new planet swims into his ken."

A general collector will be glad of any sort of stamp that is new to him, provided that it be genuine, and the watchful eye of the salesman may often light on out-of-the-way things calculated to give a tone of variety to his sheets. I see there is a Costa Atlantica (on Nicaragua) that can be got to sell at 1d. apiece, surcharged Benadir that could be offered at the same price, besides other similar novelties. Much correspondence, of judicious sort, should result in the discovery of many things of a like nature. Enterprise is a helpful quality, although it is best to safeguard oneself in any new venture by a preliminary enquiry, and never to entrust goods for exchange, or money for purchases, in quarters where the business morale is not all that it should be.

The three lower values of Brazil Service are getting into circulation at a figure that makes them available as cheap stamps. Crete, 1909, may perhaps presently be cheaper. Lower values of La Canea on Italy, are good when they can be got.

How fruitless is the quest for used Greek Unpays! Does anyone know whether the new Spanish Morocco come to hand well centred?

Nice used copies of current U.S.A. above the 2c. value seem to be in demand.

12 filler, Hungary, 1900, is a good stamp in its way. 50c. Italy, 1901, is another; one copy of this stamp is apparently worth two of the 45c. 4c. Holland, Postage Due, seldom troubles one by hanging fire.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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(Continued from page 113.)

PART II.—SERVICE STAMPS.

THE SURCHARGE "FUERA DE HORA."

Uruguayan stamps of the issues 1877-1888 are found bearing an obliteration mark consisting of a small oblong with rounded corners, enclosing the inscription "Fuera de Hora." The explanation of this cancellation is very simple.



It is customary to post up at the doors of all post offices the hour of the departure both of over-sea mails and local posts. These notices in Montevideo indicated the last moment for the despatch of letters either from the central office or from a branch bureau close to the custom house. At the appointed time all the correspondence received was placed in sacks, but mail matter sent to the principal office would still be accepted for despatch. These would be obliterated with the usual postmark, but would also be stamped "Fuera de Hora" ("After the Hour")—a cancellation analogous to that with which French correspondence would be cancelled in a similar case—namely, "Après le Départ."

These late letters were despatched by the hand of a postal agent, and if that was impossible they had to go by courier, the postal administration considering themselves to be relieved of all responsibility by the fact that they were posted after time.



STAMPS CANCELLED "FUERA DE HORA."

Why is it that one finds stamps solely obliterated with the "Fuera de Hora" cancellation?

For two reasons, according to our information. The first is that the postal employees, to save two stampings, used the "Fuera de Hora" for a double purpose—a course which one may easily excuse when one imagines the rush of work just prior to the departure of the courier. The second reason is that the stamps were so obliterated by complaisance. Thinking this cancellation would be an attraction to stamp collectors, various persons presented their letters at the post-office window, and begged that they might be stamped "Fuera de Hora."

The stamp of 1 centesimo of the issue of 1883 is, they say, an example of this form of speculation.

But why that? One does not as a rule frank over-sea letters with numerous stamps of 1 centesimo. Whether applied by complaisance or by inadvertance, so long as the cancellation is authentic, one may prefer to place such stamps in a collection of Uruguay under the heading of curiosities.

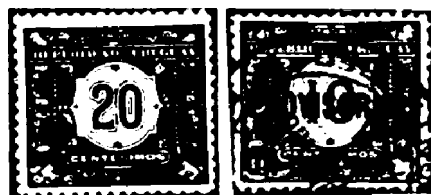
Three stamps are reproduced showing different issues with this cancellation.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

The tax (postage due) stamps of Uruguay are of recent creation. They were placed in circulation for the first time in the Republic in the month of July, 1902. One can give no reason for their creation because no formal decree accompanied their issue.

Previous to 1902 the taxed letters in Uruguay bore a surcharge indicating by a large numeral in a circle the sum to be paid on delivery.

The Postage Due stamps are oblong, and bear in the centre on a white ground a numeral of value. All around is pretty *guilloche* engraving. The stamps are perf. 13½.



POSTAGE DUE STAMPS, 1902, THE SECOND ILLUSTRATION BEING THE 10c. ON 10c. OF 1904.

Values and Colours.

1 centesimo,	light blue-green.
2 centesimos,	carmine.
4 ..	pale violet.
10 ..	light blue.
20 ..	golden yellow.

In 1904, the stock of the 1 centesimo value being exhausted, the 10c. stamp was surcharged in two lines "Provisorio Un Cent'mo." Of this stamp there were issued 45,400 copies, and it is sufficiently rare in the unused condition.

(To be continued.)

Coming Events in Philately.

September 20th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, at 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Mr. F. S. Chilcott on "Designs on Postage Stamps"; Display, Barbados.

September 27th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street: Address by the President, Mr. A. S. Allender; Displays, Wurtemberg and Antigua.

AUCTION SALES.

September 23rd and 24th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

Sept. 27th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63/64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

September 28th and 29th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.

September 29th.—Mr. D. Ostara, at the Albion Hotel, Piccadilly, Manchester.

Sept. 30th & 31st.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63/4, Chancery Lane, W.C.

October 2nd.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.

A PARIS contemporary (says the London "Globe") contains some interesting gossip concerning the Roumanian charity stamps issued some time ago. We learn that they were designed by Princess Marie, daughter of the late Duke of Edinburgh. The Princess, who will be the future Queen of Roumania, is, we are told, a keen collector of stamps.

A GROCER of Hayward's Heath having notified the "Daily Express" that he had collected 110,000 postage stamps, a Mr. H. H. Kemp, of Norwich, now goes one better and informs the same halfpenny newspaper that he has accumulated no less than 700,000! The "Daily Express" does not say so, but it probably thinks that Tariff Reform would mean bigger collections still.

Papers Reprinted.

NOTES ON THE EARLY PAPERS AND PERFORATIONS OF NEW ZEALAND.

A PAPER READ BEFORE THE HERTS PHILATELIC SOCIETY,
ON NOVEMBER 19TH, 1907.

BY L. L. R. HAUSBURG.

SO much has been written on the subject of the stamps of New Zealand during the last fifteen years that it will seem presumptuous on my part to endeavour to do more than remind you of some of the more recent discoveries. In the "London Philatelist," Vol. 1, Mr. E. D. Bacon announced the most important discovery that the first issue of New Zealand stamps are not the series on the blue unwatermarked paper which were printed in the Colony, as had hitherto been supposed, but the 1d., 2d., and 1s. on Star paper, printed in London by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. These were followed by the stamps on the blue unwatermarked paper, the white unwatermarked paper, the Star paper, and the pelure paper, in the order named. The earliest dates for the various papers at present known are:—

London Print, Star paper	.. .. .	Aug. 1, 1855
Colonial Print, blue unwatermarked paper	.. .. .	April 30, 1856
" " white	" " ..	Feb. 2, 1858
" " Star	" " ..	May 9, 1862
" " pelure	" " ..	Oct. 3, 1862

Supplies of Star watermarked paper were sent out to the Colony by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., in 1859, but at present the earliest date known for this is May 9, 1862.

We now come to a most important period, namely, the introduction of perforation. Various experiments were tried at first, and though they were not officially sanctioned, several different methods for facilitating the separation of stamps were employed at various Post Offices by the officials. This is the origin of the roulettes, pin, and serrated perforations. The earliest dates for these are:—

Serrated perforations	.. .. .	Aug. 11, 1862
Roulettes	.. .. .	Dec. 10, 1862

These were soon followed by the appearance of stamps perforated 13, with round holes, but—and this is a most important point, and one that I believe has not been published before—this perforation was also not official, and though authorised by the Postmaster at one of the head offices, namely, Dunedin, the perforating was not done at the Post Office nor by Government officials. The earliest date at present known on a stamp with this perforation is Jan. 16, 1863.

You will see in catalogues two perforations assigned to New Zealand stamps of the first type—12½ and 13. The 2d. without watermark on the thick white paper is usually said to be perforated 13, while the stamps on the pelure, Star, and N.Z. papers are sometimes said to be perforated, either 12½ or 13, or both. As a matter of fact this 2d. without watermark, all the pelure paper series, all the stamps in the early shades on the Star paper, and some of the stamps on the N.Z. paper, are perforated 13; and this perforation was done at Dunedin, some two years before the introduction of a machine at the Government printing office, which at that time was at Auckland.

Fortunately I had been working at these perforations for some years before going to New Zealand early in 1905, and consequently on arriving at Dunedin I started on a voyage of discovery among the various printers and stationers. I soon noticed a name that seemed familiar, namely, "Fergusson" of the firm of "Fergusson and Mitchell," and found that I was on the right track, being fortunate enough to meet there an old employé of the firm, Alexander Stewart, who had actually assisted at perforating the stamps himself. He had been in Melbourne up till the year 1862 with Messrs. Campbell and Fergusson, and had helped to print some of the early Victoria stamps.

The Dunedin perforating machine was a single-line one worked by hand, and Stewart and another workman used to take it in turn to move forward the sheets of stamps, as each line was perforated, and to work the lever. The amount paid for perforating the stamps was 2d. per sheet, of which the two workmen received 1d. between them. The sheets were brought by Stewart from the Post Office, as required, and at night time placed under his pillow for safety. He soon found out that it was just as easy to perforate four or five sheets at a time as one, but this was never done as long as any of the heads of the firm were present, as it was feared that the rate of pay would be reduced if this artifice were discovered, and Stewart told me that his employers could never understand how it was possible to get the sheets perforated so quickly.

The gauge of this machine was about 13, and the important point to bear in mind when gauging a stamp is that it is always 13 or over; that is to say, between 13 and 13½. If a stamp gauges between 12½ and 13 it belongs to the 12½ series. This 13 machine was used for about two years, and its use was discontinued no doubt as soon as the 12½ machine was introduced at Auckland, and also partly because for some considerable time a large quantity of sheets of stamps were lost at Dunedin, and were only found quite by chance behind a drawer in Messrs. Fergusson and Mitchell's office. I give you this information just as I got it, but of course cannot guarantee the accuracy of all the details. There is not, at any rate as far as I know, anything to be discovered from the study of the stamps themselves that disproves any of these statements.

The earliest dates at present known for the stamps on the various papers, perforated 13, are:—

Star watermark	.. .. .	Jan. 16, 1863
Pelure paper, no watermark	.. .. .	Feb. 27, 1863
Thick paper	.. .. .	July 18, 1863
N.Z. paper	.. .. .	Aug. 1, 1864

The earliest known copy of the pelure paper imperforate is dated October 3, 1862, while the earliest Colonial print on Star watermark paper is dated May 9, 1862, which goes to prove that the pelure paper was used during a temporary shortage in the supply of Star paper.

A similar remark applies to the 2d. on thick paper, perforated 13. This was doubtless printed at a much later date than the regular issue on the thick unwatermarked paper. The plate is in a worn state, considerably later than when the early Colonial printings on the Star paper were made.

The 2d. on thick paper in the worn state is also to be found imperforate as well as perforated 13, showing that only a portion of the printing was sent to Dunedin and perforated there. It is a very scarce stamp unused, either imperforate or perforated.

The N.Z. paper was also used during a temporary shortage of the Star paper, and some of the 2d. and most of the 1s. that are found perforated gauge 13. Most of the 2d. and all the 6d. that were perforated were done by the Auckland machine.

The latter was a "comb-machine" or triple cutter and, as before stated, gauges about 12½. It does not appear to have been very satisfactory, or was perhaps carelessly handled. The pins seem to have soon become broken and bent, and it was either superseded by a single-line machine with approximately the same gauge, or more probably the old machine was fitted with a single line of pins. Unfortunately it has disappeared from the Government stores.

I now give a list of the various stamps I have found perforated by the two machines.

PERF. 13.
Thick paper, no watermark.
2d. blue.

Pelure paper.
1d. vermilion.
2d. ultramarine.
6d. black-brown.
1s. deep green.

Watermark large Star.
1d. vermilion, carmine.
2d. (Plate I., worn state) blue, ultramarine, pale blue.
3d. brown-lilac.
6d. black-brown, brown, red-brown.
1s. deep green, blue-green.

Watermark N.Z.

- 2d. (Plate I.), pale blue.
1s. deep green, yellow-green.

PERF. 124.

Watermark large Star.

- 1d. carmine, carmine-vermilion, orange.
2d. (Plate I., worn state), pale blue.
2d. (Plate II.), deep blue, blue, pale blue.
3d. brown-lilac, lilac, mauve.
4d. rose-carmine.
4d. orange, yellow.
6d. brown, red-brown.
1s. green, pale green.

Watermark N.Z.

- 2d. (Plate I., worn state), pale blue.
6d. red-brown.
1s. yellow-green.

All the later stamps are perforated 124.

You will notice the type of the letters of the word "INVICTA" of the "lozenge" watermark paper, the letters are double-lined and with serifs. Specimens of the 1d. brown, 2d. vermilion, and 4d. orange are known watermarked with double-lined letters, without serifs. These are from sheets otherwise without wmk., but with the maker's name "T H SAUNDERS" across the sheet, sometimes once and sometimes twice.

There is a slight correction I should like to make with regard to the small 4d. "Newspaper postage" stamp. According to some catalogues the "N.Z." and the large star papers used for this were both fiscal papers. The former undoubtedly was, but the latter, as you will see by the specimen sheet, is watermarked "NEWSPAPER POSTAGE," and was no doubt made for the purpose.

I do not propose to inflict you with any notes about the second plate of the 2d. of the Perkins, Bacon type; your patience has been sufficiently tried. You will find all that I can tell you about the retouches in the "London Philatelist" for April, 1906. I shall only say that if any of you have specimens I should much like to see them, especially dated copies.

In conclusion, it might be of interest to note that the background round the head, and the work in the corners of the Perkins, Bacon type of the New Zealand stamps are identical with the work in the same parts in the first issue of Chili. —From the *Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society*, for December, 1907.

An Empire in Postage Stamps.

(Concluded from page 108).

It is only in the light of its past history that the import of a great empire can be properly realised, and to this historical sentiment the various commemorative series of the Empire make a most potent appeal. There is much that is picturesque and ennobling in the sentiment manifested by the Canadian people in the design of the stamp whose issue marked the Diamond Jubilee year of the late Queen Victoria. On one side of the oblong is depicted the head of the young Queen as she first came to the unsteady throne of a discontented country! On the other is painted the face of the aged lady who, after sixty years of wise and beneficent rule, could look back with pleasurable and proud recollection in the evening of her days on the developments and changes through which her dominions had passed to a world-wide Empire. Foremost among patriotic issues the fancies embodied on the stamp of Canada may be counted, and especial notice is deserved by the 1889 issue commemorating the introduction of penny postage through the Empire—a map of the world with British possessions coloured red. Many of the Imperial issues are decorated with beautiful vignettes of local scenery. Malta has a stamp with a picturesque view of the harbour of Valetta; Jamaica displays a picture of Llandoverly Falls; while New Zealand issues pictures of Mount Cook and Penbroke Peak.

From all parts of the Empire comes the record of strange lands conquered, and wild tracts civilised. There can be no more instructive lesson in the work done by the Empire-builders of the British race than that exemplified on the various postal issues of the King's Imperial Dominions.

The Story of the First U.S.A. Issue.

In the latest issue to hand of the "Hartford Philatelist" there is an interesting compilation of facts relating to the issue of the first national issue of postage stamps by the United States of America in 1847:—

Although Great Britain formally adopted postage stamps in 1840, the United States did not do so until seven years later, 1847, although Congress made an effort to cause an issuance within a short time after 1840; but the various Postmasters and private individuals issued stamps to show the prepayment of postage as early as 1841.

In the early part of 1847, Congress again took action in the matter of issuing postage stamps, and this time passed the following law:

STATUTES OF THE UNITED STATES, XXIX. Congress, Session II., Chapter LXIII., Section I., approved March 3rd, 1847. An Act to establish certain Post Roads and for other purposes.

And be it further enacted, that to facilitate the transportation of letters by mail, the Postmaster-General be authorized to prepare postage stamps, which, when attached to any letter or packet, shall be evidence of the prepayment of the postage chargeable on such letter, which said stamps the Postmaster-General may deliver to any deputy postmaster who may apply for the same, the deputy postmaster paying or becoming accountable for the amount of the stamps so received by him, and if any of said stamps shall not be used, but be returned to the General Post Office, the amount so returned shall be credited to such deputy postmaster, and such deputy postmaster may sell or dispose of any stamps so received by him, to any person who may wish to use the same, but it shall not be lawful for any deputy postmaster, to prepare, use, or dispose of any postage stamps not authorized by and received from the Postmaster-General. And any person who shall falsely and fraudulently make, alter or forge any postage stamp with intent to defraud the Post Office Department, shall be deemed guilty of felony, and on conviction shall be subject to the same punishment as provided in the 21 Section of the Act approved March 3rd, 1825, etc.

This law entered into effect July 1st, 1847, and is the first authorization of postage stamps by the United States, and, it will be noted, declared that only stamps authorized and issued by the Postmaster-General were valid for postage.

The issue consisted of stamps of two denominations, five and ten cents; and they were engraved and printed by Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch, and Edson, of New York City, who entered into a contract to supply the stamps to the Government for a period of four years.

They supplied during their contract, 4,400,000 of the five cent stamps, and 1,050,000 of the ten cent stamps; of which 3,712,000 five cent and 891,000 ten cent stamps were distributed to the deputy postmasters for sale, and of which over \$48,000 worth were afterwards returned or exchanged for the subsequent issue.

A delay in issuing the stamps, which were to be placed on sale on July 1st, caused them to be issued early in August; and the following paragraph appeared in "The Hartford Times" for August 5th, 1845, in a long article entitled "The First Postage Stamps":

"On the 5th of August, soon after the opening of the Postmaster-General's office for the day, an old gentleman called to see Mr. Johnson on business. The gentleman was the Hon. Henry Shaw, a New Yorker and the father of the well known Henry Shaw, Jr., (Josh Billings).—Mr. Johnson came into his office accompanied by the printer of the new stamps, a few minutes after Mr. Shaw had arrived, on that August morning. Sheets of the stamps were laid before the Postmaster-General, who, after receiving for them, handed them to his visitor to inspect. Mr. Shaw returned them after a hasty glance, and then drawing out his wallet, he counted fifteen cents, with which he purchased two of the stamps—the first two ever issued. The five cent stamp he kept as a curiosity, and the ten cent stamp he presented to Gov. Briggs, as an appropriate gift."

The stamps continued in use until about the middle of the year 1851; the Postmaster-General publishing an order in June, 1851, ordering that the 5 and 10 cent stamps would not be valid for postage after June 30, 1851, and requested that they be returned for exchange for stamps of the new issue.

On December 15, 1851, the dies and plates of both values were destroyed, and all remaining stock in the hands of the Postmaster-General were burnt.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Johannesburg United Philatelic Society.

President: A. J. Cohen.

Hon. Secretary: D. MacKay, P.O. Box 4967, Johannesburg, S.A.

A UNION of the two Transvaal Societies, the 'Johannesburg' and the 'Transvaal' has been effected, and the new Society starts its life under the name given above.

The officers of the Society are: Hon. President, the Right Hon. the Earl of Selborne P.C., F.C.M.G.; President, Mr. A. J. Cohen; Vice-President, Mr. J. C. Hand; Hon. Secretary, Mr. D. MacKay; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. L. Roder; Hon. Librarian and Exchange Superintendent, Mr. W. P. Cohen; Committee of Management, Messrs. F. H. Ansell, C. R. Schuler, L. Schuler, J. A. Ornstien, G. J. Hubert, and R. Durham.

Meetings are to be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Junior Philatelic Society.

THE NEW HON. SECRETARY.

At the Tenth Annual General Meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society, held on Saturday, Sept. 11th, Mr. Ralph Wedmore was elected Hon. Secretary, in place of Mr. A. Selinger, resigned.

Mr. Wedmore's address, to which all Secretarial communications should hereafter be sent, is: 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, London, S.E.

British Empire Exchange Club.

Secretary: H. Bean, 51, Wiltshire Road, London, S.W.

SINCE the last report in No. 366, the following packets have returned and accounts paid with returned sheets:

January, 1909, Sales ..	£20 19 0 Nett
February	£32 6 7 "
March	£24 15 3 "
April	£25 15 11 "
May	£23 18 6 "

June packets have recently returned and will all shortly be returned to members. Sales £24 0s. 8d. nett.

Any collectors thinking of joining the Club for the coming season should apply at once.

Rules on application to the Secretary.

The Portland Philatelic Society.

President: J. Royal

Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.

Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland.

PROGRAMME SEASON 1909-10.

- 1909.
- Oct. 7—Paper and Demonstration: Lithography. W. Haworth.
- Display: Lithographed Stamps. Members.
- Oct. 21—Paper. Miss B. Henley.
- Paper: History of the Postal System of Portland. W. Haworth.
- Nov. 4—Paper and Display: The 1d. red Imperf. W. Haworth.
- Paper and Display: The 1d. red Perf. J. de Gruchy.
- Nov. 18—Questions and Answers. Members.
- Paper: King Edward VII Land. W. Haworth.
- Dec. 2—Display with Notes: Antigua, Bahamas, Bermudas. E. Heginbottom.
- Dec. 16—Paper and Display: Solomon Islands. W. Haworth.
- Paper: Proofs, Essays, etc. J. de Gruchy.
- Dec. 30—Paper. Miss J. Henley.
- Paper and Display: Posts before 1840. W. Haworth.
- 1910.
- Jan. 13—Display with Notes: Barbadoes. E. Heginbottom.
- Jan. 27—Ten-minute Papers. Members.
- Display, for special prize. Members.
- Feb. 10—Display with Notes: Caymans, Dominica, and Grenada. E. Heginbottom.
- Feb. 24—Paper and Display: Dorset Postmarks of To-day. J. de Gruchy.
- Philatelic Scraps. W. Haworth.
- Mar. 10—Display with Notes: Jamaica, Leewards, and Turks Islands. E. Heginbottom.
- Mar. 24—Paper & Display: Later Issues of Canada. J. de Gruchy.
- Paper and Display: Bordeaux Issues of France. W. Haworth.

Swadlincote Stamp Society.

President: Councillor W. Oakley.

Secretary: Fred. W. Edwards, 64, Coppice Side, Swadlincote, near Burton-on-Trent.

At the meeting held on June 15th at Mr. Hilton's Offices, Midland Road, Swadlincote, the President, Mr. Oakley, read an interesting and suggestive paper on "History Illustrated by Postage Stamps," accompanying it with an appropriate display. The Hon. Secretary exhibited his fine collection of the local stamps of the world.

The meeting held on July 20th was presided over by Mr. W. W. Hilton, Vice-President of the Society, and there were also present: Messrs. Fred W. Edwards, F.R.P.S.L., Hon. Secretary; J. Cheney, Treasurer; E. Martin, Derby; W. D. Price, Burton; Frank Bullock, Derby; James Cooper, H. Hasshill, E. J. Protheroe, Wilfred Richards, Master Eric Cheney, and Miss M. Tunncliffe.

Mr. E. Martin (Hon. Secretary Burton and Derby Philatelic Society) gave a very interesting paper on "The Line Engraved Issues of Great Britain," illustrated by a fine and almost complete display of every variety of plating and colour in these particular stamps. Mr. Martin outlined the growth of the public postal system of Great Britain from the establishment of the Post Office monopoly of letter carrying in 1637 to the issuing of the first postage stamp in the world—the Great Britain penny black in 1840.

Junior Philatelic Society.

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PROGRAMME FOR 1909-1910.

- 1909.
- Oct. 14.—Display. "Great Britain." Leicester B. Paine.
- .. 28.—Display. "Trinidad." M. P. Cartle, J.P.
- Nov. 11.—"My favourite Country, and why" By Members.
- .. 25.—Paper and Display. "Single Issue and Single Stamp Specialism." H. Lee, Display: Various Countries. S. R. Turner.
- .. 27.—(Saturday). Special meeting. Display of U.S.A. Exhibits from Earl's Court, Golden West Exhibition.
- Dec. 9.—"Bechuanaland," "British Central" "East and South Africa," "Somaliland," E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- .. 30.—Ten minutes papers. By Members.
- 1910.
- Jan. 13.—Paper. "Some little known re-prints and how to detect them." Herbert Clark.
- .. 27.—Paper and Display. Fred. J. Melville.
- Feb. 10.—Display. W. Mead.
- Display. "Great Britain Post Cards." J. C. Dallimore.
- .. 24.—Display. "Great Britain," Baron Anthony de Worms.
- Mar. 10.—Paper and Display. "St. Helena," H. H. Harland.
- "British New Guinea and Papua," A. Ashby.
- .. 31.—Display. "Cape of Good Hope," "Gambia," "Gold Coast," "Lagos." E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- Apr. 14.—Display. "Spain and Colonies," A. H. L. Giles, F.R.S.
- .. 28.—.. "Some West Indian Stamps." C. J. Smith.
- May 12.—Paper. "The present position of Philately." Notes on some of its aspects. Herbert Clark.
- .. 28.—Annual General Meeting.

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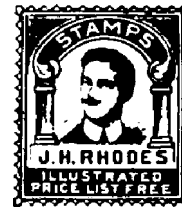
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ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

The Death of Mr. J. F. Seybold.

ONE learns with great regret of the death of Mr. John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, N.Y., who was well known the world over as an ardent collector of rare stamps on original covers. Mr. Seybold was only 51, having been born at Syracuse, N.Y., in July, 1858.

For the photograph of Mr. Seybold, reproduced below, we are indebted to the Editor of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain." We also take from our contemporary the following interesting jottings about his unique collection:—



(By courtesy of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.")

Mr. Seybold never sold a stamp unless it was a duplicate, while even duplicates were often exchanged or given to beginners rather than sold. He was always a general collector, taking all regular issues, also U.S.A. Revenues.

In 1905 Mr. Seybold's collection numbered more than 70,000 varieties, while in addition he had a duplicate collection consisting of scarce stamps on original covers. Indeed,

it was for this collection that he was so widely known. Only uncommon stamps were included in this collection, and among other desirable items he had such things as the Brattleboro'; 12d. Canada; a strip of three 35gr. Oldenburg on one cover and a block of six on another; two large fillet Mauritius on one cover; pair of 4-4 Mecklenburg-Schwerin, rouletted; six 10c. U.S., 1847, on one cover; a pair of Basle; two 4c. Vauds on one cover; Victoria Too Late and Registered; and many other things too numerous to mention.

These, however, were not Mr. Seybold's only rarities. He had duplicates of many in his general collection, and a host of others he was not fortunate enough to obtain on entires. Taking both collections, Spain was quite complete, and included the rare 2 real orange of 1851 on original cover; there was a strong show of Switzerland, also complete; the United States lack only one or two things; and in British North America there were few varieties missing.

Mr. Seybold also was a keen collector of philatelic literature, while he also was the owner of fine collections of coins, paper money and autographs.

As one of the world's best known philatelists, it is with very great regret we have to record his demise, especially as we fear America has but few collectors worthy to follow in his footsteps."

Sale of the Paul Collection.

THE "Paul Collection," celebrated in America as the second largest general collection owned in the United States, has been sold.

The sealed bids, or tenders, were opened by the Executors of the Paul Estate, on September 15th, at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The successful bidders were the New England Stamp Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

By an arrangement made previous to the sale, it is understood that some of the choicest stamps in the collection, from such countries as Canada, New Zealand, Victoria and Cape of Good Hope, go to the albums of a well known specialist living in America, and a member of the Royal Philatelic Society.

A Philatelic Exhibition for Berne.

I GATHER from newspaper despatches that Berne, that most picturesque of Swiss cities, the capital of the canton of the same name, is to have an International Philatelic Exhibition in 1911. Philatelists who visit the city will find plenty to interest them in the cathedral, the ancient buildings, the beautiful gateways and the bears. Besides being the seat of the Federal Government, Berne is the home of the Postal Union, where all stamps used by the countries composing the Union are sent for registration and preservation. This fact, no doubt, will make the mediæval city attractive to the collector of Stamps. The exhibition will be held in one of the chambers of the new Casino.

The Collecting of English.

*Being a Paper read at a Meeting of the Bath Philatelic Society,
March 17th, 1909.*

By F. G. WARWICK.

(Concluded from page 120.)

We now come to a long list of stamps with a coloured letter in each corner, the small $\frac{1}{4}$ oblong (the smallest English stamp ever issued) being the first 1d.

This stamp is watermarked with the word "halfpenny" extending across three stamps. It is a line-engraved stamp like the old red penny, there being 480 stamps to a sheet. Colour, lake-red to rose-red; perforated 14.

This stamp was issued in 1870 and continued current till October, 1880. There were 15 plates—*viz.*:—1, 3 to 6, 8 to 15, 19 and 20. No 9 is the rarest of this series. Varieties of this stamp are: imperf. on the right side; on the left side; inverted watermarks; also reversed and inverted watermarks. The next is the Three Halfpence line engraved, with head in a shield shaped frame, and on paper with the large Crown watermark. The plate for this stamp was really made in 1860 and 10,000 sheets were printed in a lilac-rose shade, but they were never brought into use, owing to the new rate not being adopted. It is said that 8,962 sheets were destroyed in 1867. The lake-red were printed in 1870, the first plate bore no plate number. One of the stamps from this plate was wrongly lettered, the letters being $\begin{matrix} O P & C P \\ P C & P C \end{matrix}$ instead of $\begin{matrix} C P & C P \\ P C & P C \end{matrix}$. The

only other plate employed for this issue was numbered plate 3, which number appears in the side borders of each stamp. We also have the following with coloured letters in each corner: 3d. rose, plates 11 to 20, except 13 and 15; 6d. grey, plates 13 to 17; 1/- green, plates 8 to 13; and 1/- salmon, plate 13. All have the Spray of Rose watermark. Shades are to be found of each and also inverted watermarks.

In 1875 the first $\frac{1}{4}$ d. stamp appeared, printed in a lilac-rose shade on paper watermarked with a small Anchor. Plates 1, 2 and 3. These were really printed on the paper belonging to the small penny receipt stamp, and consequently may be found on blued paper, also on white; they are much scarcer on the blued, especially plates 2 and 3. Here again we have an error of lettering on plate 2. The stamp which should be $\begin{matrix} L H & L H \\ H L & F L \end{matrix}$ is $\begin{matrix} L H & L H \\ H L & F L \end{matrix}$. This is a scarce variety. In 1876 the paper

was changed to one having an Orb watermark; printed in the same colour as before. Plates 3 to 17. Slight and dark shades are found, also inverted watermarks. From 1880 to 1881 plates 17 to 20 were in use, printed in a blue, which was fairly even in shade. In 1881 the watermark was changed to an Imperial Crown, and stamps from plates 21, 22, 23 were printed upon this paper. Then we have a 4d. vermilion, issued in 1876, plate 15; and following this a 4d. sage-green, plates 15 and 16; and an 8d. orange, plate 1; all on large Garter watermarked paper. This last is the only British stamp we have had of the value of 8d.

In 1881 appeared the 3d. rose, plates 20 and 21; 4d. grey-brown, plates 17 and 18; 6d. grey, 17 and 18; 1s. salmon, plates 13 and 14, all with the Imperial Crown watermark. Next came a pair of stamps in lilac, with a carmine surcharge in large figures, they were of the value of 3d. and 6d. and are the only stamps we have had with a surcharge of figure of value on them. They were issued in 1881.

Next we have a $\frac{1}{4}$ d. green stamp of the size of the 1d. stamps in three shades of green or more; a 1d. and $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in Venetian red, pale and dark; 2d. rose or carmine, pale and dark; 5d. slate-blue. All these stamps at first appeared in a pale shade, but after 1882 became darker, no plate numbers appears on these stamps.

In July, 1881, the penny stamps, sold at the Post Offices, were for the most part the 1d. revenue or receipt stamps with an Orb wmk.; this appears on bluish and on white paper.

On July 12th, 1881, what we term the 1d. lilac was issued; at first it was of a mauve shade, then pale lilac. The mauve shade only lasted about six weeks. This stamp had 14 dots or pearls in each angle and the "O" of "One" was oval

shaped. This was the first British stamp to bear the inscription "Postage and Revenue."

In December, 1881, the 1d. lilac with 16 dots in each angle was issued. The "o" of "one" is now circular. This continued in use till 1902. There is a number of shades of these, and some errors. One sheet was printed on both sides, and curiously enough it was sold here in Bath, but was not taken much note of till after all the specimens had been sold. Very few copies were saved; I obtained one but sold it again a few days afterwards, which I now greatly regret, as it is an exceedingly scarce stamp.

Some high values are the next on the list, *viz.*, the 2s. 6d. lilac, pale and deep, 5s. rose and carmine, the 10s. in cobalt and ultramarine, all on paper watermarked with a large Anchor; then in 1884 we have the £1 brown-purple and brown-lilac, watermarked three Crowns and in 1888 the £1 brown-lilac with error of watermark, three Orbs. This was caused by the wrong paper being given out to the printer. These £1 stamps were a long oblong shape.

In 1884, a new set of ten stamps was put into circulation, *viz.*, $\frac{1}{4}$ d. slate-blue, $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{4}$ d., 3d. in lilac, 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1s. in dull green. Three distinct shades of these may be found. All were printed on Imperial Crown watermarked paper and perf. 14, on the 2d., $2\frac{1}{4}$ d., 6d. and 9d. the watermark appears sideways; on the 9d. the Crown may be found facing to the right and to the left. Stamps of this set overprinted "Specimen" may be found perforated 12.

From 1887 to 1892, we have another new issue of thirteen values usually termed the "Jubilee" series, in various colourings. Some of these were bi-coloured and others on coloured papers—quite a new innovation. All these are quite familiar to us, and in January 1902 the present issue commenced with the Head of King Edward VII., consisting of sixteen values, some of which have been printed on a chalky surface paper. There are shades of certain of these stamps, particularly the 3d. value.

Now I expect you are growing weary with this long paper, but, if so, please lay the blame upon our Secretary for choosing the subject. I have cut it as short as I conveniently could but there are a few other stamps I must mention. First, there are the Fiscals authorised in 1881, to be used to prepay postage. There are many varieties of these ranging in face value from 1d. to 2s. 6d., some of which are very rare postally used. Next come the departmentals, if I may so term them, for use in the Government Offices, and overprinted with the name of the department. These are quite recent and familiar to all of us. There are some scarce errors of lettering on these, some without dots and others with dots misplaced. Then there are the special issue for British post offices abroad, Turkish Levant and Morocco Agencies; special stamps for newspapers printed at the time the newspaper was printed; Government Telegraph stamps, Private Telegraph Companies and Army postgraphs; also English stamps used abroad with Foreign postmarks; stamps used in the Crimea during the war, &c., &c.

But I must not attempt to deal with these issues as I fear I have already made this paper too long, but I hope I have succeeded in showing what a limitless field there is for the Specialists in the stamps of Great Britain.

Postal Business of Gibraltar.

TO MR. H. F. MAXTED, of Gibraltar, we are indebted for the following extract from the Annual Report (1908) on Gibraltar relating to the postal service during the year.

The returns given show that the postal business, which fell off in 1907, as compared with the work of 1906, continues to diminish. This is attributable to a reduced garrison, a less number of His Majesty's ships at this station, and a general depression in trade arising partly from diminished employment of labour on large public works. The raising of the limit of weight from $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. to 1oz. within the Empire and throughout the Postal Union has had the effect of reducing the totals in the returns.

The arrangement introduced during the year, by which the sender of a letter to a foreign country can prepay its reply by means of a reply coupon, exchangeable for a $2\frac{1}{4}$ d. or its equivalent, which is the nearest form of international postage stamp, was not largely taken advantage of, 94 coupons only having been disposed of.

The Stamps of the Solomon Islands.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 121.)

III.—THE CURRENT ISSUE.

Early in 1908 the British Solomon Islands Protectorate joined the Postal Union and its stamps from being quasi-locals were rendered available for international service. It was necessary that the colours of the ½d. and 2½d. values should be changed to conform with the regulations of the Universal Postal Union, but the authorities were so delighted with the success that had attended their first experiment at stamp issuing, that they decided to indulge in a more pretentious set engraved and printed in London. With this object in view the essays and proofs of the first issue and a set of the stamps were forwarded to the Crown Agents in London, and they entrusted Messrs. De La Rue & Co., Ltd. with the work of producing the new stamps.

The same design was retained but the new stamps are a vast improvement on the old ones. They are of ordinary size but with the design sideways as in the case of the stamps of the Federated Malay States. The canoe "shaped like a crescent moon" is still the chief item in the design and palm trees on each side and mountains in the background are shown as in the original issue. In the upper corners are graceful scroll ornaments and the value is shown on shield shaped tablets.

The stamps were engraved and printed from steel plates in sheets of 60 which were arranged in six horizontal rows of ten—just the reverse to the first issue which were in ten rows of six—as follows:—

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60

There are no marginal inscriptions, but exactly in the centre of each margin a cross is drawn, this being between the fifth and sixth stamps in the top and bottom rows and between the third and fourth labels in the end vertical rows.

They were perforated by a comb machine gauging 14, the margin being perforated right through on three sides and plain on the fourth. On all the sheets I have seen it is always the right hand margin which is imperforate.

The stamps are all printed on the paper with multiple watermark, which is sideways and compared with the design, the top of the watermark being at the left if viewed through the face of the stamps.

The stamps were received at Tulagi, on October 26th, 1908, the supply comprising—

1720 sheets of ½d. = 103,200 stamps.
1746 " 1d. = 104,940 "
1649 " 2d. = 101,820 "
1726 " 2½d. = 103,560 "
506 " 5d. = 30,360 "
520 " 6d. = 31,200 "
508 " 1/- = 30,480 "

The stamps were first placed on sale on November 1st, 1908.

The new colour scheme, evolved by the Crown Agents for the Colonies a few months previously with the idea of securing uniformity in the colours of each value for all our Colonies, was adopted except as regards the 5d. This was printed in one colour only like all the others of the set.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1908. ENGRAVED. WMK. MULTIPLE CR. CA. PERF. 14.
½d. green.
1d. carmine.
2d. grey.
2½d. ultramarine.
5d. olive.
6d. claret.
1/- black on green.

A Chance for Entires, After All.

B.W.W., that indefatigable champion of the collection of stamped stationery, has written a remarkable letter to the "London Philatelist," in the course of which he offers, in the event of an "Entires" Society being formed to carry on the work for which he himself is no longer physically fit, he will be glad to present a selection of 2000 varieties of Entires as the nucleus of a reference collection.

The Editor of the "London Philatelist" refers appreciatively to this "liberal offer" and thus comments upon the subject generally:—

The collecting of Entires has been elbowed off the philatelic stage by the crowd of other issues, many of which are far less worthy of consideration. There are obvious drawbacks to envelopes and postcards—it is hard to draw the line between stationery and stamps, they are bulky and difficult to arrange or transmit—but the fact remains that they are undoubted postal issues of equal importance with the adhesives. Moreover, no philatelic history of a country can be written without their inclusion.

Those who are engaged upon the compilation of such works realize how much more difficult their task is rendered by the absence, in this country, of due facilities for the study of Entires. With each succeeding year this difficulty will be accentuated, and we are constrained to urge that, before it is too late, some steps should be taken to encourage the collection of Entires, either by individuals or by philatelic societies. In such a case no one could more worthily lead the way than the Royal Philatelic Society. We throw out the suggestion that in the ensuing season a committee be formed to consider and report upon this question. In default of any presentation it would be advisable to purchase a collection, and in the present depressed state of the market for Entires this should not be an expensive matter. A subscription among the members of the Royal Society would easily cover the amount required, and we have already liberal promises of pecuniary support.

The Royal Society's Own Collection.

This not unnaturally leads Mr. Castle to remark upon the progress—or, rather, lack of progress—of the Collection now being formed by the Royal Philatelic Society. The Editor of the "London Philatelist" gives expression to "a feeling that has shown itself widely prevalent" in saying that "the formation of the Royal Philatelic Society's Stamp Collection is not making the rapid progress that was anticipated."

The undertaking [the proceeds] is one involving vast and patient labour, and if it is ever to be carried to a successful issue it must be by a devolution of some of the work undertaken by the younger members of the Society. Too much work is, and has been, thrown on the shoulders of the older members, and it is absolutely necessary that some of the younger ones should come to the rescue.

In order to successfully build up the Royal Society's postal collection there should be a permanent committee of five, each of whom should undertake to make the following collections:—

1. Great Britain and Colonies. Adhesives.
2. Europe. "
3. The Rest of the World. "
4. Envelopes.
5. Postcards.

An hon. secretary and a chairman should be added, and this committee should be made permanent, subject, of course, to annual re-election. This whole question is one of importance. The Society holds its position and advantages for all time, and it is its obvious duty to ensure that its future existence should be of real benefit to Philately.

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With this issue of the "S.C.F." we circulate two very interesting insets—one from Messrs. P. L. Pemberton and Co., 68, High Holborn, London, W.C., relating to a remarkable series of new approval books, and the other from Mr. G. H. Dannatt, Lyndale, Blackheath, S.E., having reference to the transfer of the "Kildare" Exchange Club from Captain Freeman to the well known Secretary of the Otterdale Exchange. Any subscriber failing to receive either or both of the insets should at once report the omission to the addresses given in this paragraph, when the omission will be rectified at once.

Two New Handbooks have come to hand since the publication of our last reviews—namely, "Tonga," by Fred J. Melville, and "Zululand," by Bertram W. H. Poole. The price in each case is 6d. nett, the former book being published at 47, Strand, W.C., and the latter at 4/6, Royal Arcade, Old Bond Street, W. We have also received what is called the "Normal" Catalogue of Mr. Paul Kohl, of Chemnitz.

The "S.C.F." Medals will be ready for distribution very shortly. The die sinkers are now pressing forward with the work, and we hope by the time the next *Fortnightly* is published that we shall be able to give a definite date for their supply. Meantime, will Hon. Secretaries kindly let us hear from them regarding their arrangements for the 1909-10 Competition?

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- October 4th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, Board Room of the Trade Protection Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Paper, "Forgeries and How to Detect Them," Mr. C. T. Marshall; Display, Uruguay.
- October 7th.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., 7, Highbury Place, Highbury, N.E.: Paper, "Alsace and Lorraine," Mr. Eric F. Ridgeway; Discussion, "Philatelic Topics of the Moment"; Display, Europeans, Mr. Wymer.
- October 11th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool: Paper, "St. Lucia," Mr. J. C. Carmichael; Displays, St. Lucia and Bolivia.

AUCTION SALES.

- October 4th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15, at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 5th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., Wholesale Sale, 4.15, at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 6th.—Messrs. Harmer Rooke & Co., Special Mint Sale, 4.15 at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 11th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63/4, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- October 12th and 13th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- October 14th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63/4, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- October 21st and 22nd.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- October 30th.—Mr. Frederick Guthrie at the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow.
- On alternate Tuesdays and Wednesdays.—Messrs. Glendining & Co. at 3, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

The B.S.A. "Necessity Money."

To the Editor, Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly.

DEAR SIR,

On reading the article on "Encased Postage Stamps" in No. 376 of the *Stamp Collectors Fortnightly*, I was reminded of the "Necessity Money" (where postage stamps served the purpose) which, owing to the almost complete absence of coin, was put in circulation by the British South Africa Company in Bulawayo during the late war, the Boers having got astride the railway and other roads and cut off communication with Rhodesia.

I do not know the total amount of the currency provided, nor do I recollect all the values forming the series, but I have in my possession several specimens, ranging in value from 3d. to 10/- bearing the stamps, uncanceled, of the 1896, 1897 (re-engraved) and 1898 issues, which I keep as a memento of an historical event.

Owing to the nature of the currency, the wear of circulation was rapid and disastrous; some specimens being almost beyond recognition after a few days use and change of pockets. This will be understood from a short description of the "money."

The Company's stamps, as above mentioned, were used: one stamp only of a particular value being affixed to the back of an ordinary card (about 3in. by 2in.) the front of which bore the following, printed by a firm of printers in Bulawayo:

The Civil Commissioner, Bulawayo:

Please pay in cash to the person producing this card the face value of the stamp affixed thereto, if presented on or after the 1st of August, 1900.

This Card must be produced for redemption not later than 1st October, 1900.

to which was affixed the signature of the Secretary, Mr. H. Marshall-Hole, over the official stamp of the Administrator's office. The cards were legal tender in Bulawayo for the purchase of supplies, the payment of wages, etc., and were in use for some time, but the inhabitants generally were only too glad to exchange them for hard cash at the earliest opportunity owing to their flimsy nature and the dilapidated state into which most of them had fallen long before the time they became redeemable. Consequently I do not think that many specimens are to be met with now-a-days. Those I have are in very good preservation, and judging from some offers made for them, I should imagine that from a curio collector's point of view, they are of considerable value, considering the circumstances and place, with its associations, in which they were used as currency.

The fact that I have never seen any reference to the matter, philatelically or otherwise, induces me, in face of the American precedent, to offer the foregoing short account of a very interesting issue of "expediency money."

Yours, &c.,

George, Cape Town, 6th Sept., 1909.

A. J. ROBINS.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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POSTAGE DUE STAMPS (Continued).

Meantime, in August, 1897, the then President, Idiarte Borda (who was fated to be assassinated some days later—August 25th), had received a design for a projected series of

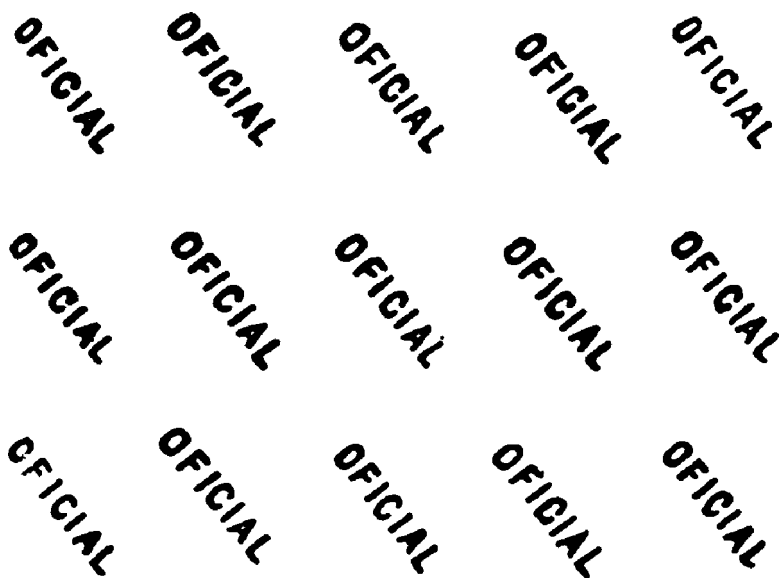


postage due stamps, the design of which is shown here as a curiosity. There were to be seven values as follows:—

- 2 cent., carmine, Arms and value in black.
- 4 " violet " " "
- 10 " yellow " " "
- 14 " blue " " "
- 20 " brown " " "
- 40 " red " " "
- 100 " black, Arms and value in blue.

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

It was in 1880 that the first official stamps made their appearance at Montevideo. The Director of Posts, who was



then (I gather from official documents) Mons. Castellanos, not wishing to make a special issue of official stamps, he ordered a copper surcharging stamp, measuring 10 centimetres by 7 centimetres, on which the word OFICIAL, set diagonally, was repeated 15 times, in three rows of five. There are thus fifteen different types of the word, as one may see by the illustration here given.

As these surcharges were impressed by hand, very frequently the man entrusted with the work would stamp them first

anyhow, the result being that these overprints are to be found in the following positions:—

- (a) From the top left corner to the bottom right corner—that is to say, the normal surcharge.
- (b) From the lower left corner to the upper right.
- (c) From the lower right corner to the upper left—that is to say, the surcharge inverted.
- (d) From the upper right corner to the lower left corner.
- (e) Double surcharge, positions a or b.

(f) The stamper being placed in a slanting position on the sheet of stamps has given surcharges horizontal or vertical; or again, the surcharges have been made one by one as for the emission of Feb. 18th, 1881, on the lithographed 1c. brown, these last being exceptionally rare.

Date.	Colour of Surchage.	Value.	Position of Surchage.
20th Aug., 1880,	black,	1c. brown (eng.).	a.c.
"	"	5c. green.	a.c.
"	"	20c. bistre.	a.c.
"	dark blue,	10c. vermilion,	a.c.
"	"	15c. yellow (perf.),	a.c.
"	carmine,	50c. black.	a.
"	"	1 peso, blue,	a.
18th Feb., 1881,	black,	1c. brown (litho).	a.c.

(The sheet of this stamp having 104 specimens, the four last were surcharged horizontally and are rare).

24th Sept., 1881,	red,	7c. brown,	a.
11th May, 1882,	black,	1 peso, blue,	a.
1st Jan., 1883,	"	1c. green (balance),	a.c.e.
"	"	2c. carmine (volcano),	a.b.c.d.
12th April, 1883,	carmine,	5c. blue (Santos),	a.
3rd Aug., 1883,	blue,	10c. brown (Artigos),	a.b.d.
1st Feb., 1884,	black,	1c. green (large),	a.c.

(With the surcharge "Franco" in a rectangular frame).

15th April, 1884,	black,	2c. carmine,	a.c.
"	"	1/10 Prov., vermilion,	a.b.c.
"	"	Prov., 1864, 2c. carmine (mountain),	a.c.
"	"	5c. blue, litho., thick paper, Type I.	a.c.
"	"	2c. blue, litho., thin paper, Type II.	a.c.
30th July, 1884,	black,	1c. bright green,	a.c.e.
"	"	2c. vermilion,	a.b.c.e.
"	"	5c. dull blue,	a.c.
"	"	7c. brown,	a.
"	"	10c. bistre-brown,	a.c.
"	"	20c. violet,	a.c.
"	"	25c. slate,	a.c.
28th Oct., 1887,	black,	50c. black (1887),	a.
5th June, 1889,	black,	1c. green,	a.c.
"	"	5c. blue,	a.
"	"	7c. orange,	a.
"	"	10c. violet,	a.c.
"	"	20c. brown,	a.c.
"	"	25c. red,	a.c.
20th Mar., 1888,	black,	2c. carmine,	a.c.e.
1) 12th Aug., 1890,	grey,	1c. green,	a.c.
"	"	2c. rose,	a.c.
"	"	5c. blue,	a.c.
"	"	7c. brown,	c.
"	"	10c. green,	a.c.
"	"	20c. orange,	a.
"	"	25c. red-brown,	a.c.
"	"	50c. blue,	c.
"	"	1 peso violet,	c.

The surcharging ink used for this last series being of a very oily nature, the surcharges appear to be grey on the front and black on the back of the stamp. On the stamps of dark colour the surcharge is scarcely visible.

The defect being remarked the surcharge was re-applied, so that in all the stamps of this series it is possible to find copies having two surcharges, one grey and one black.

After the exhaustion of the stock of these stamps an unmistakably black ink was employed.

12th Aug., 1890,	black,	1c. yellow-green,	a.c.
"	"	1c. carmine,	a.c.
"	"	5c. blue,	a.c.
"	"	7c. brown,	c.
"	"	10c. green,	a.c.
"	"	20c. orange,	a.
"	"	25c. brown-red,	a.c.
"	"	50c. blue,	a.c.
"	"	1 peso lilac,	c.

It was in producing this emission that a breakage occurred in the "O" of "Oficial" in the 5th surcharge of the first

(1) On the stamps of 1889.

row (that is the right-hand top corner surcharge) and this peculiarity is to be found again in successive surchargings. One should look out, therefore, for stamps bearing a surcharge reading, apparently, **UFICIAL**.



Date.	Colour of Surcharge.	Value.	Position of Surcharge.
(1) 7th Sep., 1891,	black, 5c. violet,		a.c.
	(Variety: UFICIAL on the variety "1391.")		a.c.
(2) 10th Oct., 1896,	black, 1c. blue,		a.
"	" 2c. red-brown,		a.
"	" 5c. carmine,		a.
(3) 1st Nov., 1895,	black, 50c. violet,		a.
	(The other values have not been surcharged).		
15th Dec., 1895,	black, 7c. dark green,		a.c.
"	" 10c. brown,		a.
"	" 20c. green and black,		a.
"	" 25c. brown and black,		a.
31st Mar., 1896,	black, 1c. bistre,		a.c.
"	" 50c. blue and black (Mercury),		a.
"	" 1p. brown and black (Arms),		a.
(4) 2nd Sep., 1897,	black, 1c. violet and black,		a.
"	" 5c. blue and black,		a.
"	" 10c. carmine and black,		a.
Oct., Dec., 1897,	black, 1c. blue (Gaúcho),		a.
"	" 2c. lilac (Theatre),		a.
"	" 5c. violet (Locomotive),		a.
"	" 10c. vermilion,		a.
"	" 20c. violet and black,		a.
"	" 25c. rose and blue,		a.
"	" 50c. green and black,		a.
"	" 1 peso, brown and blue,		a.
(5) 1900	black, 1c. blue-green,		a.
"	" 2c. orange,		a.
"	" 5c. blue,		a.
"	" 10c. brown-violet,		a.

(1) Provisional stamp, 1891.

(2) On the stamps of 1894. The first surcharge is thick; the second thinner, and in more regular characters.

(3) Completing the series.

(4) The General Suarez issue, with surcharge "Provisorio."

(5) On the stamps of 1889-1900.

The New Season Number of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

THE next issue of the "S.C.F." (October 16th) will be the New Season Number, which we hope to make especially attractive in its literary contents.

Arrangements for advertisement space in the number should be made AT ONCE, as there is invariably a great run on our New Season Number and it is impossible to reserve special positions unless an early order is given.

The advertisement rates are quite as usual, although this New Season "S.C.F." always enjoys a greatly increased circulation.

Advertisers, contributors, &c., are specially requested to make Monday, October 11th, the latest day for sending in matter for publication.

COLLECTORS of special postmarks, as to which there have been several articles of interest in the *Fortnightly*, will add to their treasures the special cancellation for the recent "Aviation Week" at Rheims. This is a hexagonal mark inscribed "Béthény-Aviation."

Notes on Fiscals.

By A. B. KAY.

Australia.—Customs.—"Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" reports an additional value to those already chronicled.

½d. carmine and dark green.

Basutoland.—A King's Head Cape stamp with overprint for this territory has to be recorded. The surcharge measures 18×2½mm. and is in thin sans-serif capitals.

1/- lilac and blue, chalky paper, wmk. Anchor.

Cape of Good Hope.—Patent and Proprietary.—A stamp of rather uncommon appearance has come to hand. The design is oblong, measuring 32×20mm., with a Springbok in the centre. The value is in words on a solid label of colour below this, and also in numerals in each corner.

2d. lilac and red, no wmk. perf. 11½.

Natal.—Revenue.—Mr. C. Raymond Megson has been so good as to extend the list of the new King's Head issue. Those seen are:—

6d. brown.	5/- brown and red.
1/- black on green.	10/- purple.
2/- blue on blue.	£1 purple and blue.
2/6 red on blue.	

Telegraphs.—There is an additional type of the 1902 surcharged revenue stamps that does not appear to have been chronicled. It is similar to the commonest type, but with a small instead of a large P to PENCE. It occurs on the 10th stamp in the setting of 30 stamps (i.e., the 4th stamp in the 2nd row), and is thus as scarce as the wrong font "e" variety.

THREE PENCE on 4d. lilac.

Railways.—A stamp with inscriptions, "Natal Govt. Railways," "Prepaid Newspaper," has lately been issued.

½d. red, rouletted 7, no wmk.

New South Wales.—Stamp Duty.—Mr. F. Hagen has submitted specimens of the newly issued duty stamps. The size is the same as that of the late issue, and the central design is the King crowned and in coronation robe, facing to the right. The die was prepared by the photo-zinco process, and the colours chosen by the Commissioner of Stamps are strikingly vivid. The paper is chalk-surfaced, and perforation gauges 11½×11. All are watermarked with the tall NSW, excepting the 3d. value, which is apparently unwatermarked.

1d. purple and red	6d. orange and violet.
2d. orange-red & deep green.	9d. emerald and violet.
3d. pink and violet.	1/- marone and violet.

Transvaal.—Central South African Railway.—The current type is now slightly different. The whole design is redrawn, the figure of value differing and the word Railway being used in place of Railways. Values seen are:—

3d. red. Perf. 11½.
6d. green.
1/- blue.

Western Australia.—Railway.—A stamp of similar design to the chronicled series has appeared, but measuring 40×57mm. It is watermarked

W A
G R

6d. deep blue, perf. used. WA Crown GR.

Zanzibar.—Mr. H. O. Wells has submitted a further novelty in provisionals for this possession. It is the 1904 postage stamp surcharged

REVENUE
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1R. on 2R. green and red.

All Communications respecting this column should be addressed to A. B. KAY, 18, Melrose Gardens, Hammersmith, London, W.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

PRICES for Swiss 1908-09 seem to be gradually dropping within reach. Presently the middle values may be available in some quantity for cheap sheets, and will be very welcome. Some handlers of these stamps ask too much for them. The buyer's best plan is to watch and wait.

I see the average price of the 50h. Austria Jubilee is nearly three times the price of the 30h., and the latter is a good stamp. This week I got a beautiful 100-packet of the 12h., evidently packed up in the days when the Jubilees were expected to be only a temporary issue, and put away as an investment. Alas for the vanity of human hopes!—the 12 hellers had to come out in the end. 50h. values of modern Austria, by the way, have usually been slightly better stamps than the 60h. values, and this circumstance seems likely to hold.

Stamps of 1c. to 40c. early French issues (before 1876) usually prove a wise purchase; the stamps have an old-world tone about them, and sell readily. Among collectors there are people for whom such stamps have much the same fascination as old furniture for the collector of antiques, and there is wisdom in having a stock of similar old-time stamps to offer. "I'm tired of buying moderns," writes a collector; "send me something old."

I see the 2c. Canada imperf. is offered at 6d. in one quarter, but an American dealer offers "all you want at 3c. each."

The U.S.A. Alaska-Yukon stamp is offered in one place at a price per hundred that would make it saleable, used, at a penny apiece. Blocks of four of this stamp, imperforate, cost about fifty per cent. over face, mint.

The 5c. black War Tax of Spain, with big figure of value, is not a bad seller; it is not one-tenth so common as the variety bearing a portrait.

We all seem to be wanting Austria Levant 1908, but as yet only the 1 piastre blue seems obtainable in any great number, although here and there one sees odd sets of the lower values advertised. The Jubilees in themselves are magnificent; what must they be with the added glory of a surcharge!

Azores 1906, 2½ to 25 reis, at 4d. the set, is a novelty.

A set of six Danish Newspaper stamps can now be had for 4d.

French Unpaid seem to have an attraction, notably the 5c. blue, 15c. green, 50c. brown, 20c. olive, while the black varieties seldom hang fire.

Sudan-on Egypt, 1897, seem to be in demand as a frontispiece to the Camel series, but are not easy to get.

It would be a pleasure to meet with some nice used copies of Cuba 1898 (art shades), but no one seems to have any quantity of these.

There may presently arrive from America a piece of news affecting the market value of used copies of the current 8c. U.S.A.

The 2s. Western Australia, perforated O.S., is apparently worth 2s.

Bosnia 1906, the 10h. value, is now very cheap, postally used. Some of the higher values, however, seem to be worth more than some dealers ask for them.

Mint Quebec Tercentenary are evidently advancing.

Rhodesia 1909, Liberia 1909, the new Borneos, Persia 1908, Peru 1909, new Spanish Morocco, are well to the fore in Continental lists. The triangular denominations of Ecuador 1908 are a novelty.

Russian Levant, 1909, is being boomed in Constantinople.

The 5 bani, Roumania 1908, which is now lithographed, has recently arrived in a mixed lot from that country, but the parcel contains not a single copy of the earlier printing. This earlier printing should always be a more than usually good halfpenny stamp.

The 3d. Jamaica with multiple watermark is evidently going to be a cheaper stamp than its predecessor with the

single watermark. Perhaps this is a result of increasing postal business.

At one time there seemed to be quantities of Lagos 1905 in existence, but there are evidences that these quantities are now almost absorbed by collectors. Beyond the 1d. value one seldom meets with a quotation for them in quantity, and prices should have some prospect of rising.

One remembers the stamps that 10 years ago were a staple quotation in most lists per 100, but which are not now in the field. In most cases the retail price has risen. It comes almost as a habit to charge a halfpenny for the ¼d. green Malta "Queen" of 1885, and it requires the exercise of "second thoughts" to give this stamp its modern position as a good penny item. It is the same with many others of the same class. A correspondent thinks the 2c. Canada Jubilee is a "riser," and even the common 3c. does not seem so plentiful as it once was. It is not a bad plan to gather similar stamps by the 100 where there is a prospect of their becoming less plentiful. Where advisability suggests the advance of 100 stamps from ¼d. to 1d. apiece, the incident is not unwelcome in this grey and weary life.

Of course there are classes of stamps which prove more profitable to buy in quantity than do others; a purchaser of the old type of French Colonials, e.g., will find a good percentage of copies in each lot with turned-up corners and broken backs, a buyer of Belgium 1861 should be glad if he gets a few dozen fine copies out of each 100, while the buyer of current Belgium may get many copies where the Sunday label is struck through with a penmark. Care should be taken in investing in stamps which have a reputation for bad centring or heavy obliterations. (There is a certain new issue which I am leaving severely alone for this reason). There is wisdom in looking critically through a collection, and attempting to ascertain what sorts are most often met with in clean condition. Where capital is limited, and where a good deal depends on one's choice of stock, it is as well to invest in such goods as promise to yield 70 to 80 nice copies out of each 100 lot. One makes mistakes, and learns from experience what to avoid.

The following stamps may be expected to come to hand tolerably clean: 4c. black Canadas, 10c. Java, 1 gulden Holland 1898, most Ecuador and Costa Rica, Italy 1906, Bulgaria 1902, German Morocco, Mauritius, Monaco, French Levant, Chili, Brazil 1906—of course, there are many others.

With regard to countries which have a reputation for poor copies, it should prove profitable to secure a good exchange correspondent, who will supply such clean copies as he may possess.

Dollar values of Johore have recently been offered in one quarter in £3 parcels, while a lot of 1500 Tunis Parcel Post has been on offer at £8. These latter stamps seem to be accumulating, and the lower values should presently prove a welcome new line to the seller of cheap pictorials.

Honduras 1903 seems to have become suddenly plentiful in mint sets.

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Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

The "Otterdale" & "Kildare" Clubs

OWING to a variety of reasons—duly set forth in a letter published hereunder—Captain F. F. Freeman has found it necessary to retire from the management of the well-known Kildare Exchange Club. He has arranged with Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt, of the Otterdale Exchange Club, to conduct the Club in the future. It will not, however, be in any sense amalgamated with the Otterdale, but will continue to be run as quite a separate club. Captain Freeman, in his letter to the "Kildare" members, writes:—

"I beg to inform you that I am making arrangements to transfer the secretarial duties of the club to Mr. G. H. Dannatt, Lyndale, Blackheath, London, S.E., who has very kindly consented to undertake its management. I have found this step necessary for the following reasons: firstly, owing to heavy pressure of official duties, I find it impossible to devote sufficient spare time to carry out the necessary management properly; secondly, I am going to be married at an early date, and expect to leave this country for the Argentine, S. America, in the New Year.

"Mr. Dannatt will continue the present policy of the Exchange, and will send out the October and following packets. He has agreed to balance up and return to members the July, August and September sheets, so that with my settlements of June packets I shall have finished Secretarial work.

"Mr. Dannatt, as Founder and Secretary of the 'Otterdale' Exchange Club, requires no introduction from me, except that I should state that the Kildare S.E.C. was modelled on the lines of the 'Otterdale', consequently, I attribute our successful progress to date, due to the adoption of his methods, and I feel sure that all members will find the change of Secretary beneficial to the Exchange.

"I trust all members will support Mr. Dannatt in the same kind way that they have helped me. I have no hesitation in stating that your new secretary is in a far better position (than I would ever be) to bring the monthly packets up to higher standards, create fresh records, and circulate a better class of stamps.

"The management of the Kildare has, for the past four years been a pleasure to me, and it is with extreme regret that I find it now necessary to take this step.

"I cannot properly express my thanks to every member for the splendid support given to me all through. I have experienced great kindness from each and all consequently, I trust that for many years I may remain in touch with the Club, and, as a member, I shall look forward to our united interests to help Mr. Dannatt in his duties."

Mr. G. Herbert Dannatt also issues a letter to the Members, in the course of which he announces that the only change of any importance will be a reduction of the "Kildare" subscription to 2s.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Treasurer: Robt. S. Aroher, Junr.

THE first meeting of the above Society for the 1909-10 Session was held at 42, Castle Street, Liverpool, on Monday evening, 20th September.

Mrs. Burton occupied the chair in the President's absence, and sixteen members were present.

Three candidates were proposed and three elected for membership.

An interesting paper entitled, "Designs on Postage Stamps," was read by Mr. F. S. Chilcott, Junr., who was a prize winner in the Essay Competition at the recent Manchester Junior Exhibition.

The lecturer, while condemning the designs on the stamps of Great Britain, chose those of the U.S.A. as being one of the best examples of artistic design.

There was a very good exhibition of the stamps of Barbadoes, Mr. Clissold's collection comprising several unused complete sheets of various values, being much admired.

The next meeting will be held on October 4th, at 42, Castle Street, when Mr. Marshall will deliver a paper entitled, "Forgeries and How to Detect Them," which should be of special interest to juniors.

The South Essex Stamp Exchange Society.

Secretary: Chas. H. Greenwood, 49, Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield

THE first packet of the new Session will start on October 1st, and members are requested to do their

best to send good sheets. There are several vacancies in this club for active philatelists. There are no fees of any kind and settlements are prompt.

Packets range from £150 to £300 in value and the sales are good.

Full particulars and explanatory booklet free on application to the Secretary.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: I. J. Bernstein.

Hon. Secretary: J. S. Higgins, Junr., 7, Green Street, Manchester.

THE annual picnic of the above society took place on June 27th, when between forty and fifty members and friends spent a most enjoyable outing in spite of the unholiday-like weather. Journeying from Central Station by the 1.30 train, Cuddington was reached shortly before 3 o'clock, and the four mile ramble was commenced under circumstances not to be described as inspiring, for ere long word stole round that the wrong turning had been taken and audible whisper of condemnation were directed against the unfortunate individual who had been installed as guide; and matters were certainly not improved by the boldness of one member who seemingly endeavoured to conceal his disgust by remarking that the situation reminded him somewhat of a very exciting drama entitled "The Girl Who Took the Wrong Turning." However, like most dramas, everything ended satisfactorily, explanations were gracefully accepted and eventually the proper path was struck without further incident excepting a slight disturbance caused by the sudden appearance of a wandering "Moo-moo," the sight of which brought forth from one or two lady ramblers cries for assistance, which, needless to say, was instantly forthcoming. Once off the high road and in the forest of Delamere the natural beauties of this magnificent stretch of Crown land were strongly in evidence, conspicuously grand even in face of the presence of ominous looking black clouds which seemed to indicate that "King Pluie" might at any moment assert his natural right and send forth earth-wards another flood of the "pure and undiluted." A few bad patches of ground in the forest provided the means whereby some of the strong-limbed members were able to test their lifting powers, the fair sex being considerate enough to supply the material to be lifted. Five o'clock saw the walk at an end and shortly afterwards forty-four pairs of eyes were cast longingly in the direction of the well provided tea tables, particularly the one whereon was stored an ample supply of delicious strawberries, to say nothing of a liberal quantity of cream. Tea over and everybody apparently satisfied President Bernstein, in a few choice words, delivered in his own inimitable style, informed the company that he had a pleasant duty to perform, the duty of presenting to Messrs. Albrecht and Berry each a token in recognition of their work in connection with the recent exhibition. This interesting event over and Messrs. Albrecht and Berry having suitably responded, a start was made for the conveniently situated playing fields where young and old indulged in various forms of sport and by way of a change crossed the babbling brook and explored the inner walks of the forest. As on all delightful excursions time simply flew and there were many expressions of regret when play had to be suspended for the day. A pleasant walk to the station, a comfortable railway journey, an "up to time" arrival in Manchester brought to a close the most successful of a series of successful M.J.P.S. outings.

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Woden Stamp Exchange Club.

Hon. Secretary: E. Philpot-Crouther, Kingsley House, Heaton Park View, Newcastle-upon-Tyne.

SPECIAL attention is directed to the Secretary's change of address, all communications should now be directed as above.

The accounts ending for the six months with the March packet are as follows:—

	Value of Packet	Sales.	Stamps Sold.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	
October	1050 10 0	97 2 11	1174
November	645 0 0	76 7 0	1107
December	767 10 0	77 19 6	890
January	444 0 0	51 8 10	604
February	775 0 0	64 6 0	778
March	624 10 0	69 16 0	777
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Good packets are in circulation for April, May, June, July and August. The quality and class of the stamps circulated have been extremely satisfactory.

There is room for a few good collectors on the membership list, and the Secretary will be pleased to forward particulars on application.

Northampton Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.

Meeting Place: The Divan Cafe, Northampton.

THE Annual General Meeting of the above Society was held on Wednesday, Sept. 15th, in the Divan Cafe, Northampton, the President being in the chair

The Hon. Secretary presented the Balance Sheet for the past year, a small sum being shown as on hand to commence the current season.

The following officers were elected:—

President: H. E. Archer.
Vice-Presidents: Humphrey Bennett and J. Jelleyman.

Exchange Superintendent: B. A. Swift.
Librarian: W. Fox.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.

It was decided to increase the subscription for Local Members to 3/-, the extra 6d. to go towards the Library Fund, as the use of the Library is an extra privilege enjoyed by Local Members. The subscription for Postal Members is 2/6, as formerly.

It was also announced that in future a commission of 5% will be charged on all sales from the Exchange Packet, to cover printing and other expenses in connection with that section. One or two additional and revised rules were also drafted.

A full copy of the rules will be printed and sent out to Members with the programme for the season, which is now in preparation. Any collector wishing to join the Society should apply to the Hon. Sec. as early as possible, so that they can take advantage of the meetings arranged, the first of which takes place on Wednesday, October 13th.

The Primrose Stamp Exchange Society (Founded 1904).

Secretary: Chas. H. Greenwood, 49, Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.

THE September Packets started out, as usual, during the first week in September.

The General Packet carried 36 sheets, gross value £153 2s. 11d., rather smaller in size and value than usual, owing no doubt to the holiday season. Sheets are coming in well for the October Packet and there seems every prospect of a very fine packet for this month. There are still a few vacancies in this section for good buyers or sellers, the present being a very opportune time to join, as we are just commencing another Session.

The "King's" Packet, a section for collectors of "King's Head" British Colonials only, started with 19 sheets, value £57 9s. 11d., nett, a fine little packet for collectors of "King's." There are also one or two vacancies in this section for good buyers or sellers.

The special features of the "Primrose" are no fees and prompt monthly settlements. Full particulars and explanatory booklet from the Secretary.

New European Stamp Club.

Secretary: Mrs. Pearson, Lynton, Lonsdale Rd., Barnes.

IN view of the increasing interest taken in European stamps it is proposed to start a European Stamp Exchange to be run in two sections for advanced Collectors and Specialists in which the minimum priced stamps will be of cash value of 1/- and also a section for less advanced collectors and beginners. Particulars from the Secretary.

Travellers' Stamp Exchange Club.

Secretary: Leicester A. B. Paine, 1, Portland Place, Kemp Town, Brighton.

THE Travellers, which now enters upon its 18th year, has just passed through a most successful summer season: the sales having been a record.

The average monthly packet during the summer months being £200.

August Packet contains 83 sheets, value £207 9s. 1d., and is rich in the early issues of British Colonials. Many rare stamps in superb condition are to be found in this packet.

Since the last report, four months ago, 27 new members have been elected.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly is the official organ of the Club.

The Modern Collectors' Club.

Secretary: Albert H. Harris, 44, Charlwood Street, Westminster, E.W.

THE formation of this club has met with a welcome response from collectors who have found the usual exchange system inadequate. Although the club will be known as the "M.C.C." it has no connection with Lords, The Oval, or any other Turf Club. It is founded solely to assist the interchange of philatelic property in the most practical manner, and without irksome delay.

OCTOBER PACKETS.—Will every member who has not yet contributed a sheet for either the net or gross packets, kindly oblige by doing so before the 10th inst.? The Club is in its early days, and active support will be fully appreciated.

WANTS AND OFFERS SECTION.—This department is working actively to supply members needs, good stamps being in brisk demand. Members registering "Wants" are requested to mention stamps in preference to countries, and to give the Secretary some idea of the prices they are prepared to pay. Entries for the October Wants and Offers List should be hurried forward.

Full particulars on application to Secretary.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1909.

ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

An Exhibition at Brighton.

THE Brighton Branch of the J.P.S. will be holding an Exhibition in the Hove Town Hall, on October 25th, 26th and 27th, in connection with the Gentlewomen's Handicraft and Home Industries Exhibition which is being held from the 21st to the 28th.

The Exhibition will be sustained entirely by the Brighton Branch of the J.P.S., and although the time is short—a fortnight is surely the shortest possible time in which to organise a philatelic exhibition—the secretary has received several offers of exhibits and it is anticipated that each member will show at least one country.

This will be Brighton's first attempt at an Exhibition and it will be interesting to see the result. A list of the exhibits will be given in due course in the *Fortnightly*.

The Exhibition will be open from 10.30 till 7 p.m. each day and London collectors are reminded that a cheap train is generally run to Brighton on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Rare Literature at Auction.

As a rule when literary "lots" are offered at stamp auctions they are relegated to an inglorious position at the rear-end of the catalogue, along with the "collections in albums" and "mixed lots in envelopes." Not so with the library which is down for dispersal by Messrs. Glendining and Co., at the Argyll Galleries, Argyll Street, W., on the 1st of November. In this case the literary items are placed in the forefront of Messrs. Glendining's bulky catalogue for their auction of November 1st, 2nd and 3rd—in fact, the whole of the first day of the sale will be devoted to philatelic literature.

Here are a few items belonging to the early literature of our hobby, selected at random as a taste of the quality of this unusually interesting sale:—

Postage Stamps Illustrated (1840-64) (J. B. Moens, translated by Dr. Viner, London, 1864), bound in red morocco, gilt edges, in new condition.

Illustrations du Manuel du Collectionneur de Timbres Poste (J. B. Moens, Bruxelles, 1868), bound in marone cloth, in fine condition.

On the Falsification of Postage Stamps (J. B. Moens, Brussels, translated by E. Doble, printed by W. Tregaskis, Falmouth, 1862), paper cover in nearly new condition.

Catalogue de l'Amateur de Timbres Poste (E. Nicoals, Paris, 1865), in paper cover, in good condition.

Petit Manuel de l'Amateur de Timbres Poste, par Fois V. . . . (alette), Paris; *Librairie du Collectionneur des Livres Curieux*, in paper cover, in very good condition, very rare.

Pemberton's Philatelic Catalogue, No. 1, Jan. 1874, extra edition (only one published), in nearly new condition and rare.

Postage Stamp Forgeries or The Collector's Vade Mecum (J. M. Stourton, London, 1865), paper cover, and in very good condition.

Forged Stamps and How to Detect them (Thornton Lewes and Edward Pemberton, Edinburgh, 1863), paper cover, and in very good condition.

Some of these should provoke brisk bidding. Various editions of "Mount Brown" and other early catalogues figure in the sale, which comprises over 200 lots. A copy of the catalogue will be forwarded to any *Fortnightly*-reader applying to Messrs. Glendining. The sale is for 4.30 precisely on Monday, November 1st. Many fine stamps, British, Colonial, and foreign, are included in the catalogue for the two following days.

Auctions in the Provinces.

The mention of Auctions reminds me that there has been a notable increase of vitality in provincial stamp auctions of late. At one time it seemed impossible to secure a degree of support sufficient to ensure the success of a philatelic auction anywhere outside of the Metropolis; but now there are several provincial cities in which sales are held at fairly regular intervals. I note that a Liverpool reader, Mr. Eric Thomas, who is Hon. Auctioneer to the Liverpool Philatelic Society, is going to try his luck with a series of stamp sales. I wish him all success.

Mr. Hadlow as Dealer Only.

It is an easy transition of thought to move from a new comer in philatelic auctioneering to one who is abandoning that profession. Mr. Hadlow has rapped his hammer for the last time, but I should like to make it quite clear to all readers of the *Fortnightly* that our genial and universally-respected friend of Adam Street, Adelphi, is not in any sense bidding good-bye to the stamp trade. For very many years Mr. Hadlow has conducted a very considerable stamp dealing business in addition to his practice as an auctioneer, and it is with a view to devoting himself exclusively to dealing that he has abandoned the rostrum. I have reason to know that a very fine stock of stamps—in fact, in certain lines a superb stock—can be inspected at Mr. Hadlow's offices, where there is invariably a hearty and cordial welcome for the philatelic wayfarer.

Varieties of Aviation Postmarks.

THERE was a brief paragraph in the last *Fortnightly* about a special postmark used for the Rheims aviation week. Writing from Ligure, Italy, Mr. Charles de Grave Sells tells me that a special cancellation was also employed for the aero meeting at Brescia, and he is kind enough to send me a sketch of the same. This is a circular mark, inscribed in the outer band, "Brescia—Staz^e Circuito Aero." The date is in the centre between two horizontal lines, there being short vertical lines above and below. My correspondent adds that he has seen a variety of this aviation mark from which the horizontal planes—I beg pardon, lines are missing!

Philately and Tight Lacing.

ONE of my readers who is ever on the alert for tit-bits likely to amuse his fellow-subscribers to the *Fortnightly*, sends in the following, which appeared among the private advertisements of "The Lady" newspaper, of Sept. 29th:—

9042.—Lady wants Great Britain and Colonial stamps, cheap for cash. Tight lacing, long corsets.

This is a little distressing and more than a little mysterious. Are we to take it that "9042"—it is the only name she gives us—wants to be tight laced as well as being supplied with "Great Britain and Colonial stamps"? or does it mean that she offers her services in tight-lacing some lonely sister-philatelist who would repay her friendly offices with a few duplicates? Feminine punctuation being what it is we are plunged into an agony of doubt from which probably none can ever extricate us save "9042" herself.

Teaching the Advertiser his Business.

It has lately become the habit of certain of our sprightlier contemporaries to print chatty articles offering hints and advice to the stamp dealer on the subject of profitable advertising—I beg pardon, "intelligent publicity." I do not know how such advice is received by the persons for whom it is intended, but I hope the members of the stamp trade are properly grateful to the cheery young scribes who seek to instruct them as to how to conduct their business.

I do not quarrel with such articles provided the motive behind them is straightforward business, but I think it high time to enter a protest against some of the tall talk which is issued to the stamp trade in letters and circulars touting for advertising patronage. Quite recently a circular of this class, accompanied by a "dummy copy" of a projected new paper, has gone the round of the stamp trade, wherein the possible advertiser is informed that, of the first six numbers of the paper, "30,000 copies are to be given away free to 30,000 different active stamp collectors."

This promise may possibly be fulfilled, but if it is it will constitute a record in philatelic journalism. Where (to start with) will our friend who is publishing this little sheet in an obscure country town find his "30,000 different active stamp collectors"? I think they will want a good deal of finding!

The reduction of Anglo-American postage has naturally led to a great deal of solicitation of advertisements for American papers, and for sheer mendacity I do not know of anything on this planet to touch the American advertisement man when he is out for business. The minor journals are the most exuberant in their recklessness of statement, but we find even a prosperous journal like "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" is not altogether guiltless. The Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company prints a paragraph on its note-heading referring proudly to an "average of eight columns of advertising" in each number of "Mekeel's Weekly," and goes on to affirm that "no American, English, or other publication can approach it." That boast, to use good Parliamentary English, is not quite in accordance with the truth. The *Fortnightly*, to mention one English publication, does not merely approach this average: it beats it. I think I shall be perfectly safe in saying that the S.C.F., in

all its fifteen years of life has carried more than eight columns of advertising in every issue. If an average were taken then the S.C.F.'s average would be nearer twelve or sixteen columns than the eight of which my Boston contemporary is so proud.

Comparisons, however, are odious, and I do not thank the Mekeel-Severn-Wylie Company for setting me such a bad example. I suggest to them the advisability of printing a new style of note-paper.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

STAMPS are beginning to sell more freely. The 35h. Austria Jubilee, "Eranciscus," or "Pranciscus" (errors), are advertised on the Continent at 2s. 6d. apiece, used. The 25h. "Pranciscus" is price 5d., used. These figures may be useful as a guide.

The 5-on-30st. Bulgaria, 1909, is offered at 1d.; 10-on-15st. at 2d.; 10-on-50st. at 2d.; all used.

The 50pfg. Bavaria Official is getting cheaper.

I find the 25 öre Sweden, yellow, in good demand as a cheap stamp. A Continental advertiser has lighted upon the 8 öre Sweden with some peculiarity of paper or watermark, and offers copies at 1s. each; only a few hundred specimens are stated to exist.

The 20h. Bosnia pictorial should presently be available at a cheaper rate; the same value of the previous issue was a cheap stamp, and the pictorial should follow suit.

The 10c. Special Delivery of U.S.A., withdrawn from circulation, is selling in mint blocks.

In one or two places there is evidence of an abundance of Spanish Don Quixotes, used or unused, at about double face chiefly.

Reading between the lines, it occurs to one that there are large lots of Egypt, 1888, in certain places.

Concerning the popularity of postally used pictorial French Colonials, a French correspondent proves them to be an acquisition. Such a man is usually in touch with collectors in his own country's colonies, and is often able to send nice things.

The 3d., 6d. and 1s. New Zealand Life Insurance stamps are much dearer than they were some time ago. A complete set of six costs nearly fifty per cent. more to-day than it did two years ago.

Annual Convention of the A.P.S.

THE annual convention of the American Philatelic Society, held this year at Atlantic City, was an immense success.

The Society's progress is splendid. The total membership at the present time is over 1750, an increase of about 250 on the corresponding period of last year. One of the chief subjects of pre-Congress controversy was the question of the official organship, but in the end there was no change in this department, the honour being again conferred on "Mekeel's" by 675 votes as against 243 for "Redfield's."

On the catalogue question (a specialised catalogue of the stamps of the United States) the Convention appointed a very strong special committee, consisting of Messrs. Mudge, Luff, Putney, Toppan, Carpenter, Bartels, Nevin, Deats and Worthington, to deal with the problem.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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I.—INTRODUCTION.

BRITISH HONDURAS, or Belize as it was once named, is a Crown Colony in Central America and is the only territory owned by Great Britain on the mainland of America between Canada and British Guiana. On the east it is washed by the Bay of Honduras and elsewhere it is surrounded by the Mexican State of Yutacan and the Republic of Guatemala.

The early British settlers were received in a friendly manner by the Mosquito Indians, who voluntarily placed their country under the protection of the authorities at Jamaica. Spain, as the paramount power in South and Central America, naturally resented this, and for years this small settlement was a bone of contention between the British and Spanish. Matters came to a head in 1798 when, Mr. C. P. Lucas tells us in his *Historical Geography of the British Empire*, "the Spaniards had determined once for all to drive the persistent band of settlers out of territory which they deemed their own; and in September of that year a fleet from Campeché, with a force of some 2000 men on board, commanded by O'Neil, the Governor of Yutacan, bore down on the colony. The year before, the Baymen, in a general assembly, had by a small majority only rejected a proposal to evacuate their settlements for ever; and now they prepared to meet the invaders in boats and schooners, burning their houses in St. George's Bay, lest they should be a foothold for the enemy. Backed by one British ship and a handful of British troops, helped by the shoals, and with their slaves fighting by their sides, they conquered in a miniature Salamis, and, beating off their assailants, they once for all established their colony by right of conquest, not by indulgence of a foreign power. Henceforward British Honduras had a right to its name; from this date it was a British possession, not a Spanish district where British subjects had certain treaty rights. Its limits were gradually extended, and the settlers who had fought so hard for their trade followed it up without let or hindrance from a foreign foe."

From this date the little colony grew and prospered, and in 1853 the system of government was defined by ordinance. The legislature was composed of a Legislative Assembly of 21 members (18 of which were elected and 3 nominated) and a Superintendent. In 1855 the law of England was, after various experiments in other directions, finally and formally adopted as the law of British Honduras. In 1862 the "settlement" was officially declared a colony under the administration of the Governor of Jamaica, who was locally represented by a lieutenant-governor. This latter gentleman superseded the Superintendent who had previously been at the head of affairs. At the end of 1870 the Legislative Assembly petitioned for the abolition of the principle of popular representation and, its wishes being acceded to, British Honduras became a Crown Colony. In 1884 its connection with Jamaica, which had for some time been merely nominal, was finally severed and the colony was given its own Governor under the direct jurisdiction of the Colonial Office. At the present time the Executive Council consists of the Colonial Secretary, the Treasurer, the Attorney-General and two unofficial members appointed by the Sovereign, while the Legislative Council includes the three officials previously named and not less than five unofficial members appointed by the Sovereign. The Governor is President of both councils.

"From an historical point of view," says Lucas, "British Honduras is a very interesting instance of the evolution of a

colony. It began with private adventurers who held their own in spite of a strong foreign power, and whose success practically obliged their own government to afford them some measure of recognition and protection. It originated with trade, trade begat settlement, and settlement brought about in fulness of time a colony. The trade and settlement were at first more or less contraband, their actual facts produced trading rights by treaty, and trading rights developed by force of circumstances into ownership of the soil. All through the history the men and their actions forced the hands of the governments concerned, and it may almost be said that the colonisation of British Honduras took place in spite of the State. The woodcutters and settlers in early times were closely connected with the buccaneers, and here as elsewhere these unlicensed free-traders largely helped on the building up of the British Empire in the West Indies. But both buccaneers and the woodcutters of Central America were constantly coming from and going to Jamaica and so the history of British Honduras has always, until a few years ago, been bound up with that of Jamaica. Indeed the story of the Baymen and their doings is perhaps most interesting as illustrating the commanding position which Jamaica has ever held in West Indian history. Beyond all other of these Colonies, it was not merely a single settlement, however strong or populous, but it was a centre of British influence in these seas, a Colony with outlying dependencies, the point from which Great Britain made her power felt and extended her commerce along the coasts of Spanish America."

The Colony measures about 180 by 60 miles, its total area being 7,560 square miles, *i.e.*, a little larger than Wales. Its population is about 38,000 of whom only about 2,000 are whites. The northern part is low, and full of swamps and lagoons, while south of the Belize River the Cockscomb Mountains (4000 feet) extend into the Colony by the Guatemalan boundary. South of these mountains, hilly country nearly 2000 feet high connects them with the ranges of Central Guatemala. The country has a general tropical fertility and its chief exports are mahogany and logwood, sugar, coffee, cotton, sarsaparilla, bananas, plantains and indiarubber.

The chief town is Belize (population 10,000) and prior to about 1798 the colony was known by this name. According to some writers this is probably a Spanish of the name Wallis, one of the early British settlers, while others contend that it is derived from the French *belise*, "a beacon." The town is a *depôt* for British goods for Central America.

II.—PHILATELIC HISTORY.

The early postal affairs of British Honduras, like those of so many of our other Colonies, are wrapped in mystery. Prior to the establishment of a British Post Office at Belize, there was apparently no regular postal service and letters were simply forwarded as opportunity offered, *i.e.*, when the captain of any vessel leaving the port could be prevailed upon to act as a mail carrier. As most of these vessels only traded between Jamaica and British Honduras it is probable that the majority of the correspondence was despatched to Jamaica and thence forwarded to its destination.

When the British Post Office at Belize was first opened is a matter of conjecture only, but I think we may fairly assume that it was sometime about 1850, when similar post offices were opened at various towns in our West Indian possessions. At first prepayment was optional, but in 1857 it was made compulsory. As there were no stamps at this period, pay-

ment was made in cash and the letters were marked "paid," but whether Belize had any special postmark for this purpose or not I have been unable to trace.

Prior to 1857 the home authorities wished to place the post under local control, but without success as the following paragraph from the "Fourth Report of the Postmaster-General" (being that for the year 1857) clearly shows: "The recommendation of my predecessor that such of the West Indian Posts as are still under the direction of the British Office should be placed under that of the local Governments, has not yet been adopted, the Houses of Assembly of Jamaica and some of the smaller colonies having adopted resolutions adverse to this measure."

BRITISH STAMPS USED.

Sometime in April or May of 1858 certain of the then current British stamps were placed on sale at the British Post Office in Belize, and this fact is referred to in the Postmaster-General's fifth "Report" (being that for the year 1858) as follows:—"It having been found that the use of English postage stamps at Malta, Gibraltar, and Constantinople led to no forgery, the privilege has been extended to the British West Indies, and to the foreign ports touched at by the Mail Packets on the Western Coast of Africa. It is obvious that such an arrangement is only applicable when the whole of the postage belongs to the British Post Office."

The British stamps known to have been used at Belize are:

1d. red,	"Stars,"	wink.	Large Crown.	Perf. 14.
4d. rose,	no letters,	wink.	Garner.	
6d. lilac,	"	"	Emblems.	
1/- green,	"	"	Emblems.	

(To be continued.)

British Honduras Reminders.

The following notice has been sent us by the Crown Agents with a request for publication:—

THE Crown Agents for the Colonies have been requested by the Government of British Honduras to dispose of the following Victorian Postage Stamps, which comprise the whole stock remaining in the hands of the Government and of which no further supplies can be printed, the Queen's Head Keyplate having been destroyed. All the stamps are in sheets of 240 stamps, except the 25 cents stamps which are surcharged "Revenue" and cut into sheets of 60 stamps. Concerning these, the following report has been received from the Colonial Government. "The 25 cents stamps over-printed "Revenue" were not considered locally as solely Revenue Stamps but were used for both postal and revenue purposes."

Specimens of the stamps can be seen at the Crown Agents' Office, between the hours of 10 and 4, and 10 and 1 on Saturdays.

No offers for less than £50 worth of stamps will be considered. Alternative offers may be submitted, *i.e.*, for all or some of the stamps. Preference will be given to offers for some stamps of each value.

Tenders must take all responsibility in connection with the description and condition of the stamps sold.

Offers, which must not be less than face value, must be sent in addressed as below, not later than the 30th November, on which date all offers received will be considered.

Value.	Number of Stamps.
6 cents	57,240
10	81,600
12	3,600
25	43,200
50	31,680
\$1	8,880
\$2	3,960
\$5	10,320

The value of the dollar may be taken to be 4s. 2d.

Office of the Crown Agents for the Colonies,
Whitehall Gardens, London, S.W.

Notes on New Catalogues.

BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

AT this season of the year nearly every week brings its new stamp catalogue from one quarter or another. There is quite a pile of them before me as I write. Perhaps a few notes on their outstanding features will be of interest, pending, in some cases, a fuller notice in some later issue of the *Fortnightly*. First a British catalogue. Let reviewing, like charity, begin at home!

THE NEW "A.B.C." CATALOGUE.

Messrs. Bright & Son, 164, Strand, W.C., the publishers of the well-known "A.B.C." Catalogue, have been kind enough to supply me with advance proofs of portions of their new edition, and I have been privileged to stand behind the scenes, so to speak, and watch a catalogue in the making. My first thought—perhaps because the first pages I saw were those of Abyssinia—was that the cataloguer, of all men, must surely be the one to curse most heartily, the never ceasing stream of new issues, the innumerable changes and variations of types—ninety per cent. of them unnecessary and easily avoidable by any well ordered postal administration.

One great virtue of the "A.B.C." Catalogue is its strictly alphabetical arrangement. I have said so before many times, but when each new edition appears the advantage of the thing strikes me with new force. The grouping system may be handier for the group collector, but for rapid reference I plump for a straightforward alphabetical progression every time. One cannot always stop to think whether this or that place is a German or Dutch or Portuguese Colony!

At the moment of writing I have not sufficient of the new edition before me to enable me to comment upon the prices. There are important changes, but of these more anon. As a good all round catalogue the new "A.B.C." will more than merit all the economies earned by earlier editions. Compactness and clearness are its great virtues. The process of eliminating old blocks in favour of newer and clearer illustrations has been continued and is now all but complete.

THE KOHL "NORMAL" CATALOGUE.

Mr. Paul Kohl, always enterprising, began some years ago to produce his annual catalogue in two styles—a "Normal" catalogue, listing standard varieties and a larger book of more specialistic scope. The "Normal" catalogue, 1910 edition, has been awaiting notice in the *Fortnightly* for some weeks past, but it is difficult to say more than has been said already concerning this justly popular handbook. Not the least of its virtues is the system of appending instructive foot-notes to the various issues. The work is published by Mr. Paul Kohl, at Chemnitz, Germany.

THE LATEST FRENCH CATALOGUES.

I do not quite understand the genesis of the Catalogue Montader ("Catalogue Général de Timbres-Poste et Télégraphie," published by Alfred Montader, 16, Avenue d'Orléans, Paris), for it has all the outward appearance of being identical with our old friend the "Catalogue Officiel" of the French Society, and, moreover, it is published jointly by Mons. Montader and Messrs. Plon-Nourrit et Cie., who were of course the original publishers of the "Catalogue Officiel." Anyhow the present production appears to be a most comprehensive production, and although its 1060 pages are crowded into a book of less than two inches in thickness, the paper, type and illustrations are all that could be desired.

The catalogue of Messrs. Yvert & Tellier (37 Rue des Jacobins, Amiens, France), which is published also by Messrs. Theodore Champion, of 13 Rue Drouot, Paris, has long been a favourite of mine. It is put up in a very compact form, and it has the great advantage over our home catalogues that it includes telegraph as well as postage stamps within its purview.

Papers Reprinted.

GREAT BRITAIN'S ONLY EIGHTPENNY
POSTAGE STAMP.

[From the "British Philatelist's" series of Papers on
"The Surface-Printed Stamps of Great Britain."]

THERE was only one issue of this stamp, and the value is not found in any of the subsequent series.

A Post-office notice of the 4th September, 1876, announced that "on and after the 11th inst., Postage stamps of the value of 8d. will be sold to the Public. They are issued for correspondence with India and Australia."

The original idea was to the Ninepence die, by substituting the new value, but the Postmaster-General selected one of three designs submitted to him, and shewing a profile of Queen Victoria to left, on a horizontally-lined ground, within a wide



THE 8D. OF GREAT BRITAIN, 1876.

frame, of which the upper and lower portions are curved and contain the inscriptions of "POSTAGE" and "EIGHT PENCE" in coloured letters; at the sides are the plate-numbers, and in the corners the usual check-letters, all in colour.

The plate contained 240 stamps, in four panes, each of sixty stamps, in ten rows of six. Twice at the side of each pane was "POSTAGE EIGHT PENCE," and above and below each of the panes was the price per label, per row; and per sheet of 30. The plate- and current-numbers appeared as usual in the margins; and the lettering ran to "L.T.—T.L."

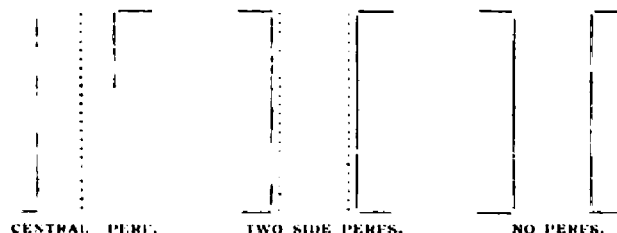
The above applies to plate 1: on plate 2, a large arrowhead ornament was introduced in the margin opposite the centre of each pane to facilitate division into Post-office sheets of 30.

There were only three supplies of Large Garter paper for this value, each of 10,000 sheets—on the 15th June, the 24th July, and the 19th August; and the first lot was used for the printing in purple-brown; this colour was, on the day before the date originally intended for issue, found to be somewhat similar to that of the then current Twopence Halfpenny, and instructions were at once given to defer distribution from the General Post Office.

The rarity of this stamp is considerably under-rated, as a prominent official told us some years ago, that, with the exception of the sheet which he acquired, the entire printing was destroyed: he shewed us an almost complete pane, and we know of another. The colour subsequently chosen for the issue was a chrome-yellow.

Plate 1, registered in purple-brown, on the 31st July, 1876, yielded 19,994 sheets; and plate 2, approved 11th September, 1876, only six sheets—of these latter, no perforated copies have so far been discovered, but the usual five sheets must have been issued. The perforation of this value was somewhat out of the common as regards the treatment of the space running between the vertical pairs of panes: in some cases, there was a single line of holes down the centre; in others, two lines, one close to the edge of each pane; and occasionally, there was no perforation at all—the method adopted for other values was the one first mentioned. In connection with this,

it may be mentioned that copies of the Eightpence, perforated down the centre of the stamp, are not particularly uncommon.



Of this value, "Specimen" copies are known, perforated and imperforate, from Plate 1, in purple-brown and in the colour of the issue, and imperforate copies exist cut from the *imprimatur* sheet of Plate 2.

SYNOPSIS.

ISSUE.—11 September, 1876. 8d. chrome-yellow, pale yellow, on Large Garter paper: large coloured check-letters. Plates 1 and (to a very limited extent, in first colour) 2: the latter is not yet known perforated.

Plate.	Registered.	Earliest date known.	Sheets printed.
1 (p.-brown)	31.7.76		10,000
(yellow)	v. sup.	2.10.76	19,994
2 yellow	11.9.76		5

The Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, London, 1910.

PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS.

(The following programme, which is apparently only of a tentative character, has been sent to us for publication by Mr. H. A. Slade, Hon. Secretary of the Herts Philatelic Society, who is acting in a like capacity in connection with the Philatelic Congress of 1910.)

THE Congress will be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society, from April 27th to April 29th, 1910, at Caxton Hall, Westminster, S.W.

Patron—H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, K.G., etc.

Vice-Patrons—The Right Honourable Sydney Buxton, M.P.;
The Right Honourable The Earl of Crawford, K.T.;
M. P. Castle, Esq., J.P.; J. Henniker Heaton, Esq., M.P.

Executive Committee—Franz Reichenheim, Esq.; H. L. Hayman, Esq.; C. R. Sutherland, Esq.; Baron Anthony de Worms; H. A. Slade (Hon. Secretary of the Congress).

PROGRAMME.

Wednesday, April 27th, 1910: 4 p.m., Opening Meeting; Public Meeting. (1) Address by Major E. B. Evans, R.A.; (2) Paper on "The Manufacture of Stamps," with demonstrations by J. Dunbar Heath, Esq. (Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.); 8 p.m., Reception of Delegates by invitation of the Vice-President of the Herts Philatelic Society (H. L. Hayman, Esq.), at his residence, "Highfield," Chislett Road, West Hampstead, N.W.

Thursday, April 28th, 1910: 11 a.m., Visit of the Delegates to the Tapling Collection at the British Museum, under the guidance of E. D. Bacon, Esq.; 3 p.m., Conference of Delegates; 7 for 7.30, Banquet given by the Herts Philatelic Society at the Café Monico, Piccadilly Circus, W.

Friday, April 29th, 1909: 11 a.m., by invitation of the Right Hon. The Earl of Crawford, K.T., Visit of the Delegates to inspect his Collections at his residence, 2, Cavendish Square, W.; 3 p.m., Conference of Delegates; 8 p.m., Closing Meeting; Public Meeting. (1) Paper by the Hon. Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London (M. P. Castle, Esq., J.P.); (2) Paper to be arranged later; Closing Address.

The Manchester Juniors' Year.

AN INTERESTING REVIEW BY THE PRESIDENT,
MR. I. J. BERNSTEIN.

MORE than ordinary interest attached to Mr. Bernstein's presidential address at the opening meeting of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, on Thursday, October 7th, because of the highly eventful and important year with which he had to deal. We give the greater part of the address hereunder:—

"It has been my custom, gentlemen, to utilise the first evening of the session to address you on matters concerning the Society, and I propose, during the time you may continue to put me in the exalted position of President, to continue to do so. My object is two-fold. The dullness of this evening my perhaps throw succeeding evenings into greater brilliance, and secondly I think it is good for us to consider on one evening of the year what we have achieved—and what we hope to achieve.

"The past session, the fourth of our corporate existence and our first as an independent Society, has been the most eventful and important we have had—or ever will have.

"Our membership roll at the beginning of the session was just 102. The change in our constitution was so much to the taste of the members, that we lost, through that, only one member! On the other hand, we gained forty-five new members, who I trust will take an active part in the work of the Society. Our financial position is most flourishing, and we have been able to meet increased expenditure, provide a book-case for our Library, and look the future cheerfully in the face. Our syllabus last year was a successful one, but I hope, now the Exhibition no longer pre-occupies the attention of the members, to see in the coming session a larger attendance and an earnest study of matters philatelic. Our official journal, the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, has renewed its offer of medals for the best paper read to our Society, and I hope the offer will stimulate members to greater effort in the study of their stamps and the publishing of the results of their labour for the benefit of philatelists generally.

"Our new Secretary, Mr. J. S. Higgins, as I predicted, has turned out to be the right man for the right place, and the internal work of the Society has been carried on in a most efficient and praiseworthy manner.

"Now, before leaving the domestic side of my review of the year's work, I want to express to the members my desire to see a more active part taken by members other than those on the Committee. It is an undoubted fact that at the meetings and discussions the same voices are heard time after time and it is only from a few that expressions of opinion are ever heard. Now, I am perfectly sure that every member cannot on every occasion be in perfect agreement with every other member and it must be sheer bashfulness on the part of most of them that they do not take a more active part in the concerns of the Society. I can assure you, Gentlemen, that it is distinctly helpful to the good conduct of the Society for members to air their views. Even committees do not always do the right thing, and it is only by discussion and the open exchange of ideas that the general feeling can be gauged. So too in the nomination and election of officers. A nomination paper is put on the table and every member has the right to propose whoever he likes to whatever position he likes, and to use his influence to secure that person's election. By members availing themselves of that privilege they get the men they want in the right places.

"Mr. Brookes, who has filled (ably supported by Mr. Munn) the post of Packet Superintendent for some years, has been obliged to resign the post as he cannot devote the necessary time to the work. Our thanks are due to him for his services in the past. Mr. Gleave, who has taken over his duties, is well known to you, and I hope you will give him your hearty support in his difficult work.

"The year 1909 has been an exceedingly eventful one for us and for philately in this country.

"Of small moment to philatelists generally, but of very great importance to us particularly, has been the severance of our

connection with the London J.P.S. Well, gentlemen, we have fallen out and we have made it up again—which is as it should be; and therefore I do not propose to say much on the subject. The position we held being practically that of an independent society, while nominally the local branch of another, worked smoothly whilst there was no work to do, or, perhaps I should say, whilst there was nothing of importance to do; but when the stress of hard work came it was found quite impracticable. It says much for the diplomacy and restraint of your committee that the severance came about just as it did, without loss of temper, without loss of prestige, and with a minimum amount of bad feeling on either side. As I said before, we have buried the hatchet, and are now once more good friends with the London J.P.S., as, indeed, we are with every philatelic society.

"The Exhibition which I so hopefully anticipated in my last address to you has taken place and has been, as is universally conceded an unparalleled success. Indeed, gentlemen, I am sure it exceeded in every way your most sanguine anticipations. It has been proclaimed the biggest thing ever achieved from an attendance point of view, the most successful from a trader's point of view, and in every way a record. Certainly, gentlemen, we have much to congratulate ourselves upon. Successful exhibitions have been held elsewhere—more important ones than ours; bigger exhibitions will be held, with perhaps larger attendances than ours; but in two events we have indelibly scored and which, though they may be repeated, will for ever remain the first on record. I am referring to the grant of a special post-mark and the holding of the first British Philatelic Congress.

"With the invaluable aid of the Manchester Postmaster, I was able to induce H.M. Postmaster-General to grant us, for the three days of the Exhibition, not only a temporary post-office, but a special post-mark. This, gentlemen, was an unique concession because, hitherto, a private enterprise has never been so signally honoured in this country, and a special mark has never been cut for an office that was to be in existence for less than six months.

"But, interesting and historical as this may be, it pales into insignificance when compared with the successful convening and holding of the first British Philatelic Congress. This event was one of great historical importance to Philately, and one that cannot fail to leave its mark in the annals of our hobby. In the first place, it has caused in several societies provision to be made for the protection of the stamps of a deceased member; it has inaugurated a movement for the suppression of unnecessary issues, and has provided for the harmonious working of societies by resolving that a congress shall be held next year under the auspices of a most powerful and influential body.

"The success of the exhibition was apparent to the man in the street, but the work of the Congress was done so unostentatiously that I may be forgiven for enlarging on that topic. The holding of such a Congress had been in the air for twenty years, but it remained for the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society to accomplish it. It was only possible by the good-will and grace of practically every society in England, and to every society we are therefore indebted. It is an achievement of which we may justly feel proud, and it speaks volumes for the ability of your Committee, whose tact, diplomacy, good-sense, and modesty rendered such a result a possibility. A verbatim report has appeared in "G.S.W." but will be published together with further official information during the coming session in book form.

"During the recess, the Committee appointed at the Congress, consisting of Messrs. Castle, Beckton, Bishop and myself, have arranged the terms of the petition it has resolved to present to the Universal Postal Union and it has been duly presented, but under the constitution of that body they can only act on resolutions submitted by Administrations, and negotiations are in progress to get H.M. Government to father our petition.

"An invitation to attend the German Congress in August last, of which unfortunately I was unable to avail myself, inspired me, however, to ask the German Societies to support us, and as a consequence the petition we prepared was printed in full on the Agenda of the German Congress, and

recommending its adoption the Committee (according to a report just published) made use of the following expressions: That they had great pleasure in doing so, firstly because they were entirely agreed with us in principle, and secondly because they desired to take this, the first opportunity ever offered, to grasp the hand held out officially by British Philatelists. That, gentlemen, is indeed something we may be proud of. The future may hold great events and *entente cordiales* of various kinds, but it will always remain on record that the first occasion the Continental Philatelists co-operated with the British was brought about by the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

"The second British Philatelic Congress will be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society, who have been successful in obtaining for it royal and distinguished recognition and patronage. Its success is assured and it will be a most glorious apotheosis of our initial effort!"

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Argentina (361).—Various additional values have appeared since our last chronicle, and the stamps with head of General San Martin now comprise the following denominations:—1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 10, 12, 15, 30, and 50 centavos. The 12c., first issued in light brown, now appears in blue.

Bulgaria (338).—Since our last list there have been various provisional issues. Three of these have been created by surcharging the 1902 issue:—

- 5 on 15 stot., black and lake.
- 10 on 15 stot., " "
- 25 on 30 stot., black and brown.

More recently, various other stamps have been overprinted "1909" in black—namely, the 1 stot. of the 1889-90 issue, the 5 stot., green, the 10 on 15 stot. yellow, the 5 on 30 stot., brown, and the 10 on 50 stot., green. Our thanks are due to Mr. W. T. Wilson for specimens.

China (361).—From various sources we have the new set of three commemorative stamps, as to which the Chinese postal authorities have blandly notified postmasters throughout the Celestial Empire that these pretty bits of gummed paper are chiefly intended for sale to foreign devils with stamp albums. The stamps are also intended incidentally to commemorate the accession of the present Emperor, Hsuan Tung. They bear a picture of the Temple of Heaven. Values and colours:—

- 2c. orange and green.
- 3c. orange and blue.
- 7c. orange and purple.

Ecuador (351).—Another commemorative set for this republic, this time to celebrate the centenary of Ecuadorean independence and the national exhibition of this year. From various contemporaries we gather that the following are the values, colours, and designs:—

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| 1c. green, | Portrait of Mejia Vallejo. |
| 2c. blue, | " Francisco Javier Eugenio Espejo. |
| 3c. orange, | " Ascasubi. |
| 5c. carmine, | " Juan Salinas. |
| 10c. brown, | " Marques de Selva Alegre. |
| 20c. grey, | " Carlos Montufar. |
| 50c. red, | " Juan de Dios Morales. |
| 1s. olive, | " Manuel Rodriguez de Quiroga. |
| 5s. violet, | " Facade of the Exhibition Buildings. |

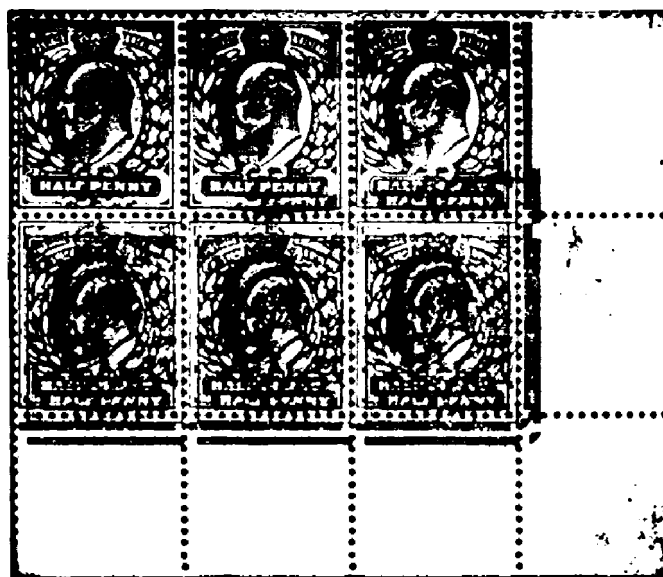
Mr. W. H. Lawson kindly sends us a specimen of the 10 centavos, a very handsome stamp bearing a portrait of the Marques de Selva Alegre and the inscription "Exposicion Nacional de 1909."

Gold Coast (366).—The 1s. stamp is now issued in black on green paper in accordance with the colonial colour scheme.

1s., black, green paper.

Great Britain (354).—To Messrs. Bright & Son we are indebted for the use of the illustration appearing here, and showing a very curious and interesting variety of the current ½d. stamp. We quote the following description from Messrs. Bright's monthly journal, the "Philatelic Adviser":—

"We have received a very interesting variety in the stamps of our country, and which we illustrate, viz., the current halfpenny stamp with a double impression, both impressions being so clear and at such a distance apart from each other that there is no possibility of it being a 'slip,' a double printing evidently having taken place. These stamps were bought at a Post Office, and



from information we have received, we are able to state positively that these are the only three stamps that exist in the condition as illustrated and are therefore absolutely unique. It will be seen by the illustration that the three lower stamps of the block of six are doubly printed, and the third stamp of the upper row is also partly doubly printed, the value "HALFPENNY" appearing twice.

Variety: Doubly printed.
½ penny, yellow-green.

Mr. A. Gisborne writes us, for the information of those interested in marginal numbers, that he purchased on October 9th a sheet of the one penny with the number "1.9."

North Borneo (354).—We have not yet chronicled the new pictorial set, of which a complete set was sent us some weeks ago by Mr. Albert Harris. The values and colours are:

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| 1c. chocolate. | 8c. lake. |
| 2c. green. | 10c. blue. |
| 3c. lake. | 12c. Prussian blue. |
| 4c. scarlet. | 16c. brown. |
| 5c. ochre. | 18c. dark green. |
| 6c. olive-green. | 24c. mauve. |

The 18c. stamp has been surcharged "20 cents" in red.

United States (365).—We must thank Mr. W. T. Wilson for our first specimen of the Hudson-Fulton commemorative issue, as to which full descriptions have been published. It is a handsome stamp, worthy of the fine Columbus series of 1893.

Commemorative: 2c. carmine.

Uruguay (337).—Two stamps, available for a period of three days only, were issued to make the opening of the port of Montevideo. According to "Gibbon's Stamp Weekly" there was a printing of 200,000 of each value. The stamps are of large oblong shape, the design being a view of Montevideo with ships, &c.

Commemoratives: 2 cents, brown.
5 " salmon-pink.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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A fortunate new season to all!

There is a special appropriateness in the fact that we are now commencing publication of a serial article by Mr. Bertram Poole on the postage stamps of British Honduras, for at this moment the Crown Agents for the Colonies are inviting tenders for a fairly large remainder of the Queen's Head issues of our only Central American colony. These stamps, it is pointed out, comprise the whole stock of Queen's Heads remaining in the hands of the Government, and no further supplies can be obtained, as the Queen's Head key-plate has been destroyed. Probably the dispersal of this remainder will have the usual effect of giving a fillip to the specialisation of British Honduras—a colony which has certainly not been overdone by the collector. The first instalment of Mr. Poole's article published in this number is necessarily of an introductory character, but in subsequent chapters he will convey much new information of very great value to the intending specialist.

A most interesting leaflet circulated with this issue of the *Fortnightly* is entitled "The Story of the J.P.S." and is intended to act as a recruiting sergeant for the Junior Society. A form of application for membership forms part of the circular. Any reader availing himself of this form, and consequently mutilating the leaflet, will be supplied with a further copy of the latter by Mr. Ralph Wedmore, the new Hon. Secretary of the Society, whose address is 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, London, S.E.

We also send out with this issue to all postal subscribers a price list emanating from Mr. J. T. Allen Bolton, Stamp Dealer, Croydon, listing a very large range of stamps, and also a prospectus relating to printed matter for philatelists as supplied by the Philatelic Printing Co., of Guernsey, Channel Islands. Should any reader not receive his copy of either or both of these insets, the omission may be rectified at once by sending a post card to the addresses mentioned.

Congratulations to Mr. Sefi on the luxuriance of his "Philatelic World" in its new quarterly form. The Governor of North Carolina of immortal memory would have said of this magazine that "there's a long time between issues," but the new "P.W." is evidently going to be well worth waiting for. Only to touch its pages of heavy art paper gives us quite a feeling of opulence. The outstanding feature of No. 1 of the new series is an article on the Mirabaud sale with reproductions of the original plates of rarities as provided by Messrs. Gilbert & Kohler in the sale catalogue.

One of the Papers advocates stamp collecting as a rest cure. Quite right. It cured us of the rest habit years ago.

The Berne Philatelic Exhibition of next year is the subject of a brief notice published elsewhere in this number. This will be the first International Philatelic Exhibition to be held in Switzerland for fourteen years, and we cordially commend the enterprise to the favourable notice of British Philatelists. Eminent Swiss collectors, by their patient researches and their valuable literary productions, have earned the gratitude of their *compères* in all parts of the world. Let us discharge a little of our debt to them by giving the Berne Philatelic Exhibition our hearty sympathy and support!

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- October 16th (this day).—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London: Paper and Display, "The Bordeaux Issues of France," Mr. Ralph Wedmore. Extraordinary General Meeting to confirm the adoption of the new constitution.
- October 18th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Paper, "Hong Kong" Mr. S. Evans; Display, Hong Kong.
- October 20th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, Alexandra Hotel, Bath Street, Glasgow: Line Engraved Stamps, by Dr. D. H. McPherson.
- October 21st.—Royal Philatelic Society: Display by the Vice-President, the Earl of Crawford, "St. Helena and St. Vincent."
- October 21st.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society: Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Paper and Display, "India," Dr. E. W. Floyd.
- October 21st.—North London Philatelic Society, 7, Highbury Place, N.: "Single Stamp or Issue Specialism" (Display by Members, with diplomas for three best collections).
- October 22nd.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Paper, Egypt, Mr. H. Howell Jones.
- October 25th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society: Brief Notes on "Bargains, Good and Bad," by Members. Displays, Brazil and New Brunswick.
- October 27th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, Divan Café, Northampton: Display, "Great Britain and Colonies Unused," Mr. A. Crick.
- October 27th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon. Paper and Display, "Porte de Mar Issues of Mexico," Mr. W. J. Holmes.
- October 28th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel Queen's Road, Brighton: Display, Trinidad, Mr. M. P. Castle, J.P.
- October 28th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: Display, Mauritius, Mr. B. B. Tilley.
- November 1st.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Paper, "History as Taught by Postage Stamps," Mr. R. S. Archer, Jr.
- November 3rd.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: Great Britain, with Notes, by the President, Mr. H. A. Wise.
- November 4th.—Royal Philatelic Society, 1, Southampton Row, W.C.: Display, British Colonies in America, by the Rev. H. A. James, D.D.
- November 4th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Paper, "What to look for in Recent Issues," Mr. D. A. Berry.
- November 4th.—North of England Philatelic Society, Drawing Room of the P.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: Display of Mr. Heginbottom's collections of Tobago, Trinidad and Virgin Islands.

AUCTION SALES.

- October 16th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 18th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 21st.—Messrs. Harmer Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 21st and 22nd.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- October 21st and 22nd.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- October 22nd.—Mr. Eric Thomas, at 18, Paradise Street, Liverpool.
- October 25th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63/4, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- October 26th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 26th and 27th.—Messrs. Puttick and Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- October 28th and 29th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co. at 63/4, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- October 30th.—Mr. Frederick Guthrie at the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow.
- November 1st, 2nd and 3rd.—Messrs. Glendining & Co. at 7, Argyle Street, Regent Street, W.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

FROM THE FRENCH OF SIGISMOND JEAN.

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(Continued from page 131.)

OFFICIAL STAMPS (CONTINUED).

THE LITHOGRAPHED SURCHARGES, 1901.

In 1901 the Postal Administration abandoned the hand-stamping for official postage stamps and instituted a system of surcharging by lithography.

To the right of this lithographic surcharge is a very minute monogram formed by the letters "H.R." the initials of the Director of Posts, Mons. Honoré Roustan.



[THE FIRST LITHOGRAPHED OVERPRINT, OF WHICH MANY SHEETS WERE STOLEN BY A POSTAL EMPLOYEE.]

- Black surcharge:*
- 1 cent., yellow-green.
 - 2 " carmine.
 - 5 " blue.
 - 7 " yellow-brown.
 - 10 " violet.
 - 20 " sky blue.
 - 25 " black-brown.

The official stamps are not supplied to the public, and yet collectors have them in unused condition.

A postal employé thinking to make a substantial haul, appropriated a large number of sheets of this emission and sold them to a Buenos Ayres dealer. The course adopted by the postal administration on the discovery of the theft was to perforate all the remaining stamps in stock with two small stars.

The following stamps must therefore be listed:—

Surcharge in black, with two Stars:

- 1 cent., yellow-green.
- 2 " carmine.
- 5 " blue.
- 7 " yellow-brown.
- 10 " violet.
- 20 " sky blue.
- 25 " brown.

THE ISSUE OF 1905.

In 1905 the lithographed stamps of the 1904 series were supplied with a new style of "Official" overprint, an elongated sans-serif type being employed.

Surcharged in black in elongated characters, with two perforated Stars as before:

- 1 cent., yellow-green.
- 2 " orange.
- 5 " blue.
- 10 " dark violet.
- 20 " sky blue.
- 25 " bistre.

Unused stamps of this issue are found without the perforated stars.



THE NEW TYPE OF SURCHARGE.



VARIETY WITHOUT PERFORATED STARS.

THE ISSUE OF 1907.

A smaller type of surcharge was applied, in 1907, to the stamps then in current use.



THE SURCHARGE OF 1907.

Surcharge in black:

- 5 cent., blue.
- 7 " brown.
- 50 " red.

This surcharge was also applied to certain values of the issue of 1904, as follows:—

Surcharge in black:

- 1 cent., green.
- 10 " violet.
- 20 " blue.
- 25 " bistre.

[NOTE.—The concluding chapters of M. Sigismond Jean's work on the Stamps of Uruguay, to be published in forthcoming issues of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, will include an interesting chapter on the forgeries of Uruguayan stamps and an exceptionally valuable compilation of the postmarks of the Republic.—ED., S.C.F.]

The Berne Philatelic Exhibition, 1910.

SWITZERLAND'S FIRST EXHIBITION OF INTERNATIONAL RANK FOR FOURTEEN YEARS.

THE preliminary arrangements for the International Philatelic Exhibition at the Berne Casino next year are now completed.

The Committee of organisation consists of Baron A. de Reuterskiöld and Messrs. J. Schieb, F. Furi, E. Zumstein and F. Arnold.

The secretarial work is in the hands of Mr. Fritz Furi, who should be addressed at Neuengasse 39 (Von Werdt Passage) Berne, Switzerland.

It is now fourteen years since a Philatelic Exhibition of International rank was held within the borders of the Swiss Confederation. The greater reason why the Berne Exhibition of 1910 should prove a signal success and receive the hearty support of philatelists of all nationalities!

Postal Changes in Uruguay.

By A. H. DAVIS.

OF special interest, in connection with our articles on Uruguay is the letter from Montevideo, signed A. H. Davis, just published in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly." We take leave to quote it in full hereunder. The letter is dated Montevideo August 25th, 1909:—

On my return journey to this country, I advised you that the Postmaster-General had under consideration tenders for the supply of a new set of postage stamps, rendered necessary by the reduced postal tariff which comes into force on the 1st September next.

I find that the order has been placed, but, as the new series will not be ready in time, the Post Office authorities will issue 800,000 stamps of the value of 8 cents surcharged on 10 cents, and 100,000 of 23 cents surcharged on 25 cents. The latter are for registered letters.

From the first proximo the tariff will be on the following scale: Letters 8c. per 20 grammes, or fraction thereof, instead of 10c. Post cards 2c. instead of 3c. Newspapers and other printed matter 1c. per 50 grammes, or fraction thereof, instead of 2c. Samples 5c. on the first 50 grammes and 1c. on each succeeding 50 grammes or fraction. A complete tariff will be issued later on. The above applies to correspondence for Europe, Asia, Africa, Oceania, and North and Central America, that is to say, all parts of the world except South America. As regards the last-named the "maritime super-tax" was suppressed in May, making the tariff for letters 5c. per 20 grammes, and for other classes of correspondence the same as above.

LETTER TELEGRAMS.

The Government and the postal authorities have under consideration a new means of communication called the "letter telegram," which they say has been most successful in France and other European countries. This means the despatch of telegrams, after the closing hours of the National Telegraph Office, by a special set of clerks. These telegrams, on arriving at their destination, will be treated as letters, and delivered next morning by the postman with the other correspondence.

NEW COMMEMORATIVE ISSUE.

Yesterday great preparations had been made for the official inauguration, by the President, of the Port of Montevideo, which has been under construction by a French company for the last seven years; and to celebrate the event a special Commemorative issue of stamps was put on sale, and will be available for use for three days only, after which the remainder will be destroyed, in accordance with the terms of the official Decree authorizing the issue. The stamps consist of 2c. and 5c. values, in sheets of 25, watermarked "R.O." (Republica Oriental). They have been printed in Buenos Aires, by the Compania Sud-Americana de Billetes de Banco, the same company which has printed the recent issues of Argentina and Paraguay. The total number printed is 400,000. The 2c. is printed in grey-black and brown and the 5c. in grey-black and salmon-pink as per specimens enclosed with this letter. The centre represents the Port of Montevideo, with the cruiser *Montevideo* (ex *Dogali* of the Italian Navy) in the foreground and the river steamers, one of which is the ill-fated *Colombia*, anchored alongside the mole. The official ceremony had been fixed for 10 a.m., but at 6.45 a.m. the *Colombia*, arriving from Buenos Aires, came into violent collision at the entrance to the port with the North German Lloyd steamer *Schlesien*, and sank in less than a quarter of an hour. She was bringing over a number of Uruguayans, who were coming to visit their families and to take part in the festivities. Most of the crew and male passengers were on deck, all ready to disembark, as, if all had gone well, every one would have been ashore twenty minutes later, but most of the women and children were below or dressing in their cabins. As soon as the collision occurred there was a terrible panic, and as the vessel had been literally cut in two, there was practically no chance for any of those below, and the vessel sank almost immediately, carrying to the bottom some eighty or ninety people. Many tugs and boats were soon on the scene of the disaster, and succeeded in picking up large numbers of people who were struggling in the water. Great consternation was caused by such a terrible calamity, scarcely a stone's throw

from the shore; the President immediately gave orders cancelling all the festivities, and a joyous city was plunged as if by magic into mourning. The *Colombia* was a very old vessel, having been built in 1860 by Scott & Co., of Greenock. Her tonnage was 875, whereas that of the *Schlesien* was 5575.

The sale of the Commemorative stamps has been much greater than that of the Centenary issue of last year, as, on inquiry at the G.P.O. and the various suburban offices, I find that, while a good many of the 5c. values remain unsold, the 2c. are not to be had at any of them, so evidently some speculator has been at work.

News from All Quarters.

A COMPETITION for new stamp designs is in progress in Hungary. A first prize of 2000 kronen (about £80) and other awards will be made. The designs are to be sent in by December 31st of this year.

It is reported that the collection of the late John F. Seybold, of Syracuse, New York (believed to be worth something between £10,000 and £20,000) will be sold by auction. Judge W. G. Cody and Mr. Edward Beard, both of them philatelists, have been appointed to appraise the collection.

I HAVE just learnt (writes Lieut.-Col. Newman in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain"), one reason why it is so difficult to get any of the old Chinese, Japanese or Hongkong stamps from native merchants. It appears, they consider it unlucky to cut off the stamps and so they destroy the envelopes, stamps and all. Letters and covers lie in store until a certain period has elapsed and they are then burnt in a heap. What a loss to collectors!

THE post office system of Spain, which for decades has been the most antiquated of Western Europe, will be rehabilitated if the bill now in the Cortes goes through. Costs of the old methods have been high and have been instrumental in discouraging business owing to the peculiar system of exacting postage from both the sender and the recipient. There is no money order system, no uniformity in postage rates and no provision for carrying anything but first class or printed mail matter. The new regulations provide for a complete re-organization of the system at a cost of \$2,000,000.

Stamp Collecting and the U.S.A. Tariff.

UNDER the new tariff ("Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" declares) stamps are not liable to duty; in other words, they are on the free list in the important bill that now occupies the minds of the people throughout the country. Classification 677 reads: "Stamps; foreign postage or revenue stamps, cancelled or uncanceled, and foreign government post cards bearing no other printing than the official imprint thereon." These are free. Post cards and postage stamp albums, however, are regarded as luxuries under the provisions of the new bill, and are subject to a tax of 35 per cent. *ad valorem*; all *ad valorem* percentages are based on dutiable values.

Swiss Stamps Cancelled to Order.

HITHERTO it has been against regulations in Switzerland for post office clerks to cancel stamps sold over the counter when requested to do so by the buyer, the only exception made being in the case of the Postage Due stamps, which were only sold in a cancelled condition. Owing to numerous requests having been made by tourists and others for current stamps to be cancelled, a new regulation (says "Gibbons Stamp Weekly") has been issued to the effect that postmasters may do so, if they so wish, but only when the stamps to be cancelled have actually been purchased there and then: they are also obliged by regulation to cancel them with the ordinary cancellation stamp, set to the date when the application is made; they are strictly forbidden to alter the date-stamp backwards or forwards for the purpose of cancelling stamps to order.

The "S.C.F." Medals for Merit.

SOME AWARDS FOR 1908-09, AND THE COMPETITION FOR 1909-10.

WE are hoping that there will be keen competition for *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* medals among societies and members of societies during the season 1909-10. The following are the conditions governing the award of these medals to the philatelists reading the best papers before the several societies:—

FIRST SECTION (Open to all Philatelic Societies in the United Kingdom). Awards: One Silver Gilt Medal, One Silver Medal, One Bronze Medal; Special Junior Award (the author of the Paper to be less than twenty years of age), One Silver Medal.

Note.—It is an essential condition of the Awards in this Section that the Papers to be judged shall be published in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

SECOND SECTION (Restricted to Philatelic Societies for which the S.C.F. acts as Official Journal). Awards: For each Philatelic Society having less than 50 members, One Silver Medal; For each Philatelic Society having 50 members or more, One Silver Medal, One Bronze Medal.

Note.—In this Section the Editor of the S.C.F. invites the Societies participating to award the Medal or Medals themselves, either by the vote of their General Committee or by a Sub-Committee appointed for the purpose. Publication of the Papers in the S.C.F. (other than the winning papers) is desirable but not essential. The Editor, however, will ask all Societies participating to consent to the following simple conditions:—

(a) The Medals are to be awarded for Original and Scientific Philatelic Papers only, not for Displays or for Papers of a topical or humorous nature.

(b) The Author of the Paper is to be in every case a Subscribing Member of the Society.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.

The award of these medals will be retrospective so far as the present season is concerned, the competitions embracing the whole of the season 1909-10.

SOME AWARDS FOR LAST SEASON.

The Manchester Junior Philatelic Society has awarded the Silver S.C.F. Medal to Mr. J. J. Darlow for his Paper on St. Lucia, and the Bronze to Mr. J. S. Higgins, Jr., for his Notes on Niger Coast.

The Bath Philatelic Society has decided that Mr. F. G. Warwick shall have the silver medal allocated to that Society for his Paper on "The Collecting of English."

The Liverpool Society has nominated Dr. Armstrong and Mr. W. H. Lawson for the silver and bronze medals respectively. The medals awarded to the Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society go to Miss G. E. Lyster for "War Stamps" and Mr. W. Mackay for "The Stamps of Crete."

We regret the delay in preparing the medals, but their completion is now only a question of days.



THE "S.C.F." PHILATELIC MEDAL.



North Country Philately.

MR. MARK EASTON'S REPORT OF AN EVENTFUL YEAR OF THE NORTH OF ENGLAND PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

THE Report for the Session, 1908-1909, issued by the Hon. Secretary of the North of England Philatelic Society, Mr. Mark Easton, is in every way satisfactory, and augurs well for Philately in the North Country.

Our membership (writes Mr. Easton) is still increasing. We have now, at the end of the sixth session, 78 on the roll—viz., two ladies and 76 gentlemen.

The great event during the past year was the holding of a most successful Exhibition in the Academy of Arts, Blackett Street, Newcastle, on March 26th and 27th.

We agreed to extend an invitation to several well-known collectors in the Kingdom and, thanks to Messrs. Sanderson and Cochrane when at Manchester, and the untiring zeal of Messrs. Bagnall and R. W. Wilkinson, a fine response was made to our appeal, the result being an Exhibition of £10,000 of stamps representing some of the finest specialised collections in the country.

The three silver medals were worthily won by our President, Mr. G. B. Bainbridge, for his triangular Capes; Mr. J. S. Higgins, Jr., for an unused collection of Great Britain; and Mr. O. K. Trechmann for his Ceylon. The twelve bronze medals were awarded to Messrs. R. W. Wilkinson, "Greece"; T. D. Hume, "Ceylon"; Dr. Parkinson, "South Australia"; W. Waite Sanderson, "West Australia"; H. Wade, "U.S.A."; J. H. Taylor, "Sicily"; W. Waite Sanderson, "Nevis"; E. B. Heginbottom, B.A., "British Honduras"; C. L. Bagnall, "five Colonies King's Heads"; G. B. Bainbridge, "twenty-five rare stamps"; W. J. Cochrane, "twenty-five rare stamps"; and Master R. P. Wanless, collection in album (Juniors); Mr. Leicester A. B. Paine, of Stoke, kindly acted as Judge, and his awards gave much satisfaction.

The opening ceremony was ably performed by the Lord Mayor of Newcastle, J. J. Forster, Esq., in the presence of a

large audience, on Friday afternoon March 26th, at 3 o'clock, and during that afternoon and the next day over 900 persons visited the Exhibition and unanimously expressed their surprise and gratification at the quality of the exhibits.

The whole affair was a great success, and thanks to the generous donations of members, totalling £32, a profit balance of about £8 was realised and this sum is on deposit with Messrs. Barclay & Co., Collingwood Street, as a nest-egg towards a future exhibition.

The wonderful success of the venture was undoubtedly due very largely to the unwearied efforts of Messrs. Bagnall and R. W. Wilkinson, who put a tremendous lot of time and energy into the affair. To parody the well known poem—

"But they, while other members slept,
Were writing half way through the night."

Universal disappointment was felt that Mr. Wilkinson took ill in Exhibition week and was denied the pleasure of seeing the crowning success of the work into which he had put so much labour.

Our best thanks are due and hereby tendered to the ladies and gentlemen who sent exhibits; Messrs. Monkhouse and Goddard for the use of the "Academy of Arts" at a nominal rent; the Lord Mayor of Newcastle-on-Tyne (J. J. Forster, Esq.) for opening the Exhibition; Mr. L. A. B. Paine for judging the exhibits; the Donors to the fund; the Postmaster of Newcastle for assistance in the dispatch of the exhibits; Mr. Graham for receiving the Packets; the Press generally, Local and Philatelic, for their notices; the London Junior Society for the loan of frames; the Dealers who sent goods for sale, and in some cases gave extra prizes; the Advertisers in the Catalogue; and the willing helpers before, during, and after the Exhibition, who had the satisfaction of hearing that the owners in every case were delighted with the care bestowed on their exhibits and for the promptitude with which they were returned.

Our cordial thanks are given to Messrs. G. B. Bainbridge, R. W. Wilkinson, O. K. Trechmann, E. B. Heginbottom, B.A., W. Waite Sanderson, and M. H. Horsley for the displays they have favoured us with during the 1908-1909 Session.

The 5 Francs Stamp of Belgium.

By PAUL MORAND in "LE TIMBRE POSTE."

(We are indebted for the following translation of Mons. Paul Morand's able article to a recent issue of "Griebert's Philatelic Notes and Offers"—ED., S.C.F.)

AMONG our notes we have found some very interesting information about this very scarce stamp, which is missing in many collections.

The 5 franc stamp was issued in 1878, withdrawn from circulation in 1887, and had ceased to be in issue after October 31st, 1894, as there had been so very little demand for it; it had been used chiefly in the office of the Savings Bank, and was then obliterated with a roulette which is frequently seen on Belgian stamps of the issues of 1869-78.

During the period in which this stamp was in issue, 160 sheets of 300 stamps each, or 48,000 copies, were utilised, as shown in the following table:—

1878.....2,391	1883.....8,494
1879.....3,286	1884.....3,172
1880.....3,080	1885.....4,733
1881.....4,171	1886.....4,947
1882.....7,937	1887.....3,389

making a total of 45,600 stamps; there were thus 2,400 stamps left in the offices of the Postal Administration in the year 1887.

In face of the offers made by various merchants, of whom some offered as much as 7 francs per stamp, the Postal Administration decided to sell the lot of stamps by public auction, as is shown by the following curious document:—

OFFICIAL REGULATIONS

for the public sale of 2,400 Belgian Postage Stamps, unused, with the portrait of King Leopold II., having a nominal value of 5 francs, issued in 1878, and withdrawn from use on 31st October, 1894, and now forming the stock of the Postal Administration.

ART. 1.—The adjudication will take place publicly by means of offers or sealed bids. If bids are sent by post they must be sent registered. These bids should be placed in two envelopes, the outer envelope bearing the address of the "Receveur des Domaines à Bruxelles, Boulevard Barthélemy," and the inner the inscription, "Bid for the purchase of postage stamps."

Bids should be sent in either for the entire lot of stamps, or for only one or several lots of 50 stamps each. In this latter case, the number of lots for which the offer is made, and the price per lot, must be mentioned under penalty of nullity.

Bids for any number less than 50 stamps will be set aside.

Preference will be given to the highest offer for the entire lot, if same is equal to or even less than the total of the bids sent in for the separate lots.

ART. 2.—In the case of equal offers the Receveur will make a proportional distribution. If the last of the bids arriving in order is for a number of lots greater than the quantity still available, the subscriber must accept the quantity available, although less than his offer.

ART. 3.—Offers must be received at the Office of the Receveur des Domaines, in Brussels, latest on the eve of the day fixed by the following article for the opening of the bids. If the bids are sent to the Office by hand or without the intervention of the post, they will not be received after 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

ART. 4.—The bids will be publicly opened by the Receveur in the Sale Rooms of the Department, Rue Bissé 23, at Cureghem Anderlecht, on the 25th June, 1895, at 11 o'clock in the morning.

The particulars of the sale will be put on record. Any disputes that may arise during the sitting will be decided without appeal by the Receveur.

ART. 5.—The highest offers will be accepted subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance; the bidders will receive notification from the Receveur by registered letter.

ART. 6.—The stamps will be sold in the state in which they are found, without any guarantee. The sale will take place without any expense to the buyers.

ART. 7.—The money to be paid at the sale into the hands of the Receveur, with the reserve of the repayment without interest, in case of non-approval of the goods sold.

Should the purchaser not pay the price immediately, his bid will be considered void, and the stamps will be adjudged to the next highest bidder.

ART. 8.—The purchaser should reside in Brussels, or in one of the districts round Brussels, otherwise they must give notice in due form at the Secretary's Office in the town of Brussels.

On the 25th June, 1895, this famous sale of stamps took place in the sale room of the Department of Cureghem.

The "Petit-Blue," of Brussels, gives the following details of this philatelic event, commented on beforehand by the whole of the special press.

"About fifty persons assembled together at 11 o'clock, in a large hall, with bare walls, furnished with a few very old seats, on which were heaped here and there a crowd of all kinds of odd things.

"The Receveur of Finances proceeded amidst silence to open the sealed bids, and it was found that seventeen people had made offers, the greater number of them for several lots at various prices. Here is a list of the offers made per stamp, with the names of the bidders, and the quantity for which they bid:—

Bidders.	Offers.		Price per stamp.
	in stamps.	in francs.	
J. Figuet, Paris ...	2400	600	0.25
J. A. Boks, Anvers ...	2400	755	0.31
J. Figuet, Paris ...	500	200	0.40
Ch. Van Hoeck, Grand Bergner, Rodeburg ...	50	50	1.00
Th. Dellisse, Ixelles ...	100	200	2.00
Jules Kams, Athus ...	200	200	2.00
Bogert & Durbin (N.Y.)	50	200	4.00
	50	250	5.00

"Ironical laughter rose at the reading of Monsieur Figuet's bid as may be imagined, and applause greeted the announcement of Fr.40,000 offered by Monsieur Steffens for the entire lot.

"It is no less true, as M. Déthier has rightly said, that the brave Parisian who offered 600 francs to the Treasury, was making it a present of Fr.599.50, if one remembers that the 2,400 stamps of no real value, since they were out of issue, only cost the State the small sum of 50 centimes.

The highest bidder, M. Steffens, at that moment in Spa, had not thought that he would be troubled, but had mentioned a bank where the funds were at his disposal.

"However, by the terms of the regulations, this bid was annulled, and Mlle. Moens then offered to pay the amount of her bid in a cheque for Fr.36,001.15; but here an incident happened, provoked by M. Schildnecht, who contended that this mode of payment was not allowed by the Treasury, and himself offered to pay down his notes for the amount of Fr.36,000.

"In spite of the protestations of M. Leon de Bauer, who was disposed to guarantee and accept there and then the Moens cheque, the Receveur passed on and admitted the opinion of M. Schildnecht, whose notes he cashed, merely mentioning the incident in the record.

"We must say that, although she put in her claim, the celebrated Moens was rejected, and the sale was approved of in the manner it had been effected.

"We will mention the prediction made by the before-mentioned Belgian paper: 'The average price of each stamp reached 15 francs; this precious square of paper has actually been the object of an unruly steeplechase, and will see its philatelic value rise rapidly and effectively.' We know that it is quoted in the latest catalogues unused or postally obliterated at 35 francs, and at 15 francs obliterated 'roulette.'

"Let us add finally that the die of this stamp was destroyed in 1897. It was made of boxwood, a wood employed for all wood engravings. It had first been spoiled by means of two large diagonal strokes, so that it was of no use, and the Postmaster, after assuring himself of the fact, then ordered it to be ground to powder and burnt.

"The happy possessors, therefore, of the 5 franc Belgian stamp can rest assured that no official reprints will ever be made of it."

Auction Reports.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co's Sale, May 20th and 21st, 1909.

* Signifies Unused.

	£	s.	d.
Gt. Britain, 1867, Cross, 10/- grey-grn.	1	5	0
Ditto ditto, £1 brown-lilac	1	18	0
Ditto ditto, Anchor on white, £5 orange	1	18	0
Mauritius, Oct. 1859, 2d. grey-blue	2	0	0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose	1	0	0
British Honduras, 1872, CC., 14, 6d. rose, mint	1	11	0
1882, 1/- grey	1	7	0
Canada, 1852, 7½d. green	1	18	0
Cayman Isles, King, mult., 1d. on 4d. black on yellow, mint	1	18	0
St. Vincent, 1881, ½d. on right half of 6d. yellow-green	1	16	0
1881, One Penny on 6d.	2	4	0
Trinidad, 1855, thin paper, 1d. blue	2	12	6
1860, pin perf. 14, 4d. brn.-lil., mint	1	6	0
U.S.A., New York, 5c. black on Pelure paper, without signature	1	11	0
1855, perf. 90c. blue	2	6	0
New Zealand, 1862, 2d. slate-blue	2	8	0
Victoria, 1857, rouletted, 1/- blue	1	18	0
Western Australia, 1857, 2d. brn.-blk. on red, var. printed both sides	4	4	0
Ditto, 6d. grey	1	16	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, May 27th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1883, £5 orange	2	0	0
Ditto, 1884, wmk. 3 Crowns, £1 brown-purple, a pair	2	2	0
Hamburg, 1st issue, 9 sch. yellow	3	5	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, 5d. chestnut, imperf.*	1	16	0
Ditto, ditto, 2/- blue, imperforate	7	7	0
Philippines, 1st issue, 1 rl. slate-blue, a block of 6	8	15	0
Ditto, ditto, 2 rs. bright green	1	13	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. red	3	5	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. red on blue paper, worn impression	2	8	0
Northern Nigeria, 1900, 10/- green and brown, mint	2	0	0
Transvaal, 1877, "V.R. TRANSVAAL" in red, on 3d. lilac, variety, no stop after TRANSVAAL	8	10	0
Barbados, 1860, pin-perf. 12½, 1d. blue	3	4	0
British Guiana, 1853, 4c. blue, imperf.	1	3	0
Cayman Isles, 1908, 2½d. on 4d. brown and blue	4	4	0
Nevis, 1867, 1/- yellow-green, variety, "CROSS ON HILL"	2	4	0
St. Vincent, 1881, provl., ½d. in red on half 6d. yellow-green, a pair*	2	10	0
Colombia, Antioquia, 1st issue, 1 peso red, a pair	5	2	6
New Hebrides Condominium, King's Head, single wmk., ½d. green, mint	2	2	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, May 25th and 26th, 1909.

Malta, 1861, no wmk., ½d. buff on bleuté, mint	1	8	0
Russia, 1858, the 20 kopecs in green and lilac, essay	1	2	0
Sweden, 1866, 17 öre grey, mint	2	5	0
India, Servica, 1866, 2 annas green and purple	1	12	0
Ditto, ditto, 4 annas green and purple	3	10	0
Nyassa, 1901, 50 reis black and blue, with centre inverted	1	6	0
Sierra Leone, 1897, 2½d. on 2/- lilac, type a, mint	2	12	0
Transvaal, Rustenburg, 1900, 2½d. blue, mint	1	12	6
Barbados, 1872, small Star, clean-cut perfs., 1/- black, mint	1	1	0
Ditto, 1873, 5/- rose, a pair	2	15	0

Nova Scotia, 1851, 6d. yellow-green	1	3	0
Cayman Isles, 1907, 1d. on 5/- orange and green, a block of 6, mint	3	3	0
Ditto, 1908, 2½d. on 4d. brown and blue, mint	2	16	0
Grenada, 1891, 2½d. on 8d. brown, with double surcharge	1	15	0
1904-06, multiple wmk., 10/- green and purple, a pair, mint	2	18	0
Nevis, 1878, lithographed, 1d. red, retouched*	2	2	0
British Honduras, 1891, ½5 green and black, mint	1	3	0
N.S. Wales, Sydney View, 2d. deep blue, plate 2, without whip	5	0	0
New Zealand, 1864, wmk. N.Z., imperf., 6d. red-brown	1	17	6
Uruguay, Official, 1891-92, 5c. deep violet, the error "1391," with double overprint, mint	1	4	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, May 27th and 28th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1883, £5 orange	2	0	0
1884, wmk. 3 Crowns, £1 brown purple a pair	2	2	0
Hamburg, 1st issue, 9sch. yellow	3	5	0
Ceylon, 1857-59, 5d. chestnut imperf.*	1	16	0
2/- blue	7	7	0
Philippines, 1st issue, 1 rl. slate-blue, a block of 6	8	15	0
Ditto, 2rls. bright green	1	13	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. red	3	5	0
Mauritius, Post Paid, 1d. red on blue paper, worn impression	2	8	0
Northern Nigeria, 1900, 10/- green and brown, mint, showing Control No. "3"	2	0	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. scarlet-vermil	4	15	0
Barbados, 1860, pin-perf. 12½, 1d. blue	3	4	0
British Guiana, 1853, 4c. blue imperf.	1	3	0
Cayman Isles, 1908, 2½d. on 4d. brown and blue, mint	4	4	0
St. Vincent, 1881, provl., ½d. in red on half 6d. yellow-green, a pair*	2	10	0
Colombia, Antioquia, 1st issue, 1 peso red, a pair	5	2	6
New Hebrides Condominium, King's head, single wmk., ½d. green, mint	1	2	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, June 8th and 9th, 1909.

Bavaria, Postage Due, 1885-95, 10pf. greenish-grey, without overprint	11	0	0
Great Britain, 1882-83, £5 orange	1	15	0
Jamaica, 1861, half of 1d. blue, used as ½d. on entire original	1	0	0
Mexico, 1863, 4 reales brown, overprinted "Paso del Norte"	1	5	0
New South Wales, 1850-51, Sydney Views, 1d. carmine, plate 2	2	4	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, June 17th and 18th, 1909.

Denmark, 1864-68, Crown, error of colour, 4sk. blue imperf.*	1	0	0
Oldenburg, 1859, 3gr. on yellow	1	6	0
India, 1st Issue, 1a. red with straight bust, Die III., reprint*	1	0	0
British Bechuanaland, 1888, 1/- black and green, variety, "o" of "Protectorate" omitted	1	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 4d. pale blue	4	7	6
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 12½, 1 dollar green, mint	2	0	0
Canada, 1852-57, 10d. blue on thick paper	1	1	0
Newfoundland, 1860, 2d. oran.-vermil.*	1	0	0
Nevis, 1878, 1d. red, the re-touched variety, mint	2	8	0
Mexico, 1863, 1 peso black	1	3	0
Victoria, 1854, Queen on throne, litho., 2d. dull mauve, pair*	5	5	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & CO'S Sale, June 10th and 11th, 1909.

	£	s.	d.
Gt. Britain, 1854, small Crown, impf., 1d. red, die II., unused with marginal inscription at top	1	0	0
Ditto, the very rare die proof of the 1d. in violet without letters in corner*	1	10	0
1858, 1d. red, plate 225, a block of sixteen	18	5	0
Spain, 1853, 2 rls. red	4	0	0
India, 1854, 4 annas, a pair, showing blue dividing line	2	0	0
Hong Kong, 1862, no wmk., 48c.*	1	10	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1881-3, One Half Penny on 3d., the error, enny	5	7	6
1882, CA, 5/- orange-yellow	1	1	0
Zululand, 1894, 5/- carmine, mint	2	0	0
Bahamas, 1859, imperf., thick paper, 1d. lake	2	6	0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose	1	5	0
British Columbia, 1865, imperf., 10c. blue	1	10	0
Grenada, 1904-6, multiple, 10/- mint	1	2	0
Newfoundland, 1860, 2d. orange-vermillion on watermarked paper	1	16	0
New Zealand, 1856, blue paper, 1d., a pair	10	17	6
1856, white paper, 1d. orange, a pair	2	17	6
1864, N.Z., imperf., 2d. blue, a pair	3	15	0
Victoria, 1858-61, imperf., 2/- green	1	16	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, July 6th and 7th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1855-57, 4d. rose-carmine, large Garter, on thick paper, mint	2	5	0
Ditto, 1858-79, colour trial of 2d. plate 15, in bright blue, mint, with top margin showing inscription and Control No.	1	2	0
Ditto, a similar trial, in bright purple	1	0	0
Ditto, another, in claret	1	0	0
1867, Cross, £1, brown-lilac	1	14	0
1876, 8d. brown, a mint pair	4	7	6
1860, 2/- brown, a mint block of 4 overprinted specimen	5	15	0
Great Britain, I.R. Official, 1885, 5/- carmine on bleuté, 10/- blue on bleuté, £1 brown-lilac, Crowns, and £5 orange on bleuté, the essays with large overprint, "Specimen"	10	0	0
Ditto, £1 brown-lilac, Crowns, "Specimen"	6	7	6
Army Official, 1903, 6d. purple, type 2, mint	2	2	0
Telegraphs, 1876-81, £1 brown-lilac, imperf., mint	1	18	0
Ditto, colour trial of the £5 in gold, imperf., and overprinted "Specimen"	2	2	0
Modena, 1852, 1 lira black on white	3	7	6
Switzerland, Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen black and red, vertical lines	7	0	0
Wurtemberg, 1858-60, 18kr. blue	1	4	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 4d. pale blue	2	0	0
Mauritius, 1854, Britannia, imperf., Fourpence black and green	1	12	0
1859, Greek border, 2d. blue	1	6	0
Express Delivery, 1904, 15c. green and red, with double overprint, a pair, mint	2	0	0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose	1	1	0
Mexico, Guadalajara, 1868, un real black on green batonné, a pair, one is perforated, mint	2	0	0
New Zealand, Niue, 1903-4, 1/- brown-red, the error "Tahae," mint	1	10	0
Tasmania, 1857-70, 4d. blue, printed both sides	5	0	0

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Royal Philatelic Society.

President: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.

Hon. Secretary: Mr. J. A. Tilleard, 10, Gracechurch Street, London, E.C.

Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, W.C.

THE following Programme for the season 1909-10 is extracted from the Society's journal, the "London Philatelist":—

1909	Thursday	Subject.
Oct. 21	—The Earl of Crawford (Vice-President)	Display of "St. Helena" & "St. Vincent"
Nov. 4	Rev. H. A. James, D.D.	Display of "British Colonies in America."
.. 18	Major E. B. Evans	Display of "Mulready Covers and Envelopes, with Notes."
Dec. 2	—Display by Members	12 Interesting Stamps
.. 16	Mr. H. M. Hunsen	Display of "Schleswig Holstein," with Notes
Jan. 6	Mr. Harvey R. G. Clarke	Display of "Transvaal," with Notes
.. 20	Mr. M. P. Castle (Hon. Vice-President)	Notes on the types of the 1853 Issue of British Guiana, with Display
Feb. 3	Mr. R. B. Yardley	Display of "Azores" & "Madeira," with Notes
.. 17	Mr. B. W. Warhurst	Display (by Members also) of Entires
Mar. 3	Mr. F. W. Edwards	Notes on Local Stamps, with Display
.. 17	H.R.H. the President	Display of the Issues of British Guiana between 1860 and 1890 (exclusive of the type-set issues of 1862), with Notes
April 7	Mr. M. P. Castle (Hon. Vice-President)	Paper on the Advantages of Forming a Universal Philatelic Union of Philatelic Societies to discourage unnecessary or speculative issues; display by Members of such issues

Liverpool Philatelic Society.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Secretary: Woodthorpe, Oserwood, Blundellsands, near Liverpool.

Meetings: St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool.

THE inaugural Meeting of the season was held in the St. George's Restaurant, on Monday evening the 27th ulto. Mr. A. S. Allender, who was in the chair, delivered his Presidential address, and when dealing with the programme for the current season, bespoke the co-operation and enthusiasm of all the members in making this the 21st year of the existence of the Society a record one.

In the course of his address, the President mentioned that the membership now exceeded 100, also that one of the original founders of the Society, Mr. G. Burrow, was still a member.

The countries for display were Antigua and Wurtemberg, and some very good exhibits were on view, notably those of Messrs. Allender, Clissold and Evans.

There was an attendance of 26 members.

Manchester Philatelic Society.

President: W. Darning Beckton.

Hon. Secretary: G. Fred H. Gibson, Fairfield, Crumpsall, Manchester.

Meetings: Geographical Society's Rooms, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester.

THE following is the Syllabus for the Session 1909-10:—

Oct. 22	—Paper, "Egypt."	H. Howell-Jones.
.. 29	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.	
Nov. 5	—Display with Notes, "Queenland."	W. W. Munn.
.. 12	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.	
.. 19	—Paper, "The Development of the Philatelic Catalogue in England."	F. J. Peplow.
.. 26	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.	
Dec. 3	—Display with Notes, "Norway."	W. D. Beckton.
.. 10	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.	
.. 17	—Paper, "Early Penny Posts."	J. S. Higgins, Jun.

1910	Jan. 7	—Display with Notes, "The Line-Engraved Stamps of Gt. Britain."	W. M. Gray (Bradford Philatelic Society)
.. 14	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.		
.. 21	—Paper, "The Insured Letter Stamps of Colombia."	J. R. M. Albrecht.	
.. 28	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.		
Feb. 4	—Some Notes on the Stamps of France (with Lantern Illustrations.	Dr. H. Armstrong (Liverpool Philatelic Society)	
.. 11	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.		
.. 18	—Paper, "The Preliminaries of Postal Issues, illustrated by the Stamps of Saxony."	I. J. Bernstein.	
.. 25	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.		
Mar. 4	—Display with Notes, "Falkland Islands."	J. C. North.	
.. 11	—Arrangement of Forgery Collection.		
.. 18	—Paper, "Bermuda."	J. H. Abbott.	

Junior Philatelic Society.

COUNCIL, 1909-1910.

President: Fred J. Melville.

Vice-President: Douglas Ellis.

General Secretary: Ralph Wedmore, 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, London, S.E.

Treasurer: H. F. Johnson.

Librarian: B. B. Kirby.

Auctioneer: E. M. Gilbert-Lodge.

Exchange Supt.: D. S. Darkin.

Beginners' Exchange Supt.: C. W. Carr.

Curator: H. Lee.

COUNCILLORS: Frank Grundy, B.Sc.; A. J. Watkin; E. A. Leigh; A. Grellier; R. W. H. Row, B.Sc.; F.L.S.; D. B. Armstrong.

MEETING PLACE: Prince Henry's Council Chamber, 17, Fleet Street, E.C.

The business of the meetings is taken at 8 p.m. (except October 2nd, when the meeting starts at 7.30), but the hall is open at 6 p.m. to enable members to meet and exchange stamps, and for auction sales of members' duplicates.

PROGRAMME FOR 1909-10.		
1909	Oct. 16th	8.0, Paper and Display, "Bordeaux Issues of France." Ralph Wedmore.
.. 15	—Extraordinary General Meeting to confirm the adoption of the new Constitution.	
Nov. 6th	6.0, Auction.	
.. 8.0	—Beginners' Night.	(Programme arranged by D. B. Armstrong, Frank Grundy, B.Sc., C. W. Carr, and H. W. Armstrong.)
Nov. 20th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Display with Notes, "Trinidad."	R. B. Yardley.
Dec. 4th	6.0, Auction.	
.. 8.0	—Display, "Cayman Islands."	A. Leon Adutt.
.. 9.0	—Paper and Display, "Tour Round the World on Postage Stamps."	D. S. Darkin.
Dec. 18th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "British Honduras."	B. W. H. Poole.
.. 9.0	—Illustrated Paper, "The Carriage of the Mails as shown on the World's Postage Stamps."	H. G. Jobson.

1910	Jan. 1st	6.0, Auction.
.. 8.0	—Display with Notes, "Complete Sheets."	Douglas Ellis.
.. 8.40	—Paper and Display, "China," 1st and 2nd issues specialised, with stories from the designs of all issues.	C. L. Harte-Lovelace.
Jan. 15th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "Holland."	W. J. Warren.
.. (The Society's Permanent Collection of Stamps and the Forgery Collection will be on view this evening).		
Jan. 29th	—Extra Meeting arranged by the Library Committee.	
.. 6.0	—Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Formal.	
Feb. 5th	6.0, Auction.	
.. 8.0	—Display, "The Stanley Gibbons' Reference Collection" (portion).	Frank Phillips.
.. 9.0	—Display, "Great Britain."	J. H. Tite
Feb. 19th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "British New Guinea."	Albert Ashby.
.. 9.15	—Paper, D. B. Armstrong.	
Mar. 5th	8.0, Paper with Display, "Notes on the Status of Various Classes of Stamps."	H. Clark.
.. 9.0	—Illustrated Paper, "The Coloured Papers for British Colonial Stamps."	J. Ireland.

(Both items for this evening are provided by members of the Brighton branch. It is hoped that other members of the branch will accompany their colleagues on this occasion.)

Mar. 19th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "Venezuela."	T. W. Hall.
.. 9.10	—Paper and Display, "Cook Islands."	D. S. Darkin.
April 2nd	6.0, Auction.	
.. 8.0	—Display of portions of Collection, "France, French Colonies, New Caledonia, various German States, Roumania, U.S., States of the Church, etc."	A. H. L. Giles.
.. 9.0	—Display, "Russian Locals."	B. B. Kirby.
April 16th	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Display, "British Colonials."	J. C. Sidebotham.
.. 9.0	—Paper and Display, "Sarawak."	A. Grellier.
.. 9.30	—Display, "Seychelles."	S. C. F. Harris.
May 7th	6.0, Auction.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "Sudan."	F. D. Bing.
.. 9.0	—Paper, "Catalogues, Simplified and Otherwise."	C. W. Carr.
May 21st	6.0, Bourse.	
.. 8.0	—Paper and Display, "St. Helena."	H. H. Harland.
.. 9.0	—Paper and Display, "Locals."	F. W. Edwards.

North of England Philatelic Society.

President: M. H. Hursley, J.P.

Hon. Secretary: Mark Easton, 43, Sidney Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The first General Meeting of the new Session was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday, October 7th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Vice-President, Mr. T. D. Hume, was in the chair, and there were 25 members present.

After formal business, Messrs. John Chapman, H. Dent, J. M. Glenton, and Thos. Rutherford were elected Members. Mr. E. P. Crowther then introduced the question of forming a Permanent Collection, to be the property of the Society. After several Members had spoken, the matter was adjourned to next meeting for fuller consideration.

The Members present then took part in a General Exchange, and several stamps changed hands.

The October Packet started on the 2nd, with 52 sheets, value £142 7s. 5d. net.

MEETINGS: Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The following is the Programme of Meetings:—

1909	Nov. 4th	—Display of Mr Heginbottom's Collections of Tobago, Trinidad and Virgin Islands.
Dec. 1st	—"Finland."	Mr. E. Philpot Crowther.
Jan. 6th	—"France and Griqualand."	Mr. T. D. Hume.
Feb. 3rd	—"Victoria."	Mr. M. H. Horsley.
Feb. 17th	—Sale by Auction.	
Mar. 3rd	—"Holland" (with Notes on New Discoveries).	Mr. R. W. Wilkinson.
April 17th	—"Papua and King's Heads."	Mr. Chas. L. Bagnall.

Northampton Philatelic Society.

President: H. E. Archer.

Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.

Meeting Place: The Diann Cafe, Northampton.

THE following is the syllabus of meetings for the season 1909-10:—

Oct. 27	—Display, "Great Britain and Colonies, unused."	A. Crick.
.. Debate, "Blank v. Printed Albums."		All Members.
Nov. 10	—Display with Notes, "Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda."	E. Heginbottom, B.A.
Nov. 24	—Display, "General Collection."	J. E. A. Wyatt.
Dec. 15	—Display with Notes, "Barbados."	E. Heginbottom, B.A.
Jan. 12	—Ten Minute Papers, "My Favourite Country." Members are asked to prepare a short paper for this evening.	
Jan. 26	—Display, "General Collection."	M. Wetherell.
Feb. 23	—Display with Notes, "Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Grenada."	E. Heginbottom, B.A.
Mar. 9	—Display, "General Collection."	B. A. Swift.
.. Paper, "The Arrangement of a Stamp Collection."		W. Nichols.
Mar. 23	—Display with Notes, "Jamaica, Leeward Isles, Turks Island."	E. Heginbottom, B.A.
April 13	—Display, "Victoria."	W. B. Shoosmith.
.. "Gambia."		W. Nichols.
Sept. 14	—Annual General Meeting.	

South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society.

STATEMENTS have been made to the effect that several of the most prominent officials had resigned from the Society. This is quite inaccurate. Not a single official connected with the Society last session has resigned.

The new Officers for Season 1909-10 are as follows:—

- President: Walter Scott, Esq.
 - Vice-Presidents: { Colonel Pety,
 } J. H. Korner, Esq.
 - Chairman of Committee: Alderman Trounce.
 - Hon. Treasurer: C. M. Berkeley, Esq.
 - Members of Committee: Messrs. Brukwich, Edwards and Birkenhead, and Dr. Fiddian.
 - Hon. Secretary: Gwilym R. Lougher, 58, Toff Embankment, Cardiff.
- Meetings are held at the Y. M. C. A. Buildings, Cardiff. A good programme is being arranged for the coming season. All enquiries should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

City of London Philatelic Society.

- President: J. Read Burton.
- Hon. Secretary: D. H. Jackson, 80, Hanley Road, Stroud Green, N.

THE following is the programme of meetings for the season 1909-1910:—

- Nov. 10—Paper and Display, "Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania," J. A. Leon, B.A.
- Competitive Display, "Any one West Indian Country or Colony."
- Dec. 8—Paper and Display, "Jamaica," W. B. Edwards, B.Sc. 1910.
- Jan. 12—Display with Notes, "Hong Kong" and "India," J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- Competitive Display, "Fifteen Stamps issued prior to 1860."
- Feb. 9—Paper and Display, "St. Helena," J. Read Burton.
- Display, "Australians," W. Phillips.
- Mar. 9—Paper and Display, "Cyprus," P. L. Pemberton.
- Competitive Display, "Twenty Stamps showing the Greatest Variety of Perforation and other Methods of Stamp Separation."
- April 13—Display, "German States," A. H. L. Giles, R.N.
- Paper, "Tragedy and Postage Stamps," W. E. Lincoln.

Prahran Philatelic Society.

- Secretary: G. W. Minty, Corner Kuoyung and Wattletree Roads, Armadale, Australia

THE annual meeting of the above Society was held on the 17th July, the President, Mr. Flavell, in the chair, twenty members being present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

After the correspondence had been received and dealt with, the resignation of Mr. E. Beyer as a member was accepted, also apology from Mr. Best for non-attendance was accepted. Mr. Penrose and Mr. Rasmussen were then balloted for and elected as members of the Society. A resolution was carried that the "Australian Philatelist" has been appointed the official organ of the Society.

Notice of motion by Mr. Lawson, that any rules which are discussed or altered at a meeting cannot again be altered within twelve months, was carried.

Notice of motion with reference to rescinding rule dealing with the non-admission of members of the Metropolitan Society was carried, and members of that Society can now become members of this Society. Mr. Smith and Mr. Whelan were then proposed as members for next meeting. It was arranged to hold an Auction Sale of stamps at the next meeting.

The Balance Sheet for the past year was read by the Secretary and adopted, and showed that the Society was in a very satisfactory position. The Exchange Superintendent's Report was received and adopted and showed that 12 books had been sent out during the year valued at £573, and the Sales £179, an average of 32%, the Sales being a slight increase on the previous year.

The President, in his address, congratulated the Society on its splendid position, although the expenses for the past year had been heavier than usual, the Society was in a better financial position than it was 12 months ago. The average attendance at all meetings was 19, which was excellent, and the number of members on the roll was 62. Two magazine nights were held, both of which were very successful, as also a Social which was held last month. During the year it was decided to give membership certificates to those who had been in the Society two years, and these will be distributed at

the next meeting. The design of the certificate being the work of the Secretary and is a credit to the Society. The Society in May changed its night of meeting to the third Saturday in each month, on account of the Saturday half-holiday, the change being successful.

The following members exhibited collections during the year: Messrs. J. J. Smith, A. F. Smith, C. E. Lovett, T. Pugh, K. J. Hogg, H. W. Johnstone, F. Ziegeler, D. F. Stevenson, S. Hatch, and H. W. Maynard, and were greatly appreciated by the members.

The election of officers for the ensuing year took place and resulted as follows: President, Mr. Boshier; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Lawson and Mr. Stevenson; Secretary, Mr. G. W. Minty; Treasurer and Press Correspondent, Mr. H. W. Maynard; Exchange Superintendent and Librarian, Mr. H. W. Johnstone; Auditors, Messrs. Thewlis and Flavell; Committee, Messrs. Lavett, Flavell, Thewlis, Best Ziegeler. The ballot for next exchange book then took place. Resolved to hold another magazine night in October. Mr. Stevenson then displayed his collection, and after a hearty vote of thanks had been tendered to him and the various officers had responded, the President declared the meeting closed. H. W. MAYNARD, Press Corres.

North London Philatelic Society.

- President: Alexander J. Sefi.
- Vice-President: A. W. Merrington, Cyril J. Phillips.
- Hon. Exchange Superintendent: M. K. Clarke, 75, Maygale Road, Lower Clapton.
- Hon. Curator of Forgery Collection: P. J. W. Deverell, 49, Hildrop Road, Camden Road, N.
- Committee: C. Nason, D. Thompson, and H. S. Wymer.
- Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: C. S. Muratori, 29, Fletching Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.
- Headquarters for Meetings—Central Y.M.C.A., 7, Highbury Place, Highbury Station, N.

SYLLABUS, 1909-1910.

- 1909.
- Sept. 16th—President's Address.
- Display of Native Indian Feudatory States, excluding Cashmere, by Alexander J. Sefi.
- Oct. 7th—Paper, "Alsace and Lorraine," by Eric F. Ridgeway.
- Discussion "Philatelic Topics of the Moment."
- Display, "Europeans," by H. S. Wymer.
- " 21st—Single Stamp or Issue Specialism. Display open to members. Diplomas will be given to the three best collections.
- Nov. 4th—Paper and Display, "West Indians, Part V., Cayman Islands, Leeward Isles and Turks Isles," by E. Heginbottom, B.A., F.R.P.S.L.
- Paper and Display, "Women as Depicted on Postage Stamps," by Miss E. Merrington.
- " 18th—Paper, "Should Completeness be Sacrificed for Condition," by Karl Wiehen.
- Paper and Display, "The Silk Thread Issues of Switzerland," by Alexander J. Sefi.
- Dec. 2nd—Paper and Display, "West Indians, Part VI., St. Kitts and St. Lucia," by E. Heginbottom, B.A., F.R.P.S.L.
- Display, "Foreign Countries, Part II.," by J. C. Sidebotham.
- " 16th—Invitation Night. (Philately Barred).
- 1910
- Jan. 6th—Display of Forgeries, by Herbert Clark, and others.
- " 20th—Display of English Fiscals, by D. Thompson.
- Display of Fiscals, "Spain and Colonies and Rarities of Great Britain," by W. Schwabacher.
- Feb. 3rd—Paper and Display, "West Indians, Part VII., St. Vincent," by E. Heginbottom, B.A., F.R.P.S.L.
- Display, "Nigeria," by D. H. Jackson.
- " 17th—Debate, "Old Issues," Alex. J. Sefi, versus "New Issues," Cyril J. Phillips.
- Paper, "What shall we Collect?" by C. S. Muratori.
- Mar. 3rd—Paper and Display, "West Indians, Part VIII., Trinidad, Tobago, and Virgin Isles," by E. Heginbottom, B.A., F.R.P.S.L.
- Discussion, "Philatelic Topics of the Moment."
- " 17th—Display, "St. Helena," by J. R. Burton.
- Paper and Display, "Reprints," by Alexander J. Sefi.
- April 7th—Special Invitation Evening. Display by H. L. Hayman.
- " 21st—"The Dagger as a Stamp Device," illustrated with actual specimens, by Alexander J. Sefi.
- General Display by Members.
- May 5th—Annual General Meeting.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

- President: I. J. Bernstein.
- Hon. Secretary: J. S. Higgins, Junr., 7, Green Street, Manchester.
- Meetings: Deansgate Hotel.

The opening meeting of the Society was held at the Deansgate Hotel on October 7th, 1909.

The President, Mr. I. J. Bernstein, occupied the chair and there were forty members present. Fourteen names were nominated for membership.

The President read his Presidential Address, and afterwards there was a display of Members' stamps, confined to "Twelve Artistic or Interesting Stamps."

THE following is the syllabus of meetings for 1909-1910:—

- 1909
 - Oct. 21st—7.0, Paper and Display, "India," Dr. E. W. Floyd.
 - Nov. 4th—7.0, Paper, "What to look for in Recent Issues," D. A. Berry.
 - Nov. 18th—6.30, Auction.
 - Dec. 2nd—7.0, Paper and Display, "Western Australia," W. W. Munn.
 - Dec. 16th—"Social Evening."
 - 1910
 - Jan. 20th—"Exhibition of Stamps."
 - Feb. 3rd—7.0, Paper, "The Arrangement of a Collection," J. K. Sidebotham.
 - Feb. 17th—6.30, Auction.
 - Mar. 3rd—7.0, Paper, "Methods of Collecting," W. C. Taylor (of Liverpool).
 - Mar. 17th—7.0, Paper and Display, "Reprints," J. R. M. Albrecht.
 - Mar. 31st—7.0, Paper and Display, "St. Vincent," J. J. Darlow.
 - April 14th—7.0, Paper, "The Preliminaries of a Stamp Issue, as illustrated by Saxony," I. J. Bernstein.
 - April 28th—7.0, Paper and Display, "Seychelles," J. E. Williams.
 - May 5th—"Annual Meeting."
 - June —"Annual Picnic."
- *Full details of these meetings will be sent to the members.

DECEASED MEMBERS' COLLECTIONS.

As a consequence of a recommendation by the Manchester Congress, the following rule was adopted at the Annual General Meeting of the M.J.P.S. on May 6th, 1909:—

"That the President, one Vice-President, and the Hon. Secretary whoever are in office, be appointed a Committee to dispose of any stamps of deceased members, to the best possible advantage, if requested by the relatives to do so."

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

- President: H. A. Wise.
- Hon. Sec. and Trans.: Robert Barthead, Lochside, Milngavie, N.B.

The opening meeting of the season was held in the Alexander Hotel, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 6th Oct., when there was a good turn-out of Members, the President, Mr. H. A. Wise, occupying the chair.

The ordinary business being concluded, several New Members were elected, after which a report of the Exchange Branch was submitted, proving this section to be a most prosperous one. In all 27 packets have been circulated with a value of £385, and the sales have amounted to £485, being an average of 14 1/2 per cent. Good Colonials in the condition generally command a ready sale, and October packet just sent out, contains quite a number of desirable stamps.

A general display of imperforate stamps was thereafter given by the Members, to which nearly all contributed. Some superb copies were shown, more especially in Old Colonials, and at the conclusion a vote of thanks was accorded the exhibitors.

SYLLABUS OF MEETINGS, 1909-10. The Meetings are held at Alexandria Hotel, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow, at 8 p.m.

- 1909
- Oct. 20th—"Line Engraved Stamps," D. H. McPherson.
- Nov. 3rd—"Great Britain," (with notes), H. A. Wise.
- Nov. 17th—"Hong Kong and Straits Settlements," J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- Dec. 1st—"Varieties of Paper," John Muir.
- Dec. 15th—"Venezuela," J. L. Thomas.
- 1910
- Jan. 5th—Junior Display, F. Bruce and G. Mathewson.
- Jan. 19th—"Postmarks on the Stamps of Hong Kong," J. M. Dougal.
- Feb. 2nd—"Cyprus and Gibraltar," J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- Feb. 16th—"Seychelles," A. G. Inrig.
- Mar. 2nd—"Malta and Falkland Islands," J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- Mar. 16th—"U.S.A." (with notes on early issues), John Cook.
- April 13th—Annual General Meeting.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

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Croydon Philatelic Society.

President: F. G. Bing.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 39, South End, Croydon.

Meetings: Y.M.C., North End, Croydon.

THE Annual General Meeting was held on Wednesday September 1st.

The President, Mr. F. G. Bing, occupied the chair at 8 p.m.

The Secretary's Annual Report and cash accounts for season 1908-09 were presented and adopted. The report showed that considerable progress had been made and that fourteen new members had been elected during the season.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing season:—President, Mr. F. G. Bing; Vice-Presidents, Mr. A. Ashby and Mr. H. H. Harland; Committee, Messrs. H. G. Knight, H. Simmonds, W. J. Holmes, and F. W. Fox; Exchange Superintendent, Mr. R. Lines; Librarian, Mr. W. Pope; Hon. Sec., Mr. G. W. Shaw.

THE following is the programme for the season 1909-10:—

- 1909.
- Oct. 27.—Paper and Display, "Porte de Mar issues of Mexico." W. J. Holmes.
- Nov. 10.—Paper and Display, "Reprints and Forgeries." H. Lee.
- .. 24.—Display and Notes. Stamps of the United States of America as exhibited at the Golden West Exhibition, 1909, by members of the Junior Philatelic Society.
- Dec. 8.—Social Gathering. (Full details to be announced at a later date).
- 1910.
- Jan. 12.—Single issue Displays. Miss Field, Messrs. Ashby, Bing, Harland, Knight, Shaw and Simmons.
- .. 26.—Display from General Collection with Notes. S. R. Turner.
- Feb. 9.—Paper and Display, "Some Islands of the Great Pacific." A. Ashby.
- .. 23.—Philatelic Varieties. F. G. Bing.
- Mar. 9.—Paper and Display, "Colonies of Holland." B. B. Kirby.
- .. 23.—Paper and Display, "Guatemala." H. J. C. Pope.
- Apr. 13.—Social Gathering.

Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society.

President: W. Royal.

Vice-President: J. de Gruchy.

Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland, Dorset.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Portland Philatelic Society was held on September 30th.

The Hon. Secretary read the report on the Society for the past season and also presented the Balance Sheet for the year. There was a small balance in hand to commence the current season.

The election of Mr. Royal to the Presidential Chair by the Committee was confirmed by the Members. Messrs. de Gruchy and Haworth were re-elected to the posts of Vice-President and Hon. Sec. respectively.

It was decided to change the title of the Society to the "Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society."

A full copy of the rules is being printed and will be sent out to each Member when ready. Any collector wishing to join the Society should do so at once.

The first meeting of the session had to be abandoned owing to the terrific storm which raged over Portland on Oct. 7th.

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

President: Mr. R. Hollick.

Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. O. Johnson, B.A., 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

OCTOBER 7TH.—Annual General Business Meeting. The Report, showing a membership of 226, and the balance sheet, with a balance in hand of £85 3s. 3d., were approved as was the following programme:—

- 1909.
- Oct. 28.—Display, "Mauritius." Mr. B. B. Tilley.
- Nov. 4.—Paper, "Argentine, 1889-1909." Mr. F. T. Collier.
- .. 18.—Paper, "St. Helena, etc." Dr. T. Groom.
- Dec. 2.—Auction at Imperial Hotel. Lots to reach Hon. Sec. by Nov. 3rd.
- .. 16.—Paper, "Barbados, 1870-1882." Mr. C. A. Stephenson.
- 1910.
- Jan. 6.—Lantern Display. Mr. J. A. Margoschis.
- .. 27.—Paper, "St. Lucia." Mr. W. Pimm.
- Feb. 10.—Display, "Cape of Good Hope." J. J. Knowles.
- .. 24.—Discussion, "The Colour Problem," By Members.
- Mar. 3.—Auction. Lots to reach Hon. Sec. by Feb. 4th.
- .. 17.—Display, "South Australia." Mr. T. W. Peck.
- Apr. 7.—Ten Minutes with interesting Stamps by Members.
- May 5.—Annual Dinner.

The word "clear" was struck out of Rule 10 (8).

The following were elected members of the Society:—Messrs. H. E. Leisser, J. Mackenzie, F. Cohen, A. E. Carter, H. W. Atchley and Dr. D. Buchan.

2,107 stamps were added to the Permanent Collection during the past session, making a total of 27,033 made up as follows:—6,862 British and British Colonials, 14,015 Foreign, 2,029 Fiscals, 1,453 Locals, 97 Railway Stamps, 471 Cut Envelopes, and 2,106 Entires.

The list of wants as altered to agree with Gibbons' 1909 catalogues was incorporated in the report which will be ready shortly, and will be sent to anyone desirous of joining us.

The Exchange packets have again been very successful, and have again circulated without delay. £29,172 3s. 9d. was the total amount circulated, of which £2816 9s. 4d. was sold.

"Avondale" Stamp Exchange Club.

Secretary: D. Harrington, 139, Redlands Road, Bristol. (On Bazaar Reference Register.)

ACCOUNT for six months ending with July 1909 packet:—Value of packets, £2,309 4s.; Sales, £309 19s. 9d., equal 13 1/3%.

This Club was founded in 1897.

The packets for last season have all been started promptly at the beginning of the month and all settlements made within three months from the starting of each packet.

There are vacancies for a very few Members and the Secretary will be pleased to forward rules, etc., to applicants.

Manchester City Stamp Exchange Club.

Secretary Hugh Harrop, 17, Wesley Street, Nuffield, Near Manchester.

SINCE last report, July and August packets have returned and been dealt with.

September packet contains 32 sheets, value £64 6s. 6d. nett.

October packet contains 31 sheets, value £69 nett, and both packets are now in circulation.

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British Empire Exchange Club.

I HAVE no more packets returned to report, but a change of Secretaryship; owing to various private matters I find I shall not be able to attend to the successful management of the Club, and have found a successor who promises to adhere to all the good points of this Exchange Club in

Mr. A. H. Rawdon Smith, "Eastfield," Iron Bridge, Shropshire.

I have sent off October packets, they will return to the above named Secretary to return the sheets, &c.

July, August, and September packets will be promptly attended to by the retiring Secretary, H. Bean.

Rules on application to the Secretary, W. H. RAWDON SMITH.

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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 1909.

ONE PENNY.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

Uniform Australian Stamps.

UNIFORM postage stamps for all Australia within twelve months from the present time!—that is the prediction of the "Australian Philatelist," based on recent events.

"The events of the past few weeks," says our contemporary in its issue dated September 10th, "have brightened Federal prospects considerably. Last month the State Premiers held a conference, and by agreeing to a new and fixed method of allocating Commonwealth revenue, which will put an end to the bookkeeping period in March next year, have made the way clear for the full Federalisation of the Australian Post Offices.

"The Postmaster-General has already intimated that preparations will be begun at once for the introduction of a uniform series of stamps within twelve months, and that penny postage throughout Australia is now assured. The latter does not concern philatelists any more than regards the effect it will have on the relative rarity of all denominations. Neither does the place of printing. While we may have our own ideas as to what should be done, it need not follow because we claim to be stamp students and collectors that the authorities must fall in with our views. They do not show much disposition to be influenced by argument, either in regard to the place of printing, manner of printing, or designs. The two latter, however, do concern philatelists although here again opinions all differ, some contending for steel plate, and others for surface printing, and some arguing in favor of King's heads, while others want Australian pictures. Letters frequently appear in the daily press on the subject, and it is quite evident that no matter what decisions are arrived at they will be challenged by the opposite side.

"The Postal Commission, which has been sitting for a long while inquiring into all sorts of things, has almost concluded its labours. Little attention was given to postage stamps, and we have not learnt anything new from that source in regard to them.

"The great point is that within twelve months separate State issues will be a thing of the past, and our labours will be considerably lightened."

The Philatelic Congress; a Suggestion.

ONE of my correspondents, in the course of a letter on the subject of the forthcoming Philatelic Congress, makes a suggestion which will be cordially endorsed by others—namely, that some appropriate presentation be made to Mr. I. J. Bernstein for the service he rendered to British Philately by his work in promoting and organising the first Annual Congress of Philatelists.

"It would indeed be a happy idea (I am quoting from my correspondent's letter) if the second Congress were made the occasion of such a presentation. Over a period of many years the Congress was often suggested, and the idea was invariably applauded, but I think I am right in saying that Mr. Bernstein was the first to take active and practical steps in the matter. If the Congress as a concrete fact is only half as fully appreciated by the philatelic public as we are given to believe, surely we owe Mr. Bernstein some little token of our gratitude and regard? You can put this into happier words if you should see fit to ventilate the matter in the S.C.F."

There we differ, for I do not think I can put it into happier words. To me the suggestion seems an admirable one, and I hope it will be acted upon. I shall be delighted to hear from "those in favour."

A Philatelic Society for Bolton.

It is good to know that Bolton now has its philatelic society. There have been many societies projected for the large Lancashire towns during recent years, but in very few instances have they passed beyond the suggestive stage. I commend the report of the new society (see page 160 of this number) to all *Fortnightly*-readers in Bolton and district.

Philatelic Societies in Australasia.

PHILATELY in our Australian Colonies and New Zealand is a thing of more modern growth than in the Old Country. Proof of this is afforded by an interesting compilation now being undertaken by the Editor of the "Australian Philatelist"—namely, a record of the Australasian Philatelic Societies formed prior to 1895. Apparently the first of them was the Philatelic Society of Sydney, inaugurated in 1885, and followed two years later by the Philatelic Society of Australia. There was a reference in the "Philatelic Times," of New Zealand, in May, 1881, to the impending formation of a Philatelic Society at Plymouth, N.Z., but (according to the Editor of the "Australian Philatelist") enquiries among the most prominent collectors in New Zealand have failed to elicit any further information, and the question whether such a society ever came into being cannot be decided.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Australia (361).—We take the following list of the new set of postage dues, with inscription "Australia," from "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News":—

Wmk. Melbourne Crown A, perf. 12½.

½d.	yellow-green and carmine.
[1d., 2d., 4d.]	already chronicled.]
3d.	yellow-green and carmine.
4d.	" "
6d.	" "
1/-	" "
2/-	" "
5/-	" "
10/-	" "
20/-	" "

Issued September 10th, 1909, or earlier, except the £1.

Bolivia (359).—Four stamps of a new set intended to commemorate the centenary of the Revolution of 1909 are chronicled:—

5c.	black and blue	(Arms of the Republic).
10c.	" green	(Portrait, Murillo).
20c.	" orange	(Portrait, Lanza).
2bol.	" carmine	(Portrait, Montes).

Dominica (354).—Messrs. Stanley Gibbons chronicle three values issued in accordance with the Colonial colour scheme:—

2d.	greyish slate.
2½d.	blue.
3d.	purple on yellow.
6d.	dull and bright purple.

The 3d. and 6d. are on chalk-surfaced paper.

Fernando Poo.—The 20c. brown, 1900 issue, has recently received a surcharge reading "Habilitado Correos, 50 cent Pta."

50c. on 20c. brown.

Gambia.—The whole set is now stated to have been issued in accordance with the new colour scheme. We take the following list from the "Postage Stamp":—

½d.	green.
1d.	carmine.
2d.	grey.
2½d.	blue.
3d.	purple on yellow.
4d.	black and red on yellow.
5d.	orange and mauve.
6d.	purple.
7½d.	brown and blue.
10d.	olive-green and rose.
1s.	black on green.
1s. 6d.	violet and green.
2s.	purple on blue.
2s. 6d.	black and red on blue.
3s.	bright yellow and bright green.

German Colonies, &c. (361)—*Togo.*—The 5 pfennig stamp is chronicled with the lozenges watermark.

Hungary (360).—The new "Iron Crown" watermark has been applied, so far, to the following values:—

With new watermark:	5 filler, green.
	12 " mauve.
	50 " lake.
	2kr. blue.

India, C.E.F.—Mr. W. T. Wilson has received the ½ anna Indian ("Postage and Revenue") with the usual "C.E.F." overprint.

Montserrat (355).—From various contemporaries we gather that the complete set of the current stamps is now available in regulation colours.

½d.	green.
1d.	carmine.
2d.	grey.
2½d.	blue.
3d.	purple on yellow.
6d.	purple.
1s.	black on green.
2s.	purple on blue.
2s. 6d.	black and red on blue.
5s.	red and green on yellow.

Russian Levant.—In "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" and other contemporaries we find the following list of the new Russian Levant stamps with overprints for use in Constantinople and Jerusalem.

Overprinted "Constantinople" or "Jerusalem."

5 para	on 1k. orange
10 "	" 2k. green
20 "	" 4k. rose
1 piast.	on 10k. blue
5 "	" 50k. violet and green
7 "	" 70k. brown and yellow
10 "	" 1r. brown and orange
35 "	" 3r. 50k. brown and green
70 "	" 7r. rose and green

Siam (361).—Various of the current stamps have been overprinted in "satangs," the new currency item. One hundred satangs are equal to 64 atts or 1 tical. The following are the surcharges chronicled up to the present time:—

2 satang	on 1 att.
3 "	" 3 atts.
6 "	" 4 atts.
12 "	" 8 atts.
14 "	" 9 atts.

Since the above was in type the following has been chronicled by "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News":—

6 satangs on 6 atts.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

QUOTATIONS for stamps, per dozen or per hundred, are easily digested, but there are considerations that lie deeper than the mere reading of the figures. A question that perplexes has reference to the quality and condition of the goods offered; in some houses the stock is sometimes of a rough-and-tumble description, while in others the stamps are mostly in clean condition, washed off paper and neatly packed in hundreds. Counting is another matter to be reckoned with; a "thousand-lot" recently to hand contained scarcely nine hundred, while a similar lot from another quarter contains quite 1200. Truly the experiences of the stamp buyer are many!

There is delight in a large mixed lot; such a lot also provides a wider choice to set before one's customers; only—the buyer should have some idea as to what the mixture is likely to contain, and the chief refuge to fall back upon is the reliability of the firm with which one is dealing. A good firm will treat his customers well, for many reasons. Experience in these matters is one's only guide, and there is wisdom in venturing first only into shallow waters; it is a mistake to take any deep plunge where the buyer is not quite sure of his field of operations.

Persian stamps are usually good sellers. The Teheran issue of 1902 were considered good things to have some few years ago, and are still of the nature of out-of-the-way sorts to many, the big kran values of 1894 (very cheap now, in places) are attractive stamps, while the Tabris issue of 1900 is curious enough to call attention to itself at first sight. Persia, 1908, I have not yet seen.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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(Continued from page 140).

In addition to the letters of the inhabitants of the Colony the letters of British residents in Guatemala were sent per the British Consul to Belize where they were stamped and cancelled. These stamps may be identified by the postmark which consists of "A06" with three thick lines of unequal length above and below and two thinner lines at each side, the whole being flat-oval in shape. Judging by the present scarcity of stamps with the "A06" postmark, the correspondence of the colony at this period was anything but heavy.

The privilege of using British stamps was withdrawn in 1860, the post office was placed under local control, and, until the Colony decided to issue its own special stamps in 1866, the old system of prepayment in money was reverted to. British control ceased on April 30th, 1860, according to the Postmaster-General's Sixth "Report," viz.: "It has now been formally announced to the West Indian Colonial Governments, that on the 1st May next this department will cease to charge itself with the management of the West Indian posts, and that from that day the Colonial Governments must themselves undertake their control."

The final notice bearing on this matter appears in the seventh "Report" of the Postmaster-General, viz.: "The transfer of management of the Posts in the West Indies from this office to the local Governments, an object long desired by this department, from a conviction that the direction on the spot would be much more efficient and economical than when conducted at a distance, was last year carried into effect."

The philatelic history proper of British Honduras commences with the issue of three stamps (1d., 6d. and 1/-) on unwatermarked paper on January 1st, 1866.

In 1872 a 3d. value was added to the set, this being on "CC" paper; the other values gradually appeared on this paper and in 1879 a 4d. stamp was issued. The next change was to "CA" paper for the 4d. and the issue of the 1d., 6d. and 1/- stamps in new colours.

In 1888 the currency was changed from "pence" to "cents" and from that date until 1891 there was a regular orgy of provisionals, some of the surcharges being applied locally and others being printed in London.

In 1891 a long set of ten different values appeared, the values below 50c. being printed from the De la Rue "general" POSTAGE plate and the others from the POSTAGE & REVENUE plate.

In 1895 5c. and 10c. stamps were issued, owing to new postal rates, in place of the 6c. and 12c. values, and in 1898 a 25c. superseded the 24c. stamp previously in use.

In 1899 it was decided to allow the 5c., 10c. and 25c. to be used for both fiscal and postal purposes, and these values were provisionally surcharged "REVENUE." The 50c. on 1/- grey of 1888 was similarly overprinted at this period.

In 1900-1 5c. and 10c. stamps printed from the "postage and revenue" plate displaced the provisionals of this value, but before a 25c. could be issued in this type the first values of the King's head series appeared. The issue of this set was not completed until 1907, and as, in the meanwhile, Messrs. De la Rue had introduced the paper with multiple watermark only four British Honduras stamps are found on the single CA paper.

In 1908 the 2c. stamp was changed in colour to meet Postal Union requirements, the 5c. was recently issued in blue for a similar reason, and the next step will doubtless be a general change of colours to conform with the new scheme lately inaugurated by the Crown Agents for the Colonies.

A PROPOSED JUBILEE ISSUE.

So far British Honduras has resisted the temptation to "jubilate" by issuing any unnecessary stamps of the commemorative ilk, though a proposal to issue such a set was seriously made in 1898. I take the following interesting paragraph bearing on this point from the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for June 25th, 1898 (Vol. IV. p. 177):—

"The world has not seen enough 'jubilee' and 'commemorative' stamps yet, so gallant little British Honduras, of surcharge fame must supply this long-felt want. Incidentally this new issue is to create a lively interest all over the world in the colony, stimulate immigration, etc., etc. But not to be too fast: In September it will be 100 years since the battle of 'St. George's Bay' was fought, by which glorious victory that colony was finally wrested from Spain. At that battle the slaves, to whom overtures of freedom had been made by the Spaniards if they would turn against their masters, loyally stood by them and fought with them, and as there are many of the descendants of both masters and slaves now living in the colony, it is deemed of importance to have the centenary of that event properly celebrated by processions, fireworks, erections of monuments, naval demonstrations, and, last but not least, by a set of commemorative postage stamps. True, the British Government discountenances the issue of such stamps, but it is hoped that, Mr. Chamberlain having lately obliged Sir Hubert Jerningham, of Trinidad, in a similar way, he may not eye with disfavour this little scheme, although it should be remembered that Sir H. Jerningham is 'late of the Mauritius,' where he rendered signal service to the Empire, whilst Mr. David Wilson, the Governor of B.H., is 'late of Trinidad,' where he was Inspector of Forests."

Governor Wilson, however, refused to be coerced into sanctioning the issue of any commemorative stamps, and this decision gave great offence to a certain faction in the Colony, though philatelists should be thankful to him for having spared them a totally unnecessary series of stamps.

(To be continued).

The New "Standard" Catalogue.

AS MESSRS. WHITFIELD KING & Co. themselves point out in the preface to the 10th edition of their "Standard" Catalogue, the principal alterations introduced this year relate to the outside of the book. Firstly, the title of the work has been shortened to a more convenient length—it reads now, "The Standard Catalogue of Postage Stamps"—and in this connection Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. point out that they do not put their catalogue forward as a standard of values. The title is merely intended to denote that theirs is a catalogue of "standard" varieties only, to the exclusion of all minor variations and perforation measurements, in which the general collector takes no interest. The other change of importance relates to the binding, which is now a tasteful dark red cloth, with artistic white lettering.

I think this is a very acceptable departure, for the old covers of stiff paper were not well calculated to last their allotted term of currency in the feverish clutches of the ardent collector.

The new "Whitfield King," in fact, is a most presentable little volume and excellent value, I think, at its revised price of two shillings. The changes in the pricing are comparatively few and seem to be mainly due to the natural market fluctuations.

THE SIXTY-NINTH "SCOTT."

I have also received the new catalogue of the Scott Stamp & Coin Company, New York, the selling agent for which, in this country, is Mr. W. T. Wilson, of 292, Birchfield Road, Birmingham. "Scott" has run the gamut of all the blues and reds and yellows in the spectrum, and its binding for this year is a sober grey. There are changes and improvements, of which I must make mention in a future notice.

P.C.B.

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The Season is in full swing, as the advertising pages of the *Fortnightly* will testify. If comparisons with the issues of corresponding periods in previous years are to be trusted, then 1909-10 is going to be an unusually busy and prosperous season.

Advertisers are not poets as a rule. They think, and act, in sober prose. One of the patrons of our advertising columns, however, has dropped into poetry on the subject of our ineffable excellence as an advertising medium.

In the circumstances we shall print his "copy" without sending along the usual invoice. Thus runs the tuneful product of his muse:—

Breathes there a man with soul so dead,
Who never to himself hath said,
"My trade of late is getting bad,
In the S.C.F. I'll place an ad."

If such there be, then mark him well!
For him no bank account shall swell,
No angels watch the Golden stair
To welcome home the millionaire!

And when he dies, go plant him deep?
Let nought disturb his dreamless sleep,
And on a headstone write: "Here lies
A mug who did not advertise."

It would seem, at first glance, that we are setting up an undesirable precedent by publishing these verses; but on this score we have no fears. The regular advertiser in the *Fortnightly* doesn't get much leisure for writing poetry.

Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., in publishing the tenth edition of their catalogue, supply their usual statistics relating to the world's output of postal issues. The total number of stamps issued to date as included in the "Standard Catalogue" is 22,926, of which 6,835 are apportioned to the British Empire and 16,091 to the rest of the World. Europe has issued 4,834, Asia 4,423, Africa 5,154, America 5,034, the West Indies 1,856, and Oceania 1,625.

Whitstable we know as a watering place of sorts; we know its oysters and love them, but Whitstable as a publishing centre!—this, indeed, is something new and refreshing. "Stamp Talk," the latest addition to the list of

British philatelic periodicals, hails from Whitstable. We cannot quite understand "Stamp Talk." It appears to desire to pose as an independent stamp journal, but many people will suspect it of being a house organ in disguise. Whatever its status may be we beseech our small contemporary to edit itself with greater care. An article in the first number headed "Well Known Philatelists" really almost reaches "the limit." In a paragraph concerning John K. Tiffany we read:—

He is a prominent lawyer in the United States, and has been a stamp collector since he attended school as a boy in Paris.

This sort of thing absolutely chokes comment. One can only feebly quote the words of our only philatelic proverb: "Once a Collector always a Collector!"

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- November 1st.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, at 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: "History as Taught by Postage Stamps," Mr. R. S. Archer, Jr.; display, Switzerland.
- November 3rd.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, at 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: Great Britain, with Notes, by the President, Mr. H. A. Wise.
- November 4th.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: Rev. H. A. James, display, of "British Colonies in America."
- November 4th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Paper by Mr. D. A. Berry, "What to look for in Recent Issues."
- November 4th.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: Display of Mr. Heginbottom's collections of Tobago, Trinidad and Virgin Islands.
- November 4th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: Paper, Argentine, 1889-1909, Mr. F. T. Collier.
- November 4th.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury Place: Paper and Display, "West Indians, Part V." Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.: Paper and Display, "Women as depicted on Postage Stamps," Miss E. Merrington.
- November 5th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Mr. W. W. Munn's Display, with Notes, "Queensland."
- November 6th.—Junior Philatelic Society, at 17, Fleet Street, E.C. Beginners' Night.
- November 8th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, Public Meeting, St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool. Paper, "Portraits on Postage Stamps" (with lantern), Mr. J. H. M. Savage.
- November 10th.—City of London Philatelic Society, at Mills' Restaurant, Liverpool Street, E.C.: Paper and Display, "Pictorial Stamps of Tasmania," Mr. J. A. Leon, B.A.; Competitive Display, "Any One West Indian Country or Colony."
- November 10th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, at the Divan Café, Northampton: Display with Notes, Antigua, Bahamas, Bermuda. Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- November 11th.—International Philatelic Union: Display, with Notes, "Early Issues of Victoria," Mr. L. R. Hausburg.
- November 12th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Arrangement of Forgery Collection

AUCTION SALES.

- October 30th (this day).—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- October 30th.—Mr. Frederick Guthrie at the Waterloo Rooms, Glasgow.
- November 1st, 2nd and 3rd.—Messrs. Glendining & Co. at 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- November 1st.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 4th and 5th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- November 6th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 8th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63/64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- November 9th and 10th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- November 9th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 11th and 12th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63/64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- November 15th and 16th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., Special Sale, 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 16th and 17th.—Messrs. Glendining & Co., at 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

The Postage Stamps of Uruguay.

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GENERAL NOTES ON FORGERIES.

The stamps of the first issues of Uruguay have naturally tempted the forgers. We have some general indications by which the imitations may be recognised, placing in italic type the more conspicuous characteristics of the forgeries.

ISSUE OF 1856 ("Diligencia.")

The forged stamps are larger than the originals, but what distinguishes them more particularly is that *the Greek borders at each side are large*, whereas they are small in the genuine stamps. In the forgeries there are 70 to 80 rays of the central sun; in the genuine there are at least double this number, although it is impossible to make an exact count.

ISSUE OF 1857.

In the forgeries the inscriptions are too neat; the figures of value "120," "180," "240" are thin; the four dots which form the corner ornaments are too small. The head is too round. In the originals *the eyes are looking direct at one*; but they are turned to the right in the forgeries. The rays are too regular, and altogether the imitations are too neat and precise.

ISSUE OF 1859-60.

The small flowers in the corners are wrongly shaped.

In the 60c., the word "Montevideo" has some of its letters too large; the hair of the head descends too low; the principal rays are accompanied on each side by a small wavy line.

In the 80c., "Montevideo" is too larged; the rays are too regular.

In the 120c., "Montevideo" is either too small or too large; the head is large; the eyes look to the left instead of to the front; the rays are too regular.

In the 180c., "Montevideo" is too large, the eyes are small points, the head too small; *the rays are shaded round about the head.*

In the 240c. *the head is too small.*

ISSUE OF 1864.

In the 06c. the lined background is too neat; two of two quarters of the shield, the left top and right bottom are on a white instead of a lined ground; the colour is true and the general appearance is very similar to the originals; but the letters "Republica Oriental" are more detached.

In the 08c., 10c. and 12c. the upper part of the stamp is on a plain ground; or if it is on a lined ground it shows the peculiarity described above.

ISSUE OF 1866.

In the 1c. black the upper right-hand quarter of the Arms is on a lined instead of a white ground, the horse in the lower left-hand quarter is *too small*, the tail not touching the outer line of the numeral "1"; the fourth quarter (a bull in the original) shows a large horse in the forgery!

ISSUE OF 1866 (LARGE FIGURES).

In the 5c. *too much of the head is visible.* One sees the two eyes. The inscriptions which form the background of the stamp are too widely spaced; in the originals they touch one another in forming a semi-circle around the head. The word "Montevideo" is cut in three, thus: MONTE VIDE O.

The 15c. yellow is larger than it should be; the paper is white and thin; the head is cut by the "5"; the inscriptions again are wrong, and the word "Montevideo" is cut in two, thus: MONTE V IDEO.

We know of no forgeries of the 10 or 20c.

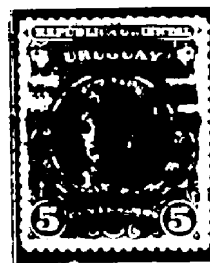
ISSUE OF 1872.

The 1c. black is a very good imitation by photographic process, but the impression is faulty. The ground is composed of dots and dashes instead of fine lines. The paper is very white and thin.

ISSUE OF 1881.

Forgeries of the 1c. and 2c., very well imitated by photographic process; but the figures are thin, and the stamps are too small. The colours are brighter than in the originals.

THE POSTMARKS OF THE REPUBLIC.



SPECIMENS SHOWING PROVINCIAL POSTMARKS.

DEPARTMENT OF MONTEVIDEO; CAPITAL, MONTEVIDEO.

Postmarking Letter "A."

ABBREVIATIONS:

U.H.—Última Hora	Latest Hour.
Est.—Estacion	Station.
Estaf.—Estafeta	Express.
F.C.C.U.—Ferro Carril-Central of Uruguay.	

A 14 Cerro	A 18 Barra Santa Lucia
A 16 Colon	A 48 Sayago
A 17 Isla de Flores	A 55 Penarol
	A 78 Trenta y Tres

DEPARTMENT OF SALTO; CAPITAL SALTO (Letter B).

B 1 Cuchilla del Salto	B 27 Alcain. Arapey
B 2 Estacion Arapey	B 28 Paso de las Piedras Arapey
B 3 Itapebí	B 29 Colonia Lavalleja
B 4 Arapey	B 30 Guayiyú del Arapey
B 5 Pasco del Parque	B 31 Valentin Grande
B 6 Constitucion	B 32 Parada Arapey
B 7 Belén	B 33 San Joaquin
B 8 San Antonio	B 34 Paso de la Cadena Laureles
B 9 Estacion Patoma	B 35 Cuchilla Salto Laureles
B 10 Santa Ana	B 36 Sauce de Laureles
B 11 Arerungua	B 37 Puntas Tangampá
B 12 Valentin Chico	B 38 Salto de Carbacho
B 13 Mata Perros	B 39 Rincon de Valentin
B 14 Ciudad	B 40 Picada de Punta
B 15 Paso de la Herrara	B 41 Canas (Arerungua)
B 16 Cololo	B 42 Vera
B 17 Matajo Grande	B 43 Matajo Chico
B 18 Sarandi de Mata Perros	B 44 Saladero Caballada
B 19 Estafeta Ambulante	B 45 Paso Perico-Moreno
B 20 Puntas de Guayabos	B 46 Espinillar
B 21 Laurele	B 47 Zanga de la Isleta
B 22 Cerro	B 48 Estafeta Paso de los Toros a Salto
B 23 Parada Maria	B 49 Isla del Arapey
B 24 Costa Peyrano	B 50 Matajo
B 25 Paso de las Piedras de Arerungua	B 51 Canas
B 26 Estafeta Ambulante	B 52 Sopas

DEPARTMENT, PAYSANDU; CAPITAL, PAYSANDU (Letter C).

C 1 Paso de Guayabos	C 17 Paso Andrés Perez
C 2 Fiuval	C 18 Celestino
C 3 U. Hora	C 19 Piedra Sola
C 4 Palmar	C 20 Cerro del Arbolito
C 5 Saladero	C 21 Cerro de Itacabo
C 6 Parada Rivas	C 22 Molles chico
C 7 Cuchilla de Haedo	C 23 El Clementerio
C 8 Pantanoso de Corrales	C 24 Tres arboles
C 9 Cuchilla de S. Jose y H. del Queguay chico	C 25 Puntas de Molles
	C 26 Puntas de Sacra
C 10 Tierra coloradas	C 27 Puntas de San Francisco
C 11 Queguay chico	C 28 Puntas del Sance
C 12 Puntas de Buricagupi	C 29 Sauc del Queguay
C 13 Molles grande	C 30 Tiatucurá
C 14 Buricagupi	C 31 Paso de Soto
C 16 U. Hora	C 32 Horqueta del Queguachico

C 33	Puntas de Guarapirù	C 46	Santa Ana
C 34	Puntas del Queguay grande	C 47	Colonia Esperanza
C 35	Puntas de Sarandi de Soto	C 48	Saladero Casablanca
C 36	Quebracho	C 49	Horquetas del Queguay
C 37	Estafeta à Rio Negro	C 50	Tablada
C 38	Estafeta Queguay	C 51	Capilla vieja
C 39	Buenavista	C 52	San Francisco
C 40	Estacion Pinera	C 53	Bacacua
C 41	Piedras Coloradas	C 54	Valdez
C 42	Algorta	C 55	Arroyo negro
C 43	Guichon	C 56	Colonia Porvenir
C 44	Chapicuy	C 57	Estafeta Chapicuy
C 45	Totoral		

DEPARTMENT, RIO-NEGRO; CAPITAL, INDEPENDENCIA (Letter D).

D 1	Sanchez	D 17	Gonzalez
D 2	Canitas	D 18	Santa Juana
D 3	Porton Haedo	D 19	Paso de la Cruz de D Esteban
D 4	Nuevo Berlin	D 20	Ciudad
D 5	Puntas de Averias	D 21	Francia
D 6	Laguna del Arroyo grande	D 22	Merinos
D 7	Gutierrez	D 23	Molles Ponnà
D 8	Llovederas	D 24	Rolor
D 9	Cuchilla Navarro	D 25	B. de Mataojo
D 10	Ult. Hora	D 26	Balbuena
D 11	Las Flores	D 27	Puntas de las Flores
D 12	Bellaco	D 28	Puntas de Sanchez
D 13	Padura	D 29	Averias grande
D 14	Paso del Sauce del Arroyo negro	D 30	Aduana
D 15	Ciudad	D 31	Saladero Liebig
D 16	Puntas de Bellaco	D 32	Puntas de los melizos
		D 33	Gutierrez

DEPARTMENT, SORIANO; CAPITAL, MERCEDES (Letter E).

E 1	Santa Catalina	E 32	Estaf. del Jaguarì
E 2	Aguilà	E 33	Bizcocho (Agencia)
E 3	Corralito	E 34	Arroyo corte
E 4	San Martin	E 35	Costa del S. Salvador
E 5	Lata del Perdido	E 36	Bequelò
E 6	Duraznito	E 37	U. Hora Mercedes
E 7	Perico Flaco	E 38	Punta S. Martin
E 8	Azotea de Vera	E 39	Perdido
E 9	Arroyo Grande	E 40	Arroyo Pelado
E 10	Paso de Lugo	E 41	Paso de Coquimbo
E 11	Paso de la Laguna	E 42	Isletas
E 12	La Laguna	E 43	Arroyo Durazno
E 13	Sarandi	E 44	Canada de Nieto
E 14	La Tabla	E 45	Puntas de las Piedras de S. Salvador
E 15	La Lancha	E 46	Costa C. de Nieto
E 16	Palmitas	E 47	Canada de la Palma
E 17	Soriano (Villa)	E 48	Paso del molino de S. Salvador
E 18	Soriano (Agencia)	E 49	Paso de S. E. de S. Salvador
E 19	Paso de la Arena Cololò	E 50	Mercedes (Agencias)
E 20	Juan Jackson	E 51	" "
E 21	Drabble	E 52	" "
E 22	U. Hora Mercedès	E 53	" "
E 23	Cololo	E 54	" "
E 24	Vera	E 55	" "
E 25	Paso del Coventino	E 56	Espinillo
E 26	Bizcocho	E 57	Parada de Olivera
E 27	Maciel	E 58	Mercedes (Agencia)
E 28	Dolores (Succursal)	E 59	" "
E 29	" (Agencia)	E 60	Cuchilla de S. Salvador
E 30	Mercedes (Agencia)		
E 31	Tala		

DEPARTMENT, COLONIA; CAPITAL, LA COLONIA (Letter F).

F 1	Tararivas	F 26	Puntas de Viboras
F 2	Colonia (Ciudad)	F 27	La Laguna
F 3	Artilleros	F 28	Rosario U. H.
F 4	Miguelete	F 29	Es. Estanzuela
F 5	U. Hora (Colonia)	F 30	San Salvador
F 6	Conchillas	F 31	Riachuelo
F 7	Colonia Valdense	F 32	Barker
F 8	Antolin	F 33	Costa del Colonia
F 9	Carmelo	F 34	Del Colla
F 10	Juan Gonzalez	F 35	Puntas de San Juan
F 11	El-Cerro	F 36	Mimano
F 12	Ult. H. Carmelo	F 37	Colonia Cosmopolita
F 13	Nueva Palmira	F 38	Costa Chileno
F 14	Campos del Toscano	F 39	La Palma
F 15	Cerros de las Armas	F 40	Colonia Arrue
F 16	La Agraciada	F 41	Ombue de Lavalle
F 17	Cufré	F 42	Laguna de los Patos
F 18	Rosario	F 43	Colonia Suiza
F 19	Nueva Helvetia	F 44	Puerto Sauce
F 20	La Paz (C. P.)	F 45	P. de los Indios
F 21	Nueva Palmira U. H.	F 46	P. de la Horqueta
F 22	Polanco	F 47	Est. vapor "Luna"
F 23	Colonia Estrella	F 48	Carmelo (Ag.)
F 24	Nueva Palmira (agenc.)	F 49	Pantanosos
F 25	Costas de Viboras	F 50	Juan Gonzalès

F 51	Tres Esquinas	F 61	Sauce del Miguelete
F 52	Est. Cufré	F 62	Puntas de Albertano
F 53	Martin Chico	F 63	Las Flores
F 54	Concordia	F 64	San Juan
F 55	Col. Estrella	F 65	Canada Ventura
F 56	Colonia Suiza. (Est.)	F 66	Tararivas
F 57	San Luis (Est.)	F 67	Colonia-U. Hora F. C. C. C.
F 58	Colonia (Agencia)	F 68	Paso de Antolin
F 59	Colonia "	F 69	Ombues de Lavalle (S.)
F 60	Canter. del Riachuelo		

DEPARTMENT, SAN-JOSÉ; CAPITAL, SAN-JOSÉ (Letter G).

G 1	San José (Agencia)	G 19	Est Mercedes
G 2	Santa Tilda	G 20	Est. à Colonia
G 3	Libertad	G 21	Puntas à Mallada
G 4	Arroyo San Gregorio	G 22	Rincon de Pino
G 5	Ituzaingo	G 23	Valdez
G 6	Chamizo	G 24	Tala
G 7	Rodriguez	G 25	Capurro
G 8	Costa de San Gregorio	G 26	Bellavista
G 9	Sauce	G 27	Mal Abrigo
G 10	Guayemu	G 28	Costa de Chamfzo
G 11	Raigon	G 29	Pavon
G 12	San José U. Hora. E.	G 30	Lata de Morales
G 13	Gonzalez	G 31	P. San Gregorio
G 14	San José. U. Hora	G 32	San José (Agencia)
G 15	Arroyo Peirera	G 33	" "
G 16	U. Hora de Chamizo	G 34	" "
G 17	Canada Grande	G 35	Cerro de San José
G 18	San José (Agencia)	G 36	Arroyo Castellanos

DEPARTMENT, CANELONES; CAPITAL, GUADELOUPE (Letter H).

H 1	Santa Lucia	H 21	Toledo
H 2	Piedras	H 22	Empalme olmos
H 3	Pando	H 23	Joaquin Suarez
H 4	Sauce	H 24	Canelones U. H.
H 5	Migues	H 25	San Jacinto
H 6	Mosquitos	H 26	Canelon Chico
H 7	Tala	H 27	San Bautista
H 8	La Paz. C.	H 28	La Pedrera
H 9	San Ramon	H 29	Cerrillos
H 10	Santa Rosa C.	H 30	X. . .
H 11	San Antonio	H 31	Paso de Pache
H 12	Paso de la Cadena	H 32	Santa Lucia (U. Hora)
H 13	Progreso	H 33	San Ramon (Est.)
H 14	Sta Lucia F.G.G.U.	H 34	Tapia
H 15	Rincon de Faison	H 35	X. . .
H 16	Castellanos	H 36	Costa de Solis
H 17	Montes	H 37	Migues
H 18	La Sierra (Estaf.)	H 38	Piedras de Afiban
H 19	Bana de Las Pedrera	H 39	Margot
H 20	Las Toscas	H 40	Joanico

DEPARTMENT, LA FLORIDA; CAPITAL, LA FLORIDA (Letter I).

I 1	Cuchilla de San Gabriel	I 21	Tornero izquierda
I 2	Est Florida	I 22	Goni
I 3	Illescas	I 23	Talita
I 4	Cerro Colorado	I 24	Chamizo
I 5	La Cruz	I 25	Mouzon
I 6	Costa de Maciel	I 26	Molles de Timote
I 7	Sauce del Yi	I 27	Valentin
I 8	Tornero Derecha	I 28	Paso de Cuello
I 9	Tala de Maciel	I 29	Cerro Mulero
I 10	Fray Marcos	I 30	Castro
I 11	P. de Maciel	I 31	Polanco del Yi
I 12	Pantanosos de Castro	I 32	Reboledo
I 13	Costa de Illescas	I 33	25 de Ag-Juan Chaso
I 14	Cardal	I 34	Sauce de Timote
I 15	Sarandi Grande	I 35	Chamamé
I 16	P de San Jeronimo	I 36	Costa arroyo de la Cruz
I 17	Mansevillagra	I 37	Battle y Ordonez
I 18	Cuchilla de Palmero	I 38	A. Casupa
I 19	Santo Domingo	I 39	Ombues de Castillo
I 20	Isla mala		

DEPARTMENT, DURAZNO; CAPITAL, DURAZNO (Letter J).

J 1	Pueblo Sarandi	J 18	Arroyo de las Conchas
J 2	Capilla de Farruco	J 19	Paso Arroyo Villasboas
J 3	Arroyo Caballero	J 20	Maestre Campo
J 4	Puntr Caballero	J 21	Las Canas
J 5	Punta de los Toros	J 22	Sarandi de Cuadra
J 6	Paso de Carpinteria	J 23	Puntas de Caballero
J 7	Cordobés	J 24	Punta de Carpinteria
J 8	Villa Durazno	J 25	Cuchilla Comercio
J 9	Sauce	J 26	Punta de cuadro Chileno
J 10	Cuchilla de los Acacias	J 27	Paso de Ramirez
J 11	Sarandi de Cuadra	J 28	Camino Real a Villasboas
J 12	Sarandi de los Perros	J 29	Punta de los Tajos
J 13	Pueblo del Carmen	J 30	U. Hora S. del Yi
J 14	Costa del Yi	J 31	Sarandi San Jorge
J 15	Canas	J 32	Punta de San Juan
J 16	Villasboas	J 33	Cordobes Pantanos de Cuadra
J 17	Estac. Duranzo	J 34	Antonio Herrera

J 35	Sauce del Yi	J 39	Puntas de Herrera
J 36	Parada Villasboas	J 40	Malvajar
J 37	B. de la Mariscal	J 41	Est Yi
J 38	Tajes	J 42	Ombues de Onbe

DEPARTMENT, TACUAREMBO; CAPITAL, SAN-FRUGTUSO (Letter K).

K 1	Paso de los Toros	K 22	Picada de Quirino
K 2	San Gregorio	K 23	Guaviyu
K 3	Punta Tacuarembochica	K 24	Paso Hondo
K 4	Estacion Pampa	K 25	Cardoso
K 5	Cuchi la Peralta	K 26	Cerro Travieso
K 6	Banado de Rocha	K 27	Paso del Cerro
K 7	Tres Cruces	K 28	Caraguata
K 8	Cuchilla de Yaguary	K 29	Paso de Aguár
K 9	Cerro del Ombu	K 30	Cuchilla de Pereyra
K 10	Sauce del Caraguata	K 31	Casildo de Yaguary
K 11	Piedra Sola	K 32	Paso de las Toscas
K 12	Valle Eden	K 33	Cuchilla de la Gloria
K 13	Laureles	K 34	Rincon de Zamora
K 14	Tambores	K 35	Cerro de Pereyra
K 15	Chamberlain	K 36	Paso de Pereyra
K 16	Cuchilla de Haedo	K 37	San Joaquin
K 17	Est. Paysandu y Salto	K 38	Paso del Borracho
K 18	San Maximo	K 39	Punta del Caraguata
K 19	Tranqueras	K 40	Paso del Novillo
K 20	U. Hora	K 41	Cuchilla del Ombú
K 21	Achar	K 42	Cuchilla de la Palma

DEPARTMENT, CERRO-LARGO; CAPITAL, MELO (Letter L).

L 1	Sarandi	L 22	Cerro Chato
L 2	Ramon Mundo	L 23	Diligencia
L 3	Santa Clara de Olimar	L 24	Paso del Dragon.
L 4	Avestruz	L 25	Fraile Muerto
L 5	Buenavista	L 26	Puntas de Tujambaé
L 6	Puntas de Pablos Paez	L 27	Sierra de Rios
L 7	Chuy	L 28	Sarandi del Quebracho
L 8	Melo	L 29	Guazimambi
L 9	Puntas del Cordobés	L 30	Zapablar
L 10	Corral de Piedra	L 31	Tujambaé
L 11	Artigas	L 32	Canada de Santo
L 12	Tacuari	L 33	Puntas Fraile Muerto
L 13	U. Hora Artigas	L 34	Asferezas
L 14	Tres Islas	L 35	Arroyo malo
L 15	Tarariras	L 36	Canas
L 16	Pablo Paez	L 37	Garao
L 17	Acegua	L 38	Canada Brava
L 18	Puntas del Chuy	L 39	Piedra Alta
L 19	Cerro de las Cuentas	L 40	Puntas de Amarillo
L 20	Mazangano	L 41	Manantrales
L 21	Mimbres	L 42	Centurion

DEPARTMENT, MINAS; CAPITAL, MINAS (Letters L.L.).

LL 1	Soldado	LL 25	Lauredes
LL 2	Chuchilla Juan Gomez	LL 26	Ortiz
LL 3	Tages Grande	LL 27	Lorenzita
LL 4	Gutierrez Abajo	LL 28	Molles de Godoy
LL 5	Minas Est	LL 29	P. Matojo Solis
LL 6	Corrales de Gutierrez	LL 30	Espuelitas
LL 7	Paso de los Molles	LL 31	Casupá y Chileno
LL 8	Solis Grande	LL 32	Costa de Gutierrez
LL 9	Polanco B. Negra	LL 33	Zapican
LL 10	Casupá	LL 34	Carapé
LL 11	Gutierrez	LL 35	U. Hora Minas
LL 12	Barriga Negra	LL 36	St. Lucia Arriba
LL 13	Puntas de Chamane	LL 37	V. St. Maria
LL 14	Aiguá	LL 38	Matajo de Solis
LL 15	Gutierrez Pisaraja	LL 39	Aiguá Abajo
LL 16	Lenguaso	LL 40	Sierra Catalan
LL 17	S. Lucia y B. Negra	LL 41	Sauce Olimar chico
LL 18	Pantas de Bodega	LL 42	Arequita
LL 19	P. Calera Santa Lucia	LL 43	U. Hora Batlle y Ordonez
LL 20	Aguila	LL 44	Puntas del Soldado
LL 21	Minas Ag	LL 45	Mariscala
LL 22	Barriga Negra	LL 46	Cerro Blanco del Aigua
LL 23	Mamaraja	LL 47	Paso de la Azotea de Mendez
LL 24	Batlle y Ordonez	LL 48	Sarandi del Cebollati

DEPARTMENT, ROCHA; CAPITAL, ROCHA (Letter M).

M 1	Castillos San Vicente	M 14	India Muerta al Este
M 2	Chuy	M 15	Garzon
M 3	Pueblo Lazano	M 16	Cebollati Abajo
M 4	La Paloma	M 17	Valizas
M 5	San Luis	M 18	Rincon de Rubio
M 6	Don Carlos	M 19	Higueron
M 7	Alferez	M 20	Cuchilla de los Piriz
M 8	Colonia St. Teresa	M 21	Puntas Real de Chafalote
M 9	Abra	M 22	Puntas de la Sierra
M 10	India Muerta	M 23	Oratorio
M 11	Cebollati	M 24	Garzon Abajo
M 12	Costa de Pelotas	M 25	Cerros
M 13	Ultima Hora Rocha	M 26	U. Hora Rocha

DEPARTMENT, MALDONADO; CAPITAL, MALDONADO (Letter N).

N 1	San Carlo	N 12	Carapé
N 2	Pan pe azúcar	N 14	Paso José Ignacio
N 3	La Sierra	N 15	Baldura
N 4	Léon	N 16	José Ignacio Arriba
N 5	Garzon	N 17	S. Antonio del Aiguá
N 6	Sauce	N 18	Avenida Porvenir
N 7	Sarandi chico Alferez	N 19	Matajo
N 8	José Ignacio	N 20	Punta del Este
N 9	Sierra de las Animas	N 21	Piriapolis
N 10	Las Gánas	N 22	Repecho de Pan de Azucar
N 11	Asferezas del Aiguá		

DEPARTMENT, RIVERA; CAPITAL, RIVERA (Letter O).

O 1	Coronilla	O 12	Franqueras
O 2	Cunuparú	O 13	Jaguari
O 3	Ataques	O 14	U. Hora, Eivera
O 4	Hospital	O 15	Zapucay
O 5	Corrales	O 16	Cerrillada
O 6	Amarillo	O 17	Capon Alto
O 7	Arroyo Blanco	O 18	Cadera
O 8	Batovi Dorado	O 19	Puntas del Jaguar
O 9	Cuchilla Negra	O 20	Santa Ernestina
O 10	Gerro Chato	O 21	Cerro l'elado
O 11	Vichadero	O 22	Morrones

DEPARTMENT, TREINTA-Y-TRES; CAPITAL, TREINTA-Y-TRES (Letter P).

P 1	Ultima Hora	P 16	Vergara
P 2	Arroyo del Oro	P 17	Olimar
P 3	Parado	P 18	Cebollati
P 4	Corrales	P 19	Charquada de Cebollati
P 5	Corrales del Parado	P 20	Banado de Barrios
P 6	Verbalito	P 21	Higuerones
P 7	Yerbal	P 22	Puntas del Verbalito
P 8	Islas de Patrulla	P 23	Puntas del Pescado
P 9	Carmen	P 24	Sauce de Corrales
P 10	Averias	P 25	Paso del Sauce
P 11	Olimar chico	P 26	Ceibo Rincon de Ramirez
P 12	Cuchilla de Diomaio	P 27	U. Hora, Vergara
P 13	Puntas de Corrales	P 28	Canada de las Piedras
P 14	Corrales de Cebollati	P 29	Puntas del Carmen
P 15	Paso de la laguna		

DEPARTMENT, FLORES; CAPITAL, TRINIDAD (Letter Q).

Q 1	Ultima Hora	Q 10	Diligencia
Q 2	Arroyo Pintos	Q 11	"
Q 3	Rincon de Palacio	Q 12	Puntas de S. José
Q 4	Cerro Colorado	Q 13	Costa del Chamangá
Q 5	Ahogado	Q 14	Puntas del Arroyo Grande
Q 6	Arroyo Malo	Q 15	Laguardia
Q 7	Puntas del Sauce	Q 16	Cerro Colorado
Q 8	Cuchilla de Villasboas	Q 17	Villasboas
Q 9	Marincho	Q 18	San Gregorio

DEPARTMENT, ARTIGAS; CAPITAL, SAN-EUGENIO (Letter N).

N 1	Santa Rosa	N 10	Catalan
N 2	Paso de Farias	N 11	Zanja Honda
N 3	Menezes	N 12	Paso de Campana
N 4	Isla de Cabellos	N 13	Tres Cruces del Arroyo
N 5	Cuareim	N 14	U. Hora S. Eugenio
N 6	Cuaro-Grande	N 15	Jacaré
N 7	Isla Sarandi	N 16	Gauviyu de Catalan
N 8	Tres Cruces	N 17	Parada Francia
N 9	Estaf. San Eugenio		

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In conclusion I wish to acknowledge the works and the documents from which I have borrowed much of the material for this History of the Stamps of Uruguay, as follows:—

Les Timbres de l'Uruguay, by Dr. Wonnner.

El Guia Filatelica de Sobrino.

El Correo del Uruguay, by Mons. Isidorio E de Maria.

The articles published by Mons. Marco del Pont.

The archives of the General Direction of the Posts, Montevideo.

Various documents in the National Library at Montevideo.

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THE END.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Treasurer: Robt. S. Archer, Jun.

MEETING PLACE: Board Room, Trade Protection Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday, the 4th inst., Mr. Allender being in the chair, and about twenty members present.

There was a good display in the running competition of the stamps of Uruguay.

Mr. Marshall then delivered his address on "Some Forgeries and How to Detect them." The subject was, of course, one of great interest to juniors, and was ably dealt with by the lecturer, who illustrated his remarks with examples of forged stamps and bogus postmarks. He suggested the forming of a Forgery Collection by the Members, on behalf of the Society, which suggestion gained much approval.

Mr. Savage brought down a section of his forgery collection, which proved very interesting.

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

President: H. A. Wise.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Robert Burland, Lochside, Milngavie, N.B.

A MEETING of the above Society was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 20th October, at 8 p.m., the President, Mr. H. A. Wise, in the chair.

There was an excellent turn-out of members, who greatly appreciated Mr. D. H. McPherson's display of Line-Engraved Stamps, with notes. The countries shown were Ceylon, Barbados, St. Vincent, and Trinidad, and although the rarities were missing, the collections were very complete, the shading being a strong feature. In Ceylon, the 2d. imperf. and 5d. clean cut perfs. showed a nice range of shades, all in fine used condition, while the CC issue was very strong throughout. There were also two nice strips (used) 3 and 5, of the 1/- wmk. Star, with rough perfs. In Barbados, the 5/- were very fine, while Trinidad had some fine imperf. pairs and one of the lithographs, mint.

At the conclusion a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. McPherson.

Bolton Philatelic Society.

Hon. President: Alderman Huston, J.P.

Hon. Vice-President: E. Meginbottom, Esq., B.A.

Hon. Secs.: H. O. Mancrop, 91, Thicketford Road, Bolton, C. Boothby, 22, Ivy Road, Bolton.

THIS newly formed and successful Society held the first meeting of the season, at the Rooms of the Bolton Arts Guild, Bradford Buildings, on Thursday, October 14th.

A good attendance was presided over by Mr. W. Ward.

After the business of the meeting a very interesting general collection—the property of Mr. P. H. Constantine—was displayed and greatly appreciated by the members.

It has decided to run an Exchange Packet in connection with the Society, the first, it is hoped, will commence at the end of November.

Active philatelists, in any part of the United Kingdom, are invited as corresponding members at the nominal subscription fee of 2/6 per annum.

Full particulars will be furnished on application to the Secretaries.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 39, South End, Croydon.

THE above Society opened its new season on Wednesday, October 13th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon, with an attendance of eighteen members and one visitor.

The President, Mr. F. G. Bing, occupied the chair at 8 p.m., when the minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed, and three gentlemen elected to membership.

The Librarian reported that he had received a donation to the Society's library, of Vol. I. to IV. of the "Postage Stamp" from the President.

Mr. H. H. Harland, Curator of the permanent and forgery collection reported that Mr. W. J. Holmes had succeeded him at that post.

Mr. Harland then gave a Paper and Display of the Stamps of St. Helena, dealing with all known varieties. The collection was extremely fine and contained all issues, some of which were shown in sheets. A fine range of forgeries and proofs were also included.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: Fred J. Melville.

Treasurer: H. F. Johnson.

General Secretary: Ralph Westmore, 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, London, S.E.

At a meeting of the Junior Philatelic Society (the second of the season), held in Prince Henry's Council Chamber, Fleet Street, on Saturday, October 16th, it was announced that the Society had decided to support in every possible way the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, shortly to be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society.

Mr. Ralph Westmore, the new General Secretary, then read a most interesting and instructive paper on the "Bordeaux Issue of France," accompanied by a small but choice display of these popular stamps. Two other members also brought their collections of Bordeaux stamps for the inspection of those present, which added much to the evening's enjoyment.

Following the close of the ordinary meeting, an extraordinary meeting was held, at which the new constitution of the Society, as amended at the Annual General Meeting, was confirmed unanimously.

For Saturday, November 4th, the next meeting of the Society, a special Beginner's Night has been arranged and a programme of five items of special interest to young collectors will be provided entirely by collectors who are Juniors in years as well as in name. The subjects dealt with will be "First Steps in Philately" (by Mr. C. W. Care), "Simplified Collecting for Beginners" (by Mr. Frank Grundy, B. Sc.), "Common Sense Philately" (by Mr. H. W. Armstrong), "The Specialomaniac" (by Mr. A. R. C. Westlake), and "The Study of Stamps" (by Mr. D. B. Armstrong).

International Philatelic Union.

Hon. Sec.: T. H. Hinton.

THE opening meeting of the season was held at Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, on Thursday, October 14. Present J. C. Sidebotham (in the chair), L. W. Fulcher, W. Schwabacher, A. B. Kay, P. P. Brown, P. L. Pemberton, F. F. Lamb, G. E. Strong, W. E. Lincoln and the Hon. Sec.

Mr. Fulcher gave a display with notes of his fine specialised collection of the first two issues of Japanese stamps which afforded much interest to all present. The exhaustive manner in which this collection has been written up and illustrated by carefully executed diagrams was much admired, and on the motion of Mr. Pemberton seconded by Mr. Lincoln a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

City of London Philatelic Society.

President: J. Rea, Burton.

Hon. Secretary: D. H. Jackson, 80, Hanley Road, Strand Green, W.

THE opening meeting of the Session was held at Mills' Restaurant, Liverpool Street, on Wednesday, Oct. 13th, the new President, Mr. J. R. Burton, occupying the chair for the first time.

The resignation of Mr. A. H. L. Giles of the post of Counterfeit Detector was received with regret, Mr. H. V. Brand being appointed in his stead, the Forgery Collection by this new arrangement becoming available daily for members' inspection along with the library.

Six new members were elected and one resignation was received.

The President gave an address covering a wide area of philatelic matter interspersed with humour. He suggested more sub-committees on such lines as Philatelic Union, Publicity, Sociability, Suppression of Unnecessary issues, philatelic study for publication purposes, or the advancement of the Society itself, believing that more work would have a vivifying influence.

A review of the present splendid position of philately concluded with the remark that even Providence appeared to be on its side seeing that the Cayman Islands had recently been visited by a hurricane.

Simplified Collecting came in for commendation as encouraging to the beginner, preventing a water-tight-compartment style of Philately in which one specialist took little interest in the work of another, and leaving minor varieties free and cheap to the real working specialist.

Collecting *à la* catalogue was condemned. The first type of New Zealand being taken as an example, expanded to 105 varieties, value over £300—An impossible task for 999 collectors out of a thousand, whereas simplified, ruthlessly, 10 stamps only were needed at a cost of a little over 30/- or simplified so as to show each variety of perf., watermark, colour, paper, and principal shades, 14 stamps at about £24. Some kind of specialism, if only on a single stamp, was recommended to all collectors as the only way to advance the science of the hobby. The probable eventual death of the postage stamp in the maw of automatic postal machines was referred to. Next the affiliation or Federation of all British Societies was earnestly pleaded for as likely to strengthen the position of philately, and lead to a powerful central organisation, with club, library, museum, etc., whilst retaining the fullest autonomy and individuality of existing societies.

Auction Reports.

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co's. Sale. June 24th and 25th, 1909.

	£	s.	d.
Great Britain, 1867, anchor on blued. 5 orange, surch. Specimen*	1	1	0
1888, orbs, £1 brown	1	5	0
Malta, 1860, blued paper, 4d. buff, mint	1	5	0
Ceylon, 1861, rough perfs. 8d. yel.-brn.	3	12	6
India, Service, 1866, Two annas in black on purple, a mint pair	4	5	0
Gambia, 1869, imperf., 4d. deep brown, mint	1	5	0
Ditto, 4d. brown, mint	1	11	0
1874, CC., 6d. deep blue, mint	1	3	0
Lagos, 1904, single CA, 2 6, mint	2	0	0
Ditto, 5/- mint	1	3	0
1904, single CA, 10/- mint	6	0	0
Mauritius, Dec., 1859, 1d. vermilion	3	3	0
Bahamas, 1875, CC, 14, 1d., the rare carmine-lake*	1	2	0
Ditto, 4d. rose-lake, mint	1	5	0
Grenada, 1863, 6d. orange-vermilion, mint	1	18	0
St. Lucia, 1883, 6d. lilac, mint	1	6	0
St. Vincent, 1866, perf. 14 to 16, 1/- grey, mint	1	10	0
1880, 5/- rose-red*	7	10	0
Trinidad, 1864, CC, 12½, 1/- dull purple*	1	8	0

Messrs. YENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Sept. 23rd and 24th, 1909.

Gt. Britain, 1867, 5/- rose, pl. 1, mint	1	4	0
1882, Anchor, £1 brown-lilac, on blued paper	2	10	0
Ditto, 10/- blue and £1 green, both overprinted "specimen"	2	6	0
Gibraltar, 1st issue, 1/- yellow-brown	1	12	0
Roman States, 1852, 50 baj. blue and 1 scudo rose, both used on pieces, the latter with a 6 baj.	3	5	0
Northern Nigeria, 1st issue, 10/- green brown, a mint pair	3	16	0
Sierra Leone, King, single, £1 purple on red, mint	1	2	0
Zululand, 1st issue, 5/- carmine	2	2	0
Colombia, 5c. blue tete-bêche strip of three	5	17	0
Ditto, 1861, 2½c. black, fine	1	10	0
Ditto, 1862, 2 peso, lilac	2	0	0

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co's Sale, Sept. 28th and 29th, 1909.

Monaco, 1885, 5fr. carmine on green	2	8	0
China, Aug. 1897, \$5 green and rose, mint	2	17	0
India Official, 1866, no wmk., 8 pies, purple*	1	6	0
Gwalior, 1885, 4a. green, Gibbons 8, mint	1	9	0
Ditto, ditto, 6a. bistre, Gibbons 9, mint	1	16	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855 8, 1/- deep green, mint pair	4	5	0
Ditto, 1863-4, 4d. slate-blue shade mint pair	2	6	0
Ditto, ditto, 6d. mauve, mint pair	2	5	0
Ditto, ditto, 1/- emerald green, superb mint	2	10	0
Griqualand, 1877, 6d. violet, Gibbons 68, showing double surcharge, uncatalogued	1	0	0
Colombia, Tolima, 1884, (2p.) violet variety value omitted, Gib- bons 54, mint pair	2	2	0
New Zealand, Postage Due, 1809, 1d., misprint showing impression of the 4d. in addition, unused	0	17	0
Queensland, 1860, wmk. star, imperf. 1d. carmine-rose	1	6	0
Ditto, 6d. green	2	2	0
Ditto, 1860-79, compound perfs., 1d. vermilion	2	0	0
Ditto, 1882-3, perf. 9½x12, 1/- mauve	1	6	0
Western Australia, 1857, imperf., 6d. grey-black	1	13	0

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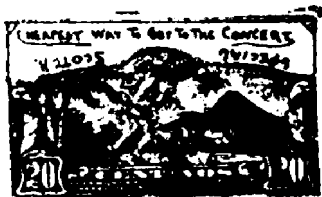
At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

A Display of Smoke, with Notes—Musical Notes.

THIS year's I.P.U. "Smoker"—the fifth—is to be held at the Horseshoe Restaurant, Tottenham Court Road, on Monday, November 29th.

Mr. J. C. Sidebotham, President of the International Philatelic Union, will take the chair, and some hundreds of other chairs will be occupied by London philatelists of all conceivable varieties—generalists and specialists, bloaters and dabblers. Philately, for this occasion only, will give place to harmony and conviviality. The only qualifications for admission will be a ticket and the capacity to enjoy one's self. The tickets can be supplied at one shilling apiece by the genial Hon. Secretary of the I.P.U., Mr. T. H. Hinton, 26, Cromford Road, East Putney, S.W., or by the members of the Concert Committee, namely, Mr. P. L. Pemberton and Mr. F. F. Lamb (at 68, High Holborn, W.C.) and Mr. W. L. Lincoln, at Holles Street, Oxford, W.



A SCARCE I.P.U. PROVISIONAL, WITH PORTION OF INSCRIPTION INVERTED.

There is, as usual, a fine philatelic flavour about the whole scheme of the I.P.U. Smoking Concert—an annual institution which has unquestionably established a strong hold upon the philatelists of London and the Home Counties. The admission ticket this year is printed on the reverse of an Indian international post card—the 1/2 anna surcharged "one anna," while the programme is set forth upon the inside of a reply card of Salvador! Accompanying the latter is a syllabus of the I.P.U. meetings, bearing various flippant parodies of well known postage stamps, one of which I am able to reproduce here. On the back of the syllabus are various pictures from postage stamps described as "portraits of the Concert Committee," and it pains me to note how these gentlemen have altered since I last had the pleasure of meeting them.

Space presses or I would like to give details of the contents of the programme, so beautifully engraved for the Republic of Salvador by the Hamilton Bank Note Company,

of New York. Suffice it to say that the singers include Mesdames Haidee Hamilton and Ada Wheeler, and Messrs. Charles Cheshire, Fido Ashton, W. Myles and Fred Rome, while Mr. William E. Lincoln will elocutionise, Mr. Sidney Gandy will memorise and ventriloquise, and Mr. Thos. F. Noakes will render strenuous service as the man behind the—piano!

It will be a real good concert, and I hope *Fortnightly* readers will be there in hundreds.

Any Orders for the Major?

A FRIEND who knows my fondness for philatelic curios sends me No. 1. of a new monthly sheet, entitled "Stamp Notes and Offers, by Major M. Johnson." With engaging benevolence Major Johnson offers to send his production free of charge "to all collectors who wish to receive it." It is published, firstly, to disseminate the latest information about stamps, and secondly, to enable me to dispose of an immense accumulation of stamps which have been collected in all parts of the world." In the struggle between the Major's "firstly" and his "secondly" the former comes off decidedly second best in No. 1. of this curious sheet, for there is a great deal about Major Johnson's "immense accumulation of stamps" and very little of the "latest information." For an officer and a gentleman this Major displays a most astonishing knowledge of the most approved methods of the stamp dealer. He has his "special bargains in mint colonials," his offers at 10% over face, and, in extra big type, "This Month's Special Bargain." Attached to several items in his list of packets is an offer of a little something extra to all purchasers—just as a sort of make-weight. In what regiment, I wonder, did the gallant Johnson acquire such a shrewd turn for commerce? "All orders," it is announced in big black type, should be addressed to Major Johnson, at —, giving an address on the sunny south coast. Any orders for the Major?

The Import Trade in Stamps.

"Inquisitive" asks me to tell him how those firms which describe themselves as "stamp importers" secure their supplies from abroad, whether there is a widespread traffic of this kind, and also whether there is any general basis as to prices paid, &c. I am sorry to say that I have no knowledge of the stamp importing business, and cannot therefore gratify my reader's curiosity. Perhaps some reader of the *S.C.F.* can enlighten him?

Meantime, the query reminds me of a complaint I received several months ago from a reader in Shanghai. It is a letter I have been chary of publishing, because I think such complaints, unless they are of a most serious nature, do not generally serve any useful purpose and they have the great disadvantage of casting a slur upon a whole trade. Lately, however, I have received another complaint to practically the

same effect, and I therefore deem it wise to publish the original complaint:—

By calling attention to the following, you will be saving your readers residing in the Colonies much annoyance and expense.

Wholesale firms in England and elsewhere are in the habit of sending out to collectors and others in the Colonies, circulars offering prices for stamps in quantities, and promising to take *any* quantity and pay cash immediately after receipt.

My experience not alone here, but previously in the West Indies and South Africa, has been that in nine cases out of ten they keep the stamps for months, select then what has become obsolete or has advanced in price, and return the remainder. Here is a case in point. I received a circular from a firm in England in which they promise definitely to pay certain prices, and to take any quantity at those prices, calling special attention to the fact that other people promise the same, but never carry out their promises!

After my previous bitter experience, I was led astray in this case by the very definite promises made, and sent the firm a consignment worth about £15. After keeping the stamps for over four months, they bought about £2 worth and sent the remainder back. This in spite of the very definite promises made!

Nor is this all. The packet containing the returned stamps arrived here all in pieces, and, on checking the contents, I found most of the stamps missing. On complaining at the Post Office, it was pointed out to me that I had no case, as the package had been endorsed "at sender's risk owing to insufficient packing." It could not be ascertained who made this endorsement, but I have my own opinion about it, which you can easily guess.

I consider the whole procedure nothing less than fraudulent and you will be doing your readers abroad a great service by warning them against this sort of thing.

Doubtless the leading firms of Dealers in this country are in a position to disclaim the kind of dealing of which my correspondent claims. It is to be hoped that such sharp practice is the exception rather than the rule.

The Philately of the "London Letter."

WHEN the non-philatelic journalist drops into Philately the fun begins.

Embodied in the "London Letter" to the "Western Mail" of November 3rd, were a couple of paragraphs written *apropos* of the change of colour of the 4d. British stamp. The journalist started off with a rare swing, drawing freely upon his imagination. As thus:—

The decision of the Postmaster-General to issue a new four-penny stamp, to replace the green and brown variety, is a source of considerable satisfaction to the philatelist, not only because it will give him a new stamp for his collection, but also it will protect him from the daring forgeries which have been in circulation for some time. There are, probably, more stamps forged of the green variety than of any other colour. Perhaps the most notorious forgery is the one shilling English green of 1870, which was only discovered quite recently. It is calculated that there are as many forgeries of this stamp in existence as of the Government issue itself.

To this, and a great deal more in the same strain, one of the readers of the "Western Mail" in Cardiff, was constrained to reply. Over the signature, "A Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society," he wrote as follows:—

Your London correspondent has been long known as a leading authority on Parliamentary matters, but I was not aware until to-day of the extent of his knowledge of stamps and stamp-collecting. Having been myself a collector of only some 50 years experience, I am grateful for the numerous facts entirely new to me given in his London Letter in to-day's paper. I was not aware of any forgeries of English postage stamps except that mentioned by your correspondent of the 1s. stamp issued in 1867 (not 1870). This is the only forgery of ordinary English stamps known to philatelists. It was used for Stock Exchange telegrams in 1872, but apparently was not a profitable speculation, as there are very few known copies of it. To say there are as many of these forgeries in existence as of the genuine stamp is, I must respectfully suggest, a flight of imagination. The genuine can be bought to any extent at a penny or so per copy, while the forgery commands (simply on account of its being the only known forgery of an English stamp) the price of a couple of guineas or so. It is easily distinguishable by slight variations in engraving, and principally by the omission of the watermark found in all genuine specimens.

Of course the writer of the "London Letter" put himself hopelessly on the wrong tack by assuming that the forgery of the British shilling green, was a fraud upon philatelists,

whereas the sole intent of the counterfeiters was to defraud the revenue. From this false beginning his nimble imagination flew to the fearful and wonderful idea that stamp collectors would have less reason to beware of forgeries of an orange fourpenny stamp than of a brown-and-green fourpenny stamp. As if any forger would want to waste his time and talents, to say nothing of the wear and tear of his plant, in counterfeiting a stamp worth only fourpence unused, and only worth a fraction of a farthing used. What a dangerous thing is a little knowledge!

The Anti-Gumpap Petition.

APPEAL TO THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL TO FORWARD IT TO THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION.

MR. HENNIKER HEATON'S VIEWS.

AS already reported in the *Fortnightly*, it was found to be impracticable to present the Manchester Philatelic Congress petition against further issues of unnecessary stamps direct to the Universal Postal Union, as that body does not receive communications of such a nature unless presented through the postal administration of one of the countries adhering to the Union.

VIA ST. MARTIN'S LE GRAND.

It was therefore necessary to approach the Postmaster-General on the subject and the following letter, enclosing a copy of the petition, has now been sent to the Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, M.P.

Manchester Philatelic Congress,
9, Albert Square, Manchester.

To the Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, M.P.,

H.M. Postmaster-General.

SIR,—At a Conference of all the Philatelic Societies of Great Britain, held at Manchester in February last, it was unanimously resolved that a petition, of which we enclose you a copy, should be sent to the Universal Postal Union with a view of discouraging the issue of unnecessary postage stamps.

This matter, as you are doubtless aware, has been the subject of enquiry by H.M. Secretary for the Colonies and we venture to think that the time is now ripe for action.

The Universal Postal Union can, by its constitution, only consider communications submitted by Administrations forming the Union and we therefore respectfully beg you to take the necessary steps as H.M. Postmaster-General to bring this petition to their notice.

At our instigation the German philatelists are moving in a similar direction.

We are, dear sir, your obedient servants,

(Signed) I. J. BERNSTEIN.

(") W. DORNING BECKTON.

(") M. P. CASTLE.

(") PERCY C. BISHOP.

There is little doubt but that the Postmaster-General will accede to the request embodied in the above letter, for already on more than one occasion he has shown a kindly interest in our hobby.

HELP FROM MR. HENNIKER HEATON.

A most welcome letter from that doughty postal reformer, Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., has been received by Mr. Bernstein. Writing under date October 27th, the member for Canterbury says:—

"I am very glad that you are taking up the question of Commemorative postage stamps, which have been prostituted to an extraordinary extent.

"I hope you will publish a list of the chief offenders among the Governments of the world, and the financial gains through this unworthy 'dodge.'

"The Postal Union is, of course, the proper tribunal, but a great deal could be done, meanwhile, by Great Britain's Postmaster-General, in an appeal to all Foreign and Colonial Governments. This would be effective if backed up, as I have said, by 'instances.'"

In addition, Mr. Henniker Heaton offers his own valuable help should it be required at a later stage of the campaign.

THE SECOND

Philatelic Congress

OF GREAT BRITAIN; LONDON, 1910.

To be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society at Caxton Hall, Westminster, from April 27th to April 29th, 1910.

THE Committee appointed at the Manchester Philatelic Congress "to fix the number of Delegates for each Society, and to lay down the rules and regulations of procedure and voting," held a Meeting, by kind invitation of Mr. W. H. Peckitt, at his office, at 47, Strand, London, W.C., at 4.30 p.m., on Friday, October 8th, 1909.

Present: Messrs. L. W. Fulcher, W. H. Peckitt, Franz Reichenheim, and Alexander J. Séfi. After long discussions the following rules and regulations were unanimously adopted:—

1.—Each Society under 100 members may be represented by two Delegates; each Society of 100 to 200 members, by three delegates; each Society over and above 200 members, by four Delegates.

2.—Each Delegate must register his vote in person; no proxies being allowed.

3.—Each subject for discussion must be notified to the Hon. Secretary of the Congress at least two months before the opening date of the Congress. It is left to the discretion of the Executive Committee to make a selection from the subjects proposed.

4.—The Chairman of the Executive Committee appointed by the Society, under whose auspices the Congress is held, shall be the Chairman of that Congress and has the right to a casting vote, although he need not be appointed one of the Delegates of his Society. The other Members of the Executive are admitted to the Conferences, but shall have no votes unless they are Delegates.

(Signed) FRANZ REICHENHEIM, (Chairman),
L. W. FULCHER, W. H. PECKITT,
and ALEXANDER J. SEFI.

The official invitations to attend the Congress will be sent to the various Philatelic Societies of England, Scotland and Ireland in a few days, and the Committee hopes that every Society will be duly represented.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR CONGRESS WEEK.

Mr. Franz Reichenheim, the President of the Executive Committee, makes the following further announcements:—

"In conformity with the wishes expressed at the Manchester Congress the Committee have decided to hold the Second Congress during the last week of April, and hope this will be a convenient time for all those who have the intention of attending it. They also trust that their decision to hold the public meetings in the large hall at Caxton Hall, Westminster, London, S.W., and the Conference of the Delegates in a smaller room of the same building will meet with universal approval. The accommodation, light, etc., are very satisfactory in every respect, and the building is easily accessible from all parts of London by tram, omnibus, and underground railway, the new entrance and exit to and from St. James's Park Station adjoining Caxton Hall.

"For the purpose of promulgating the interest for our hobby, it was decided to arrange the Congress on similar lines to a German Philatelisten Tag, and to have two public meetings besides the Conferences of the Delegates of the various Societies. These public meetings will form the opening and closing meeting of the Congress, and will be held in the large hall at Caxton Hall, which easily accommodates four hundred persons. The philatelic reputation of those who have very kindly consented to read papers of universal philatelic interest at the public meetings is a sufficient guarantee of the great success of this part of the Congress.

"The programme also includes a visit to the Tapling Collection at the British Museum, under the able guidance of Mr. E. D. Bacon, and an invitation from Lord Crawford to the delegates to inspect his famous collections. I trust that those delegates who have never had an opportunity of

inspecting these collections will not fail to avail themselves of this excellent occasion.

"Before receiving the official invitation every Philatelic Society of Great Britain and Ireland may inform the Hon. Secretary of the Congress (Mr. H. A. Slade), of any subject they wish to bring before the Congress, and give the name of the delegate who is willing to open the discussion thereon; the Committee hope that many important points will thus be brought forward for discussion at the two meetings of the delegates.

"The arrangements of the social part of the programme are entirely in the hands of our esteemed Vice-President (Mr. H. L. Hayman), and his well-known hospitality and endeavour to do the best for his own guests and those of the Society will be fully appreciated by all concerned."

PROPOSED PRESENTATION TO MR. BERNSTEIN.

A paragraph published in the last *Fortnightly* has brought us the following letter from Mr. Franz Reichenheim, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the second Philatelic Congress:—

To the Editor of *The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

Dear Sir,

I read with great interest the letter of your Correspondent, suggesting "that some appropriate presentation should be made to Mr. I. J. Bernstein for the service he rendered to British Philately by his work in promoting and organising the first Annual Congress of English Philatelists and that the second Congress be made the occasion of such a presentation"; and although I fully appreciate the idea, I cannot express any opinion on behalf of the Executive Committee of the forthcoming Congress.

I think the best way would be to form a small committee and to approach officially the Executive Committee of the Second Congress by letter addressed to our Honorary Secretary, Mr. H. A. Slade.

Yours faithfully,

Franz Reichenheim,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The suggestion made by Mr. Reichenheim points the way to the most desirable and practicable procedure, and the Editor of the *Fortnightly*, as one heartily in sympathy with the proposal, has approached a few well known collectors in London with a view to their co-operation in the matter. Probably further particulars will be given in our next issue.

Rules of Exchange Clubs.

To the Editor of the "*Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*."

SIR,—True progress is said to be always found in the direction of simplicity so I make no apology for calling attention to the following obviously simple rule which for the past five years has worked harmoniously in the "*Otterdale*":

Members whose sheets consist of more than one page must distinctly number each page in the top right hand corner and state number of pages on the outside cover—if stamps are mounted on both sides of any one page the right hand side only should be numbered.

My object in writing you now is to suggest that if this rule were made compulsory by exchange club secretaries it would be very much to the advantage of all parties concerned. Members would speedily discover this for themselves, and there would be fewer complaints as to untidy sheets and packets being received with empty unsigned spaces.

I think it would also be a good thing if the secretaries of all reputable clubs would absolutely decline to include "second-hand" sheets in their packets (*i.e.* those which have done duty before in some other club).

I may add that even with the above rule in force it is always desirable that stamps should *not* be mounted on both sides of any one page of a club sheet.

Yours, etc.,

G. HERBERT DANNATT

"Lyndale," Blackheath, S.E., Oct. 23rd, 1909.

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We are making ready for the Christmas *Fortnightly*, to be published December 11th. Latest date for copy, December 6th. Meantime, to all our readers who are far away from the Motherland, the Old, Old Wish in a brimming measure.

In "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," of October 23rd, the following remarks are made:—

"L. S.— is again advertising in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, under the name of '—'. Collectors beware!"

This sudden solicitude for the collector on the part of our friends of the Mekeel—Severn—Wylie combination would be quite touching if it were entirely above suspicion, but in view of recent strictures the *Fortnightly* has seen fit to pass upon "M.W.S.N.," it reads rather like a roundabout attempt to "get even."

In this country at any rate the scrupulous care which the *Fortnightly* devotes to keeping its pages free of undesirable advertisements is well known to all. It would perhaps be better for Philately if our example in this respect were more generally followed. It is of course impossible in any class of periodical or magazine absolutely to guarantee that no fraudulent advertisement shall ever be published. When people adopt altered names and crop up at new addresses the task of the advertisement manager sometimes becomes a very difficult one. In the special case referred to in the above paragraph the advertisement was stopped directly the facts were known to us, and will not again appear.

We appreciate information as to any irregularity on the part of traders using our advertisement columns, and we make a point of promptly acting upon the same. The Editors of "Mekeel's Weekly" will do well to adopt the same course with regard to their own publication and not seek to cast a slur upon the periodicals of a country which admittedly lives up to a higher standard of journalism.

Mr. W. H. Peckitt's purchase of the Avery collection has been the most-talked-of topic of the past few weeks. It is claimed by Mr. Peckitt that "this is the largest general collection ever sold outright, and it constitutes a record in Philately, being the greatest single cash transaction in postage stamps," the purchase-money for the whole of the stamps, viz. £24,500, having been paid in one cheque. It is of course a superb collection, including such pieces as the

Mauritius, 1d. and 2d., Post Office, both unused; Moldavia, four complete sets of the first issue, 27, 54, 81, and 108 paras, with a pair of the 27 paras; Switzerland, an unsevered block of seven and a half copies of the double Geneva unused; 4c. Vaud, pair, used; 5c. Geneva, yellow-green, block of twenty unused, with marginal inscription at the top of sheet; Saxony, pair of the ½n. groschen, blue, error; Tuscany, 3 lire, unused; British Guiana, 1850, 4c. on pelure paper; 1855, 4c. blue, on surfaced paper; 1862, the three plates of 1, 2, and 4c., &c., &c. It says much for the vitality of Philately that one dealer is able to quietly carry through a deal of this magnitude.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- November 15th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, at 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Three Minute Papers by the Members; display of General Collections in Albums.
- November 17th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland at the Alexandra Hotel, at 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: display of Mr. J. E. Heginbottom's "Hong Kong and Straits Settlements."
- November 18th.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: display, "Mulready Covers and Envelopes," with Notes, Major E. B. Evans.
- November 18th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: paper, "St. Helena, etc.," Dr. T. Groom.
- November 18th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Auction Sale.
- November 18th.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury Place, N.: paper, "Should Completeness be sacrificed to Condition?" Mr. Karl Wiehen; paper and display, "The Silk Thread Issues of Switzerland," Mr. Alexander Sch.
- November 19th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: paper, "The Development of the Philatelic Catalogue in England," by Mr. F. J. Peplow.
- November 22nd.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool: Auction Sale.
- November 24th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon: display of "U.S.A. Issues," as shown at the Golden West Exhibition.
- November 24th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, at the Divan Café, Northampton: display of General Collection by Mr. J. E. A. Wyatt.
- November 29th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, at 42, Castle St., Liverpool: "Philatelic Jottings," Mr. A. E. Fletcher.
- December 1st.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: "Finland," by Mr. E. Philpot-Crowther.
- December 2nd.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: display by Members, "Twelve Interesting Stamps."
- December 2nd.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: paper and display, "Western Australia," Mr. W. W. Munn.
- December 2nd.—Birmingham Philatelic Society Auction Sale.
- December 2nd.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury Place, N.: display of Mr. Heginbottom's "West Indians, Part VI.," display by Mr. J. C. Sidebotham, "Foreign Countries, Part II."
- December 3rd.—Leicester Philatelic Society: paper, "Sicily," Mr. J. H. Taylor, of Manchester: paper, "Identification of Greek Stamps," Dr. A. E. Payne.
- December 3rd.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: display, with Notes, "Norway," Mr. W. Dornig Beckton.

SMOKING CONCERT.

- November 29th. International Philatelic Union's Fifth Annual Smoking Concert, at the Horseshoe Restaurant, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 7.30 for 8 o'clock.

AUCTION SALES.

- November 15th and 16th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 16th and 17th.—Messrs. Glendinning & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- November 18th and 19th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the London Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- November 22nd. Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63/64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- November 23rd. Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 23rd and 24th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- November 25th and 26th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63/64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- November 27th.—Mr. Frederick Guthrie at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.
- November 29th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson (extra sale) at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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AN EASY-GOING POSTMASTER.

Postal affairs in the small villages and out-of-the-way districts in many of our Colonies are conducted in a happy-go-lucky manner; but, judging from the following paragraph which appeared in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* for November 28th, 1898, the postal arrangements in one town (fortunately unnamed!) in British Honduras would be hard to beat. "The postal arrangements are peculiar. I have been in one town for a month, and the post-office has only been opened once during that time. When you want a stamp, or to mail a letter, you must hunt up the postmaster, who carries on a billiard saloon, and will sell stamps, deliver your letters, or register a letter all in the saloon, but the receipt for the registered letter you must write out yourself on any bit of paper which may be handy, the postmaster not even having a book for the purpose."

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

There is an extraordinary dearth of official notices relating to the issue of British Honduras stamps, changes in postal rates, etc., the only one I have been able to trace appearing in the Royal Philatelic Society's work on the stamps of the British West Indies. Apparently there is little prospect of being able to obtain official information now for the General Post Office at Belize was destroyed by fire on the 30th May last.

III.—THE FIRST ISSUE.

The set of stamps forming the first issue for this Colony consisted of three values only—1d., 6d. and 1s.—and the exact date of their issue seems to be an unknown quantity. In his notes in the Royal Philatelic Society's work Mr. E. D. Bacon says:—"The earliest number of the *Honduras Gazette* I have found in London is that for January 6th, 1866, since which date the series is complete to the present time. The first stamps are described in the *Timbre-Poste* for January, 1866, so no doubt the issue took place towards the end of 1865."

It is highly probable that the stamps were issued some time in December, 1865, for in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* for October, 1867, the following note appears:—"The Postmaster of Belize, W. J. McKinney, Esq., informs us that the order, authorising the issue of British Honduras stamps, is dated 3rd July, 1865, and that the stamps were received in the Colony on the 28th November of the same year."

The first mention of these stamps I can find in any British philatelic journal is a paragraph which appeared in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* for March 1st, 1866, viz.:—"Some time back we duly chronicled an emission for the Republic; but have now the pleasure of introducing a trio, established for regular postal communication between the parent country and the Honduras Colonists. The engraving needs little supplementary notice. Our Queen's profile is unlike any other we remember, except, perhaps, that on the five shilling stamp of New South Wales, having been apparently copied from her portrait on the florin, which it resembles in reproducing the imperial crown, though the arrangement of the hair slightly differs. The set, we understand, consists of three individuals: one shilling green, sixpence carmine, and one penny blue. The stamps are perforated, impression coloured on white, paper unwatermarked."

The design, which is particularly pleasing and very different from the majority of the De la Rue "Queen's Heads," shows profile portrait of Queen Victoria, with head to left, with a Gothic crown, on a ground of horizontal lines, enclosed within a white oval garter on which the name of the Colony and

value are shown in coloured sans-serif capitals. The two inscriptions are separated by a small ornament on either side and the spandrels contain arabesques. The whole is enclosed in a single-line border.

The small ornaments on the garter differ on each value and the buckle also differs on all three. In the 1d. and 6d. the "tongue" of the buckle is in line with the point of the bust, the central loop extends into the background below the portrait, and there are two holes after this; while in the 1/- the "tongue" is a little higher, the central loop is flat, and there is only one hole. The differences between the 1d. and 6d. are but slight and will be found in the shape of the buckle and the amount of shading.

The stamps were printed on machine-made white wove paper, entirely without watermark, and they were perforated 14 by a comb machine. They were engraved and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., Ltd., a separate plate being made for each value. The 1d. was printed in sheets of 120 arranged in two panes of 60 (ten horizontal rows of six) placed side by side as follows:—

60	60
Stamps	Stamps

The panes were separated by a narrow strip of plain margin, while the outer margin was quite plain with the exception of a coloured cross above the sixth stamp in the top row and a dot below the seventh stamp in the bottom row.

I have never seen sheets of the 6d. and 1/- values and the only information I can find relating to these appeared in the *Stamp Collectors' Magazine* for June, 1866, viz.:—"the sixpenny and shilling occupy the same sheet, one half of which is assigned to each colour." This, however, can hardly be correct and it is probable that the sheets of these values consisted of sixty stamps only.

Shades of all three values may be found but the only one that differs to an appreciable extent is the 1d., which may be found in distinct shades of blue and pale blue.

As there appear to be no official documents relating to the postal charges obtaining at this period it is impossible to state, with certainty what these were. It is very probable, however, that the 1d. stamp was for single (4oz.) local letters, 6d. represented the single-letter rate to Jamaica and other West Indian Islands, while 1/- was the charge for letters to the United Kingdom and other places outside the sixpenny radius.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1865.—NO WATERMARK. Perf. 14.
1d. blue (shades).
6d. rose (").
1/- green (").

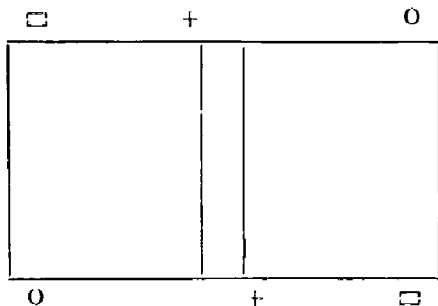
IV.—THE SECOND ISSUE.

In March, 1872, a 3d. stamp was added to the three values then current, this being printed upon machine made white wove paper, watermarked with a number of devices, consisting of a Crown over the letters "CC" (Crown and Colonies). The watermarks were so arranged that one complete one was allotted to each stamp. This value was perforated 12½.

The design was similar to that of the other values, except as regards the small ornaments dividing the upper and lower inscriptions on the garter and the buckle. In this 3d. stamp the buckle is under and to the right of the point of the bust, while the loop, which is almost in line with the nape of the neck, is flat and hardly encroaches on the shading of the centre at all.

This value was also engraved and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., Limited. The sheets consisted of 120 stamps arranged in two panes of sixty (10 horizontal rows of six) placed side by side and divided by a narrow strip of margin. The outer margin instead of being plain, as in the case of the

three stamps of the first set, shows a plate number above the 11th stamp in the top row and below the 2nd stamp in the bottom row; a reference number above the 2nd stamp in the top row and below the 11th stamp in the bottom row, and a small coloured cross above the 6th stamp in the top row and below the 7th stamp in the bottom row. The plate number consists of an uncoloured figure "1" on a solid circle of colour enclosed in a ring, while the "reference" number consists of the figures "55," in colour, enclosed in a rectangular frame with indented corners. The small crosses were evidently intended as guides for the benefit of the printer so that the paper could be fed into the printing machine quickly and correctly. There is a minute flaw on stamp number 40 on the sheet, the outer line of the central oval being broken at the right exactly in the centre. The position of the plate and reference numbers is clearly explained by the following diagram:—



Towards the end of 1873 the 1d., 6d. and 1/- stamps also appeared on the "CC" paper and perforated 12½.

The next change was one of perforation, all four values being issued perf. 14 instead of 12½. When this change took place there is no evidence to show, but it seems probable that there was only one consignment of the stamps with the 12½ perforation, and directly the supplies of the various values were exhausted they were replaced by the stamps perf. 14.

All values of this issue are known imperforate and with full gum, but there is no reason to believe that these are anything but proofs. They are by no means common, however, as may be judged from the fact that the 6d. realised no less than 69/- at one of Mr. Hadlow's auctions in April, 1893.

In the Tapling Collection at the British Museum there is a horizontal strip of three of the 1d., with margin on the right-hand side, perf. 14, from which the vertical rows of perforation are missing.

There are shades of all values but, with the exception of the 3d., these are not particularly striking.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1872-73. WMK. CROWN CC.

- A.—Perforated 12½.
- 1d. blue (shades).
- 3d. red-brown (").
- 6d. rose (").
- 1/- green (").

B.—Perforated 14.

- 1d. blue (shades).
- (a) Imperforate vertically.
- 3d. red-brown (shades).
- 6d. rose (").
- 1/- green (").

(To be continued.)

Stamp Auctioneers Busy.

THERE is obviously plenty of work for our philatelic auctioneers, for "extra sales" are just now quite the order of the day. Messrs. Puttick & Simpson point out that they have put on two extra auctions on November 20th and December 13th, these dates being additional to their normal programme for the season.

Mr. Snodgrass and the Twopenny Post.

IN his new edition of the "Pickwick Papers," just issued by Messrs. Chapman & Hall, Limited, Mr. C. Van Noorden has supplemented the 43 original illustrations of that work with 223 additional pictures of originals of characters and places, scenes and incidents, curious topical allusions, references, analogies, and facsimilies. Many of these Mr. Van Noorden has discovered, and the search for them has been the labour and the hobby of years.

In an article on the subject contributed to the London "Evening News," Mr. Van Noorden incidentally refers to the old "Twopenny Post" mentioned by Dickens in connection with Mr. Snodgrass:—

My results [Mr. Van Noorden writes] were often curiously interesting. For instance in Mr. Winkle's affair of honour we learn that:—

Mr. Snodgrass . . . undertook the delivery of the note as readily as if he had been a twopenny postman.

What do we know to-day of the history and duties of that interesting official, the twopenny postman?

He is fairly well known in literature, and the task seemed simple enough, but a great deal of research was necessary in the record room of the General Post Office before I was in a position to give the details.

I found that the twopenny post covered a radius of three miles from the General Post Office (in those days in Lombard Street). Threepence was charged for the immediate suburbs and beyond that the general post began.

The twopenny postman wore a scarlet cloth coat, with blue lapels and blue lining of padua, blue cloth waistcoat, and hat with gold band. His business was to deliver letters.

The letters in those days were taken in at the receiving offices and the General Post Office. The sub-office boxes were closed at five o'clock, when the twopenny postmen had the privilege of going their walks, carrying a bag and ringing a bell to collect late letters up to six o'clock. For this an extra fee of a penny was charged, which was the postman's perquisite.

On the abolition of the bellmen, as they were called, large sums were paid in compensation.

On the arrival of the town letters at the General Post Office they were sorted out and despatched by the twopenny postboys mounted on ponies.

The S.C.F. as an Advertising Medium.

CONTRACTS are now being made for the remainder of the SEASON 1909-10.

CHRISTMAS NUMBER.—The special attention of advertisers at home and abroad is directed to the Christmas Issue of the S.C.F., published December 11th. Latest date for copy Monday, December 6th.

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The Stamp Market.

By SENAN.

AN American journal suggests the Hudson stamp as likely to be a profitable gathering. The current 13c. should be of similar promise, if the rumour of its contemplated discontinuance is true.

The earliest quotation noticed for the Chinese Commemorative set is 6d. per set of three, used or unused.

The 2c. Lincoln on blue paper is a good stamp, no more, it is said, will be printed and an authority says they are cheap at 5d.

Two values of the new Russian Levant can be got to sell at 1d. apiece, "used."

Persia, 1906, the quaint Tabris set, should perhaps prove to be good property. Judging from such as come to hand the 3 and 6 chahis seem to have been the most frequently employed.

Crete, 1908-09, is worth studying, since prices do not seem to be settled. The 10 lep., 1908, appears in an English list at about half the price at which it is selling on the Continent.

Abyssinia seldom seems to disappoint the purchasers thereof.

The Roumanian error of colour, the 25b. green, pictorial of 1906, seems to live a see-saw kind of existence. I have seen it up to 2s. and down at 6d.

For the first time I have seen the 4c. Peru, 1907, quoted for by the hundred; probably the quotation will not stand for very long.

Looking through a recently issued catalogue it occurs to one that rises in price seem to prevail in the realm of recent issues rather than in the older sorts.

The 10 pesetas Spain, 1901, is offered at 3s. in one place as being a bargain, which it should be, if a fine copy, for really nice copies of the higher values of this set are not easy to find.

The new 4c. Holland Unpaid is apparently a "penny" stamp.

The 30 paras Servia, 1905, on "papier verge," costs double the price of the cheaper variety.

A correspondent says he has 300 4c. Canada Tercentenary stowed away; doubtless there are hundreds of similar little lots in existence in different places. But there are more promising values in the set than the 4c.

Another correspondent believes that the low values of Grenada King's Head multiples "will go to a long price." Mint blocks of the King's Head singles he declares to be scarce.

China, 1909, 2c. and 10c., are coming in at a cheap rate.

One or two values of Tunis Parcel Post are now available for sale at 1d. apiece, and are attractive stamps.

One of the new things to me this season is the demand for unused stamps at 4d. and 1d. each. Quite a respectable number of these low priced mint stamps come to light on questing for them, of which the new 2-on-3c. Cochlin and the Bulgarian surcharges of 1909 may serve as examples.

Mint German mark values of 1900 cost double face value in Paris.

The 50 and 100 lire Italian Segnatasse of 1904 are much cheaper than they used to be.

The approval system has its dangers and drawbacks. Away go the stamps, often into strange hands, and when they return intact the seller rejoices. It would be an advantage occasionally to be able to detect character from handwriting.

"Make a noise like an order," says an American advertiser. Reports from across the Atlantic anticipate a busy time immediately ahead.

This week I see the 20pfg. Bavaria official, surcharged "E." quoted per 100 for the first time; it should presently be available as a quick-selling cheap stamp. The 10pfg. is already on the table, and the 5pfg. may be expected next.

The 2c. green China, 1908, has appeared by the 100, and the 10c. blue in slightly smaller quantities.

Used Greek Unpays in wholesale lots are an item seldom met with; if secured they will sell very quickly. Have never seen Portuguese Unpays quoted for except as single copies.

The 12c., 15c. and 20c. Swiss, 1909 are on the horizon as acceptable cheap new issues. The 1 and 3fr. values are dear as yet.

The 15-on-20c. Italy, surcharged Eritrea, should be interesting; it is apparently a 3d. stamp, used.

French, 1876, in unfamiliar colours, such as the 2c. green, 10c. green, 20c. brown, 3c. yellow, etc., are good stamps to enquire for; they usually come last to a collector of the 1876 issues.

Crete, 1909, are now quoted for per ten copies, and will be more plentiful presently.

There seems to be plenty of unused Honduras, 1903, on the the Continent.

A couple of stamps that have recently gone up to much higher figures are the 115 and 180 reis Portugal, 1898. The 80 and 150 reis seem also promising stamps.

Used Maldives, 1909, are on sale in Paris.

Russian rouble values of 1889, which have been falling some time, shew little sign of recovering.

Very few people seem to want Australian officials, perforated O.S.

The 25, 30 and 40pfg. Wurtemberg, 1907, should not be found disappointing neither should Luxemburg, 1907, 20 to 50c.

Better class U.S.A. stamps are reported as being hard to meet with in the country of their origin, and a correspondent is advertising for them over here.

New Zealand Unpays seem to be worth gathering, since they are reported to be growing scarcer.

A Provincial Auction Sale.

By E.P.C.

PROBABLY very few philatelists realise that genuine stamp auctions are held in the Provinces. London is always assumed to be "The Market" to which buyers and sellers resort.

While sojourning in a far Northern city the writer happened across a real live stamp auction—quite a different affair to the usual London sale. It was evening, and about seven o'clock, when he noticed people entering the doors of a well known auction room. To satisfy his curiosity the writer entered too, and was agreeably surprised to find he had actually happened on a stamp auction.

A well-lit room, rows of comfortable chairs, and a large gathering of both sexes were the first things to give a pleasing impression. Very soon a printed catalogue was passed along and displayed to the reader's eyes a choice little assortment of lots—from the usual "mixture" lots to single "rarities." The first odd thing to attract the writer's attention was the absence of the usual "cup of tea"—that hospitable and much appreciated opening ceremony in our London stamp auctions. The next very unusual innovation was the announcement from the rostrum that "purchasers pay the usual 5% lot money on their purchases in addition to knock-down price"—the writer paid 2s. 3d. extra on £2 4s. 6d. worth of purchases. This custom seems, in the writer's opinion, to be calculated to militate against the success of future sales. A still greater, and, this time, pleasanter, surprise was the spirited and undoubtedly genuine bidding. As much as £2 apiece was given for single stamps and mixed lots fetched from a fifth to a quarter catalogue value. Even schoolboys made bids for small lots and the writer joined in the hearty laugh when a youngster raised a bid on a small mixed lot by a penny, and the Auctioneer warned him solemnly to "be careful with his money." Some excellent "lots" rewarded the writer for his visit of idle curiosity.

The north country men deserve success for their pluck and enthusiasm in starting auctions in their midst, and the writer ventures to prophesy a very successful future for them. The Auctioneers, however, would do well to re-model their terms upon London lines—the result of many years' experience.

Philatelic Exhibition at Brighton.

A SUCCESSFUL EVENT.

By J. CORNER-SPOKES.

WHAT may be described as a unique experiment has recently been attempted with great success by the Brighton branch of the Junior Philatelic Society. The Secretary, Mr. J. Ireland, having received an offer from the United Gentlewomen's Handicraft and Home Industries Society of a portion of the Hove Town Hall, where stamps might be shown during their Annual Exhibition and Sale, the committee decided that this offer should be accepted, and in spite of the very short time—only a fortnight—in which to get the exhibits together, the experiment has been a success in every way, mainly due to the hard and enthusiastic work of the Secretary, Mr. J. Ireland, and Mr. W. Cyril Owen, a member of the committee.

On Saturday, October 23rd, Mr. Fred J. Melville, president of the Junior Philatelic Society, came down and opened the exhibition, the chair being taken (in the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mead, Chairman of the Branch), by the Rev. H. C. Bond. After a brief introduction, Mr. Melville gave a lecture on "Hobbies and their Riders," and on the proposition of Mr. J. Ireland, seconded by Mr. Leicester B. Paine, a hearty vote of thanks was passed.

The following is a complete list of the exhibitors and their exhibits:—

THE REV. H. C. BOND.—British Bechuanaland. Surcharged on Cape of Good Hope and the "unappropriated dies" ½d. to 10/- and the 1/- surcharged with value. Bechuanaland Protectorate (a nice selection), including the very rare 2/6 and 5/- mint. Mafeking (fifteen specimens, several used on small pieces of entire, and the 1d. with portrait of Sergeant Goodyer in mint condition). Brazil (a good selection including 280 and 430 reis, of 1854). Holland, Dutch Indies, Curacao and Suriname (type collection).

MR. J. B. BOULTON.—Western Australia (nice collection of fine copies, including 1861, 4d. rough perf. mint).

MR. HERBERT CLARK.—Great Britain (Admiralty 'Official' sets of both types and blocks of eighteen and twenty-four of ½d. and 1d. values, all mint; "Government Parcels" including corner strip of three, of 1/- King's Head mint; 1d. and 2d. Mulready entire, both unused and used; College stamps; Beaufort House Essay); selection of colonial stamps illustrating the various portraits of Queen Victoria used on stamps; a collection of the Commemorative stamps of the World, with description of each. Mauritius (1d. "Post Paid.") unused and fine. Nova Scotia, 1/- superb used, and the rest of the set in fine condition; Schleswig-Holstein, complete Bavaria (including 1kr. black and 12kr. of 1870). Oldenburg and other German States. Prince Edward Island, and a selection of clever forgeries of various countries (including Great Britain, 1/- green, "Stock Exchange" forgery).

MR. J. CORNER-SPOKES.—Dutch Indies, Hungary, Germany, Prussia, and a page of "Pacific Curiosities" (including British New Guinea and Solomon Islands used; New Hebrides, British and French used together, and Queensland used in New Guinea).

MR. J. C. DALLIMORE.—Alsace and Lorraine, Ceylon (good selection of Pence issues), New Hebrides ("Condominium" on Fiji), Sicily (½ gr. to 50 gr., unused and fine).

MESSRS. G. G. AND C. E. DONCOMBE.—Persia (very fine collection of all issues, several sets in blocks of four, 1881, 25 green, lithographed; 1900, 1, 2, 4, 5 and 10 chai., in pairs with overprint in centre covering both stamps).

MR. J. IRELAND.—Berinuda, Borneo, Brunei, Gambia, Gibraltar, Jamaica, Malta, Natal, New Zealand (pictorial issues), Papua (including 1905, 2/6 mint), St. Helena, Sarawak, Soudan, Straits Settlements, Solomon Islands, Western Australia. This exhibit is entirely arranged on simplified lines.

MR. G. LUMGAIR.—Mauritius, very fine exhibit including 1848 1d. "Post Paid," three copies on blue paper and another on yellowish-white paper, exceptionally fine; 2d. Post Paid, three copies, including error "PENOE," which was an exceptionally fine specimen; a copy of the 1859 2d. blue on bluish paper; later issues, 1854, 4d. used; 1858, all values in fine condition; 1877, fine copy of the 1/- on 5/-; 1879, copy of the thirteen cents slate; 1898, superb copy of the Arms. Type 6, cents in red, on 18 cents, surcharge being inverted. British East Africa, No. 1., ¼ anna on English 1d. lilac; the set on Indian stamps, ¼ anna to 1 rupee, mint. Zanzibar, on India, including 2, 3 and 5 rupees and many varieties of type. Seychelles, complete except varieties of surcharge. Madagascar, French German and Portuguese Colonies, and a selection of entires.

MR. W. MEAD.—Wurtemberg, complete and fine, including 70 kr. of 1873 and all the 18 kr. varieties. Egypt. Guatemala including 1c. on ½c. (not catalogued). Hanover, including 10 gr. Virgin Islands, including 6d. rose on white paper, first issue, fine used; 1/- crimson (S.G. No. 20), fine, used; 1880, 2½d. red-brown, fine mint copy; 1887, 4d., surcharged on 1/-.

MR. W. CYRIL OWEN.—Great Britain; (this exhibit is beautifully mounted and written up to show the first two 1d. and 2d. stamps, the wear of the plates, ivory heads; the complete set of Maltese Cross postmarks with number in centre on the 2d. blue were notable, being extremely rare. Coloured and town postmark varieties were shown, including the 1844 postmark, blue and black on the one stamp, and 1844 violet postmark on 1d., also rare Irish postmark in blue, Penny Post, No. 15, in blue. Town postmark in blue, undated).

MR. LEICESTER A. B. PAINE.—Gt. Britain, (1d. black, block of eighteen with red postmark, and of twelve with black postmark, the latter being a fine example of the worn plate; the used block of eighteen is the largest known; 2d. blue, no lines; superb block of twelve with red postmark).

MR. GEO. W. SMITH.—Ionian Islands, South Australia, New Zealand, Niger Coast (fine), and an autograph letter of Sir Rowland Hill.

On Monday, the 24th, Mr. Melville again visited the exhibition, and gave a lantern lecture, not on stamps and stamp-collecting, but on the methods and working of the Post Office, the title being "His Majesty's Mails." Having mentioned some of the primitive postal systems, Mr. Melville showed a number of slides of the different departments of the G.P.O., illustrating the processes through which a letter, parcel, or newspaper passes, between its leaving the sender, and being delivered at its destination. On the motion of Mr. W. Cyril Owen, seconded by Mr. J. Corner-Spokes, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Melville was passed with great enthusiasm.

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ONE PENNY.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- November 29th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, at 42, Castle St., Liverpool: "Philatelic Jottings," Mr. A. E. Fletcher.
- December 1st.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: "Finland," by Mr. E. Philpot-Crowther.
- December 2nd.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: display by Members, "Twelve Interesting Stamps."
- December 2nd.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: paper and display, "Western Australia," Mr. W. W. Munn.
- December 2nd.—Birmingham Philatelic Society Auction Sale.
- December 2nd.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury Place, N.: display of Mr. Heginbottom's "West Indians, Part VI.;" display by Mr. J. C. Sidebotham, "Foreign Countries, Part II."
- December 3rd.—Leicester Philatelic Society: paper, "Sicily," Mr. J. H. Taylor, of Manchester; paper, "Identification of Greek Stamps," Dr. A. E. Payne.
- December 3rd.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: display, with Notes, "Norway," Mr. W. Dorning Beckton.
- December 6th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street, Liverpool: paper, "Malta," Mr. I. J. Bernstein: displays, New South Wales and Malta.
- December 7th.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: Display, "Greece," by members.
- December 8th.—City of London Philatelic Society, Mills' Restaurant, E.C.: paper and display, "Jamaica," Mr. W. B. Edwards.
- December 9th.—International Philatelic Union, Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.: displays, "Peru," Mr. J. C. Sidebotham and Mr. J. E. Joselin: paper, "Hong Kong," Mr. T. H. Hinton.

SMOKING CONCERT.

- November 29th.—International Philatelic Union's Fifth Annual Smoking Concert, at the Horseshoe Restaurant, Tottenham Court Road, W.C., at 7.30 for 8 o'clock.

AUCTION SALES.

- November 27th (this day).—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 27th (this day).—Mr. Frederick Guthrie at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.
- November 29th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- November 29th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson (extra sale) at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- November 30th and December 1st.—Messrs. Glendining & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- December 3rd and 4th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- December 4th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- December 6th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63.64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- December 7th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., Special Wholesale Sale, at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- December 7th and 8th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- December 9th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63.64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

At Home and Abroad.

By **PHILATEL.**

Proposed Presentation to Mr. Bernstein.

IN furtherance of a suggestion put forward by a correspondent of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, a small Committee of Philatelists has been formed to make arrangements for a suitable presentation to Mr. I. J. Bernstein, as a recognition of his work in connection with the inauguration of the Annual Congress of British Philatelists. The members of the Committee are Major Evans (Chairman), Mr. J. Read Burton, Mr. P. L. Pemberton, and Mr. Percy C. Bishop.

Philatelists interested in the subject are invited to put themselves into communication with Major Evans, who has consented to act as Treasurer of the Committee, at Glenarm, Longton Avenue, Sydenham, London, S.E.

Cape Woodblocks: Dates of Use.

IN Mr. R. O. Dagg's exhaustive paper on Cape Triangulars, published in Nos. 372 and 373 of the *Fortnightly*, the date March 9th, 1861, was given as an instance of an early date of use for the 4d. blue. An Oxfordshire reader of the *S.C.F.*, Mr. W. H. Tarrant, finds he can ante-date this by four days, since he has in his own collection a 4d. woodblock on entire, postmarked "Port Elizabeth, 5th March, 1861."

A British Split Provisional.

MR. HENRY ALSOP, of the Bristol and Clifton Society, writes me as follows:—

"I have a curiosity which I rather think is unique. It is a postcard posted in South Wales, bearing a penny stamp cut diagonally instead of a 4d. one. Our members have never heard of this before. The date of postmark is Oct. 31st, 1909."

Stamp Notes from All Quarters.

AMERICAN women belonging to the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution have petitioned for the reinstatement of the head of Martha Washington on the national postage stamps.

THE "Australian Philatelist" advocates the institution of a Philatelic Congress for Australia and New Zealand and invites ideas and suggestions on the subject.

THE Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society will meet on the following dates to examine stamps:—1909, Dec. 16; 1910, Jan. 20, Feb. 17, Mar. 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 14. There has been some revision of the fees charged, and in future double fees will be payable for all expertising of surcharges and overprints!

History as Taught by Postage Stamps.

BY R. S. ARCHER, JUN.

Paper read before the Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society
1st November, 1909.

I HAD some little difficulty in choosing a subject for a paper, as during the career of the Society so many subjects have been chosen and so many phases of our mutual "hobby" discussed.

I felt, however, that as Philately is a great teacher of geography, so also is it a teacher of history, and that a few minutes could profitably be spent in considering the various centenary and commemorative stamps which have been issued in recent years, as well as the historical changes to be noted in the issues of various countries.

I ask you, then, to figuratively turn over the pages of an album, taking the countries, after our own, in their alphabetical order, in continents.

Great Britain, under Queen Victoria, was one endless chain of history, yet as far as stamps are concerned, there is nothing which marks the events of our country's history, although several of our colonies have from time to time issued commemorative stamps.

An excellent issue in 1908 commemorated the 60th year of the reign of Franz Josef 1st, over the double monarchy of *Austro-Hungary*. It comprised fifteen stamps, showing the King at various stages of his reign, several of his predecessors, and two views of his Palaces.

The *French* stamps, since 1852, remind us of the great changes in the governing of that country from President Louis Napoleon to the Emperor Napoleon III., and the Republic changed into an Empire, which continued till 1870. After the downfall of Napoleon, the government again became Republican, and what I presume is intended for the Goddess of Liberty again asserted her sway over the postal designs.

The stamps of *Alsace and Lorraine* were used in these provinces by the invading authorities during the Franco-Prussian War in 1870-71. One result of that war was the transfer of these French provinces to Germany, and the use of the stamps was continued until superseded by the general issues of the German Empire. Another result of this war was the uniting of all the States known as the North German Confederation under King William of Prussia, who was crowned at Versailles, in 1871, as Emperor William 1st of United Germany. The general issues of stamps then made were for the use of all the German States under the title of the German Empire. Three years previously, in January, 1868, what was known as the North German Confederation, had issued a joint series of stamps, which superseded practically all the private and state issues formerly in use, such as those of Brunswick, Prussia and Saxony. In all, 19 states or free cities were embraced in the federation. The only States which retained their postal individuality were Bavaria and Wurtemberg.

Mention of the free cities and the suppression of the stamps of Bremen, Hamburg and Lubeck, recall the powers wielded in the middle ages by the great trading communities controlled by the free cities of Germany under the title of the Hanseatic League.

The Olympian Games revived in 1896 and 1906 at Athens were commemorated by two sets of stamps of *Greece*, illustrating the various competitions. The runners remind us of the chief event of these, dating from the Greco-Persian War, when, after the victory of the Athenians over the Persians in 490, B.C., the famed Greek runner, Philipides, ran from Marathon, the site of the battle, to Athens, a distance of about 26 miles. After telling the news of the victory he fell dead in the Market Place at Athens.

The much forged stamps of *Heligoland*, though not his-

torical in design, remind us that this island was from 1807 until 1890 a British colony when it was ceded to Germany, as the result of a political "deal."

The 1907 issue of *Holland* was printed to commemorate the birthday of Admiral Michael de Ruyter, one of those sturdy seadogs who figured in the days when Holland was a sea-power to be held in respect. De Ruyter went to sea as a cabin boy and rose to be Admiral of the Dutch Fleet. He fought against the English on many occasions, against the French, Spanish and Swedish Fleets, at last having to retire, both his legs being shattered in an engagement.

Until 1861, the kingdom of *Naples* or the two Sicilies, formed an independent State, and had a separate issue of stamps until it became a province of Italy. The States of the Church of Rome, formerly extending from sea to sea, were, like Naples, separate States, with their own stamps which were superseded by those of Italy in 1870. Naples conjures up memories of Nelson and Lady Hamilton, while Sardinia, Sicily, Tuscany and the Papal States remind us of the troublous times leading up to the unification of Italy, in which Garibaldi took so prominent a part.

The position of the *Portugal* of to-day is a poor contrast to that which it held in the 15th century when its hardy navigators sailed many seas, discovered the Cape route to India, discovered and annexed Brazil and South East Africa, and only missed the honour of sending forth Columbus to the discovery of America owing to the conduct of the then King of Portugal. There are three commemoration sets issued by Portugal. The first in 1894, was in honour of a great explorer, Don Henry; the second, a year later, in honour of the founder of monasteries, St. Anthony; and the third, the celebration issue of Vasco da Gama, who, in 1497, with three small ships, manned by 60 men, proved that India could be reached by sea round the Cape of Good Hope. This voyage marked a great epoch in commercial history. It diverted the trade of the East from the Persian Gulf, Asia Minor, Egypt, and Italy, the routes in which it had run for 1400 years, and the decline of the great trading republics of Venice and Genoa may be traced to the discovery of the Cape route. It was fitting, therefore, that Portugal should in 1898 have issued the Vasco da Gama commemoration set.

Roumania has had several commemorative issues in recent years, but only two of them need interest us, namely those of 1906. The set of ten stamps bearing the portrait of King Charles, commemorates twenty-five years' existence of Roumania as a Kingdom (it had been previous to that, from 1861, a province under the suzerainty of Turkey, and the other, also of ten stamps, commemorates forty years' reign of the King, first as Prince Charles under the sway of Turkey and later as King Charles.

While passing over the pages of *Spain*, one cannot help noticing the numbers of changes which are depicted on the stamps. We see the head of Queen Isabella II., the stamps for the City of Madrid, the Republican stamps, then the head of King Amadens. The figure of Spain and the figure of Justice next appear on the stamps, then King Alfonso XII, while King Alfonso XIII, is represented first as a baby and then as a young boy.

Coming to *Switzerland*, we note an interesting though not strictly historical incident. The Conference of the Powers to decide what action should be taken in the case of the wounded in battles, took place at Geneva, in Switzerland. The figure of Helvetia with a Cross has generally appeared on the stamps of Switzerland and out of compliment to Geneva, the Cross was taken as the emblem of medical assistance and alleviation of suffering in peace and in war.

Before leaving Europe, mention may just be made of the stamps of Gibraltar, Malta, and Cyprus. All these places are reminiscent of stirring periods in British history.

Asia, despite its condition of general unrest from Persia in the West to Korea and Japan in the East, does not offer much material to our paper beyond the Indian surcharged stamps for the "C.E.F." (China Expeditionary Force) and the Russian stamps surcharged "China," now a thing of the past.

Looking at the pictures of Sir James Brooke and his nephew, Sir Chas. Brooke, on the stamps of Sarawak, we

recollect what changes have been brought about in that province of North Borneo. When Sir James first traded to Borneo about 1810, he found the Sultan who ruled over these parts engaged in fighting the Malay pirates who then infested the Eastern seas. In return, for successfully helping the Sultan in these engagements, he was made Rajah of Sarawak. In 1863, he returned to England, leaving the government in the hands of his nephew, Charles, now Sir Chas. Brooke. This province is very fertile and rich in minerals and now, under the rule of Sir Charles, is very flourishing.

The native African does not lay himself out for letter-writing, or issuing of stamps, but the nations of Europe have for some decades been acquiring eligible sites over the length and breadth of Africa, and so now-a-days few parts of the Continent are without their postal service. To that extent, then, the stamps of Africa are historical, but we shall only refer to a few issues of outstanding interest.

The history of the changes in the designs of the Transvaal and Orange River Colony stamps and Mafeking stamps is too recent to need more than a passing reference. The special issue of Rhodesian stamps with the Victoria Falls as design speaks of history in the making—the bridging of that wonderful gorge by the railway that is intended to link the Cape with Cairo. The opening ceremony, which the issue commemorates, was performed by Professor Darwin, President of the British Association, then meeting in South Africa.

The stamps of St. Helena do not, in themselves, appertain to anything historical, but the fact that Napoleon Bonaparte, and also many Boers during the Transvaal War, were imprisoned there, gives an added interest to the study of the stamps of this island.

Now crossing the Atlantic, the discovery by Columbus in 1492, of the existence of a country beyond the western ocean, was an event which has found fitting commemoration on the stamps of several of the countries concerned.

Salvador, Chili, and the Dominican Republic honour the explorer by placing his portrait on their stamps, while a very beautiful set of sixteen stamps, depicting various episodes in the life of Columbus, shows the appreciation of the United States of America.

The latest U.S.A. stamp is that in honour of the Hudson-Fulton celebrations, which have just been celebrated with such *eclat* in New York, representatives of navies of all the great powers taking part. The Hudson River which separates Brooklyn from New York was discovered by Henry Hudson, an Englishman in the service of the Dutch, in 1609. Hudson was the same navigator who discovered Hudson Bay and gave it his name. It will be remembered that his crew mutinied and cast him adrift with some companions in an open boat in the Bay and they were never again heard of.

Robert Fulton, born in Pennsylvania, of Irish parentage, was an all round inventive genius. When in Paris, about 1800, he invented a submarine boat and made experiments in the Seine with small steam boats. After trying in vain to introduce his submarine into England, he went to America in 1806, and soon afterwards commenced the construction of a steam vessel of considerable size, which began to navigate the Hudson in 1807. The commemorative stamp shows the ship of Hudson and the steamer by Fulton on the waters of the Hudson.

The recent changes in the stamps of Cuba, and the Philippines betoken the transfers of suzerainty which took place a few years ago as a result of the Spanish-American War, when Spain was stripped of these two of her once great colonial possessions.

Canada has three commemorative issues as follows, all of them marked by excellent design and workmanship as well as strong patriotic feeling:—The issue in 1897, bearing Queen Victoria's portrait at the beginning of her reign in 1837 and also after 60 years reign, marked her Diamond Jubilee. At Christmas, 1898, an issue commemorating the introduction of Imperial Penny Postage was printed bearing a map representing the world with the possessions of Great Britain coloured red, the oceans in lavender or pale blue, making a very handsome stamp. The whole of South Africa was coloured red in this stamp as belonging to England, and as it was issued before the last South African War, this is an

error which evidently foretold history. The well known Quebec Tercentenary Issue, reminding us of the famous battle and our conquest of Canada, composed a fitting and artistic souvenir.

The Brazilian issue in 1900 commemorates the discovery of the country on 3rd May, 1500. Pedro de Cabral, who, after the return of Vasco da Gama, was sent by the King of Portugal with a large navy, to India, was blown out of his course and found himself unexpectedly in sight of land. The King afterwards sent Amerigo Vespucci, a Florentine, to examine the country, who after a survey of the land published an account of it. To this publication this navigator is indebted for the honour of having given his Christian name to the new Continent.

The surcharge on the stamps of Peru, and the stamps of the new Republic of Panama, call attention to historical incidents—*past*, in respect to the relations of Peru and Chili, and *present*, in connection with the inter-ocean canal, the making of which is now being vigorously prosecuted by the U.S.A.

Australasia has not yet made history in the sense of our researches to-night, though it has made its mark in cricket and football, but the centenary of the founding of the Australian Colonies has been commemorated in a recent issue, in 1888, of New South Wales, the designs for which formed the subject of a public competition, and much merit was exhibited, as can be seen by looking at this issue.

Having now roamed the Globe from China to Peru, I close my necessarily sketchy paper, thanking you for your attention, and trusting that the view of Philately which I have put before you has not been altogether devoid of interest and instruction.

Sydney Views Used in Melbourne.

REVIEWING a recent article by Mr. J. Bornefeld in the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," in which that gentleman proved conclusively that Sydney View stamps were sold and used in Melbourne for several days before the first regular Victorian stamps were issued, the "Australian Philatelist" says: "It may be accepted as a fact that those 'Sydney Views' which bear the 'butterfly' or 'gridiron' postmark, as it is variously called, were not posted on board ship and obliterated on arrival in Melbourne, but were used in Melbourne. Mr. Bornefeld has not yet said so—his article is to be continued—but we expect he will take this stand also; it is a corollary to his arguments. Mr. Bornefeld contends also that Sydney Views were sold in Melbourne after the first regular stamps were issued, but we have not hitherto given much thought to this part of the subject. A factor to be reckoned with, however, is that while Victorian stamps were put on sale in January, 1850, that colony was under the jurisdiction of New South Wales until July of the following year; and it did not therefore signify which stamps were used, so long as stamps were used. 'Views' bearing the Victorian postmark are very much scarcer than similar stamps used in New South Wales, and their value should be reckoned accordingly."

A Rarity in Stamp Literature.

Thus writes Mr. Charles A. Nast in the "Stamp Journal," of Florida, N.Y.:—

One morning during convention week Dr. Holmburger came out on the hotel verandah and showed a copy of "Winterburn's Catalog," published at Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1865; paper covers, 32 pages. It was in a most perfect state of preservation, and an impromptu auction was the result. After quite a little bidding, it was knocked down to Mr. E. L. Green, of Philadelphia, for \$2.50. Originally sold for 15c., this presents a lesson in the increased value of stamp publications not very much different from stamps themselves. The name of the firm was G. W. Winterburn & Co. and they also published a monthly, called the "Circular," of which only two numbers appeared.

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The next "Fortnightly" is the Christmas Number.

Our Christmas Numbers in the past have brought us many warm expressions of approbation from our readers. This year the issue will, we hope, be equally well received. Those of our friends who have matter to send for the number can greatly help us by sending early. Monday, December 6th, is the latest date on which copy can be received with any definite prospect of insertion.

Complaints have reached us regarding a provincial periodical whose proprietors have been offering a year's insertion of a small advertisement for the low price of 2s. The complaints are to the effect that, after the copy and money are sent, nothing further is heard of the matter and no reply is vouchsafed to letters of enquiry. We are investigating the matter.

Thousands of "Fortnightly" readers will rejoice with us that the suggestion of a presentation to Mr. I. J. Bernstein, in recognition of his work as virtual founder of the Philatelic Congress is to be acted upon. We direct attention to a paragraph published under "At Home and Abroad" in this number, wherein all those who are interested in the subject are invited to place themselves into communication with Major Evans, Glenarm, Longton Avenue, Sydenham, London, S.E., who is acting as Treasurer of the Committee.

"Philatelists of To-Day" is a heading in "Eindle's Philatelic Circular." We should say that the writer is a philatelist of the day before yesterday—if, indeed, he is a philatelist at all. Dealing with a comparatively newly-established firm of philatelic auctioneers this extraordinarily ill-informed scribbler expresses the belief that they are "the one firm of any importance to devote themselves entirely to philatelic auctioneering." This of course is silly, but it is not merely silly—it is grossly untrue and exceedingly unfair to Messrs. Plumridge & Co., of 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C., who, as all the philatelic world knows, or should know, have devoted themselves exclusively to philatelic auctioneering ever since their establishment many years ago. The writer of the article in question should come to London by the next Wednesday excursion and see things as they are.

The I.P.U. Smoker at the Horseshoe, Tottenham Court Road, on Monday evening next, November 29th, will gather in hundreds of London philatelists—ourselves, and doubtless many S.C.F. readers, among the number.

The Stamp Market.

By SENAX.

USED Nicaragua surcharges seem to find a ready market, and the number of collectors who are gathering the scarcer sorts of postally used South Americans seems to be steadily increasing.

The visit of King Manuel to England has reminded at least one customer of his deficiencies in the stamps of Portugal and Colonies. Perhaps the royal visit may be awakening similar remembrances in other places!

Azores, 1906, a popular set, seems for the moment cheaper, but if the set is to come to an end in April next, prices may not drop very low.

Out of fifty copies of the 35h. Bosnia pictorial, used in the post, only one copy proved to be an out-of-the-normal perforation. In a rather larger number of the 20h. all were perforated the ordinary way.

The 3c. Cuba, 1900, does not seem over plentiful, and in a recently issued catalogue it is listed at 6d. This stamp should be in continual demand, since in hundreds of albums there is sure to be a gap between the 2c. and the 5c. values.

Used Brazil Services, 1906, 50 to 300 reis, are now obtainable in dozens. Used Guatemala surcharges of 1908-09 (about six of them) are also to be had in greater or smaller lots, and are interesting.

In getting a copy of the 12½c. on 2 pesas Guatemala, a collector may be said to obtain the 2 pesas stamp at a cheaper rate; the surcharge cheapens the stamp, and brings it within easier reach. This is an occurrence that stamp-sellers might bear in mind. The same thing happens with the 75c. stamp, with the 2c. surcharge thereon (1909) the stamp is brought down to about a third of its price.

Used 2c. Lincolns are priced per hundred in one place, but possibly the quotation may be short lived; this is probably a good stamp and cheap at 1d.

Of Serbia, 1903, surcharged Arms, the values above 10 paras seem seldom quoted for, save as single copies; in all probability these stamps are not too plentiful. Used 1904 oblongs are also worth seeking; of these, the buying up of mint sets when the stamps were withdrawn must have curtailed the supply of used copies.

The 8c. and 10c. Panama of 1907 are obtainable in dozens, and should be saleable.

The 2d. Cape, King's Head, quoted in places by the hundred, might, nevertheless, prove a wise investment at the present time; also the 2½d. value where it can be got.

The 10c. Madagascar, 1908, is a new-comer, and other values of this quick-selling set should appear presently.

Luxemburg, 1908, are cheaper, but the 4c. and 6c. values are noticeably absent from many lists, even when the higher values are present in quantity.

The 10c. Philippines, 1906, seem to be cheap at its catalogued price. Not a few people want stamps at "half cat.," but there are stamps in existence that are really worth "a cat.-and-a-half."

The infrequency with which the 50st. Bulgaria, 1902, is listed, seems to suggest that it may be in much the same category as the 50 filler Hungary, which is a diminishing denomination; neither is the 50c. Italy so plentiful as one would imagine, while the 50h. Austria is about the scarcest of the lower values.

Current Portuguese unpaids, quoted for in one quarter by the dozen, are a novelty and worth attention, as all out-of-the-way sorts usually prove to be.

European and European Colonies are declared to be on the eve of a boom; new "lines" come to light by degrees, probably on account of the demand for them, and the quest for these new quotations is exceedingly interesting.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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V.—THE THIRD ISSUE.

British Honduras joined the Postal Union on April 1st, 1879, and changes in the postal rates necessitated the issue of a 4d. stamp. Evidently this was not issued until some months later for, though in the Royal Society's work on the West Indies the date of issue is given as July, 1879, the *Philatelic Record*, which was at that period the leading British journal for the chronicle of new issues, makes no mention of it until October of that year.

The design is exactly like that of the other values with the exception of the small ornaments dividing the name from the value on the garter, while the buckle on the garter is very similar to the 3d.

This stamp was also engraved and printed by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., Ltd., on paper watermarked Crown C.C. and perf. 14.

The size of the sheets for this value was quite distinct from that for the denominations already in use. The sheets consisted of 30 stamps only which were arranged in five horizontal rows of six each. Above the second and fifth stamps in the top row and below the corresponding stamps in the lower row the plate number "1" is shown, this being exactly like the plate number on the sheets of the 3d. stamp. There is a small coloured cross above the third stamp in the top row and another below the fourth stamp in the bottom row, while a coloured dot is shown in both the top and bottom margins exactly in line with the right hand edge of the stamps at the end of these rows. The appearance on the sheet was, therefore, as follows:—

	0	+	0	*	
1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30
	0		0	*	

These stamps were perforated with the ordinary comb machine used for sheets of 120 or 240 with the result that the right hand edge of the sheet is nearly always perforated. This fact has led many collectors to assume that the sheets consisted of more than 30 stamps—a quite erroneous impression.

In his notes Mr. E. D. Bacon says: "This stamp is found on paper with lines in it, resembling the lines in laid paper. This peculiarity appears to be due to some unintentional variation in the manufacture."

JULY, 1879.—W.M.K. CROWN C.C. Perf. 14.
4d. mauve (shades)
(a) With "laid" lines.

VI.—THE FOURTH ISSUE.

According to the Royal Philatelic Society's work on the stamps of the West Indies the 4d. value, in the same colour before, was issued on paper watermarked with a separate vice for each stamp of a Crown over the letters "CA" (Crown Agents) in October, 1882, but this variety is recorded in the *Philatelic Record* for August of that year, so that it probably appeared in July. The 1d. blue on CA paper was issued in April, 1884, and about October of the same year its colour was changed to carmine to conform with Postal Union

requirements. This necessitated a change in the colour of the 6d., which was issued in yellow early in 1885, and in January, 1887, the 1/- was changed in colour from green to slate-grey. All these were printed on the "CA" paper and perforated 14 as usual.

Shades of all values may be found, the most distinct occurring in the 1d. which varies from rose to a deep carmine.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1882-89. W.M.K. CROWN CA. Perf. 14.

1d. blue	(shades).
1d. carmine	(").
4d. mauve	(").
6d. yellow	(").
1/- slate-grey	(").

VII.—THE FIFTH ISSUE.

Towards the end of 1887 it was decided to change the currency from the British system of pounds, shillings and pence to the American system of cents and dollars. The new currency had the Guatemalan dollar as its standard, the English equivalent of this being about 3/11½d. at that date. On October 15th, 1894, the currency was placed on a gold basis, the United States dollar being adopted as a standard. From that date the dollar has been fixed as the equivalent of 4½ in English money, i.e. a cent being exactly equal to our halfpenny.

The new currency was fixed to come into force on Jan. 1st, 1888, but as no supplies of stamps bearing the new values had arrived by that date, a number of the stamps then in use, as well as some with the old "CC" watermark, were surcharged in the Colony with fresh values.

The following information regarding the new Postal rates appeared in the *Supplement to the Honduras Gazette* of December 10th, 1887:—

COLONIAL SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

BELIZE, 8th December, 1887.

The following Rates of Postage to be collected on Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, Patterns and Parcels posted in British Honduras on and after the 1st January, 1888, are published for general information.

By Command,

(Signed) HUBERT E. H. JERNINGHAM,

Colonial Secretary.

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RATES OF POSTAGE.

To be collected on Letters, Post Cards, Newspapers, Books, Patterns and Parcels posted in British Honduras on and after 1st January, 1888.

TO ALL PLACES ABROAD, except the undermentioned:—

Letters, per ½oz.	...	...	...	10 cents.
Post Cards, each	...	...	...	5 cents.
Newspapers, each	...	...	...	2 cents.
Books and Patterns, per 2 ozs.	...	...	...	3 cents.
Commercial Documents, not exceeding 2 ozs.	...	...	...	6 cents.
Every additional 2 ozs.	...	...	...	3 cents.
Registration Fee	...	...	...	10 cents.
Late Letter Fee	...	...	...	10 cents.

	Letters, per ½oz.	Newspapers each.	Books and Patterns per 2oz.	Registration Fee.
Ascension				
Australia				
Cape of Good Hope				
China	23 cents.	5 cents.	8 cents.	12 cents.
Fiji				
Natal				
New Zealand				
St. Helena				

PARCELS TO THE UNITED KINGDOM.

For every pound 20 cents.

INLAND POSTAGE.

Letters, per ½ oz. 3 cents.
 Books and Patterns, per 2 ozs. 2 cents.
 Newspapers, each 1 cent.

GENERAL POST OFFICE, BELIZE,
 1st December, 1887.

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Curiously enough no 1 cent stamp was provided for the prepayment of the Inland Newspaper Rate, so the 2c. value was allowed to be cut in half and each portion then did duty as a 1c. stamp. These "home-made" 1c. stamps continued in use until 1891, and, though their number was no doubt multiplied for the benefit of collectors, the fact remains that there was a legitimate postal need for labels of this franking power.

The stamps at first provided were a rather heterogenous collection consisting of the 3d. and 6d. with the "CC" watermark perforated both 12½ and 14 and the 1d. rose, 4d., 6d. and 1/- with "CA" watermark, surcharged with new values in cents. Apparently they were all on sale together but, strangely enough, the surcharged 3d. and 6d., perf. 12½, do not seem to have been recorded in any of the British philatelic journals until December, 1888. Both of these values are known with cleverly forged surcharge and, as the 3c. on 3d. is an extremely rare stamp, the greatest care should be exercised in its purchase.

The surcharge consists of Arabic numerals of value 30mm high, with the word "CENTS" in Roman capitals below. This word is 15mm long and the letters are 2½mm high, while the space between the two lines of the surcharge measures 2mm.

I must here state my indebtedness to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co., of Ipswich, for so kindly placing the whole of their stock of British Honduras stamps at my disposal for the purpose of examination. But for the opportunity thus afforded of closely examining so many entire sheets and large blocks it would have been impossible for me to give much of the following information regarding the settings of the surcharges, etc.

The 2c. on 1d., the commonest of the locally surcharged stamps, was surcharged in blocks of 36 (six horizontal rows of six) and as a pane consisted of 60 stamps the top six rows were first of all surcharged and then the four lower rows. A piece of paper was evidently placed over the two lower rows of type to prevent them printing on the bottom margin for "blind" impressions of the surcharge can often be traced.

The type used was not of the best nor was the workmanship of the highest class. Smudged and imperfect letters are common but the only minor varieties that are "permanent" are the following:—

- No. 2.—The "N" of "CENTS" is badly broken right across its centre.
- No. 10.—There is no serif at the top of the left-hand stroke of the "N" of "CENTS."
- No. 20.—The second upright stroke of the "N" of "CENTS" is broken in the centre.
- No. 23.—The "c" of "CENTS" is broken at the top so that the letter appears as a series of dots for the space of about 1mm.
- No. 25.—There is a small break in the centre of the second upright stroke of the "N" of "CENTS."
- No. 27.—The "2" is broken at the top and also in the centre.

Some of the letters seem to vary slightly in size, the "s" and "N" on some stamps being apparently a little narrower than on others; but these are, at best, elusive varieties. Dropped letters also occur, but I have found nothing to prove that any of these are "constant."

The position of the "2" in relation to the word "CENTS" varies as follows:—

- (1) The extreme left of the base of the numeral is exactly in line with the first upright stroke of the "N."
- (2) The left end of the base of the numeral is above the space between the letters "EN."
- (3) The left end of the base of the numeral is slightly to the right of the first stroke of the "N."

These varieties are arranged as follows in the setting:—

2	1	1	2	2	1
1	3	1	2	2	2
2	1	2	2	2	2
1	2	2	3	1	2
2	2	2	2	2	2
2	1	1	2	2	1

Evidently the same type was used for all the values, but it was reset—probably for each. Thus I find in the 20c. on 6d. the variety which occurs on the second stamp in the case of the 2c. now appears on stamp No. 26.

The 20c. on 6d. is the only other value of which I have seen a large block, and in this I find there are two varieties differing in the position of the numerals in relation to the word "CENTS" viz:—

- (1) The extreme left end of the base of the "2" is in line with the top right end of the "E."
- (2) The point of the "2" is almost above the centre of the "E."

In the block of nineteen I have seen these are arranged as follows:—

1		
2		
2	2	
2	1	
2	1	
2	2	2
1	2	1
1	1	1
2	2	

Both varieties of the 2c. are known bisected for use as 1c. stamps, while this same value also exists with surcharge double and inverted. There is an interesting error of the 50c. on 1/- with the "o" omitted making the surcharge read "5 CENTS." This is of considerable rarity and only occurred, I believe, on the first few sheets overprinted, when the error was detected and corrected. I have also found a minor variety of the 20c. on 6d. with a slightly larger and malformed "o."

In the *Philatelic Record* for Nov. 1888, is a note to the effect that a correspondent had submitted for inspection a bisected 3c. on 3d. brown used, side by side, with an entire stamp of the same value, but as there was no postal rate which could have been paid by 4½c., this is nothing but a curiosity.

Another curious variety of more interest which has been noted is a half of an ordinary unsurcharged 1d. stamp used in payment for the 1c. rate. This could, of course, easily have passed without detection so that its philatelic importance is not very great.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties of this issue:—

JANUARY, 1888.—WMK. CROWN CC.

- A. Perf. 12½.
 2 cents on 6d. rose.
 3 " " 3d. brown.
- B. Perf. 14.
 2 cents on 6d. rose.

- (a) Half stamp used as 1c.
 3 cents on 3d. brown.

WMK. CROWN CA. Perf. 14.
 2 cents on 1d. rose.

- (a) Double surcharge.
- (b) Inverted surcharge.
- (c) Half stamp used as 1c.
 10 cents on 4d. mauve.
 20 " " 6d. yellow.
 50 " " 1/- grey.
 (a) "5" instead of "50."

To be continued.

Papers Reprinted.

ON CHEMICAL CHANGELINGS.

By H. H. ZOBEL.

Being a Paper read before the Philatelic Society of San Francisco in 1893.

I WILL attempt to give a list of those stamps and colours which have attracted the attention of the "philatelic chemists," and trust that the same may be of some benefit to the members. Before going further, I will give a list of inks that can be changed into other colours.

ONE CAN CHANGE:

CARMINE AND ROSE INTO	brown, orange, yellow, grey.
BRICK RED, ORANGE, AND YELLOW INTO	brown (rose), yellow, green, grey.
GREEN INTO	brown, yellow blue, violet, grey.
BLUE INTO	brown, orange, yellow, green, violet, black.
ULTRAMARINE INTO	yellow, brown, grey.
VIOLET INTO	rose, yellow, green, blue, grey.

UNITED STATES.

It is not generally known that the perforated and unperforated three cents adhesives of the 1851-57 issues have been extensively changed in colour by means of chemicals. The fraudulent shades are generally of a very deep brown, sometimes almost black.

It is also well to remember that the foregoing stamps were printed in red-brown (officially) after a careless mixing of the inks. Some well-known collectors state that the official brown shade is of a different colour than the fake, but this can only be determined by placing the two beside each other.

Cannot the five cents, Jefferson, red-brown, of the first perforated issue be changed in this shade from the common brown variety; also the five cents *yellow* (same head) of the 1861 issue?

The two cents vermilion, of 1875, has been seen by some collectors in a deep orange colour,* and by others in a yellow-brown. Whether these shades are the results of chemical action cannot, of course, be determined.

Two well-known advanced collectors of United States stamps have informed me that several chemical changes have been made in the three cents, green, of the 1875 issue, in which the green was changed to an excellent blue. I also have the pleasure of showing several of the two cents green of 1888 which have been changed to blue for the purpose of illustrating colour changes.

Mr. J. H. Makins has kindly allowed me to illustrate this article with a good specimen of the twelve cents green, of 1869, which has been changed to a blue colour. The three cents blue of this issue has also appeared in brown.

President Sylvester, of our society, informs me that he has examined a specimen of the fifteen cents, orange, of the 1872 issue, in a deep brown colour. This shade is a very easy one to manufacture from orange inks, and no doubt a large variety of such "shades" rest in other prominent collections. There is such a great difference between orange and brown shades that the latter colour in this stamp is, undoubtedly, a fraudulent variation.

I now desire to call your attention to the two cents, mauve, Columbian envelope which I intend to place in the counterfeit collection of the society. As you will readily notice, the mauve has been changed to a very dull blue by powerful acids. Upon closely examining the laid paper, you will see that the gloss has succumbed to the acids, also, that it presents a very rough and unfinished appearance. This specimen is evidently a forerunner of other errors in this issue. The six cents, adhesive, can be easily changed to other colours by simple exposure to strong sunlight.

* This chemical change must not be mistaken for the two cents brown of the 1872 issue. The latter colour is far different from the chemical.

The "Washington Philatelist" lately chronicled a strip of the six cents, purple, Columbians, in a light blue colour. They were examined by several collectors, who in turn reprinted their views in other papers.

It is not my intention to contradict the statement relating to the light blue shade, but I certainly claim that our government never allowed a sheet of the foregoing denomination to be issued for postal use in blue. If the stamps are not perforated proofs, they are changelings, pure and simple. The purple ink used is, as you are all aware, composed of blue and red of equal proportions. In this case, red predominates to a small extent.

As before stated, purple is one of the easiest colours to change. The result may be blue, red, or grey. Then what is there to prevent a dishonest collector from changing that purple ink into a light blue shade?—Nothing. There is a very simple acid that will produce the desired colour, and a mixture of two others that will manufacture a darker one. In this case, the purple is very delicate, and so falls an easy prey to chemicals.

The placing of these stamps in strong sunlight will also produce a light bluish-purple shade. Some left longer than others under this influence will become lighter in colour, but of a more pronounced blue.

What I object to are the many printed statements regarding these stamps. The philatelic chemist is just waiting for such a chance, and you may be sure he will take prompt advantage of it. Collectors who have read about these blue stamps will be upon the look-out for them. The poorest changeling will be purchased at absurdly high prices; therefore, do not chronicle these colour oddities until some expert examines them, or common sense says otherwise.

Mr. E. A. Holden, counterfeit detector of the American Philatelic Association, lately stated in his official report that "changelings of the 3c. and 6c. Post Office Department envelopes are again being circulated." In this case, the 3c. and 6c. on white paper are readily produced from the common deep yellow. The cancellation remaining unchanged, apparently guarantees the genuineness of the stamps.

Since asking several collectors about the green shade of the two cents, Navy Department, I have been informed that many reliable collectors are constantly experimenting with acids to produce this rarity. No doubt a long series of such experiments will in time produce the desired colour, but whether the exact shade will be produced yet remains to be seen.

BRAZIL.

The twenty reis, lilac (and mauve), of this country (Scott's type 673) can be changed to a dull red-rose by a few simple acids. The usual results are of a dark red colour. These lilac and violet shades are very delicate, and offer less resistance to acids than other colours. They are also easily destroyed by acids, completely ruining specimens.

CANADA.

The current Canadian issue has probably been the object of many serious attacks upon the colours of the various denominations. There are a few disreputable collectors who seem to take great delight in manufacturing as many shades of the three cents, red, and six cents, pink, as is possible.

The present three cents, red, has been officially printed in a greenish-brown. The many inks used to produce this red colour are responsible for the different shades. Chemicals also produce several colour varieties, especially many beautiful browns. The six cents pink has been seen in red, red-brown, and dark brown. They are very dangerous.

GUATEMALA.

The five centavos, purple, of the current issue has been frequently changed to a light blue or blue-green. High authorities disagree as to a chemical change. They lay the blame to dampness or atmospheric conditions. I am inclined to believe the latter statement, as I have seen many of these stamps which I am positive were never subjected to acids.

GREAT BRITAIN.

The blue paper variety of the first English one penny, red, adhesive, was not tinted officially in that odd colour. Experts state that the gum contained certain chemicals which gradually changed the white paper to a rather bluish-green tint.

In 1891, the "Post Office," on the authority of Mr. Hollick, a well-known English collector, stated that the one penny, red, had been chemically changed to black for the purpose of defrauding collectors. It is thus noticed that chemical changes are not of very recent date, but that stamps have been experimented with prior to the chronicling of the fraudulent one penny black. Such stamps as type 1609 (No. 24) in Great Britain should be closely examined, as they can readily be produced from the common varieties. The same remark applies more or less to the other issues, especially to the high values that have been purposely printed in delicate inks, so-called fugitive colours, to prevent counterfeiting or cleaning.

HONGKONG.

As San Francisco practically controls the supply of Hongkong stamps, the collectors of this city have had ample time in which to complete their sets of new issues. It is owing to the scarcity of the first surcharged issue (that without Chinese letters) that several local collectors conceived the excellent idea of erasing, by means of chemicals, those stamps also bearing, in addition to the English surcharge, the Chinese. They succeeded in erasing the objectionable "marks" from the left-hand panel. The aid of a good glass will easily reveal the fraud. Talking seriously, they are excellent imitations of the first issue.

In cataloguing the foregoing "changelings," it must be remembered that it was not my intention to give a complete list of fraudulent colours, that is impossible, but to give some idea of the extent that this dangerous practice is carried to.

Most of the changelings here have been inspected by me, so that I feel justified in giving them to our members for their information. Of course some changelings cannot be detected, but, when in such a perfect condition, they will always command high prices.

Delicate shades are always very easy to change. Violet, lilac, pink, light blue, and red should be classed as dangerous colours. Rare stamps, printed with such inks, in "new shades," should be closely examined.

The "Specialists" of To-Day.

THE "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" inveighs against the so-called "specialism" so rampant at the present day. Our contemporary says:

We do not wish to suggest that individuality should be stifled, or that the writers of brochures and articles cannot, and do not, frequently teach us facts of which we were previously unaware. The most elementary handbook (and there are plenty about), can generally be of service to the genuine specialist, even if it only suggests to him some hitherto unknown avenue of research. What we regret to see, however, is a school of collectors styling themselves authorities who base their claim to this high sounding title merely because they collect the stamps of one or two countries, a state of affairs frequently resulting from having read Smith's or Robinson's latest "handbook" in which is given, for the modest sum of twopence, a full account of one great country's postal emissions!

The genuine philatelic handbook is the work of many years and when published remains, perhaps for all time, the standard work on the subject. It also serves for youthful scribes as a veritable storehouse from which to draw inspiration. Such handbooks, and we fortunately have a goodly few, are the milestones of our hobby and are worthy of being treasured as our classics. It is the written-in-a-couple-of-hours book, however, that frequently does harm, inasmuch as it causes budding philatelists to assume the responsibilities of calling themselves specialists long before they have cut their wisdom teeth.

Notes on Fiscals.

By A. B. KAY.

Australia.—*Customs Duty.*—"Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" reports a further value, viz:—

3d. brown and red.

Cape of Good Hope.—*Railways.*—Mr. A. Hayne has been so good as to send for inspection a set of parcel stamps, issued on 1st September, 1909. They are printed by Van der Sant De Villiers, Cape Town, on plain wove paper, perf. 11. The design consists of a large central numeral with "C.G.R." above and "Parcels Stamp" below. The size is that of an ordinary postage stamp, except the £1 value which is larger and about the size of the £1 postage New South Wales. The stamps will probably be rare as the public cannot purchase them, they are used on way bills, which are filed. It is reported that the colour of the 1d. to 9d. values will be changed to green, and the 5/- to mauve, to conform with the sets also issued for the Natal and Central South African Railways.

1d. black.	2/- vermilion.
3d. ..	2/6 orange.
6d. ..	5/- green.
9d. ..	10/- brown.
1/- blue.	20/- carmine.

Ceylon.—*Foreign Bill.*—Mr. J. J. L. Fernando notifies the issue of a new value to the King's Head series.

5r. brown and carmine, perf. 14, mult. CA wmk.

Natal.—*Railways.*—Mr. A. Hayne also reports a set of parcel stamps similar to the Cape, chronicled as above. They were printed at the Central South African Railway printing works at Pretoria and were issued on September 1st.

1d. green.	2/- salmon.
3d. ..	2/6 orange.
6d. ..	5/- mauve.
9d. ..	10/- brown.
1/- blue.	£1 carmine.

New South Wales.—*Duty.*—"The Australian Philatelist" gives a full list of the recently issued stamps, bearing the King's Head. The values up to the 1/- have already been chronicled here, and the others are:

1/6 lake and red.	7/- violet and red.
2/- emerald and red.	8/- purple and brown.
2/6 lake and violet.	9/- brown and green.
3/- blue and red.	15/- grey and gold.
4/- brown and green.	12/6 green and blue.
5/- violet and brown.	15/- violet and magenta.
6/- grey and red.	20/- blue and gold.

New South Wales.—*Railway.*—M. J. Verzijl has submitted two values not previously listed. The size and design are similar to the other values of the series.

9d. sage and red, perf. 11 x 12.
5/- rose and yellow ..

Queensland.—*Impressed Duty.*—There appear to be two sets of the King's Head issue of these stamps. The values chronicled below have lately come to hand. Can any correspondent say if the black on blue paper, and blue on white paper are separate or concurrent issues?

2/- black on blue paper, perf. 13.
10/-

Transvaal.—*Railways.*—A set exactly similar to that chronicled above for Natal is reported by Mr. A. Hayne as having been issued here on Sept. 1st, last.

Victoria.—*Stamp Duty.*—"Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" reports a new issue of stamps for this colony. The values up to 2/- are in the numeral type, and the higher values are the old designs printed in new colours.

1/- emerald.	3/- vermilion.
1/6 yellow.	4/- ultramarine.
2/- olive brown.	5/- deep mauve.
2/6 carmine.	

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ONE PENNY.

Philatelists of To-Day.

I.—MR. FRANZ REICHENHEIM.

ONE could not select a more appropriate subject for the first article of such a series as this than Mr. Franz Reichenheim, for as President of the Executive Committee of the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, and also as Chairman-Elect of the "philatelic parliament" to be held at Caxton Hall, Westminster, in April next, it is no exaggeration to describe him as the man of the hour in philatelic circles.

Mr. Reichenheim has but recently completed his forty-ninth year, for he was born in Berlin on the 28th of Nov. 1860. His father was Herr Leonor Reichenheim, Commerzienrath and Member of the Prussian Diet, and also a Member of the County Council of Berlin.

Educated privately in the first place, Mr. Reichenheim afterwards attended the High School in Berlin, remaining a scholar there until 1878. On leaving school he gained experience in several wholesale firms, and, in 1884, joined the firm of N. Reichenheim & Son, of Berlin, and Wueste Giersdorf (Silesia), one of the most important firms in Germany for the manufacture of ladies' dress material.

In accordance with the German law, Mr. Reichenheim served his one year in the Army from October, 1882, to September, 1883, his regiment being the 2nd Lancers of the Guards, Berlin. Later on he joined the 1st Bavarian Lancers.

The firm of N. Reichenheim & Son having disposed of their business in the year 1888, Mr. Franz Reichenheim set off upon his travels, and during the following two years he visited many parts of the world. After the death of his mother he married, eventually settling in London in 1903. In the meanwhile—in the year 1898—he had become a naturalised British subject, and was presented at the Court of St. James' in 1900.

From boyhood Mr. Reichenheim had been interested in philately, and in the early days of his married life he began to study stamps with greater earnestness and enthusiasm than ever before.

To a general collection, which he had started as a boy, he now began to add new specimens, and to such good purpose

that in 1897 the collection was awarded the special gold medal (presented by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.) at the London Exhibition of that year. It also won a silver medal at the Manchester Exhibition two years later.

Shortly after this Mr. Reichenheim disposed of his general collection and entered the field of specialism.

His first venture as a specialist was that interesting and important group, Germany and the German Colonies. Later he went in for the stamps of France. His French collection is unquestionably one of the finest in this country, and has gained several gold and silver medals at various exhibitions in England and on the Continent.

Mr. Reichenheim has published several articles as a result of his philatelic studies in various British and foreign periodicals, and these are eloquent evidences of his great philatelic knowledge and of a valuable quality which is universally associated in the public mind with the land of Mr. Reichenheim's birth—namely, thoroughness. In particular, an article from his pen on the "Sower" issues of France has never, in the opinion of the writer, been surpassed as a scientific exposition of the subject.

Mr. Reichenheim became a member of the then Philatelic Society, London, in 1899, and has been a member of the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, since 1902. In May, 1905, he was chosen to be President of the Herts Philatelic Society, an office he still fills with distinction both to the

Society and himself. He is also a member of the International Philatelic Union, and of various Continental Philatelic Societies, as for instance, Berliner Philatelisten Club, Verein fuer Briefmarkenkunde zu Hamburg, Internationaler Philatelisten Verein, Dresden, Oestreichischer Philatelisten Club "Vindobona," Swedish Philatelic Society, etc. etc.

It is, however, as President of the "Herts" that Mr. Reichenheim is personally best known to a very large number of philatelists in London and the Home Counties.



MR. FRANZ REICHENHEIM.

★ A Merry Christmas to all our Readers! ★

He has made an invaluable President, and it would be difficult to over-estimate the gain to the Herts Society in popularity and in philatelic kudos as a direct result of Mr. Reichenheim's untiring efforts, both in the presidential chair and as Editor of the Society's "Monthly Report." It was in October, 1907, that Mr. Reichenheim began his editorial work, and the "Monthly Report of the Herts Philatelic Society" is now entering upon its third consecutive season.

Apart from philately, Mr. Reichenheim's greatest pleasure is in golfing and travelling, and since his marriage he has visited, with his wife, India, Ceylon, Egypt, the Soudan, and the principal European countries.

With the energy and enthusiasm with which he approaches all his philatelic work, he is now striving heart and soul for the success of the Second Philatelic Congress.

That the Congress will be a success is a foregone conclusion in the minds of all who have witnessed the work of the Herts Philatelic Society at close range. And much of the credit and the honour of that success will be due to the President of the "Herts," Mr. Franz Reichenheim.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

The Postmaster-General Declines.

It is to be noted with regret that the Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, M.P., His Majesty's Postmaster-General, cannot see his way to further the Anti-Gumpap crusade by forwarding the petition of the Philatelic Congress to the headquarters of the Universal Postal Union at Berne. In response to the letter enclosing the petition, and signed by Messrs. I. J. Bernstein, W. Dornier Beckton, M. P. Castle and Percy C. Bishop, the following letter has been sent from the G.P.O., London:—

General Post Office, London,
30th November, 1909.

SIR,

The Postmaster-General has had before him your letter of the 10th of this month, in which you ask him, on behalf of the Congress of Philatelic Societies of Great Britain, to bring to the notice of the Universal Postal Union a petition having for its object the prevention of the issues of Commemorative and other postage stamps which, in the opinion of the Congress, are not necessary for the public service.

The Postmaster-General desires me to say that as he reserves to himself the absolute right to decide whether any particular issue of postage stamps in this country is necessary for the public service, he could not well be a party to an international arrangement which would tend to limit his powers in this respect.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) A. F. KING.

I. J. Bernstein, Esq.

We have no right to quarrel with this decision, for it is eminently logical, but at the same time it may be doubted whether the Postmaster-General has not misunderstood the appeal that was made to him. He was not expected specifically to identify himself with the movement for the prevention of speculative issues, but merely to forward the petition to Berne on behalf of private individuals who are debarred, as private individuals, from addressing any direct appeal to the world's postal tribunal. Evidently Mr. Buxton held that by allowing the petition to be forwarded through an official channel he would be more or less identifying himself and his office with the subject matter of the appeal; and hence his refusal as set forth in the above letter.

It is a check, but I do not think it is the end. A General Election is impending, and in February next it is not impossible that we may have at St. Martin's-le-Grand a Postmaster-General who is disposed to take a more sympathetic view of the movement initiated by the First Philatelic Congress in February last.

Essay Competition for Liverpool Juniors.

ONE of the special features of the programme of the Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society for 1909-10 is an Essay Competition in which the papers will be limited to a maximum length of 1000 words. A commendable innovation is the rule that every contribution shall be written over a pen-name, so that the judge of the Competition will not know by whom the various essays are composed. The closing date of the contest is February 28th next. The Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* has been invited, and has expressed his willingness to adjudicate upon the various papers submitted.

Turks Islands: A Query.

THE following query reaches me from Mr. Chris. R. Robinson, of Darlington:—

Can any of your readers of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* inform me how many of the Turks and Caicos Islands, 3d., Ship design, were issued? It is only this month that the new King's head stamps have arrived, yet I wrote to seven of the largest stamp dealers for some of the 3d., Ship design, and only one firm had any!

It looks as though this stamp is going to be rare, seeing that it was not very long in use.

The "Rarities" of Sedang.

MR. J. H. M. SAVAGE writes me as follows:—

"When going through the sheets of a well known Exchange Society a few days ago, I noticed three bogus 'Sedangs' described as *Rare*, and marked at about 10s. the three! No mention was made of the fact that these are bogus rubbish. Although they would not be likely to find a buyer at such a price as 10s. the three. I certainly think that the Secretary of any Philatelic Exchange Society should refuse to allow the packet to be made use of by anyone to get rid of such trash.

"Although possibly against the rules of the Society in question, I made remarks on the sheet, which I have no doubt will stop the sale of these three great 'Rarities.'"

The "Annual" for 1910.

SOME of the contributions to the seventh (1910) issue of the "Stamp Collectors' Annual" will, I think, interest a very large number of philatelists.

The first article is deservedly devoted to a recent important discovery regarding the forgeries of the 1s. green of Great Britain. It was Mr. Nissen who originally discovered this counterfeit in 1898, and it is again the same gentleman who has brought to light some earlier "dates of use" of this historic fraud. The enlarged illustrations add greatly to the interest of this feature of the "Annual."

An article on the British Compound Envelopes, a sketch of great historical interest dealing with the stamps of the Crimean War, papers on Liberia and Venezuela, and a review of the Auction Season are among other contributions. There are also the usual "Story of the year," the "Philatelic Literary Index" for 1908-1909, and the usual valuable lists of philatelic societies, &c.

A short article debating the question whether the Postal Union has the power to prevent commemorative and speculative issues is contributed by "C.L.F.," who after a very logical and reasoned examination of the pros and cons, arrives at the conclusion that the Universal Postal Union either has the power already or could readily acquire the power if it were the wish of a majority of the delegates attending the Postal Congress. There is here, of course, a very big "if," but the article is an interesting contribution on a subject of considerable importance.

The "Annual" is published, as usual, at the price of 1s. 2d. post free by Messrs. Charles Nissen & Co., 7 Southampton Row, London, W.C. The publishers are anticipating a large sale for this, the seventh "Annual," than for any previous edition of their useful "Year Book of Philately."

Gumpaps: an American Opinion.

IN his interesting "Foreign Notes" for "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," Mr. L. Harold Kjellstedt has something interesting to say regarding the prevention of speculative issues:

In the "List of Papers and Displays arranged for the Season 1909-1910," sent out by the Royal Philatelic Society, London,

he writes] I note a "Paper on the advisability of forming a Universal Philatelic Union of Philatelic Societies to discourage unnecessary or speculative issues." to be read at the meeting of April 7th, by Mr. M. P. Castle. It remains to be seen from what point of view the author will treat his subject. If the aim of the proposed union should be to discourage the collectors of the world from investing in speculative stamps, and thoroughly discourage the issuing of such stamps, a good deal could undoubtedly be accomplished. On the other hand, I doubt very much, that any union of philatelic societies, universal or otherwise, would be able to discourage impecunious governments from following up the easiest method of obtaining revenue ever devised, nor do I believe that the Postal Union can be prevailed upon to adopt any effective regulations which would restrict the liberty of the post departments of the various nations to issue new stamps whenever they see fit to do so. In the last issue of the "London Philatelist," Mr. Castle, referring to this subject advises us not to be too utopian, calling attention to the fact, that philately, after all, is only a fly on the wheel of the mighty machinery which we call the Universal Postal Union. If anything practical and worth the while comes out of the proposed agitation, I am sure that the great American society will not withhold its support, even if we are living in a glass house as far as unnecessary issues are concerned.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- December 13th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Notes on "Line Engraved British" by the President, Mr. A. S. Allender: display of same.
- December 15th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, Divan Café, Northampton: Display, with Notes, "Barbados," Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- December 15th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: "Venezuela," Mr. J. L. Thomas.
- December 15th.—Bath Philatelic Society: display, with notes, "India and Straits," Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- December 16th.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, London: display of "Schleswig-Holstein," with Notes, Mr. H. M. Hansen.
- December 16th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, at the Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Social Evening.
- December 16th.—North London Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Highbury Place, N.: Invitation Night (Philately barred).
- December 17th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at the Geographical Society's Rooms, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: paper, "Early Penny Posts," Mr. J. S. Higgins, Junior.
- December 18th.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, E.C.: paper and display, "British Honduras," Mr. B. W. H. Poole: illustrated paper, "The Carriage of the Mails as shown on the world's Postage Stamps," Mr. H. G. Jobson.
- December 20th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, at St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool: discussion, "Should Damaged Rare Stamps be Repaired?" opened by Mr. W. C. Taylor: displays, "Portugal" and "British Bechuanaland."
- December 21st.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: display, "France, 1849 Issue," by the President, Mr. H. Wade.
- December 21st.—Herts Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: display, Portuguese Indies, with Notes, Mr. R. B. Yardley.
- December 30th.—Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton: Ten Minute Papers by Members.

AUCTION SALES.

- December 11th (this day).—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- December 13th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- December 13th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson (extra sale) at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- December 14th and 15th.—Messrs. Glendining & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- December 16th and 17th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudon Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- December 18th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- December 21st.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- January 4th and 5th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- January 13th and 14th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- January 27th and 28th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAN.

LOOKING through an old list I see the 15 paras Servia, surcharged Arms, 1903, priced wholesale at a much lower figure than it can be got now-a-days, and snap my fingers in vexation that I didn't invest in a few hundreds. I sold a copy to-day for 2d. and think it cheap at that figure. By the way, the 15 paras of 1905 does not seem to be so frequently employed in the post as it once was; anyhow, it is a good penny stamp.

A seller of Mozambique has hard luck sometimes. Brittle, crackable, with wonderful capacities for face peeling, and a head that sometimes drops entirely out of the frame on account of the severity of the embossing, perfect copies of the 1885 series should be worth all they are priced.

Of Bosnia, 1906, used values above the 10c. are coming to hand freely, and have a good sale. Among the 35h. I found a copy perforated 12½ by 9½ by 7: this ought to be worth something to a specialist!

Older issues of Bosnia, now gradually coming into popularity on account of the European revival, should perhaps be ventured upon carefully; in this field there are some heavy postmarks.

Some of the Brazil Services come to hand crushed and crumpled, probably by being used on parcels; pressure between sheets of damp blotting paper is found to be an effective straightener.

I had an idea that 6d. for a set of four Azores, 1906, was dear, until I came to handle a sample lot of these. Nice copies being hard to find it seems hopeless to attempt to sell the set for less.

Used 1c. values of Madagascar, 1904, must be elevated to the rank of penny stamps, since their cost is about double what it used to be; in a list before me it is priced even higher than the 4c. denomination, which is not too easy to get.

Seeking to buy old issues of French Unpaid by the dozen, the price is found to approach in some cases to nearly full catalogue value. And the price per ten copies for the French 3c. yellow on buff of 1877, and the 1c., 2c., 4c. and 10c. greens of the same date, is close enough to the retail quotation to almost rub shoulders.

Quotations for some South African stamps may entice by the lowness of the figure, but the buyer should ascertain whether the parcel contains fiscally as well as postally used.

It is noticeable that when any older issue is quoted for, in the price lists, the quotation does not usually stand for very long; to this remark there are exceptions, but a buyer is perhaps wise where he invests in the stamps that are least accessible.

The interest displayed among recent Panamas has apparently led to a wider appreciation of the older issues of this territory, for some correspondents have nice lots of the 1892 issue, and these are good things to have.

The 5 piastres Egypt O.H.H.S. is a more frequent quotation per dozen than is used to be.

The 50c. and 1 peso Mexico are also obtainable occasionally in dozens, are usually nicely cancelled, and are good sellers.

Persistent enquiry for the 12c., 15c. and 20c. Mexico, 1895, in good condition, should prove a profitable venture.

Some time ago an American correspondent sent a few copies of the 5c. Ecuador, 1904, at a few pence a piece; these, in one English catalogue, are now priced 3s. each. It would be interesting to know whether this set is really scarce.

"Attractive" stamps are the kind most enquired for, and one wonders what is to become of the less glorious sorts.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Argentina (381).—Two more values of the San Martin set must be chronicled:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ centavo, violet.
20 centavo, blue.

"Gibbons' Stamp Weekly," by the way, brings us the following interesting notes by Mr. Frank Phillips on the gallant Argentine officer whose head now figures on all the postage stamps of the Republic:—

General Don José de San Martín died at Boulogne, in France, on August 17, 1850, having earned during his eventful life the title of Liberator of the Argentine Republic. On October 24 last a monument to his memory was unveiled at Boulogne; the Argentine Government was represented by a squadron of dragoons, 102 strong, and by three warships and the training ship *Presidenta Sarmiento*, which were moored in the port.

General Brun, the Minister of War, and Monsieur Sarraut, Under-Secretary of State, represented the French Government, together with a division of infantry quartered at Boulogne.

The monument itself is about thirty feet high, and was entrusted to the well-known Parisian sculptor Monsieur Allouard. It consists of an equestrian statue of the founder of the Independence of the Argentine, standing on a granite plinth; his head is bare, and he is waving a flag. The plinth shows scenes from the life of the General, executed in bas-relief, and one side is inscribed "*Pro Patria*."

Bolivia (382).—Mr. Hermann Focke writes as follows to "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News":—

Hardly have we digested the issue of four values, commemorating the July Revolution of 1809 in Bolivia, when there comes the forerunner of another issue, this time to commemorate the war of Independence from Spain, fought in 1810. The new stamps are smaller than the July stamps (chronicled in the last *Fortnightly*) about the size, in fact, of the 1901 issue. The portrait is contained in a circle, with the name in the same color. "Centenarios de la Guerra de Independencia," in small letters around the upper half. "U.P.U." in each of the upper corners, and "Bolivia" and "Correos" appear in two curved lines above the portrait. A curved line below the portrait has "14 de Septiembre de 1810." The value is printed in a straight line at the bottom, thus: "20 Centavos 20."

Adhesive: 20c. violet and black.

Mr. Focke calls attention to an error: The inscription reading "Centenarios" instead of "Centenario," which would be the correct spelling, the plural of this word being never used.

Canal Zone.—We have to thank Mr. Gerald D. Bliss for various recent sendings of new stamps for this territory. Regarding the stamps now appearing we extract the following information from "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News," supplied to our contemporary by Dr. Evans, Mr. A. M. Warner and others:—

The values thus far seen are the 1c., 2c., 5c. and 10c. The 8c. has not yet been issued, and Dr. Evans suggests that it is likely to be retired, since the registration fee has been increased to ten cents. The stamps bear an entirely new surcharge, the type being smaller and heavier, and the surcharge reads up instead of down as in the previous issue. The 2c., 5c. and 10c., are of the new issue, and have previously been chronicled with the old surcharge. The 1c. value is new, both stamp and surcharge, and has not previously been noted either with or without surcharge. The stamp is entirely re-engraved, the portrait having more life, and the frame being also somewhat improved from the previous issue. The inscription, "Republica de Panama" is in a single curved line over the portrait, the "Correos" being larger and bolder. The figures of value at the bottom are of more artistic design, and the words expressing the value, smaller, though still in straight lines, as in the previous issue. The new surcharges

were printed by the American Bank Note Co., and the new stamps were issued Nov. 8th.

Adhesives. 1c. dark green and black.
2c. red and black.
5c. deep blue and black
10c. violet and black.

A. M. Warner reports having the 1c. of the 1906-07 issue with double surcharge and a pair of the 8c. of the same issue, imperforate between and at the left.

Dr. Evans also informs us that he has the 5c. of the 1906 issue, with the second "A" of the "Canal" missing on the fourth stamp of the sheet, and a broken "L" resembling an "1" on the same value, though he was unable to state the position in the sheet of the latter.

British Levant.—The following surcharges on current British stamps have been, or are about to be, issued:—

30 paras	on 1½d.	2 pia., 20 paras	on 6d.
40 "	" 2½d.	4 "	" " 10d.
1 piastre	on 2½d.	5 "	" " 1s.
1 pia., 30 paras	on 4d.	12 "	" " 2s. 6d.
80 paras	" 5d.	24 "	" " 5s.
2 piastres	" 5d.		

In "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" it is stated that the stock of the overprinted ¼d. was bought up at Constantinople immediately after the issue.

Bulgaria (381).—The new stamps now being prepared in London by Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., will be printed—according to Messrs. Whitfield King & Co.'s correspondent at Sofia—in exactly the colours of the stamps now current. The following is a list of the chosen designs:—

1 stot.	Ancient Bulgarian Fortress.
2 "	Portrait of King Ferdinand.
3 "	View of the ancient capital, Tirnova.
5 "	Portrait of King.
10 "	Portrait of King in naval uniform.
15 "	Railway tunnel.
25 "	Portrait of King.
30 "	View of Varno Harbour.
50 "	A View (our correspondent does not say what view).
1 leva.	Portrait of King.
2 "	View of Rilo Monastery.
3 "	Picture of Holy Trinity Monastery.

It is stated to be unlikely that the new stamps will be ready earlier than March, 1910.

Colombia (363).—Quoting from "El Filatelico Español," "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" describes the following official stamps:—

(i.) Overprinted.	(ii.) Overprinted
CORREOS	CORREOS
DEPARTA	Ornament:
MENTALES	DEPARTAMENTALES
<i>Official adhesives.</i>	¾c. orange of 1904/08.
¾c. orange of 1904/08.	1c. green.
1c. green	2c. rose.
2c. rose	5c. blue.
5c. blue	10c. lilac.
10c. lilac	20c. grey.
Registration 10c. lilac.	1p. brown.
	A.R. 5c. blue.
	Registration 10c. lilac.

Medellin.—There is a new 50 centavos stamp which "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" describes as "a small horizontal oblong, with '50 cent' in the upper left corner, and a postman at the right. 'SMP' and Medellin' are the inscriptions."

The 20 centavos of the old type is now printed in green instead of red.

French Colonies (361).—*Somali Coast.*—A new issue, we gather from "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News," was issued on November 27th.

1c. red and brown,	Mosque design.
2c. violet	"
4c. brown and blue	"
5c. green and olive	"
10c. rose and red	"
20c. grey and brown	"

25c. blue and pale blue,	Méhari design.
30c. brown and red	..
35c. violet and green	..
40c. rose and violet	..
45c. brown and green	..
50c. red-brown and brown	..
75c. red and green	..
1f. violet and brown	Warrior's design
2f. brown and rose	..
5f. violet brown and green	..

Great Britain (381).—The new orange 4d. stamp, first issued on the 1st of November, is thus interestingly described by the "London Philatelist":—

The design is similar to, but not quite identical with, that of its bi-coloured predecessor. Its colour is deep orange, it is printed on unsurfaced paper watermarked with the usual Imperial Crown, and is perforated 14.

The chief difference, noticeable at once, is in the now much narrower space between those parts which, in the superseded stamps were of different colours: also the hair, just below the wisp brushed over the top of the head, is rearranged—instead of four locks of medium length, there are now a long and a medium, with two short ones between; further, in the old stamp there are on the nose several lines of shading of which two converge and join—not so in the new design.

The frame (formerly brown) is slightly increased, the corner circles, with the indication of value, being larger, and their lined background, instead of almost touching the "4d.," stops short so as to leave a very narrow white space round the figure and letter.

There are other variations, but the above are sufficient to show that an entirely new die has been cut.

North Borneo (381).—We cull the following particulars as to the designs of the new set (chronicled in the *Fortnightly* of October 16th last) from the current issue of "Smith's Monthly Circular":—

- 1c. Tapir.
- 2c. Traveller's palm.
- 3c. Jesselton.
- 4c. Mr. W. C. Cowie, Managing Director and the Sultan of Sulu signing the original concession.
- 5c. Elephant.
- 6c. Rhinoceros.
- 8c. Ploughing with Buffalo.
- 10c. Wild Boar.
- 12c. Parrot.
- 16c. Hornbill.
- 13c. Timbadu—wild cattle.
- 24c. Cassowary.

Russia (365).—The "Monthly Circular," quoting from the "Deutsche Briefmarken Zeitung," states that in the earliest printing of the 7 kop. stamp three specimens on each sheet differ from the normal type in the following details: (i.) In the white spaces shaped like elephants' trunks to the right and left of the medallion, the projections of the upper ornament are further entrenched upon by the outline, rendering them less white; (ii.) To the right and left, below the medallion, there are three pearls instead of four; (iii.) "kop" is followed by a double dot instead of a single one. It appears that the three clichés were from the earlier state of the die, and were inserted by accident. As soon as the discrepancy was noticed they were replaced.

Mr. Field's Simplified Catalogue.

THE new edition of Mr. D. Field's "Simplified Catalogue" is remarkable for one notable change. The multiple C.A. watermarks are now included as distinct varieties. Another modification is in the treatment of fiscals, which are now omitted from the book, except in the case of those which were provisionally issued for use during a temporary shortage of ordinary postage stamps of corresponding denominations, such as the \$1 on \$2 Hong Kong and the 1d. Natal revenue stamp, surcharged "Zululand." It is a handy little catalogue, published at the very reasonable price of 1s. 3d. post free.

THE SECOND

Philatelic Congress

OF GREAT BRITAIN; LONDON, 1910.

To be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society at Caxton Hall, Westminster, from April 27th to April 29th, 1910.

Patron—The President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London (H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., etc).

ADDITION TO PROGRAMME.

Friday, April 29th, 1910, at 8 p.m., Closing Meeting (Public).
1, Paper by the Hon. Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London (M. P. Castle, Esq., J.P.); 2, Closing Address by J. Henniker Heaton, Esq., M.P.

Up to the time of going to press the following Philatelic Societies have informed the Committee of the names of the Delegates appointed by them to attend the Congress:—

The Royal Philatelic Society, London—Messrs. E. D. Bacon, M. P. Castle, L. W. Fulcher and J. A. Tilleard.

Chums Society of Stamp Collectors—Messrs. Ernest H. Robinson, L. S. Goldsmith and Percy C. Bishop.

Croydon Philatelic Society—Messrs. Albert Ashby and H. H. Harland.

Weymouth & Portland Philatelic Society—Mr. W. Haworth,
South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society—Mr. Walter Scott and Col. G. E. Petty.

Swadlincote Philatelic Society—Messrs. W. Oakley and W. Hilton.

The Philatelic Students' Fellowship—Messrs. B. B. Kirby and S. R. Turner.

The Committee hope that all other Philatelic Societies of Great Britain, many of which have already declared their willingness to attend the Congress, will lose no time in appointing Delegates. The Committee would also be glad to hear of any subject which it is proposed should be brought before the Congress.

FRANZ REICHENHEIM,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

The Bargains of To-Day.

To the Editor of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

SIR,

Either I am ignorant as far as the study of philately is concerned, or I can bring to the notice of your readers a point of interest.

I have purchased from a dealer—one whose advertisements appear from time to time in the *S.C.F.*—such lots as the following, [all of which are, in my opinion, stupendous bargains:—

St. Helena, 1890-97, ½d. green and 1d. carmine, in mint panes, at face value.

Gold Coast, 1902, 1d., single CA, in mint panes, at face value.

Leeward Islands, 1890, ½d., 1d.; 1902, ½d., single CA, in mint panes, at face value.

Also several other lots of same kind.

It seems to me that I was fortunate enough to meet a philanthropist, for I fail to understand how obsolete British Colonials, in mint condition, catalogued at 3d. or 4d., can be sold at their face value, ½d. or 1d.

Perhaps you or your readers would be good enough to enlighten me? If you should publish this letter, please do not insert my name or address.

Yours faithfully,

A.W.

17th November, 1909.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

LONDON, DECEMBER 11, 1909.



We heartily wish all our readers a Merry Christmas.

Circulated with this number of the *Fortnightly* are two interesting insets emanating from Ewen's Colonial Stamp Market, 32, Palace Square, Norwood, S.E., and from Messrs. Plumridge & Co., 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C. Any subscriber not receiving either or both of these circulars is invited to write to the addresses given when the omission will be promptly remedied.

Messrs. Bright & Son's "A.B.C." Catalogue, which we were able to review in the *Fortnightly* from advance proofs, has now been on sale for some time, and will, we feel sure, enjoy a large share of philatelic support, especially as there will be no new "Gibbons" this season. We shall have some special notes on this and other new catalogues in the next number of the *S.C.F.*

The New Zealand King's Heads have naturally attracted much attention throughout the length and breadth of the Island Kingdom. Here are two interesting newspaper paragraphs thereon, clipped from New Zealand journals, of the latter days of October:—

With the new issue of stamps, referred to in yesterday's issue of "The Dominion," the majority of the present not unpicturesque stamps, which created a good deal of joy in the heart of the philatelist, will disappear. The new stamps are prosaic to a degree. The design—a good (bust) portrait of the King in field marshal's uniform—is the same on the whole range of stamps. The only difference is the tint in which they are printed and the number showing the face value. The universal pink penny stamp (Britannia and globe design) remains in issue, but the half-penny (green) takes the King design, and being printed in what is known as the "surface process" style, is not so clear in detail or so good in quality as the others, all of which are printed from the steel die. The colours of the new stamps are: 3d., brown; 4d., orange; 5d., sepia; 6d., carmine; 8d., blue; 1s., brick red. The pick of the present issue, however, are being retained, it is pleasurable to learn. These are the superb 2½d. (Lake Wakatipu), the 9d. (Pink Terraces), 2s. (Milford Sound), and the 5s. (Mt. Cook). These are beautifully designed stamps characteristic of the country. "Dominion."

A new issue of postage and revenue stamps will be ready for sale on the afternoon preceding the King's Birthday. The range of value is from ½d. to 1s., and, excepting the 1d. stamp, each will bear the portrait of the King. The necessity of the new issue is shown by the substitution of "The Dominion of New Zealand" for "New Zealand." With the exception of the 4d. stamp, which is now of an orange colour, all the stamps within the values named are of the old colours, so that the public may not be confused. The new portrait of the King is considered to be the finest that has yet been produced, and in the case of most of the stamps has been printed from steel engravings by the recess process of printing. The plates were manufactured in London, and the whole of the printing executed in the Government Printing Office. The workmanship generally is very fine, the gumming, perforation, and general appearance being highly satisfactory. The 2½d., 9d., 2s. and 5s. values remain as before in design.

—"Evening Star" of Wellington.

Our thanks are due to Mr. A. Rosenberg, of Woodville, N.Z., and Mr. Thomas S. Payton, Dunedin, N.Z., for a variety of interesting clippings on the subject.

The Second of the "S.C.F." Handbooks, the "Stamps and Postmarks of Uruguay," is now on sale and may be commended to every lover of the postal issues of the "Oriental Republic." It is, we think, the largest and most copiously illustrated sixpenny philatelic handbook ever published.

Next Year's International Philatelic Exhibition at Berne.

ITS PROSPECTS OF SUCCESS.

By W. N. LEE WILKINS.

THE International Philatelic Exhibition to be held at Berne, Switzerland, next year—of which some brief particulars have already been given in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*—is evidently being organised with great vigour and enthusiasm by the gentlemen who have the project in hand.

The *personnel* of the Committee of Organization may be said to bespeak success for the enterprise, provided certain other essentials are not lacking—e.g., money (that root of much good as well as all evil) and the support of philatelists within and without the Swiss Confederation.

The President of the Committee of Organization is M. A. de Reuterskiold; the Vice-President is M. Schieb, of Berne; the Secretary is M. E. Arnild; the Treasurer is M. J. Ernst Zumstein. The Secretary of the Exhibition as a whole is M. Fritz Furi, who, in all probability, will find himself one of the busiest men in Europe during the next few months.

A GUARANTEE FUND.

Money, of course, is the prime necessity, and I hope there will be no niggardly response to the Repayable Guarantee Fund which has now been opened by the Organizing Committee.

There is a fine reassuring sound about the words Repayable Guarantee Fund, but I assume that the Berne Guarantee Fund will be conducted on quite the same lines as all other exhibition guarantees, in which case the question of repayment rests on the needs of the gods. Nevertheless, I believe, and certainly hope, that repayment will follow as a matter of course. The following excerpts are from a prospectus recently issued:—

An unlimited number of shares, worth nominally £2, are to be issued, and to be paid in cash or by a postal order to the Exhibition account. To give also the widest philatelic circles the opportunity of financially co-operating in this great work, amounts below £2 will also be very gladly accepted towards a sinking fund. The names of subscribers to the Sinking Fund and of those subscribing to the Guarantee Fund will be published in the Exhibition Catalogue and programme, and all amounts sent in will be acknowledged officially.

The receipts will be used as follows:

1. For meeting the expenditure occasioned by the Exhibition.
2. For repaying the subscribers.
2. For distributing a compensation to the Organising Committee in so far as any balance may be left over after complete repayment of the subscribers' shares.

I do not quite understand what is meant by "a compensation to the Organizing Committee," but I certainly think that the philatelists of the United Kingdom will prove the international solidarity of the devotees of the pursuit by subscribing to the guarantee fund of an exhibition which cannot fail to be of great interest and utility.

MEDALS AND THEIR COST.

Several offers of medals have been made to the Organizing Committee, who issue the following schedule of prices:—

Gold medals, with case ...	...	£8
Silver-gilt medals .....	...	£1
Silver medals .....	...	15s.
Bronze medals .....	...	10s.

In this connection the request is made that, "in order to leave the jury the greatest possible freedom in making its awards the givers of medals are requested, so far as may be possible, to make no conditions as to the disposal of their medals."

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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(Continued from page 174).

VIII.—THE SIXTH ISSUE.

The surcharged stamps described in the last chapter were of a temporary nature, issued pending the arrival of a supply from London. The 2c. ran quite out of stock early in May and, as Messrs. De la Rue & Co.'s consignment had not reached Belize, it was decided to utilize some of the superfluous 50c. labels, by further overprinting them for use as 2c. stamps. The additional surcharge consisted of the word "two," which was generally applied over the numerals "50." The word measures 9mm. in length and the letters are 3mm. high. It is said to have been struck, by means of a hand-stamp, on each stamp separately, and the roughness of the overprint certainly gives colour to this impression. The normal varieties are surcharged in red, but specimens are known with black overprint. These are said to have been overprinted in error, but possibly they are from a trial or proof sheet. In any case, the variety is an extremely scarce one and certainly one of the rarest British Honduras stamps.

This 2c. on 50c. stamp is also known bisected and used for the 1c. rate. There are two copies in the Taping Collection, one bisected diagonally and the other vertically.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

MAY, 1888.—Wmk. Crown CA. Perf. 14.

"two" in red on 50c. on 1/- grey.

(a) Half stamp used as 1c.

"two" in black on 50c. on 1/- grey.

IX. THE SEVENTH ISSUE.

Some time in May, 1888, the supply of stamps in the new currency, which had been ordered from Messrs. De la Rue and Co., Ltd., reached the Colony. These consisted of the 1d., 3d., 4d. and 1/-, printed from the same plates as before



STAMPS OF THE FIRST CENTS AND DOLLARS ISSUE.

and overprinted with new values in cents. The surcharge is in two lines, like those produced locally, but the numerals are 5mm. high and the word "CENTS" measures 12½mm. in length, the letters being 3mm. high. These new stamps were evidently placed on sale as the supplies of the local productions became exhausted, for, while the 2c., 3c. and 10c. seem to have been issued almost immediately the 50c. does not appear to have been issued until some months later. The earliest mention I can find of it appears in the *Philatelic Record* for November, 1888. In the following year, the 20c. of issue V. having become exhausted, the 6d. yellow with the large surcharge made its appearance.

These stamps were all surcharged in the same manner, type sufficient to overprint a row of six stamps being set and from this enough stereotypes were taken to make the printing plates. There were ten of these stereotypes for the 2c., 3c., 20c. and 50c. values and five for the 10c., the four former being overprinted in panes of 60 and the latter in entire sheets of 30. These statements can be easily verified by a close study of the minute varieties which occur on the different values.

In the case of the 2c. the second stamp in each strip of six has the left end of the base of the "2" exactly in line with the extreme right of the "E," while on all the others the point of the numeral is above the space between "EN." On

the third stamp in each strip the back of the "2" is slightly flattened. We thus have three very minor varieties:—

(a) With point of the "2" above the right-hand top serif of the "E."

(b) With point of the "2" above the space between the letters "EN."

(c) With the back of the "2" slightly flattened.

The varieties are arranged in each pane as follows:—

a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a
a	b	c	a	a	a

That these 2c. stamps were surcharged in panes of 60 and not in sheets of 120 can be proved by the appearance of the following minor defects, which are shown on each pane:—

No. 8.—There is a minute V-shaped nick in the top left side of the "E."

No. 20.—There is a small nick in the ball of the "2."

No. 22.—There is a tiny nick in the back of the top curve of the "2."

No. 37.—There is a flaw in the inside of the ball of the "2" giving the figure quite an abnormal appearance.

The only one of these of any importance is No. 37 and on this the figure has such an altered appearance as to make it quite a "collectible" variety.

The 3c. on 3d. was surcharged in the same manner and in this the first stamp in each strip of six shows a thinning in the top curve of the "c" just where it joins the serif. The only variety I can find in the sheets sent me by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. occurs on stamp No. 39—the top serif of the "s" being unusually thin on this specimen. In this value the numeral is always exactly above the centre of the "s" of "CENTS."

The 10c. on 4d. was surcharged in entire sheets of 30, and in this the following minor varieties may be found:—

No. 11.—There is a break in the lower curve of the "s" by the serif.

No. 14.—The second upright stroke of the "s" is broken just below the serif.

No. 22.—There is a tiny nick in the "s" on its right-hand side near the centre.

No. 28.—There is a semi-circular flaw on the inside of the "o" at the base.

None of the above are of any importance.

I have seen no entire panes of the 20c. and 50c. values and in the strips and blocks I have examined I can find no minor varieties whatsoever.

The 2c. of this issue is also known bisected and used as a 1c. stamp.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1888-89.—Wmk. Crown CA. Perf. 14.

2c. on 1d. carmine.

(a) Half stamp used as 1c.

3c. on 3d. brown.

10c. on 4d. mauve.

20c. on 6d. yellow.

50c. on 1/- grey.

When the above surcharged stamps were replaced by the "permanent" issue the remainders were offered for sale by tender, through the Crown Agents for the Colonies. The numbers offered were:—

3c. on 3d.	...	...	13,734
20c. on 6d.	...	...	18,731
50c. on 1/-	...	...	8,411

It was stated that no offer below face value would be entertained.

I have been unable to trace any record of a sale having been effected but, judging from the present catalogue value of the two highest values it hardly seems probable that such a large lot came on the market. Possibly wiser counsels prevailed and the authorities decided to destroy the whole lot.

X.—THE EIGHTH ISSUE.

It will be noted that in the rates of postage quoted in Chapter VII. the charge for Commercial Documents, not exceeding 2 ozs. in weight, is given as 6c. No provision was made for a stamp of this value, however, until 1891 and this more probably owes its origin to a reduction in the rate on ½oz. foreign letters than to any increased demand for 6c. stamps for commercial papers. This reduction apparently took place early in 1891 and, pending the arrival of a supply of 6c. stamps from Messrs. De la Rue & Co., a provisional of this value was made locally by surcharging the now practically useless 10c. with "6" and a bar below to cancel the old numerals "10."

The overprint was applied to the stamps in entire sheets as is shown by the appearance of the following minor varieties on each sheet of 30 stamps:—

- No. 2.—There is a smudge in the centre of the "6."
- No. 7.—There is a conspicuous break in the bar.
- No. 15.—There is a small break in the bar.
- No. 20.—The bar shows a tiny break.

The surcharge is known in both black and red, the former being issued first according to the new issue lists in the journals of the period. The black surcharge probably appeared early in February and the red one towards the end of the same month. Why the colour of the surcharge was changed I cannot say, unless the authorities thought red would be more conspicuous.

Both varieties are known with inverted surcharge.

This 10c. stamp is known surcharged with the word "six" in red instead of with a numeral. Some doubts were raised in 1891 as to the authenticity of this surcharge and in reply to a correspondent the then Postmaster of the Colony, Mr. W. J. McKinney, asserted that "no stamp of the kind mentioned by you was issued by this Department to the public." As the *Monthly Journal* pointed out, the Postmaster stated that the variety was not issued, but did not deny its existence.

Some months later (Jan., 1892) Mr. C. J. Phillips published the history of this variety in the *Monthly Journal* as follows:— "The postmaster states that one sheet of thirty stamps were overprinted 'six,' but as this was indistinct the figures were used as being better. One stamp surcharged 'six' was given to an officer of H.M.S. 'Buzard,' and it was passed through the post, and the other twenty-nine stamps are now in the possession of the postmaster. The other stamps printed "six," including one sheet of thirty, sent to us by and returned to C. H. Mekeel, of St. Louis, U.S.A., and also same used to frank letters to the Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Ltd., New York, all came from a clerk in the Post Office at Belize, named Carl Metzgen, who wrote to Durbin and Hanes, of Philadelphia, stating that a number of these stamps had been issued unofficially, and signed 'for postmaster, Carl Metzgen.' This matter has been brought under the notice of the Executive Council of British Honduras, who has dismissed Metzgen, and pronounced the stamps surcharged 'six' to be forgeries, excepting the one issued and the twenty-nine in the postmaster's possession, which are genuine. These stamps must therefore be included in the list as a genuine variety of which only one authentic specimen has been issued."

These stamps are, therefore, essays. What became of the 29 in the Postmaster's possession I cannot say, nor, from the

available information, is it possible to say in what manner, if at all, these differ from the "unofficial" specimens distributed by the discharged post-office clerk.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

FEBRUARY, 1891.—WMK. CROWN CA. *Perf.* 14.

"6" in black on 10c. on 3d. mauve.

(a) Inverted surcharge.

"6" in red on 10c. on 3d. mauve.

(b) Inverted surcharge.

XI.—THE NINTH ISSUE.

The two stamps described in the last chapter were evidently not in issue long, for the *Philatelic Record* for April, 1891, chronicled the arrival of the De la Rue production, and we may therefore safely assume that this was issued in March. This stamp consisted of the 3d., printed in ultramarine, and surcharged "6 CENTS" in type exactly similar to that employed for the denominations of issue VII. The method of manufacture was the same, the printing plate of 60 specimens being composed of ten stereos of strips of six. This can be proved by the second stamp in each strip of six which always shows a small nick in the top of the "S." I have seen no minor varieties in this stamp.

MARCH, 1891.—WMK. CROWN CA. *Perf.* 14.

6c. on 3d. ultramarine.

XII.—THE TENTH ISSUE.

In October, 1891, two more provisionals appeared of the facial values of 5c. and 15c. respectively. It is as well to be exact in these matters, so I must state that they were issued on the 23rd of that month and first placed on sale at 11 a.m. Why they were issued I cannot say for no requisition for 15c. stamps has ever been made to Messrs. De la Rue & Co. by this Colony, and no provision was made for a regular 5c. stamp until 1895. Both varieties were produced locally, the 3c. on 3d. brown being surcharged with the word "FIVE" and the 6c. on 3d. blue with the numerals "15." The former surcharge is in black and the latter in red, and in both cases there is a bar below cancelling the old values.

The "FIVE" surcharge was applied to the stamps in panes of 60, and in this the following varieties may be found:—

No. 4.—The bar is broken.

No. 10.—There is a small break in the bar.

No. 12.—There is a wide space between the letters "iv" of "FIVE."

No. 16.—The bar is slightly broken.

No. 32.—There is a break in the bar.

No. 34.—The "v" is battered and raised very slightly above the level of the other letters.

No. 45.—The bar is broken.

The only variety of any importance is the widely spaced word on No. 12. Curiously enough, although this must have existed in every pane surcharged, it does not seem to have been mentioned in any philatelic journal until 1906.

The surcharge "15" was applied to the stamps in blocks of 30 at a time so that each pane had to go under the printing press twice before the work of overprinting was complete. This is easily proved by the presence of a break in the bar on the 25th stamp in each block of 30. There are no other varieties.

The 5c. is known with the word "FIVE" and the bar twice surcharged.

It is said that 67,440 of the lower value and 44,640 of the higher were printed and of the latter 31,084 were included in the lot of remainders offered for sale by the Crown Agents for the Colonies in 1893.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

OCTOBER, 1891.—WMK. CROWN CA. *Perf.* 14.

"FIVE" in black on 3c. on 3d. brown.

(a) With "FIVE" and bar double.

(b) Wide space between "iv" of FIVE.

"15" in red on 6c. on 3d. ultramarine.

XIII.—THE ELEVENTH ISSUE.

The last of the provisional surcharged stamps appeared in November, 1891, in the shape of a 1c. value, formed by surcharging the 1d. stamp, printed in green, with "1 CENT" in two lines in black. These were printed and surcharged by Messrs. De la Rue & Co., the type of the overprint being exactly like that of the other stamps surcharged by this firm. The word "CENT" is 11½mm. in length.

These stamps were surcharged in entire panes of 60 at a time, the printing forme evidently being composed of ten electrotypes, each covering a row of six stamps, as was the case with the other values. The only variety I can find in the numerous panes submitted by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. consists of a small coloured dot attached to the right-hand side of the foot of the "T" of "CENTS."

It is said that there were 30,000 of these overprinted stamps.

In the *London Philatelist* for May, 1892, I find the following: "According to the *Timbre-Poste* the entire stock of the recent surcharges has been withdrawn from circulation and burnt by order of the Governor." That this statement is incorrect is obvious from the fact that certain remainders, previously referred to, were offered for sale by the Crown Agents for the Colony in 1893.

The issue of the many surcharged stamps had a beneficial effect upon the revenue of the Colony, for we learn from the Governor's report for 1891 that the revenue exceeded estimates by \$52,786, and of this no less an amount than \$23,521 was "due to an abnormal sale of surcharged postage stamps to collectors."

NOVEMBER, 1891.—WMK. CROWN CA. Perf. 14.
1c. on 1d. dull green.

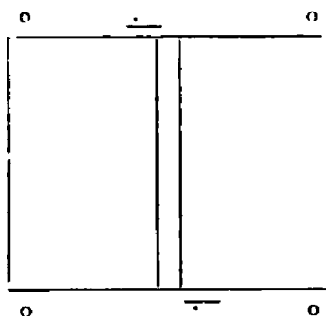
XIV.—THE TWELFTH ISSUE.

At the same time as some of the surcharged stamps described in previous chapters were being issued by the Colonial authorities the values of the "permanent" set gradually made their appearance. The 2c., 3c., 6c., 12c. and 24c. were the first to be issued, these being placed on sale in July, 1891, and the 1c. was issued in December.

In 1895 the postal rates were revised and the single foreign letter charge was fixed at 5c. instead of 6c. This necessitated the issue of 5c. and 10c. stamps, which appeared about March, and these were printed in the colours of the 6c. and 12c. respectively—the values they superseded.

In March, 1898 the set was further enriched by the addition of a 25c. value, while the 50c., \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps do not appear to have been issued until late in 1899.

The values from 1c. to 25c. inclusive were printed from the De la Rue "stock" plate, inscribed "POSTAGE" at each side. The sheet consisted of 120 stamps divided into two panes of 60 (ten horizontal rows of six) placed side by side. There was a Jubilee line around each pane and above the second and eleventh stamps in the top row and below the corresponding stamps in the bottom row the plate-number was shown. This consists of an uncoloured figure "2" in a solid circle of colour surrounded by a ring. A short line and a dot appears above the sixth stamp in the top row and below the seventh stamp in the bottom row, these evidently being guide-marks to facilitate correct centering, as all the stamps were produced at two operations. The appearance of the sheets is as follows:—



There was a separate duty plate for each denomination, this consisting of the name "BRITISH HONDURAS" and the value. The type for the name is very similar on all these stamps, but the value is shown in coloured numerals followed by "c" on the 1c., 2c., 3c., 5c., 6c. denominations, while on the others the numerals and letter are in white on a horizontally lined background.

These duty plates consisted of sixty impressions only (one pane) so that each sheet had to go under the printing press three times (one printing from the "head-plate" and two from the "duty plate") before it was quite complete.

There were probably several printings for some of the values for pronounced shades may be found. There was also a later printing of the the 1c. value from plate 3.

In the stock of stamps kindly loaned me by Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. I found several left-hand panes from the sheets of plate 2 showing a curious variety on the fifth stamp in the fifth row. This has the top line of the value label broken for the space of about 1mm. It could only have occurred in a limited printing and then it must have been detected and corrected for it does not show on any of the other values nor do I recollect having seen any mention of it in connection with any other Colonial stamps printed from this same general plate.

The higher values—50c. to \$5 inclusive—were also printed from one of the De la Rue "stock" plates i.e. the one inscribed "POSTAGE" at the left and "& REVENUE" at the right. All were printed from plate 3, and the size of the sheets and arrangement of the marginal plate numbers is exactly the same as is the case of the lower values.

There was a separate duty plate for each denomination and, as with the other values of this series, these duty plates were only large enough to print a pane of 60 stamps at a time. The value on the 50c. is shown in uncoloured numerals on a horizontally lined tablet, while on the dollar stamps it is expressed as "\$1" (or "2" or "5") in coloured numerals, etc.

All the stamps of this series have white gum as a rule, but some—notably the 6c.—may be found with a very brown gum. They were all printed on machine made white wove paper, watermarked Crown CA, and perforated with the comb machine, gauging 14.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1891-99.—WMK. CROWN CA. Perf. 14.

Inscribed "POSTAGE—POSTAGE."

1c. green (shades) Plates 2 and 3.

(a) With broken line at top of value tablet.

2c. carmine	(shades) Plate 2.
3c. brown	(") " 2.
5c. ultramarine	(") " 2.
6c. "	(") " 2.
10c. mauve and green	(") " 2.
12c. "	(") " 2.
24c. yellow and blue	(") " 2.
25c. red-brown and green	(") " 2.

Inscribed "POSTAGE & REVENUE."

50c. green and red	(shades) Plate 3.
\$1 " "	(") " 3.
\$2 " blue	(") " 3.
\$5 " black	(") " 3.

(To be continued).

Great Britain: a Discovery.

Mr. H. J. Cox, of Herne Bay, writes us on the subject of a contribution by Mr. Bornefeld, which appeared in the *Fortnightly* a little over a year ago:—

Referring to that very interesting article that appeared from the pen of Mr. Bornefeld in the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* of October 3rd last.

Mr. Bornefeld states that the fourth alphabet appeared only on white paper, wmkd. L.C. perf. 14.

In examining a parcel of line engraved stamps, I have discovered an undoubted copy with the fourth alphabet on paper as above, but perforated 16. Should any doubt be expressed, I shall be happy to forward the specimen for your, or Mr. Bornefeld's inspection.

The Philatelic Press.

BY THE EDITOR.

Switzerland, 1861: The Story of an Error.

The Swiss error of colour, 20 rappen brown, 1861, is the subject of a most interesting article by Mr. Bertram T. K. Smith, in the October 30th issue of "Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular." The stamp, which is, of course, normally printed in yellow, was found in a brown printing by a Swiss collector in 1874 under very curious circumstances.

He discovered the stamp on one of the sheets which the schoolboys used to make up from their duplicates, and put in tobacconists' and stationers' windows. He found out from whom the sheet came and questioned the boy whose name was given him. The lad had taken the stamp a few days before from off an old letter (postmarked Geneva, January 11th, 1862), which he showed to the collector. It had been franked with a pair of the brown stamps, but the second stamp had been sold, and so he was unable to find out what its value was. The letter was in good preservation, which made it hardly likely that it had been in contact with some substance capable of producing a change of colour. Besides, he argued, if the brown colour were due to a chemical change, it would mean that the letter had been franked with two 20 rappen yellow stamps, or eight times the ordinary postage, for the letter (sent by the *Etat Civil*) contained only a birth certificate, which could not have necessitated more than double postage. The stamp, he concluded, was therefore either the result of an error, or perhaps a colour-trial used by inadvertance, and against the latter theory was the fact that no proof of the 20 rappen in brown was known to exist!

It will be noticed that there is a weak point in his argument about the weight of the letter, for while his reasoning was sound enough as regards a chemical change after the stamp had been used, it did not occur to him that the stamps might have undergone a similar change while they were still in the possession of the post-office.

Messrs. Mirabaud and de Reuterskiöld have published three letters from which it appears that the so-called error was known to the Swiss postal officials in 1861. On August 12th of that year the Postal Authorities of the First District at Geneva wrote to the Postal Department at Berne submitting specimens of the variety in question and pointing out that "the 20 centime stamps are generally on orange paper (*sic*); those referred to above are on a paper somewhat similar to that used for 5 centime stamps, which might readily mislead the persons who sell them." To this communication M. Naef replied, on August 17th, 1861, "the brown 20 centime postage stamps that accompanied your report . . . have been pronounced here to be genuine, and it is recognised that a part of the 20 centime stamps were printed in the colour fixed upon for those of 5 centimes" and requested that any such stamps found in the post-offices of the First District should be returned to Berne. The Geneva authorities answered, on September 3rd, 1861, that it had not been possible "to ascertain where the postage stamps referred to were purchased."

The correspondence is certainly curious, and there is this much to be said in favour of the "error" theory that, as the Swiss stamps were then being printed in Berne, the postal authorities could easily, and most likely did, submit the specimens to the Berne Mint for examination. On the other hand no genuine copies are known to collectors, and, seeing the wide difference in date between the official correspondence and the use (at Geneva itself) of the specimen mentioned at the beginning of this article it is very improbable that the latter was anything but an "oxidised" stamp.

On the "Britannia" Stamps of Barbados.

The two varieties of Star watermark in the Britannia type of the stamps of Barbados (1870-1874) are a source of much difficulty to philatelists, and for this reason Mr. C. A. Stephenson, the author of an able paper on Barbados issues published in the "Stamp Collector," prefaces his notes with an epitome of the salient points of the "large star" and "small star" watermarks.

Both stars [he writes] are six-rayed, and have one point up, one down and two on each side.

The large stars vary in size from 15mm. to 16mm. measuring from point to point across the star.

The small stars measure from 12 to 13½mm. measuring from point to point across the star.

In the large stars, as a general rule, the two rays vertical are narrower at the base than the other four. In the small stars, as a general rule, the two rays vertical are wider at the base than the other four.

Both varieties of the star paper was manufactured for Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co., at Rush Mill, near Northampton, and the watermarks were arranged, in both cases, in twenty rows of twelve, so that when printed in register, each star falls exactly on the centre of its own stamp.

The Barbados plates at the time in question were three: the plate without expressed value, the plate of the Six-Pence, the plate of the One Shilling. Now these plates contained 110 stamps, in eleven rows of ten, and on this account all Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.'s printings of these three plates were made on half sheets, which gave ample space for the large stars.

In the small stars, the Star watermarked part of the half sheet measured 10½ × 10½, the plate of Barbados was 7½mm. in width and 10½ inches in height, which accounts for the reason why the small stars are seldom in register, and may possibly be some guide to distinguish by position the difference between the two winks.

Mr. Stephenson then proceeds to deal with the subject of the "Britannia" issues generally. It is a paper one can cordially commend to the student of these difficult stamps.

Egypt: the Postage Due Stamps.

Mr. Pemberton's "Papers for Moderate Specialists" are invariably good reading and instructive withal. "Egypt" is concluded in the issue of the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" dated November 20th. I shall take leave to reproduce that portion of Mr. Pemberton's paper which deals with the Postage Due issues:—

Though Penasson, the printer of the second and third issue of postage stamps, had been superseded in that department, he was called upon in 1884 to produce some stamps for use in collecting the amounts due on insufficiently prepaid letters. The design, which was the same for all the five values, was severely plain and simple but very suitable for its purpose, the amounts which they claimed being the principal feature. All values were lithographed in dull red on paper bearing the impressed watermark (a crescent and star) which was used on the 1867 issue. The perforation was 10½. In 1886 the stamps began to appear printed in a new shade—rose red.

It was evidently considered an extravagance to use watermarked paper for stamps which it would have paid no one to counterfeit, and so the new printings in rose-red were on poor unwatermarked paper.

All values of both the watermarked and unwatermarked sets are known imperforate or partially perforated, but these are only proofs and were never issued. The 2 piastres, wmkd., imperf. vertically, is an exception, as it is known postally used. Among the proofs may be found unwatermarked stamps in the dull red shades of the watermarked issue. The lithography was not very satisfactory, for the unwatermarked 2 piastres is known with the *IF* and part of the *R* of *TARIF* missing; this I have seen both perforated and imperf., but both were obviously proofs. I have not heard of a used copy; the error was probably corrected.

In 1888 the set appeared with a different colour for each value; the 5 and 10 *paras* stamps giving place, at the same time, to stamps of 2 and 5 *mils*. Imperf. proofs of these stamps also are known, and on the proofs of the 1 piastre blue I have seen the following varieties:—(a) "PIASTRE" and (b) "ASTRE," in which, besides the letter "P," the upper part of the "T" is missing.

The 5 piastres of this issue is a very scarce stamp, and has received the unwelcome attentions of the forgers, who find their task easier by the fact that the stamp is lithographed on unwatermarked paper. The forgeries are dangerous, but I have not yet seen one which exactly imitates the shade of grey in which the genuine stamp appears.

A new perforating machine was used for this issue, gauging 11½.

The stamps just described were very short-lived, as in the following year they were displaced by a set of four values printed by Messrs. De La Rue. These values comprised the 2 mil., 1 *pias.* and 2 *pias.*, as before, and a new value, 4 mil., the 5 mil. and 5 piastres being dropped. Like the ordinary postage stamps, these Postage Dues were watermarked Crescent and Star and perforated 14. A provisional 3 millimes was created in 1898, by surcharging the 2 *pias.* orange. Beneath the new value, which is printed diagonally across the stamp, is its equivalent in Turkish. There is a variety in which the last character in the native inscription, which stands for the numeral "3," is so defective that another surcharge of the numeral has been printed above it. The surcharge is also known upside down, and is very scarce thus.

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Northampton Philatelic Society.

President: H. E. Archer.
Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue,
Northampton.
Meeting Place: The Divan Cafe, Northampton.

At the meeting on Nov. 10th, the Secretary showed the first portion of Mr. Heginbottom's collection of West Indian stamps, consisting of Antigua, Bahamas and Bermuda. Practically all varieties were included in fine used condition. The chief rarities were a unique specimen of the Antigua 6d. green, used, with good margins and imperf.; and a copy of the extremely rare Bermuda, 1870, 3d. on ld. red, fancy capitals. A very fine range of shades of many of the stamps were shown. The copious notes which accompanied the display explained the various varieties which occur in these countries. A goodly number of members and one visitor were present, and the kindness of Mr. Heginbottom in sending the display was much appreciated.

On Nov. 24th, Mr. J. E. A. Wyatt showed his large general collection, which included a fine lot of the early issues of many countries, particularly early Europeans, Australians and West Indians. Among the British were fine used copies of the very rare 5/-, 10/- and £1 Queen's head, I.R. Official. Some well filled pages of early New South Wales and New Zealand were also much admired.

The Rev. C. Cornish was elected a member of the Society at this meeting.

An appeal having recently been made for books for the Library, the Librarian is pleased to announce the following donations:

Mr. H. Bennett.—Subscription to Melville Stamp Books (Second Series).

Mr. H. W. K. Markham.—Seventeen volumes of the "Monthly Journal" and one of "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly."

Mr. W. Nichols.—One volume of the "Monthly Journal" and three of the "Stamp Collector."

Mr. M. Wetherell.—Five volumes of the "London Philatelist," and odd numbers of other magazines.

A number of these are being bound, and as a great deal cannot be spared from the general funds for this purpose, the Librarian will be glad to receive donations to a special binding fund which has been started.

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

President: H. A. Wise.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Robert Borland, Lochness, Milngavie, N.B.

At the meeting of the above society held on Nov. 17th at 8 p.m., in the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, there was a good turnout of members, the President, Mr. H. A. Wise, in the chair.

A display of the stamps of Hong Kong and Straits Settlements, accompanied by most interesting notes, was given from the collection of Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., which was greatly appreciated by the members.

There was again a good attendance at the meeting held on Dec. 1st, the President, Mr. H. A. Wise, occupied the chair.

Owing to the unavoidable absence, through illness, of Mr. John Muir, the paper down for that evening entitled "Varieties of Paper" was postponed till a later date, and a display of early British by Mr. J. R. Donaldson and some notes on the local printed stamps of India by Mr. R. Borland substituted, which proved to be both interesting to the members.

The following alterations have been made to the Syllabus. On Jan. 19th Mr. Cook will give his display of U.S.A. and Mr. McDougall's paper on the "Post-marks on the Stamps of Hong Kong" is carried forward to March 16th, while on February 2nd two short papers will be given in addition to the display—"Gibbons Part I," by Mr. John Cowan, and "My Favourite Country," by Mr. Robt. Borland.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
Meeting Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton; Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 till 10 p.m.

The fourth meeting of the Session was held on Nov. 27th, under the presidency of Mr. W. Mead.

The Chairman introduced to the company present Messrs. H. Lee and S. R. Turner, who had come

from London to contribute to the evening's programme.

Mr. H. Lee took as his subject, "Single Issue Specialism and Single Stamp Specialism," showing the 1872 issue of Uruguay to illustrate his first point, and the 3c. of the 1891 issue of Holland, the second. There are a number of different town numbers used as cancellations in that country, and Mr. Lee had endeavoured to obtain a collection of them, but with a few exceptions had found them exceedingly scarce.

Mr. S. R. Turner showed several countries treated from a specialist's point of view, all, needless to say, written up in his inimitable style, the Republican issues of France being a special feature.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the visitors, on the motion of Messrs. Leicester Paine and G. H. Type.

A special meeting was held on Saturday, the 29th, when Messrs. Turner and Lee again visited Brighton, bringing with them the U.S.A. exhibits from Earl's Court. Mr. H. F. Johnson showed his superb collection of U.S.A. proofs, and there was also shown Mr. Hadlow's U.S.A. Fiscals, which are the finest in this country. These were all much admired, special interest being taken in the rare *Premiere Gravures*.

It was proposed by Messrs. Herbert Clark and J. R. Boulton that a hearty vote of thanks should be accorded Messrs. Johnson, Turner and Lee for coming to Brighton, and to Mr. Hadlow for sending his Collection of Fiscals. This was carried by acclamation.

Mr. C. E. Duncombe was appointed Hon. Librarian.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: I. J. Bernstein.
Hon. Secretary: J. S. Higgins, Junr., 7, Green Street,
Manchester.

The first auction of the season was held on Nov. 18th at the Deansgate Hotel. Owing to the large number of lots received by the auctioneer, it was arranged that another sale should take place a week later, Mr. J. J. Darlow, one of our Vice-Presidents, officiated as Auctioneer. He disposed of over 300 lots, realising nearly £40. The prices obtained were very satisfactory, both to buyer and seller.

Mr. Lowenhaupt proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. Darlow for his kindness in making all arrangements for the Auction, this was carried with acclamation.

North of England Philatelic Society.

President: M. H. Horsley, J.P.
Hon. Secretary: Mark Easton, 43, Sidney Grove, New-
castle-on-Tyne.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Thursday, December 2nd, at V.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The Vice-President, Mr. T. D. Hume, took the chair at 7.30 p.m., and there were 22 members and five visitors present.

Messrs. David Dickson, Jas. Durrant and E. Clague were elected to the membership.

The Chairman then called upon Mr. E. P. Crowther to give his lecture on the "Stamps of Finland," and for nearly an hour the audience listened attentively to a masterly description of the various issues of this straight stamp issuing country. The lecture was fully illustrated by a specially prepared series of lantern slides—*as per list*—and was, while exhaustive, free from too much technical detail, and delivered in a racy style.

Mr. Crowther's splendid collection of mint and used Finland stamps were also shown. This added considerably to the interest.

Practically all the errors were shown and fully described. Some varieties found by Mr. Crowther being previously uncatalogued.

At the end of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks to lecturer and Mr. Husband (the lanternist), was moved by Mr. R. Wilkinson, seconded by Secretary, supported by the Chairman, and carried with enthusiasm.

Mr. Crowther, in reply, hoped that his paper might be the means of raising the interest in the stamps of this somewhat neglected country.

The December Packet will beat all previous records, some £175 net being the total at time of writing.

- 1856 issue, no pearls, small pearls, large pearls in posthorns.
- 1860 issue, perforation teeth 1½mm and 1¼mm in length, two values.
- 1865 issue, 5, 10, 20, 40, 8 penni and 1 mark, "a," "b" and "c" perforations.
- Copenhagen print, 1875. Two copies, black and blue cancellation, 5 penni with broken "N."
- 1875 issue, 2, 5, 8, 10, 20, 25, 32 penni and 1 mark. Perforated 11.
- 1881, 20 penni, a tete-beche pair.
- Group of compounds, perforated 11 by 12½, showing overlapping issues.
- Group of compounds, perforated 12½ by 11, showing overlapping issues.
- Rare compounds showing comb arrangement. One double perforation and one error of perforation.
- 1885 issue, 5, 10, 20, 25 penni in new colours, 1, 5, 10 marks, new designs.

- Group of three showing out "5" error.
- Group of four showing separation lines at sides.
- The rare "Rennia" error.
- Group of 10 penni, showing broken corner and repaired corner.
- The 10 penni plate error with long "p."
- Group of 10 penni, showing repaired plate and altered top line.
- Group of 10 penni, showing white line across "penni."
- Group of six, showing "O.U.O.M.I." error, two overprinted or coloured Lions, separation lines on "5" and "10" penni of 1885 issue, and a rare ship—cancellation on 1889 issue.
- Group of the 5 penni and 10 marks of 1889 issue, showing normal perforation 12½ and the 5 penni and 10 marks of 1895 issue showing rough perforation 12½.
- 1895 Issue, showing perforation 14 by 13½, the 10 penni and the rare 10 marks.
- Group of 1891 issue, 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 10, 14, 20, 35, 50 Kopecs; 1, 3, 7 roubles.
- 1901 issue, 2, 5, 10, 20, 1 and 10 marks.

The Modern Collectors' Club.

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Net Section.—The October packet returned on the 26th Nov., having been only about six weeks in circulation, although seen by nearly thirty members. All credit balances were paid immediately. Sales exceeded 10%.

Gross Section. The first gross packet started during November, containing a small and select number of sheets, no single stamp being priced at less than 1-. Buyers outnumber sellers in this department and there is a good opening for one or two philatelists with duplicates for disposal.

Wants and Offers Section.—All members will have received No. 3 list a week ago, and this should lead to a brisk exchange of the various items wanted and offered.

Membership.—As the club is growing so rapidly, one or two members have asked whether it will be possible to continue the present methods of prompt circulation and settlement as we increase in numbers. The answer is that our plans are laid to cope with a very large number of members, and that there need be no fear on that score. Non-members who doubt that the club is better than the one they belong to should lose no time before writing for particulars.

Bath Philatelic Society.

President: B. D. Pope.
Hon. Secretary: Chas. J. Preater, 13, George St., Bath.

The ordinary fortnightly meeting of the Bath Philatelic Society was held at the Church Institute on Wednesday, Dec. 1st, 1909, the President (Mr. B. D. Pope) in the chair, the following members being present: Messrs. F. G. Warwick, Norman Horley, W. G. Olds, H. J. Norman, W. C. Elwood, F. G. Nokes, and C. J. Preater (Hon. Sec.).

The Secretary read a communication from the Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society, with regard to a visit from that Society to Bath, and also a return visit to be paid to the Bristol and Clifton.

After the various other business had been transacted, the Chairman then called on Mr. C. J. Preater for his paper, viz.: "A Chat about the King's Head Stamps."

The lecturer traced the various papers used, and the relative value of these very interesting issues.

Votes of thanks accorded to Mr. Preater for his interesting paper, brought the evening to a close.

Other reports of Philatelic Societies will be found on page lxxiv. of this number.

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ONE PENNY.

Philatelists of To-Day.

II.—Mr. WALTER SCOTT, of Cardiff.

ONE of the veterans of the philatelic hobby, counting not by age but by the number of years during which he has been an active collector, is Mr. Walter Scott, F.R.P.S.L. It was at the ripe age of seven or thereabouts—way back in the "fifties"—that Mr. Scott began collecting. His first album was an old copy book from which the stamps were transferred through a succession of more suitable receptacles and printed albums to their present repose in a series of blank albums with the now usual and necessary interchangeable leaves.

His first catalogue was Mount Brown's (issued in 1861) and his first price lists those of Messrs. Young and Stockall, of Liverpool, who held high rank among the leading stamp dealers of those early days. For stamp literature he had the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine," which started in 1863, and the "Philatelist," which appeared three years later.

As Mr. Scott did not cease active collecting until the accession of King Edward, and as, while collecting, he never parted with a stamp unless it was a duplicate, his philatelic possessions gradually assumed very considerable dimensions, and he was able to point to a general collection, of which any philatelist might be proud. His albums did not contain the extreme rarities, such as the first Hawaiians or the "Post Office" Mauritius, but the collection was fairly complete as to all stamps not above the level of the 3 lire of Tuscany.

The early Colonials, the Cape woodblocks, the Trinacria of Naples, the double Geneva, and stamps of that class were all represented, and of Sydney Views there were about a hundred and fifty specimens, including the rare varieties.

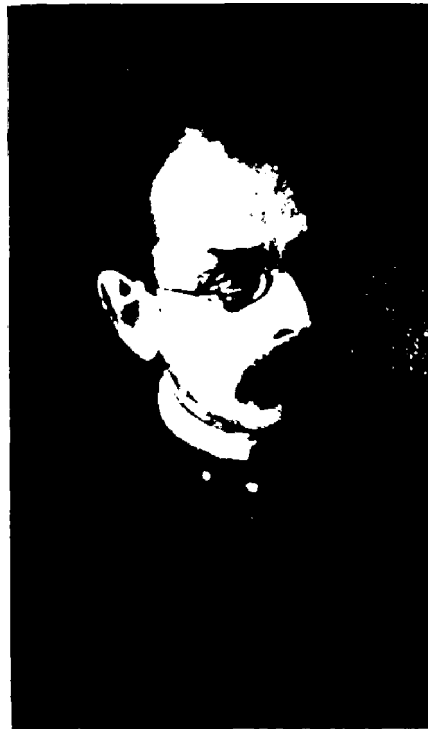
Mr. Scott has never specialized, and he protests that his philatelic experiences include nothing out of the ordinary run. Nevertheless he has had his finds and his bargains, and perhaps the most notable adventure of his philatelic career is associated with the story of the imperforate penny British, now known universally as "the Cardiff penny."

It was on the 16th of January, 1870, that Mr. Scott made the discovery that one or two sheets of the penny stamp were being sold over the counter at the Cardiff Post Office in an imperforate condition. With an unfortunate lack of foresight Mr. Scott contented himself with the purchase of three or four dozen of these, afterwards distributing them among collectors, dealers, and magazine editors then known to him. Probably every unused copy of this stamp now known was one of this little lot.

Mr. Scott, who by profession is a Solicitor is a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society, which he joined soon after its formation. He is also a member of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Society (of which he is this year President for the second time) the Birmingham Society, the Herts Society and others. He enjoys in full measure the friendship and respect of his fellow philatelists in Cardiff, and much of the credit of making the "South Wales and Monmouthshire" a live and successful Society is due to the subject of this sketch.

Also Mr. Scott belongs to several Exchange Clubs, in one of which, some years ago, he had a rare stroke of luck, picking up for a few pence the 2d. New South Wales diadem issue, watermarked "8"!

Only two other specimens of this stamp are known!



MR. WALTER SCOTT, F.R.P.S.L.
President, South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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XV.—THE THIRTEENTH ISSUE.

Some time in July, 1899, it was decided to make the then current 5c., 25c. and 50c. stamps available for both postal and revenue purposes and as these values were only inscribed "Postage" they were surcharged "REVENUE" to denote their availability for both purposes. The 50c. stamp so surcharged was the one belonging to issue VI., which had not at that date been superseded by the De la Rue "stock" type. About a year later the 10c. was similarly surcharged.

The stamps were all surcharged in panes of 60 and there are two distinct varieties of the surcharge, viz. :—

- (a) The surcharge is 12mm. long.
- (b) The surcharge is 11mm. long and the letters are smaller.

These were distributed in the setting as follows :—

a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
a	a	a	a	a	a
b	a	b	b	b	b
b	b	b	b	b	b
b	b	b	b	b	b

It will thus be seen that there are 43 of the longer surcharge and 17 of the shorter. In each pane there is only one horizontal and four vertical pairs showing both types.

In this first setting stamp No. 34 has an error, the word being spelt "BEVENUE," while on stamp No. 5 there is a tall narrow "u" in "REVENUE."

In addition there are several minor varieties caused by the lettering of these two fonts being somewhat mixed. Thus in the larger surcharge letters belonging to the smaller type are shown and vice-versa. For instance on Nos. 1, 12 and 13 there is a small third "e," on Nos. 2, 4 and 6 a small "k," on No. 8 a small "n," and so on. These, however, are at best somewhat "elusive" varieties and except in very clearly printed specimens it is not possible to identify them with certainty.

There was a second printing of the surcharge in which the "BEVENUE" error and tall "u" variety were corrected. I have never found the 5c. in this corrected printing, and as this value was not replaced by the permanent "Postage and Revenue" stamp until October, 1900, there must have been a large first printing. The 50c. probably does not exist in the corrected setting for this provisional was not in use long before it was superseded by the new issue in the regular De la Rue type. The number of 10c. surcharged with the first setting must have been small for the "BEVENUE" error is much rarer on this value in comparison with the others. The 10c. and 25c. in the corrected setting are common for the regular 10c. stamp did not appear until 1901 and the 25c. was in use until it was replaced by the King's Head stamp of the same value in 1907.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties :—

1899.—Wmk. CROWN CA. Perf. 14.

Surcharged "REVENUE" in black.

5c. ultramarine.

- (a) Surcharge 12mm. long.
- (b) Error, "BEVENUE" for "REVENUE."
- (c) With tall narrow "u" in "REVENUE."
- (d) Surcharge 11mm. long.

10c. mauve and green.

- (a) Surcharge 12mm. long.
- (b) Error, "BEVENUE" for "REVENUE."
- (c) With tall narrow "u" in "REVENUE."
- (d) Surcharge 11mm. long.

25c. red-brown and green.

- (a) Surcharge 12mm. long.
- (b) Error, "BEVENUE" for "REVENUE."
- (c) With tall narrow "u" in "REVENUE."
- (d) Surcharge 11m. long.

50c. on 1/- grey.

- (a) Surcharge 12mm. long.
- (b) Error, "BEVENUE" for "REVENUE."
- (c) With tall narrow "u" in "REVENUE."
- (d) Surcharge 11mm. long.

(To be continued.)

The Bargains of To-day.

To the Editor of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

DEAR SIR,—

In reference to "A.W.'s" letter on the above subject in the Christmas number of the *S.C.F.*, perhaps a few comments may go to show that such "bargains" as he points out, may not be so "stupendous" as they appear at first sight.

To begin with, "A.W." says he purchased the stamps referred to "in mint panes at face value." I would like to ask "A.W." if it were a stipulation that a certain quantity had to be purchased in order to participate in the dealer's philanthropy?

I have before me as I write a price list with the very stamps mentioned that "A.W." refers to, and the dealer prices these at face value, if bought in lots of 10/- and upwards, otherwise the price is 8½% (1d. in the shilling) over face value. But even at this latter rate he will not supply less than a shilling's worth (face value) of each stamp.

If a single stamp (say a ½d. one) were ordered, the lowest price would be 1d., or a profit of no less than 100% over face value.

If this case is similar to the one "A.W." mentions, then I say that the bargains can only be shared by dealers, speculators, and specialists, who accumulate stamps in large numbers, and cannot be enjoyed by the ordinary collector, who can only afford a single copy of each stamp. But it has been asked, apart from this, how is it that a dealer can afford to sell stamps in mint condition at face value, and below their present catalogue prices? It will be noticed that all the stamps referred to are (as the dealer I mentioned also says) low values.

These come to him principally as remittances, and if he sells them again, even at their face value, he loses nothing by so doing. If we look at the advertisements of those dealers who accept Colonial stamps in payment we often find it stipulated that "high values are preferred" or (more to the point) "no halfpenny or penny ones taken." The dealer knows that when these low values accumulate in this way they are hard to dispose of even at face value. I do not think there is as much philanthropy shown in the case "A.W." refers to, as that which finds expression in the following advertisement, taken from the current number of the "Philatelic Chronicle"—"Unused British stamps 1d., 2½d., 4½d., 6d., 1/- for postal order 2/- *Present with each Packet.*" The address given is not a hundred miles from Manchester.

If any firm can afford to advertise stamps, which are available for postage, and in the country of their origin, too, at 1d. in shilling *under* face value, and give a present with each packet—perhaps a New Hebrides ½d. (low value!) single CA—they are philanthropists in every sense of the word, and I think "A.W." will agree.

Yours faithfully,

ALEX. MAXWELL.

Member of the Sheffield Philatelic Society.

42, Aldred Road, Sheffield, 18th Dec., 1909.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

Who is "Dictating"?

THERE is a tendency in certain quarters either to pool-pool or to belittle the movement initiated at the Manchester Congress, and having for its object the presentation of a petition to the Universal Postal Union, praying that body to consider the possibility of preventing further issues of speculative and unnecessary postage stamps. The special committee charged with the task of drafting the petition discovered that they were not competent to approach the U.P.U. direct, so very properly they sent the document to His Majesty's Postmaster General, with a request that he would permit it to be forwarded to Berne from the British postal headquarters. As my readers already know that request was refused.

The action of the committee, which would seem to have been the only action open to them, is now criticised at great length in one of the weekly philatelic journals, and the writer of the criticism says:—"The Postmaster-General has given the only answer that could reasonably be expected. Mr. Buxton is well known to have no sympathy with the prolific philatelic countries in the matter of these stamp emissions, but he (and no doubt many stamp collectors and dealers with him) declines to be dictated to."

Now who is attempting to "dictate" to Mr. Buxton? The suggestion is puerile and ridiculous, and Mr. Buxton himself—admittedly a strong member of one of the strongest governments of modern times—would be the first to laugh at the bare idea of such a silly notion.

Dictate to the "Dictators."

If there is any idea of "dictating" to anybody—which I certainly do not admit—then I take it that the Presidents and Finance Ministers of various transatlantic Republics would be the personages aimed at; but the dictating, if it were ever attempted, would be performed by the Universal Postal Union, and would not be seriously entertained for one moment by any committee of private individuals.

What Could the Postal Union Do?

It is, in any case, doubtful whether the Postal Union would, or could, take action on the lines suggested in the Manchester Congress's petition. That question is interestingly discussed by a contributor to the new edition of the "Stamp Collectors' Annual." But at least every fair minded man will allow that it should be possible for the petition to be presented. I think I may say that the Committee entrusted with this task by the First Philatelic Congress of Great Britain will make a further attempt to effect their purpose.

King Leopold: A Grim Coincidence.

THE "Stamp Collectors' Annual" for 1910 was published on the very day of King Leopold's death, and by a grim coincidence the remark was made in its "Story of the Year" that a change in the Belgian monarchy was predicted! The words used were, however, written a full month before the King's death, and they referred, not to any possibility of his demise (for the monarch was not even seriously ill at that time), but to the danger of a revolutionary upheaval in Belgium.

Soap for the Philatelist.

MR. VICTOR MARSH has discovered, and kindly sends for inspection, a French soap wrapper inscribed "Le Philatériste; Savon Fin et Suave," and decorated with reproductions of the stamps of many nations. It is a curious production, worthy of ranking side by side with the "Flor le Philatelic" cigar with which a friend presented me some years ago. I well remember that cigar—I shall never forget it!—and I think the proprietor of the brand must have had a poor idea of philatelists as connoisseurs of tobacco. Possibly, however, this "Philatériste" soap label is intended as a tribute to the extreme and notorious cleanliness of the stamp collector.

The Stamp Market.

By SENAX.

CHRISTMAS brings an interlude in stamp transactions which may not be unwelcome. At the moment of writing trade has decreased to almost vanishing point, and may not be expected to revive till January. Such intervals can be turned to good account in the leisurely study of the wide field of stamp prices (a task that absorbs a good deal of time), in the arranging of one's stock or in the conception of new plans of action.

A price list comes to hand with "Merry Xmas" overprinted on the cover, a surcharge that shows kind forethought on the part of the author, and induces to a more than ordinary scrutiny of a list so courteously presented.

An American writer thinks that the "perfection craze" is dying out, and points out that one of the rarest stamps ever sold by auction was a damaged copy. I keep a stock book especially for the reception of damaged stamps, and it is noticeable that it is usually in an empty and stripped condition. Where a fine copy is worth 6d., a specimen with an imperceptible tear will readily fetch 2d. or 3d., and sometimes a purchaser may be found for them wholesale at a few shillings per hundred. However, one's best faith is still in the fine copy.

In the case of stamps whose prices are falling, it should be wisest to stock only a limited quantity at a time. Any plunge into large purchases should be safeguarded by the total absence of any possibility of a fall.

It has been said that one way to wealth is to "buy cheap and sell dear." Perhaps it is quite as good a method to buy cheap and sell cheap, thus selling quickly, and freeing one's capital for other uses.

The 3d. and 6d. Gold Coast, 1909, are on the market in dozens, to retail at about 4d. each. The 6d. bi-coloured of 1905 is dearer.

Of Brazil Officials, 1906, the 100 and 200 reis, as might perhaps be expected, promise to become the easiest to gather in quantity.

New Zealand Officials ought to be worth their full quoted price, unless the customer will take ragged copies. In each bundle the percentage of unsaleable specimens is not a small one.

It is stated that the 50c. and 1 dollar values of U.S.A., 1902, have risen considerably in price in the States.

The Postmaster-General's Report.

THERE is the usual feast of figures in the fifty-fifth annual report of the Postmaster-General, dealing with the year ending March 31st last.

It is estimated that the number of postal packets delivered in the United Kingdom during the year was 5,935,920,000, or an average of 112.7 per person. Letters numbered 2,907,400,000, an average of 65.1; postcards, 860,000,000, 19.3; halfpenny packets, 953,200,000, 21.3; newspapers, 202,300,000, 4.5; parcels, 113,020,000, 2.5.

The number of letters registered was 19,222,475, and parcels 1,053,500. The undelivered packets, including packets entirely unaddressed and articles found loose, dealt with are estimated to have reached a total of 30,509,000.

The undelivered registered letters and letters containing articles of value numbered 393,468, approximately the same as in 1907-8, and they contained £15,065 in cash and bank-notes and £606,325 in bills, cheques, money orders, postal orders and postage stamps.

The total weight of letters and postcards despatched from the United Kingdom to places abroad continues to increase, according to the report, the rate of growth in 1908 being 11.43 per cent., as compared with 9.67 per cent. in 1907.

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A Christmas Wish.

This number of the "S.C.F." bears the date (for the first time, I think, in the history of the journal) December 25th—Christmas Day! On that day, the principal holiday of the English year, it will be read by many philatelists in all parts of the United Kingdom. To all of them, and, indeed, to all philatelists, I heartily wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

PERCY C. BISHOP.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- December 30th.—Brighton Branch of the Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton: Ten Minute Papers by Members.
- 1910.
- January 1st.—Junior Philatelic Society at 17, Fleet Street, E.C.: Display with notes, "Complete Sheets," Mr. Douglas Ellis; paper display, "China," Mr. C. L. Harte-Lovelace.
- January 3rd.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: discussion on Catalogue Improvements, opened by Mr. J. O. Jones.
- January 4th.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute, Cookridge Street, Leeds: Display by Mr. Walker, "Italian States on Entires."
- January 5th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: Junior Display by Messrs. F. Bruce and G. Mathewson.
- January 5th.—Leicester Philatelic Society: Displays, Cyprus, Gibraltar, Malta, Mr. Heginbottom; Paper, A Scheme of Stamp Collecting, Mr. Fred. W. Edwards.
- January 6th.—Royal Philatelic Society, at 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: Display, "Transvaal" with Notes, Mr. Harvey R. G. Clarke.
- January 6th.—North London Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Highbury: Display of Forgeries, Mr. Herbert Clarke and others.
- January 6th.—North of England Philatelic Society: "France and Griqualand," by the Vice President, Mr. T. D. Hume.
- January 7th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Display, with notes, Line-Engraved Stamps of Great Britain, by Mr. W. M. Gray, of the Bradford Philatelic Society.

AUCTION SALES.

- December 28th and 29th.—Messrs. Glendinning & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- December 31st.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- January 3rd.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- January 4th and 5th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- January 6th and 7th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the London Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- January 8th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- January 12th, 13th and 14th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- January 27th and 28th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

Notes on Catalogues and other new Philatelic Publications.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

SINCE I last wrote on the subject of the 8th Edition of Messrs. Bright & Son's "A.B.C." Catalogue, the second part of that publication, listing postcards, envelopes, &c., has made its appearance. There is necessarily an increase in bulk with each successive edition of a world's stamp catalogue. Thus I find that the 8th "Bright" has gained 64 pages in the adhesives section alone, as compared with the 7th edition, issued in 1908.

A closer reading of the new catalogue reveals many additions and improvements. Under Great Britain, for instance, one finds a notable amplification of the lists of British stamps used abroad. In Holland, in Nicaragua, and in Salvador, there are many improvements; and in the two last named instances the lists have been entirely re-written, many items of a speculative character being eliminated. Even in that not very fashionable department of Philately, the Native States of India many useful revisions have been made.

On the subject of prices the publishers of the "A.B.C." issue the following remarks:—

In the Preface to the Seventh Edition Catalogue we expressed the opinion that values were on the up-grade, and it will be seen by the present edition that our opinion was fully justified. We have, however, made every endeavour to keep changes in prices as moderate as possible, but the impossibility of obtaining fine specimens of the older issues in any quantity has compelled us to materially increase the price of many stamps, and the growing demand all over the world, especially in the East and South America, make it certain that the improved tendency has only commenced and is bound to continue for some considerable time.

I think it probable that more people will buy the new "Bright" than have patronised any previous edition. For one thing the absence of a new "Gibbons" this season must necessarily bring a large accession of purchasers especially among those keen philatelists who are never happy unless they have the very latest. For another thing, the 8th "Bright" is a book which honestly deserves a large sale on its own merits, for it registers many changes with which the up-to-date philatelist ought to be acquainted. The price for "Adhesives" section only is 2s. 6d., post free 2s. 10d., while the "Entires" section is issued at 1s. 6d., post free 1s. 10d.

THE SCOTT COMPANY'S CATALOGUE.

The 1910 edition of the Scott Stamp and Coin Company's "Standard" Catalogue, already briefly noticed in the *S.C.F.*, is remarkable for one or two noteworthy innovations. In the first place many varieties "not actually sold to the public for postal use" are excluded from the catalogue. A valuable feature introduced at the end of the volume is a "List of Colonies and Foreign Offices controlled by Parent States."

OTHER PUBLICATIONS BRIEFLY NOTED.

I welcome with much pleasure the 21st edition of an always useful little book, namely, "Nunn's Directory," published by Messrs. Charles J. Endle & Co., Boscombe, Bournemouth. This gives the names and addresses of all stamp dealers, philatelic publishers, and stamp auctioneers throughout the kingdom. I learn that some forty names have been expunged as "Gone away," &c., while about fifty new ones have been introduced. The price of the little book is 6d.

From Mons. Arthur Maury, Boulevard Montmartre, Paris I have received an excellent Catalogue of Entires, of which more anon.

Mons. Th. Lemaire has sent me the 1910 Edition of his Catalogue of 20th Century Issues—a most useful compilation. The book of over 150 pages costs only 60 centimes—about a franc if postage be added—and I can cordially commend it to *Fortnightly* readers.

The Postage Stamps and the Postal System of Belgium.

BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

THE death of Leopold II., King of the Belgians, and the accession of his nephew, Prince Albert, will inevitably result in more widespread study of the Belgian postal issues. Already, as Mr. F. E. Wilson has remarked in a recent paper on the subject, Belgium stands high in the estimation of the philatelist as a country whose issues are straightforward, easily collectible, free from reprints (except such reprints as have been made for administrative purposes or in accordance with the requirements of the Universal Postal Union), and offering but little danger on the score of forgery. It is, moreover, a country which makes a strong appeal to the philatelist as being rich in those varieties of watermark, paper, shade and impression, which are the special delight of the earnest collector.

As at present constituted Belgium is a *parvenu* of the nations, with a national history dating no farther back than the year 1830. In the year of Waterloo, 1815, the territories now subject to the Belgian throne were joined to the

600 to the square mile, and it one of the densest of the world's populations.

The strictly philatelic history of the kingdom of Belgium begins with the year 1849, when the first adhesive stamps made their appearance; but a word should first be said as to the country's postal service in what one may call the pre-Rowland Hill period, and also as to the events leading up to the first issuance of adhesive labels for the prepayment of mail matter.

Belgium was one of the countries which came within the scope of the vast mid-European postal organisation controlled by the Princes of Thurn and Taxis. It is on record that the States of Brabant entered into a new contract with the Thurn and Taxis postal organisation in the year 1748, embodying an important innovation regarding the use of stamped letter paper. On this subject I quote Mr. Jules Bouvez, whose "History of the Belgian Postage Stamps and Entires" ran through several numbers of the "American Journal of Philately" in 1899-1900.

A new contract (writes Mr. Bouvez) was made with the Prince of Thurn and Taxis, by which the public was authorized to enclose valuables in letters and to confide their transport to messengers, after having prepaid them at the post office. Besides these, the messengers, whose nomination was incumbent on the magistrates of the towns in which they lived, agreed also to carry, without cost, the correspondence relating to the administration of the communes, as also that of their officials, provided a special paper was used for their packets: this paper was no other than the one then employed for official documents.

These officials folded their letters in different ways, but always so as to show the broad stamp affixed to the paper, which thus carried outside the indication of the charge which the messenger was to collect, not for the price of carrying the letter, but for the stamp tax upon the document. . . . These stamps were of different forms, according to the price to be collected, and they gave to the documents the privilege of free circulation although no regulation for postal prepayment existed at that time.

The stamped sheet was of a yellowish grey laid paper with close horizontal vergures and vertical vergures 15mm. apart. The watermark here produced also existed without the stamp.

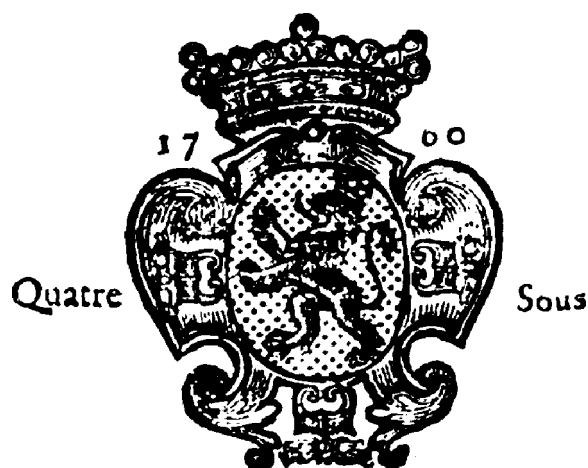
Letters are rarely found to-day which circulated at this earliest epoch of postal organisation, which extended, nevertheless, over a vast territory: and although these stamps had not, strictly speaking, a purely postal character, they are none the less much sought after, since they constitute, so to speak, the first stage of the history of the prepaid letter in Belgium.

The French Revolution, having put an end to the Constitution of Brabant, the privileges heretofore accorded to the communes disappeared, and with them the circulation of stamped letters, of which no further trace is found in the postal transportation, up to the epoch when the agitation for the reduction of the rate of postage brought about the creation of adhesive stamps.

I take leave to reproduce from this same article by Mr. Jules Bouvez, first a letter-sheet tax stamp of the year 1760, and second, the watermark used for the official paper described. With regard to the value, 4 sons ("Quatre Sons") expressed to the left and right of the stamp's design, it should be mentioned that this sou is the ancient copper coin of that designation, which at the period under notice represented the twentieth part of the old liure, which was the equivalent of 12 deniers. It is not to be confounded with the "sou," or halfpenny, of to-day.

BELGIUM AND THE ADHESIVE STAMP.

The successful inauguration of the penny postage system in Great Britain, accompanied by that epoch-making innovation, the adhesive stamp for the prepayment of correspond-



AN EARLY LETTER-TAX STAMP OF BELGIUM.

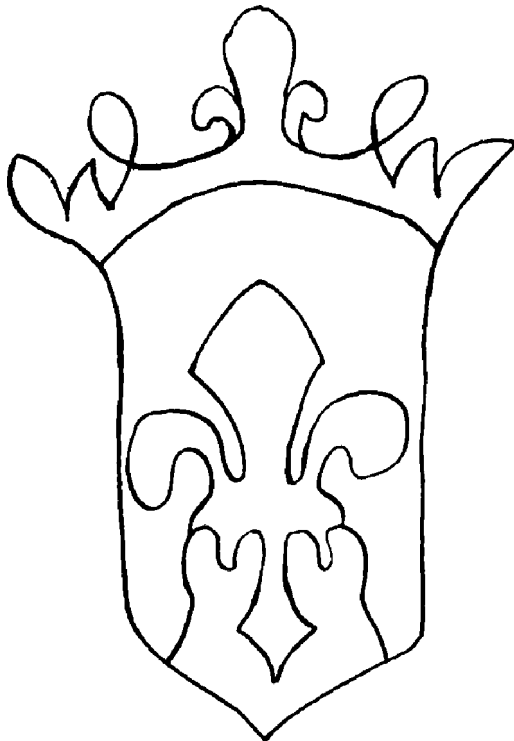
kingdom of the Netherlands, but not for long were the people content to run in double harness with their Dutch neighbours. The revolution of 1830 produced a declaration of independence on October 4th of that year, and in June, 1831, Prince Leopold of Saxe-Coburg, a kinsman of our own royal house, was chosen to rule as first King of the Belgians. Anciently the country was inhabited by the Belgae (a Celtic-speaking German tribe), and part of the *Gallia Belgica* of the Romans. From the earliest times the people of Belgium have been distinguished for a sturdy industry and a genius for commerce, especially in the departments of invention and manufacture. Officially the language of the country is French, just as its currency is modelled upon that of France; but in Flanders, East and West, in Brabant, and even in the great industrial city of Antwerp, the majority of the people still speak the language of their Flemish ancestors.

Geographically it is sufficient to say that Belgium is bounded on the north and north-east by Holland, on the east by Germany and Luxemburg, on the south and south-east by France, and that it has a sea-board of 42 miles. Whitaker's Almanac estimates that the total Belgian area of 11,373 square miles is about equal to the four counties of Hertford, Lancashire, York and Lincoln. The population was 6,744,532 on December 31st, 1899, and is now probably about seven and a quarter millions. This works out at something like

dence, naturally moved all other nations to emulation—Belgium among the number. Indeed, Belgium was one of the first of the Europeans nations to prosecute active enquiries into the working of the new system, although in the end the Belgian Government was very slow to act upon the information so obtained.

In February, 1841, when all Europe was agog with the success of Rowland Hill's scheme of postal reform, a representative of the Belgian Post Office, Mons. Bronne, came to London to investigate the system at its hub.

Occupying, as he did, the responsible post of Inspector of the Central Administration of the Belgian Post Office, Mons. Bronne would probably be given *carte blanche* in pursuing his enquiry, and in this country he would certainly be received with the frankness and courtesy which are traditional characteristics of the British official attitude towards the emissaries of foreign powers. One may assume, in fact, that



WATERMARKING OF THE BELGIAN LETTER-SHEETS.

the Belgian agent's investigation was exhaustive, and it is beyond doubt that Mons. Bronne personally was fully convinced of the advantages to be derived from an application of Rowland Hill's system to the postal service of his own country.

In his report to the Belgian Government, Mr. Bronne argued, as the result of his enquiries in England, that any diminution in the national postal revenue as a result of the adoption of a popular tariff would be purely temporary, and that in the end there would be a substantial and progressive gain, apart from the enormous advantage to the public. His advocacy, however, did not bring about any immediate change in the Belgian postal administration. A special commission appointed by the Minister of Public Works in April, 1841, approached the subject in the delatory, lackadaisical spirit which would seem to be a common attribute of special commissions the world over. Their enquiry dragged its slow length along until the leading business men of Brussels, losing all patience with Government methods, initiated a commission of their own and at the same time began a vigorous campaign of their own in favour of postal reform. This was in 1845. The demand of the business community was for: (1) Correspondence prepaid by adhesive stamps, and (2) a uniform letter rate of 10 centimes.

(To be continued.)

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Argentina (385).—The latest addition to the San Martin set is the 24 centavos, reddish-brown.
24c. red-brown.

Antigua (366).—The thicker paper noted some time ago is now, apparently, being replaced by a thinner make. "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News" chronicles the following:—

Thinner paper: 4d. green.
24d. blue.

Brazil (354).—We have not chronicled the recent 200 reis "Pan American" issue. This is a tall, narrow stamp whereon there is a seated figure of liberty, and as a background, six medallions carrying the portraits of Bolivar, San Martin, Hidalgo, and other heroes of the fight for liberty in the Western Hemisphere.

New Zealand (366).—The long expected King's Heads are to hand and we have to thank Mr. A. Rosenburg, of



Woodville, N.Z., for sending us an early set. The values issued are 1/2d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d. and 1s. The 1d. stamp, as will be seen from our illustration, retains the familiar "Universal Penny Postage" design, but there is a revision of the upper portion of the stamp, the inscription now reading "Dominion of New Zealand." The head of King Edward—and a very good head it is—is the same for all values, but there are differences in the placing of the numerals of value. For the 2 1/2d. and 9d. stamps, and also the higher values, the present pictorial types will be retained.

The 4d. and 1d. stamps, we learn, are issued in sheets of 240; all the other stamps illustrated here are in sheets of 120.

The exact time of the issue was noon on November 8th.

Salvador (352).—A watermarked paper, the watermark consisting of rows of dots, has recently been introduced. So far the stamps issued on this paper are as follows:—

Watermarked Issue.
1c. green and black.
2c. carmine and black.

The Philatelic Press.

BY THE EDITOR.

Some New Papers and Others not so New.

A comparatively new Continental contemporary, hailing from Hungary, is entitled "Vilagposta-Belyeghirlap." No. 6, which is the December issue, has brought home to me my singularly complete ignorance of the Hungarian tongue. I can only say that it *seems* to be a good paper.

There is another "Stamp Collector" in the field. This one hails from Columbus, Ohio, is edited by Mr. Paul Mason, is published by Mr. George Ward Linn, and is the official journal of the Columbus Collectors' Club. It is quite good and I wish it all success.

From Santiago de Chile comes "Noticias Filatelicas," the third issue of which bears date October 15th. There is an interesting article dealing with the big purchases of leading dealers in all countries during recent years.

The "Vest Pocket Philatelist" is a little doll of a little thing measuring about three inches by two. Dr. H. A. Davis edits and publishes the tiny journal at Denver Colorado. It is something more than a curio, for much sound philatelic information is packed into its liliputian pages.

Engraver of the First Postage Stamp.

Charles Heath was stated in "Philbrick and Westoby" to be the engraver of the first adhesive postage stamp, the 1d. black of 1840. Later it was announced in "Wright & Creeke" that it was Frederick Heath who should be credited with the work.

Mr. Bertram T. K. Smith writes interestingly on this subject in the latest issue of the "Monthly Circular":

"I find," says he, "that there is a convincing oral tradition in favour of the attribution to Frederick Heath. Writing in 1884 to 'Notes and Queries,' Mr. Algernon Graves described a series of proofs of the 1d. black, formerly in his possession, and said that 'the commission to engrave the first postage stamp was originally given to Charles Heath, but as he feared that his eyesight was not good enough for such fine work, he handed it over to his son Frederick . . . About 20 years ago Mr. D. T. White presented me with six impressions printed direct from the copper plates, i.e., the original dies; these had been given him many years before by Frederick Heath.' This David Thomas White was a fine-art publisher, of Maddox Street, and died about 1868, and Mr. Graves, who personally confirmed to me in the strongest possible manner his recollection of White's distinct statement as to the authorship of the engraving, a statement made direct to White by Frederick Heath himself. Unless therefore we have further evidence to show that Charles Heath was the actual engraver, and not merely that he contracted and dealt with Perkins, Bacon & Co. as the ostensible engraver, I must believe that the work was that of his son."

Is Fiscalism Languishing!

The Editor of the "Bulletin of the Fiscal Philatelic Society" is in a despondent mood.

"It is not to be disguised," he writes, "that the study of fiscals is languishing sorely in this country. Since the revision of the Catalogue of the British Colonial Fiscals, which certainly aroused a great deal of interest, the enthusiasm has died away and the members of the Fiscal Philatelic Society are not furthering the object for which the Society was formed as they ought. There is no reason why this "Bulletin" should not appear more frequently, but it must receive more support. The Fiscal Chronicle is very meagre, and at present is practically confined to British Colonials. It is true that the fiscal emission of Europe and America could be included by wholesale copying from certain foreign journals, but this is not a procedure to which the present Editor is willing to give his sanction. It is therefore necessary to appeal to members to advise us of any unchronicled varieties which

they acquire, and it is also suggested that there must be many points on which members desire information, which could be answered by others, and a "Notes and Queries" column might be started, which would in time record valuable information on matters appertaining to fiscal philately."

It is to be hoped that the foregoing will not have been written in vain, for Fiscal Collecting has a charm of its own, and one would not like to see any interruption of the excellent work performed by the Fiscal Society.

Colonial Issues prepared but destroyed.

The "Postage Stamp" publishes the following paragraphs relating to two issues prepared for the Transvaal and the Cayman Islands respectively, but never issued to the public and subsequently destroyed.

It will come as a surprise to many of our readers to learn that stamps are, and have been recently prepared, accepted and printed in large quantities for use in British Colonial possessions, but have been destroyed in bulk without having seen the light of day.

Last week we stated on excellent authority that the 2d. King's Head Transvaal printed in purple and supplied in a large quantity to the Colonial Postal Department was supplied by mistake, and that consequently the entire stock had been destroyed without being issued.

This week, on no less reliable an authority, we learn of a hitherto unknown issue prepared for the Cayman Islands, an issue which (in the light of the speculation which has since taken place in the issues for these insignificant islands) it is surprising never got into circulation, though printed in large quantities.

This "might have been" issue consisted of the then current stamps of St. Vincent (Queen's Head) overprinted with the name of the lesser islands "CAYMAN ISLANDS." This would have been the first of the series of stamps for use in this Jamaican Dependency. The most extraordinary part of the projected issue is that St. Vincent stamps were used and not Jamaican stamps, according to our informant, Jamaica, to which the Caymans are attached for purposes of administration, is within a distance of 200 miles, while St. Vincent is about 1,400 miles distant from Grand Cayman.

Nevertheless, the stamps prepared were undoubtedly those of St. Vincent overprinted as already stated. At the last moment, however, the High Commissioner refused to sanction the issue, and the whole lot has been destroyed.

Photographs of Taping Stamps.

The current issue of the "London Philatelist" contains the following announcement officially communicated by the Trustees of the British Museum:

"Current stamps must not be photographed, but the photography of others must be left to the discretion of the Principal Librarian, such permission, however, only being granted to applicants specially recommended by the Royal Philatelic Society, to whom the late Mr. Taping wished special facilities to be granted."

Commenting upon this, the official journal of the Royal Philatelic Society says: "We are informed that owing to various requests to reproduce specimens of stamps in the Museum, it has been considered advisable to grant no ordinary application for this purpose. The Royal Philatelic Society, however, will be fully able to support any demand for photographic reproductions that may be really requisite for philatelic purposes, and we are confident that the regulations laid down by the Trustees of the British Museum will elicit the cordial approval of all the Fellows and members of the Society."

The Right Way of Mounting a Stamp.

Some very useful and sensible tips are given by "Desdichado" in his article on "Arranging a Collection" in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly." As to how a stamp should be mounted, for example:

The stamp is now ready for mounting, so select a mount, which should be of the very best quality of the "peelable" kind, and even the best is cheap, and turn over a little more than one-eighth of an inch of its top or side, the gum outwards. I say "top or side," because there are two ways of mounting stamps: one by hinge at the top, the other by a hinge at the side—the latter for preference. If the mount be on the *side* of the stamp,

it should be on that side which is nearer to the outside edge of the album leaf on which the specimen is to be displayed; in either case, the mount should be affixed so that its fold just shows beyond the edge of the stamp.

Wet the turned-over portion of the mount as little as may be necessary, hold it down with a finger, and place the stamp in position with the aid of the tweezers; press it down (don't rub it) with the handle end of the tweezers or with a finger, putting a piece of tissue paper between that member and the stamp—a slight detail, certainly; but a few pressings with a bare, warm, and perhaps slightly moist finger will make a mark which cannot be removed, and the stamp is no longer "mint."

A Stamp of Success.

Issued by W. H. Lawson, a Vice-President, at the Supper of the Liverpool Philatelic Society, held at the St. George's Restaurant, 16th December, 1909.

'Twas in a City Office in eighteen double eight
(To use a telephonic form to state our birth year's date),
When a band of Stamp Collectors, all keen philatelists,
Established our Society with their names upon its lists.
The ancient building now has gone, the house where we were
born,

But we're alive and kicking, with our glories still unshorn.
Thrice seven years have rolled away since that eventful date
And our sturdy L.P.S. has now arrived at man's estate.
We're one-and-twenty years of age, our wisdom teeth are cut,
And we may preen our feathers, and perform a little strut.
Though we're not the only pebble by a long way on the beach,
Philatelic combinations do not often our years reach,
We've had our "ups," we've had our "downs," since we on
life's road started,

But I put it to you one and all, "Now do we look downhearted?"
Why should we look downhearted, I ask you to declare,
While Mr. A. S. Allender still occupies the Chair,
And one Vice-chair is amply filled by Mr. Galloway
(Of the chap that's in the other I haven't much to say),
We've an excellent Committee, in number only five,
But concerning our Society they're very much alive,
And Mr. James collects our cash in such a pleasant manner,
We'd like to give him all we've got down to our bottom tanner.
Mr. W. McMillan looks after our exchange,
And Taylor, our Librarian, brings books within our range,
And Secretary Woodthorpe with his easy running pen,
Our record writes and lets us know what should be in our ken,
And Auctioneer friend Thomas, a most alluring kid,
Conducts our sales by auction and induces us to bid,
So I ask you one and all to sing and shout "Hip, hip, hooray!"
For the Liverpool Society, which is twenty-one to-day!
Whatever fate may have in store we none of us can see,
But we can hope the L.P.S. will reach its Jubilee.

C. G. DYALL.

Great Britain: Mr. Cox's Discovery.

MR. H. S. HODSON writes us as follows:—

With regard to Mr. H. J. Cox's discovery of Great Britain 1d. Large Crown 16 on white paper with 4th alphabet, there is no reason why such a variety should not exist, as according to the official returns, plates 50 and 51 (the only plates on which this particular lettering was employed) were put to press 27/6/56 and 26/6/56 respectively; but as hitherto no copies have been found dated before 1861, it has been thought probable that impressions from this plate were kept in reserve until that year.

Some of the letters comprising this fourth alphabet are, however, rather difficult to distinguish, and although I have no reason to doubt your correspondent's judgment, I should be very grateful to him if he would kindly allow me to inspect his stamp, as I have succeeded in nearly reconstructing both of these plates in the Large Crown 14 issue, and could accordingly easily verify the stamp in question.

Uniform Australian Stamps.

THE COMPETITION FOR DESIGNS.

THE following extract from "The Age" newspaper comes to us in the latest issue of the "Australian Philatelist":

Action is about to be taken by the Postmaster-General towards the issue of a series of Commonwealth stamps of uniform design. The competition for designs will be open to the world, and the prizes to be offered will be of sufficient value to attract the world's best artists.

The stamps will be of 19 denominations, namely:— $\frac{1}{4}$ d., 1d., 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 2d., 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d., 10d., 1/-, 2/-, 2/6, 5/-, 10/-, 20/- and 40/-. They will be divided into three groups in order to secure variety in design, colour and size, and with the object of making the several denominations easily distinguishable from each other.

The competition is likely to be in two divisions. The first division will be open to any person with artistic ideas. The second will be confined to experts, and may be expected to attract some of the world-famous stamp printers like Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, Ltd., Messrs. Bradbury, Wilkinson & Co., and Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. If the Minister should accept the proposals of the Stamps Board which sat in 1907, the competitors will be invited to include in their designs:—

1—The King's head or figure. 2—The Queen's head or figure.
3—The King's and Queen's heads together. (This suggestion has special relation to the larger stamps). 4—Characteristic features of Australia. 5—Emblematic heads or figures specially suitable to represent some aspect of the Commonwealth.

The section of the competition limited to experts will probably be so organised and regulated as to enable firms to accompany their designs by estimates for the steel engraving or electro process work involved. The Stamps Board was opposed to the electro process work, and strongly favoured the printing of the stamps from steel plates.

No announcement has been made as to the amount of the prizes to be offered in the competition. The recommendations of the Stamp Board under this head were as follows:—

(a) That in the open competition (particulars of which might be cabled to London, and all designs made returnable at the end of six months from the date of calling for same), an aggregate sum of £600 be awarded in six separate prizes of £100 each, to be paid unconditionally for each of the designs selected as being the best, whether such designs be used or not used by the department: any competitor to be permitted to compete for one or more designs. The department may purchase, at a price to be agreed upon, any design for which a prize has not been awarded.

(b) That a payment of £100 be made to each of the leading engraving firms before referred to who submit at least one set of six designs for postage stamps, and also a design for postal notes.

(c) That accepted designs in the open competition and the designs furnished by the engraving firms shall become the absolute property of the department.

It will be observed from paragraph (b) above that the Board contemplates a new issue of postal notes as well as stamps.

Forgeries of the 1 franc Belgium.

STAMP collectors are warned against purchasing, unless through respectable dealers, the obsolete 1 franc red Belgium stamp. According to a despatch from Brussels, the place of origin of the forgeries is said to be Germany. A Bruges collector was the first to make the discovery. Besides this old stamp the artists have been at work on the current stamp of the same value. The forger, it is said, has produced an imitation that can deceive at first sight even the Belgian postal authorities. Many of the counterfeits have been recognised in different towns in Belgium. In regard to the obsolete stamp, it is only collectors who will be victimised but with that of the current issue the result is different.—"THE GLOBE."

A proposal has been submitted to the French Chamber of Deputies that a Sunday label, *a la Belgique*, be attached to the postage stamps of France.

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Philatelists of To-Day.

III.—Mr. ARTHUR S. ALLENDER.

A FINE philatelic spirit animates the members of the old established Liverpool Philatelic Society, which has so recently celebrated the twenty-first anniversary of its inauguration. And perhaps there is no keener or more enthusiastic "L.P.S." member than Mr. Arthur S. Allender, who this year occupies the presidential chair.

As a matter of fact it has fallen to Mr. Allender's lot, in the present season, to officiate as President of both the Liverpool Societies, Senior and Junior—a high and unusual distinction.

Mr. Allender has been a stamp collector from fairly early boyhood, and in his first years of Philately his collection was built up by the gentle art of "swapping" specimens at school, the parties to each and every compact of this kind being blissfully unconscious of such things as catalogues and catalogue values. Sticking to his hobby with a fair amount of constancy, Mr. Allender had the good fortune to reinforce his possessions by sharing in the breaking-up of one or two older collections. He was then—and still is—a general collector, but from time to time he has made special studies of particular countries and groups; and at the present day he has a marked preference for Great Britain, Europe (early issues) and Egypt. King's Heads, and indeed modern issues generally, have not the fascination for him that is wielded by the earlier emissions.

Since joining the Liverpool Philatelic Society some seven or eight years ago Mr. Allender has undertaken a generous share of the hard work which is incidental to the proper conduct of any successful philatelic organisation. From being a "private member" he became a committee-

man, and then graduated to the post of Hon. Secretary, which he filled with energy and tact during the seasons 1906-07 and 1907-08; and now, as already stated, he has reached the dignity of the presidential chair. Among his contributions to the meetings of the Society during recent years have been papers on "Cyprus,"

"European Secret Marks," "Art and Philately." A fortnight hence—that is to say, at the meeting of January 24th—Mr. Allender is to read some "Notes on the Stamps of the Swiss Cantons," a subject in which he has taken a keen interest for a considerable time.

The Liverpool Junior Society he joined at its inception, and has been prominently identified with its progress, being this year President of the "L.J.P.S." for the second time. He has contributed to the entertainment and instruction of the members by means of papers on "The Lighter Side of Philately," "The Line-Engraved Stamps of Great Britain" and other subjects.

Mr. Allender's general collection numbers some 10,000 specimens. He pleads guilty to being a "condition crank," his rule being "a fine specimen or none at all." "I take a very keen interest in the hobby," wrote Mr. Allender in a recent letter, "and hope to continue to do so for many years."

It is a hope which, we feel sure, will call forth a very general "hear hear" from philatelists, and especially from Mr. Allender's fellow members of the Liverpool and Liverpool Junior Philatelic Societies.



MR. ARTHUR S. ALLENDER,
President of the Liverpool & Liverpool Junior Philatelic Societies.

The Postage Stamps of Belgium.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Continued from page 194).

The government of the day could not screw its courage to the sticking place. While believing that cheaper postage would bring an enormous increase in letter writing, the administration lacked the courage to risk any diminution of the revenue. Two years later—in 1847—wiser counsels began to prevail. A new ministry formed in that year associated itself with the demand for postal reform, and a law authorising the introduction of postage stamps passed the legislature in November, 1847. There was still much delay, however, before the hopes of the reformers were fully consummated. In April, 1848, a Bill promised by the Minister of Public Works was introduced to the Chamber of Representatives. This aimed to establish a minimum letter-rate of 20 centimes, but after a spirited debate this amount was reduced to 10 centimes. So amended the Bill became law on April 22nd, 1849, and the ultimate result was a royal decree of June 17th, 1849, giving the Belgian people penny postage as from the 1st July of that year.

PENNY POSTAGE WITH A DIFFERENCE.

But the penny postage inaugurated in Belgium in 1849 was not the penny postage introduced in Great Britain nine years earlier. In Belgium the single letter postage (that is, for letters weighing not more than 10 grammes) was fixed at 10 centimes provided the distance from the place of origin to the office of destination did not exceed 20 kilometres. For a distance of more than 20 kilometres, within the kingdom, the single letter rate was to be 20 centimes.

The royal decree already referred to, dated "Brussels, June 17th, 1849," and signed by the first Leopold, embraced the following items:—

Article I.: Postage stamps of the values 10 and 20 centimes shall be created for the prepayment of correspondence.

Article II.: The postage stamps shall bear our [King Leopold's] portrait. They shall also bear the inscription "Poste" and an indication of their value, the latter both in cyphers and in letters.

Article III.: The stamps shall be sold by the agents of the postal administration.

The Minister of Public Works, M. Rolin, being the Minister charged with the execution of this decree, proceeded to issue instructions to the various postmasters of the kingdom by means of the following circular letter, the text of which I have taken from M. Bouvez's historical paper aforementioned:—

Brussels, 17th June, 1849.

The tax collectors will shortly receive the first supply of postage stamps, the quantity being based upon their presumed requirements for one month, and they will take pains to supply, without delay, the distributors under their orders, so that the sale of these stamps can commence, throughout the kingdom, on the 25th of June.

In order to facilitate this sale there will be sent to the collectors, with the present circular, a considerable number of announcements, which they will be instructed to send out immediately to merchants and other persons who habitually use the postal service. It will, however, be necessary to inform buyers of these stamps that they will not be valid before the 1st of July, the date fixed for the introduction of the new method of prepaying postage on letters.

It is also to be understood that every letter forwarded up to midnight of the 30th June will be subject to the tariff fixed by the law of Dec. 29th, 1835; and that this rate shall be collected, whatever may be the time of its actual arrival at its destination.

I hope I may count upon the zeal and activity of the postal agents in the execution of the measures which are expected to assure the success of the postal reform; and that they will, above all, take advantage of every opportunity of bringing its advantages to the notice of the public.

I desire, also, that the agents and officials of every grade be

permitted to read these instructions, and that their attention be called particularly to the regulations concerning postage stamps.

(Signed) H. ROLIN,

Minister of Public Works.

Meantime the engraver, Jacques Wiener, had been commissioned to prepare the dies for the stamps, and by May, 1849, he had completed and delivered to the postal authorities his *taille douce* engravings for the first postage stamps of Belgium.

(To be continued.)

[NOTE.—In the continuation of this article in the next *Fortnightly* I shall deal with the Belgian adhesives of the first and second issues. I shall be very glad of any hitherto unpublished data with which readers of the *S.C.F.* may be able to supply me. Specimens of varieties, suitable for illustration, of any of the issues of Belgium are solicited on loan, and will be handled with the utmost care.—P.C.B.]

THE SECOND

Philatelic Congress

OF GREAT BRITAIN; LONDON, 1910.

To be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society at Caxton Hall, Westminster, from April 27th to April 29th, 1910.

Patron—The President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London (H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, &c., etc).

In addition to the Societies published in this journal, the following Societies have informed the Executive Committee of the names of their Delegates:—

Bath Philatelic Society—Mr. M. B. D. Pope.
Birmingham Philatelic Society—Messrs. R. Hollick, G. Johnson, T. W. Peck and W. Pimm.
Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society—Mr. Henry Alsop.
City of London Philatelic Society—Messrs. J. R. Burton, W. B. Edwards and J. A. Leon.
Fiscal Philatelic Society—Messrs. P. F. Evans and A. B. Kay.
Herts Philatelic Society—Major E. B. Evans, Messrs. W. H. Peckitt, Chas. J. Phillips and W. T. Standen.
Huddersfield and District Philatelic Society—Dr. T. S. Adair and Mr. Charles Greenwood.

Hull and East Riding Philatelic Association—Messrs. R. W. Dewing, A. R. Hebblethwaite and H. Immencamp.
Kent and Sussex Philatelic Society—Messrs. J. C. Rix and E. G. Stone-Wigg.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society—Messrs. I. J. Bernstein, J. J. Darlow and J. S. Higgins, Jr.

The Executive Committee hopes that the other Philatelic Societies of Great Britain and Ireland will soon appoint their Delegates, and inform the Hon. Secretary of the Congress (Mr. H. A. Slade, Nine Fields, St. Albans, Herts) of their names and addresses.

FRANZ REICHENHEIM,

Chairman of the Executive Committee.

EXPENSES OF THE CONGRESS.

As a notice has appeared in one of the organs of the Philatelic Press hinting that the Herts Philatelic Society is sending out applications for donations to the general public, may I be allowed to say that such a statement is apt to lead to quite an erroneous impression.

The Executive Committee have appealed for donations to none but bonafide Members of the Herts Philatelic Society to cover the expenses of the Congress, moreover, they have definitely refused offers from outside, and have returned several cheques that have kindly been sent to them by well-wishers of the Congress who, however, have not belonged to our Society.

H. A. SLADE,

Hon. Treasurer.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

The "Oracle" has said it.

I LIKE candour. So does Mr. D. E. McCurdy, of Maryland, U.S.A. More, McCurdy practices it. He sends forth a tiny publication, yclept "The Little Oracle," and as a sub-line the lilliputian sheet is entitled, "*An International Advertising Circular devoted to the interest of the publisher.*" There's frankness for you! No cant about the interest of the hobby, or that, or the other. Simply "devoted to the interest of —" McCurdy!

Says McCurdy of the "Oracle"
(Size: inches six by three!)
"I'll launch my little coracle
Upon the stormy sea
Of journalism—so I will!
And this my aim shall be:
To strive my cussedest to serve
The interest of ME."

Bravo, McCurdy! Long may you wave as a humble disciple of the little boy with the hatchet who became the Father of his Country! Picture me stretching a fraternal hand across the streak. May your "Little Oracle" never grow less!

Stamp Exhibitions to come.

AT Berne, Switzerland (the place you mustn't send petitions to), they are making good headway with the scheme for the International Philatelic Exhibition of the present year. The date of opening has now been fixed for September 3rd. Various postal notables, including Mons. E. Ruffy, Director of the Universal Postal Union, have given their names as vice-patrons. Mons. Fritz Fudi, the Secretary, is conducting a vigorous campaign of organisation and publicity.

Next year it will be the turn of Vienna. The exhibition in the Austrian capital will be from September 12th to 26th, 1911, following upon the heels of the twenty-third Deutschen Philatelistentag. The Chairman of the Executive Committee is Dr. Hans von Woerz, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. Adolf Passer, who may be addressed at 9, Himmelpfortgasse, Vienna I.

Fiscals and Telegraphs of Ceylon.

I GATHER from the "Bulletin of the Fiscal Philatelic Society" that the late Mr. C. S. F. Crofton left the manuscript of an elaborate work on the fiscal and telegraph stamps of Ceylon, embodying his researches in the official archives. "He possessed (says my contemporary) a fine collection of these stamps and the result of his studies would doubtless be a valuable addition to philatelic literature. We are informed that this work is likely to be published in the near future, and taking into consideration the critical ability and philatelic acumen of the writer, it is to be expected as a notable philatelic achievement."

The "P. J. of A." Redivivus.

WELCOME to the long-promised "Philatelic Journal of America," which has just made its way over from St. Louis, Mo., U.S.A.

I have also received a most interesting volume from the American house of Stanley Gibbons—namely, "The General Issues of United States Stamps, their Shades and Varieties," by Eustace B. Power. It is a simple and straightforward exposition of the "things that matter" in the collecting of U.S.A. issues.

Attempted Philatelic Fraud.

SYDNEY EDMUNDS *alias* Nash, who was charged at Bow Street Police Court, on Wednesday, January 5th, with attempting to obtain stamps by fraud from Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., was sentenced to six weeks hard labour.

The Stamp Market.

By SENAN.

IT seems that the 72h. Austria, 1904, without the shiny bars is worth somewhere about 6d. Is this variety catalogued? Searching through a hundred copies all are found to have the shiny bars.

Australian Commonwealth Postage Dues seem in evidence at present, in some quantity, in places, right up to the 5/- value, yet this does not imply reduced prices, for the figures quoted are fairly high. The 6d. of 1902, with blank spaces at foot, should be a good stamp.

9d. blue, New South Wales, 1904, is perhaps cheaper. Last week I saw the lowest quotation for this stamp yet noticed. The 9d. Queensland, which is scarcer somehow, maintains its old figure.

The 2½d., 3d. and 6d. Tasmania pictorials occur to one as gradually becoming dearer, prices seem "pretty stiff" in some quarters. Double face value for the used 2½d. may one day be its regular price. Somebody says the 6d. value is obsolete. Is it?

A lower price for the 3d., 4d. and 6d. "long stamps" of South Australia has also been noticed; the 8d. and 10d. values, however, are not often quoted for in greater quantities than per dozen.

Where the price of a stamp stops short at the dozen rate it should be safe to buy, if the figure be moderate, for the absence of a price for any larger quantity is of course an admission of inability to supply any very large lot, and this comparative scarcity should give the stamp a better chance of finding ready purchasers. This may be wisdom, or it may be not; the reader is free to judge. This being the festive season the writer is giving his intellectual faculties a brief rest, and all problems are barred till the middle of January.

2½d. to 1s. values of New Zealand, Queen's Heads, of 1882, seem to be steadily advancing, chiefly, perhaps, in the country of their origin, and doubtless the increase of local collectors is to some extent responsible for this. Time was when some of these were considered good penny stamps, but now—happy is the man who has a few hundred in reserve.

50c. orange, U.S.A., of 1902, at a shilling a dozen should be a "snap," if the copies are good, but the quotation will probably not be seen again. Guessing, one would say that 3d. apiece, or more, would be a fair price for this stamp at the moment, and the 1 and 2 dollar values of the same issue should be equally good in proportion.

Have seen a low quotation for the 1d. rose, Fiji, 1906, a stamp possibly more plentiful than its predecessors.

5c. blue and 10c. brown, unpudd., of the general issue for French Colonies, are obtainable in places per 100, and should sell readily as being a trifle out of the ordinary for common stamps. A French correspondent can also usually supply odd copies of the higher values which have a fairly good catalogue status.

The 5c. Canal Zone, 1906, seems to have accumulated by the hundred in many places since the day it was first given a price in the catalogue; the comparative ease with which this stamp is secured is found to lead to a demand for the 8c. and 10c. values, which are worth looking out for.

Some new arrivals are the 1½c., 15c. and 20c. Holland, 1908, the 15c. being a good penny stamp for cheap sheets, and is a rather better stamp than the 20c. The red "4" on the 4—00—6½c. Postage Due is enticing; this stamp is priced 6d. in one catalogue. Nice copies of the 2½c. green Queen's of 1892, should be worth at least 3d. each, while the 2½c. King's Head of 1872, a desirable stamp, is hard to meet with.

Two underpriced stamps of the Dutch Indies seem to be the 2½c., Figures, 1883, and the 12½c. grey of 1870. The 15, 20, 25 and 50c. surcharged stamps of 1900 usually sell at their full catalogue price; indeed, a judge of values might not be far wrong if he appraised the 25c. at 2d., and the 12½c. at 3d. The 7½c. of 1903 is seldom quoted for, though the 20c. olive of the same issue seems slightly cheaper. "Buiten Bezit" are dearer than "Java."

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Between Ourselves

Here we are in 1910, with a General Election before us and the British weather beating its own unenviable records. If only one side or the other could promise us better weather —! ye gods, what a majority they would have! As it is, many of us are inclined to cry, "a plague on both your 'Houses'!" To all philatelists we wish a happy and successful year!

United South Africa!—Yes! but that does not necessarily mean uniform South African stamps in the near future, as many people appear to imagine. As in Australia there will be the "book-keeping period"—who invented that delightful phrase?—and if we may judge by the experience of the Commonwealth, then philatelists need not worry themselves about closing their Cape, Natal, Transvaal, and Orange River collections for many a long day to come.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. M. P. Castle remarks) has cold-shouldered the Petition of the Manchester Philatelic Congress! and so he has. Whether the General Election will result in the appointment of a new Postmaster-General who will prove rather less touchy as to his own prerogative in postal matters remains to be seen, but in the meantime a paragraph in Mr. Castle's article in the current "London Philatelist" has rather mystified us. We quote Mr. Castle as follows:

The only practical way of approaching the matter is, in our view, for the Philatelists in each country to try and bring pressure to bear upon its own administration in case of the appearance of superfluous issues. In order to give due weight to such representations the Philatelists should be able to show that they represent the unanimous feeling of their philatelic compatriots. Should such a delightful unanimity be attained, perhaps with a great name as a president and the help of friendly members of Parliament, some good effect might be attained. Possibly also such an example might be successfully followed in other countries.

In our opinion this is not "the only practical way." In fact, if Mr. Castle means to suggest that pressure should be brought to bear upon the postal administration of each nation to correct the postal sins of other nations, it is not a practical way at all, since such intervention would be rightly resented as a piece of international impertinence. It would be competent only for the Postal Union, as the supreme postal tribunal, to adopt such a course of procedure. If, on the other hand, Mr. Castle's suggestion is that the philatelists of each nation should seek to prevent unnecessary issues in their own country alone, then this would debar British stamp collectors from taking any further part in the anti-gumpap crusade, since we in Great Britain have no complaint against our own national issues. Occasionally, it is true, our smaller colonies are among the offenders, but these can be called to order by the Colonial Office.

To petition the Postal Union seemed to many of us to be "the only practical way," but this apparently is the special prerogative of Postmasters-General, and is not a privilege exercisable by the general public.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- January 10th.—Scottish Philatelic Society: General Display by Members—
January 20th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant Redcross Street, Liverpool: Paper, British New Guinea and Papua Mr. N. Clissold; Displays of the same and also Trinidad.
January 12th.—City of London Philatelic Society, Mills' Restaurant Broad Street, E.C.: Display with Notes, Hong Kong and India Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.; Competitive Display of "Fifteen Stamps Issued Prior to 1860."
January 12th.—Annual Meeting, Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society.
January 12th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon: Single Issue Displays by Miss Field and Messrs. Ashby, Bing, Harland, Knight, Shaw and Simmons.
January 12th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, Divan Café, Northampton: Ten-minute Papers, "My Favourite Country," by Members.
January 13th.—Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society: Display with Notes, Barbados, Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
January 13th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton: "Some little known Reprints and how to Detect them," by Mr. H. Clark.
January 13th.—International Philatelic Union, Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, W.C.: Paper (selected) Mr. P. L. Pemberton.
January 14th.—Annual Dinner of the Scottish Philatelic Society.
January 14th.—Dundee and District Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Dundee: Debate (subject to be intimated), Mr. David v. Mr. Martin.
January 14th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Arrangement of Forgery Collection.
January 15th.—Junior Philatelic Society, at 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C.: Display and Paper, "Holland," Mr. A. J. Warren (Society's Forgery and General Collections on view).
January 17th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Notes on the Stamps of Baden, Mr. J. Bate. Display, Baden.
January 18th.—Herts Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: Display, Victoria, Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg.
January 18th.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: Display, Ceylon, Messrs. A. and W. Oxley.
January 19th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: "Postmarks on the Stamps of Hong Kong," Mr. J. M'Dougall.
January 19th.—Bath Philatelic Society, at the Bath Church Institute: Display, with notes, "Sudan and Siam," Mr. F. G. Nokes.
January 20th.—Royal Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.: Notes on the Types of the 1853 Issue of British Guiana, with Display, Mr. M. P. Castle.
January 20th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society's Exhibition.
January 20th.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury: Display of English Fiscals, Mr. D. Thompson: Display, Fiscals of Spain and Colonies and Rarities of Great Britain, Mr. W. Schwabacher.
January 21st.—Manchester Philatelic Society, at 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Paper, "Insured Letter Stamps of Colombia," Mr. J. R. M. Albrecht.
January 21th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant Redcross Street: Notes on Swiss Cantons, Mr. A. S. Allender: Displays, Switzerland, Papal States.
January 26th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, at Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon: Display from General Collection, with Notes, Mr. S. R. Turner.
January 26th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, at Divan Café, Northampton: Display of General Collection, Mr. M. Wetherell.
January 27th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, Mr. Fred J. Melville.
January 27th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: Paper, St. Lucia, Mr. W. Pimm.
January 27th.—Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society: Ten-minute Papers by Members: also a Competitive Display.

AUCTION SALES.

- January 8th (this day).—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
January 8th (this day).—Mr. Frederick Guthrie, at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.
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Designs on Postage Stamps.

A Paper read before the Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society,

By FERRIS CHILCOTT.

It is a recognised fact that the art and ingenuity of a nation is generally represented upon its postage stamps. This fact has evoked considerable rivalry among stamp-issuing countries of the world, in a competition for the introduction of art in postage stamp designs. Perhaps, at the present day, however, this competition is only waged between minor countries in the world, as Labuan, Liberia and Barbados. It is impossible in taking a general survey of the world's postage stamps, not to be struck with one curious fact, and that is, that it is the tendency of the chief countries in the world, with one possible exception, to issue stamps gradually becoming worse in design and colour. Taking the case of one particular country, this decadence is perhaps not more noticeable or definite than with Great Britain. The first issues, the line-engraved stamps are probably the finest examples in existence of what a postage stamp should be. They are clear and bold in design; added to which the workmanship is exquisite. It is a noteworthy fact that although Britain's nearest continental neighbour, France, took nine years to follow out the principles of Rowland Hill, she was beaten in the race by Brazil, which had a beautifully executed series of stamps, as early as 1843. These large square stamps bear bold and prominent numerals, resting on a circular background of spandrels and network, whilst plain corners produce an effective result. The first issues of France are admirable. The design which consists of Ceres, the Goddess of Agriculture, is striking but severe.

The first issues of Holland and Belgium were beautiful, rich cameo-like portraits; whilst a nobly massive portrait of Isabella adorns the first stamps of Spain; but in England, France, and certain continental countries the progress of time only produced worse designs. The German Empire has never had a good postage stamp, but it never had a worse one than the current green five pfennig.

The drawing of the steel-clad warrior, who presumably shakes the "mailed fist," is less suggestive of the Kaiser-macht than of the Kindergarten. Perhaps the most definite fall of all is in the great majority of our own Colonies. Canada and Newfoundland, it is true, have never much slipped below the level of their first issues; but contrast the earliest stamps of St. Helena, Ceylon, Cape of Good Hope, Natal, Bahamas, and the Colonies in Oceania, with their later issues. Notice the admirable features of Queen Victoria in the "Fifties" and "Sixties," and the cheap and indistinctive designs on the postage stamps of to-day. For instance, compare that beautiful work of art on the twenty-four cents blue stamp of the 1866 issue of Newfoundland with the 1873 penny stamp of the Australian Colony of Victoria.

To call the portrait of Queen Victoria on the latter stamp ugly would be flattering. It is of this stamp that a certain philatelist remarked: "The Yankee may boast that he licks creation, but it would take a man, and an Australian, to lick that." At the same time it cannot be overlooked that certain early postage stamps were remarkably crude in design. For instance, take that stamp which is the ambition of every collector to possess—the twopenny blue "Post Office" stamp of Mauritius. This stamp is extremely crude in workmanship and design, having been engraved by a watchmaker on the island. Take for another example the stamps generally known as the "Sydney Views," of New South Wales. The design represents the seal of the colony, showing convicts landing at Botany Bay and their reception by "Industry." This theory is probably more correct than that propounded by certain philatelists to the effect that the seated figure represented Mrs. Pankhurst receiving the submission of various members of the Cabinet. This colony

is responsible for another series of stamps similar to the 1873 penny stamp of Victoria. These stamps are known as the "Laureated" stamps of New South Wales. The unrecognisable portrait of Queen Victoria, is crowned with a wreath of laurel, which is an uncommon feature of portraiture on British Colonial stamps. The first requisite for a popular postage stamp is that the design must be original, and at the same time of general interest. Consequently, since the first postage stamp was issued in 1840, the variety of designs on postage stamps has been enormous. It follows then that in a collection of postage stamps, there are always specimens that stand out more conspicuously than others. Naturally enough different individuals are specially attracted by certain stamps in a collection. For instance, in the early days of stamp-collecting, admirers of fine art were attracted by the beautifully designed engravings that appeared on the postage stamps of that period.

The famous life-like precision in which Queen Victoria was portrayed upon early British North American colonials was quite a familiarity among collectors of the "old school." Again, certain Asiatic countries have at various periods adopted pictures of scenery, birds and animals for the subjects of their postage stamp designs. Some, calling themselves collectors, prefer to collect only these pretty pictures, which were quite sufficient to gratify their sense of possession. "Stamp Zoos" were at one time quite a favourite limitation of stamp collectors. The most popular stamps among English people are perhaps portraits of members of the Royal Family.

The portraits of our late Queen Victoria and our present King have formed the subjects for the designs of more postage stamps than any other portraits in the world; and many works of art are to be found amongst the early portraits of the former sovereign. It is well known that in Australia the portrait of Queen Victoria still adorns most of the stamps of that continent. Take for instance the current series of Victoria, which consists of portraits of the Queen at various stages of her reign. The ninepenny stamp is the most artistic, and bears a crowned portrait of the Queen in the year of her accession to the throne. Another artistic stamp, adorned with the Queen's Head, is the large "Five-Shilling" stamp of Malta, which is very appropriately designed with a Maltese Cross. In 1897, most of the British Colonies commemorated the Jubilee of the reign of Queen Victoria by issuing a specially designed stamp. The design comprised a portrait of Queen Victoria in 1897, her head-dress consisting of a widow's veil and crown. This great year was commemorated in Canada by the issue of an elaborate series of stamps. These large rectangular stamps comprised two ellipses, containing portraits of the Queen in the year of her accession to the throne, 1837, and another at the time of her Jubilee in 1897. This series is one of the most novel and artistic that has been devised in modern years. Perhaps a more recent set of stamps drawing forth a similar admiration are the stamps that were issued to commemorate the Tercentenary of Quebec. Of these the 2c. stamp is a novel one in its way, for it shows King Edward VII. and Queen Alexandra side by side. Many artistic stamps are found among the King's Head Colonials. Probably the most artistic are the stamps of Malta and the Falkland Islands. Other members of the Royal Family portrayed on postage stamps are the Prince and Princess of Wales, who until the recent Canadian historical series appeared, had only been portrayed upon stamps of the current Newfoundland set. Even now the only portrait of Prince Edward of Wales appears on the ½c. of the same series. This is the most popular portrait stamp that has ever been issued, and

bids fair to remain so for many years to come; no stamp evoking more admiration from lady friends than this portrait of the "Baby Prince." Perhaps a more up-to-date one of the Prince in the uniform of a cadet would be still more popular.

During the Siege of Mafeking it was only natural that provisional stamps would be required. Lieutenant-General Baden-Powell authorized the issue of a stamp, designed with his portrait. The portrait appears like a silhouette on a plain background; whilst a narrow label, bearing the inscription, produces a novel result. In foreign countries, portraiture has been adopted for postage stamp designs more than any other subject. The history and progress of large republics, like the United States, is fairly represented on their postage stamps, many of which bear portraits of men eminent in history. Portraiture has been a prominent subject on the stamps of Brazil. The first portrait stamps are generally classed under the name of the "Emperor's Head" stamps of Brazil, and are one of the most life-like series of portraits that have ever appeared on postage stamps.

The poverty-stricken designs on the stamps of our own country, at present, are apt to beget the impression that those artists must be right who scoff at the idea of space on a postage stamp allowing any scope for the display of art. But the collector who is aware of what other countries have done and are doing in postage stamp designs, could tell a different tale. Probably few collectors are aware of the variety of design lavished on some countries' postal issues. Glance for instance at the 1906 issue of Brazil, which have rarely been beaten for neatness and compactness of design. This set is an historical one, and comprises portraits of men prominent in the making of modern Brazil.

The Emperor Francis Joseph of Austria commemorated his Jubilee by the issue of an elaborate series of postage stamps. These large rectangular stamps comprise an absolutely original design and reflect interesting periods of the Imperial Dynasty, consisting of portraits taken from Austria's Gallery of Emperors and Empresses.

The stamps of Persia have at various periods been adorned with curious designs, but it cannot be denied that those stamps designed with the head of the Shah attain a high level of artistic care.

One of the most curious sets of stamps ever devised is the 1894 commemorative series of San Marino. It is well known that certain stamps of San Marino were issued solely to increase the revenue for the purpose of an up-to-date drainage system throughout the province. The establishment of new government buildings and a visit of King Humbert formed a good excuse for the issue. The 50 cent stamp, which Euclid would probably recognise as one of his propositions, comprises two circles containing miniature portraits, one on each side of an isosceles triangle, which encloses a picture of the new Government buildings.

Andrew Jackson, a man eminent in the history of the United States, is portrayed in a very effective manner upon the lowest denomination of a series of stamps in that country. In fact the portrait practically occupies the whole stamp.

Arms and allegorical figures have very appropriately formed the subject of postage stamp designs. Arms were generally adopted by various provinces in a country, the reason being obvious. Glance, for instance, at the stamps of the Swiss Cantons and the provinces of Spain and Italy. The numerous provinces of the United States of Colombia have at different periods adopted this style for their stamps, but in this case the designs remain unvaried, so that the stamps of the various provinces are perhaps only distinguishable by the inscriptions.

Among allegorical figures, "Triangular Capes" are the most familiar and popular, for most collectors will remember the eagerness with which they sought to possess their first specimen.

As I have remarked before, certain countries of the world have adopted scenery for the subject of their stamps. One of the most beautiful sets of stamps ever issued are the current picture stamps of Bosnia. These handsome stamps

afford glimpses of mountain scenery, woods and rivers throughout Bosnia. Another remarkable scenery stamp is one of Jamaica, depicting the Falls of Llandoverly.

The Congo Free State is responsible for a set of picture stamps, which present great variety. The 10c. is the most picturesque, for it shows a native deftly working himself up a banana tree; whilst other natives at the summit of the tree are collecting the bananas. This specimen is typical of those stamps that not only catch the eye, but induce the eye to linger.

Liberia is one of the best examples of a country that has chosen animals for the subject of its stamps. One of the most artistic animal stamps is the 10c., of the 1902 issue, of British North Borneo. The Bruang, or Honey-Bear, which is distinguished by the orange coloured patch on its breast, is seen crawling along the branch of a tree. Many artistic results have been produced, in the introduction of seascape upon postage stamps.

Glance, for instance, at the current 4d. stamp of Malta, which is remarkable in its way, for, in a tiny space, Valetta Harbour is shown, and the riggings of the ships are portrayed with wonderful clearness. On the 44d. and 5d. stamps, Maltese galleys are shown, whilst a noble schooner in full sail is depicted on one of the most artistic stamps of Uruguay. The warlike tendencies of Gerinany are fairly represented on its colonial stamps, which are adorned with battleships—probably Dreadnoughts—of the ever increasing navy.

In the near future we may expect stamps designed with pictures of aeroplanes. The United States might possibly, as an excuse for a commemorative series, issue a set of stamps depicting Dr. Francis Cook hoisting the "Stars and Stripes" at the North Pole. To return to the present day, the exception to the general decadence of designs is, of course, to be found in the stamps of the United States. A few modern issues such as Barbados, Soudan, Liberia, are beautifully executed; but for a general level of artistic care, none can approach the American. For what reason? In the European and Colonial issues you are tempted to suppose that the gradual transition from extreme care in workmanship to ugly utility, is due to some reflected recognition of the hurry and press of modern life and the needlessness of devoting time to the designing of what is only a mixture of passport and receipt. You would perhaps expect the keen business head of the American to carry himself along on similar lines, resulting in the production of equally ugly stamps. Perhaps this care in the production of American stamps is due to an effort to increase the revenue of the country. That will hardly do. More probably the answer is to be found in the fact that a busy nation, like a busy man, has more time than the idle to devote to apparently unimportant details. Doubtless the whole business of designing postage stamps cannot be called important; but the progress of designing is not without interest as a bypath in the study of national character.

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We desire to extend this list, and the kind assistance of our readers and correspondents in places where the *S.C.F.* is not already on sale would be much appreciated.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 190.)

XVI.—THE FOURTEENTH ISSUE.

A new 5c. stamp, available for both postal and fiscal use, was issued in October, 1900, and took the place of the surcharged label described in the last chapter. This was printed from the same De la Rue "stock" plate as the 50c., \$1, \$2 and \$5 stamps of issue XII i.e. the one inscribed "POSTAGE & REVENUE." The duty plate was exactly the same as that previously used. The stamp was printed on blue paper and it is the only Queen's Head stamp of this Colony issued on coloured paper.

In October, 1901, a 10c. stamp of the same type was issued in colours very similar to those of the "POSTAGE—POSTAGE" stamp. The same duty-plate was used for this.

1900-1.—WMK. CROWN CA. *Perf.* 14.

5c. grey-black and ultramarine on blue. Plate 3.
10c. dull mauve and green " 3.

XVII.—THE FIFTEENTH ISSUE.

The first of the King's Head stamps made its appearance in 1902, the 5c. being announced as issued by the October philatelic journals of that year. On November 12th a supply of 2c. stamps reached the Colony, and these were placed on sale about the end of the month. No more were issued until May, 1904, when 1c. and 20c. stamps made their appearance, the latter being a value which was not included in the regular Queen's Head set. All four values were printed on the paper watermarked Crown CA, these being the only King's head stamps of British Honduras to appear with this watermark.

The 1c. had a short life, for this value on paper with the new "multiple" watermark appeared in the following year, while the 20c. of the set is still current at the time of writing.

These stamps were all printed from the De la Rue "stock" head-plate numbered "1." This consisted of 120 stamps arranged in two panes of 60 side by side and with marginal plate numbers exactly like the similar plate in the Queen's head design.

The same duty plates were used for the 1c., 2c. and 5c. denominations as were used in the production of the Queen's Head stamps, but for the 20c. a new one had to be made, this having the value on a horizontally lined tablet.

On the fourth stamp in the top row of each pane of the 5c. there is a very interesting variety having a larger and thinner "C" and bigger dot than on any of the other 59 stamps. This is probably due to some accident to the duty plate, making it necessary to engrave the "C" and dot by hand on this particular stamp. As the variety does not occur on the 5c. Queen's head stamps the mishap evidently happened before the first printing of King's heads took place. The variety is easily distinguished, and I wonder it has not been noticed before.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1902-4.—WMK. CROWN CA. *Perf.* 14.
1c. bluish green (shades).
2c. purple and black on red (shades).
5c. grey-black and blue on blue (shades)
(a) With larger "c" and dot in value.
20c. dull and bright purple (shades).

XVIII.—THE SIXTEENTH ISSUE.

The 2c. with multiple watermark was recorded in the *Monthly Journal* for January, 1905, so it was probably issued in the preceding month. The 1c. and 5c. appeared some months later and then there was a lull in the output of new issues for a couple of years. The 1c. and 2c. at first appeared on ordinary unsurfaced paper, but latter supplies, printed about 1907, were on the chalk-surfaced paper now so generally used by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. The 5c. is only known on

the latter paper and the variety with larger "c" in the value is shown on every pane.

Early in 1907 "specimen" copies of the 10c., 25c., 50c., \$1, \$2 \$5 stamps were distributed from Berne, and these were duly chronicled in the philatelic press as on ordinary paper. When these stamps actually appeared some months later—September or October—it was found that they were all printed on chalk-surfaced paper! In commenting on this matter, *Even's Weekly Stamp News* observed, "There is something of a mystery about these stamps, as when the 'specimen' sets were distributed about six months ago, the Continental philatelic journals recorded it as being printed on ordinary instead of chalk-surfaced paper. We are now officially assured that none of these stamps have been printed except on chalk-surfaced paper. It is admitted that the first supply was returned to London to be destroyed, the reason being that 'the surface was found to adhere insufficiently.' This is the cause of the delay in the issue."

The stamps were all printed from the same De la Rue "stock" plate as the lower values and the same duty plates were used as for the corresponding Queen's head stamps.

The following is a synopsis of the varieties:—

1904-7.—WMK. MULTIPLE CR. CA. *Perf.* 14.

A. *Ordinary paper.*

1c. bluish green.
2c. purple and black on red.

B. *Chalk-surfaced paper.*

1c. bluish green.
2c. purple and black on red.
5c. grey-black and blue on blue.
(a) With large "c" and dot in value.

10c. dull purple and emerald green.
25c. " " orange.
50c. grey green and carmine.

\$1 " " "
\$2 " " blue.
\$5 " " black.

(To be continued.)

The Bargains of To-day.

To the Editor of the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

DEAR SIR,—

Please permit me to thank Mr. Alexander Maxwell for his reply, in *S.C.F.* of Dec. 25th, and to answer same.

He suggests that the stamps under discussion come to the dealer as remittances. Very good; this is probably the case. But when he states that "the dealer knows that when low values (4d. and 1d.) accumulate, they are hard to dispose of even at face value," I cannot do other than differ from him. I have had some experience of philatelic auction rooms, and I know that a mint pane of 120 St. Helena (for example) 1806, 1d. carmine, catalogued 4d. would realise 13/- or 14/-. Assuming that commission to be paid to auctioneer is 1/6, the amount received by the vendor is, say 11/6. Considering this, it is against all business principles that the stamps should be sold for 10/. Therefore I opine that Mr. Maxwell's explanation is not satisfactory.

Mr. Maxwell states further that "firms that can afford to advertise stamps, which are available for postage, and in the country of their origin too, below face value, are philanthropists, in every sense of the word." Were there nothing more in this than meets the eye, I would agree with him unreservedly. But, alas! with the packet of stamps comes a sheet of high-priced stamps on approval, or a list of "bargains." The advertisement is merely a "catch-penny."

Although Mr. Maxwell has been good enough to explain his point clearly, I am still in the dark, for a Colonial stamp, face 1d., catalogued 4d., can be sold without difficulty for 1½d.

As I am replying to a gentleman who inserted his name and address, I beg to do the same, and am

Yours faithfully,

ABRAHAM WOLFERS.

18, Eastern Esplanade, Margate, Dec. 25th, 1909.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Bolivia (385).—It seems there are four of the stamps issued in commemoration of the War of Independence, of which one, the 20c., was chronicled in the *Fortnightly* of December 11th, 1909. The full list reads:—

- 5c. red and black.
- 10c. blue and black.
- 20c. violet and black.
- 50c. olive and black.

It is now stated that the stamps commemorating the Revolution of July, 1809, were issued as locals for the province of La Paz.

Colombia (385).—*Popayan*.—The C. E. Hussman Company send "Mekeel's Weekly Stamps News" a provisional stamp which it is claimed was issued in 1878. The stamp is type-set, with a border of parallel rules, and the following inscriptions: "Popayan—Franca 10 ctvs.—No hai estampillas—El Admor." Underneath these remarks appears the signature of the postmaster.

Gambia (382).—The issue in accordance with the new colour scheme being complete, all the stamps formerly in use have been destroyed. An official statement gives the totals of all values, amounting in the aggregate to over 150,000 stamps with a total face value of some thousands of pounds sterling! Gambia has evidently been severely cautioned.

Grenada (358).—Mr. J. T. Drake, Barnsley, writes us:—

I have a copy of the 1s. King's Head single CA mint in grey and orange instead of green and orange, and should like to know if any other *Fortnightly*-reader has seen this variety.

New Zealand (386).—The following note is to hand from Mr. Denton Hepworth, Newcastle-on-Tyne:—

You state that the King's Head on the new New Zealand stamps (except 1d.) is the same for all values. To me, the head on the ½d. stamp appears different to the rest. The most noticeable point is the distance between the medals or orders and the oval containing the head. On this value the space is less than the others. Also the shading on the right side of the nose is much more distinct. Is this not so?

Yes, it is so! The notice in our last issue was written in haste, as we were anxious to be the first to illustrate this important new emission. It is evident that the ½d. stamp has been printed by a different process from the other King's Heads, and hence a general variation in the portrait of the monarch.

South Australia (364).—The following note is sent us by Mr. A. Rosenberg:—"I came across an uncatalogued variety of the South Australian Department stamp a few weeks ago. It is the 6d. blue (No. 118) with L.L. in black. This variety is not catalogued by either Gibbons or Bright."

Spain (349).—In the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" appears an illustration of the first of a new series of stamps, with the head of King Alfonso to right in a small central medallion.

New type. 15c. violet.

Tasmania (361).—Mr. R. J. Hogg sends to the "London Philatelist" the following list of perforation varieties:—

Pictorial Issue.

Block of four, *dark green*, ½d., Crown and A, perf. 12½, *rare shade*.
Pair of green, ½d., Crown and A, perf. 12½ on three sides and 11 at bottom.

Block of six, rose-red, 1d., Crown and A, perf. 11 top and bottom and 12½ at sides, left-hand pair only 12½ on one side.

Block of four as above but only the horizontal centre line perf. 12½.
Block of six, rose-red, 1d., Crown and A, 11 × 12½, the 12½ holes very large.

Block of four, dull purple, 2d., Gibbons No. 242.

Block of six, dull mauve, 2d., Crown and A, Gibbons No. 242; the holes in the 11 perf. are large and in the 12½ perf. small.
Pair, dull mauve, 2d., Crown and A, perf. 11 and imperf. at bottom.
Three, dull mauve, 2d., Crown and A, perf. twice on one side 11 × 12½, making a compound perf.
Strip of four, dull mauve, Crown and A, 12½ × 12 as Gibbons 246. but dull mauve.

Id., Rose-Red, Crown and A.

12½	11
12½ × 11	11 × 12½
11 × 12½ × 12½ × 12½	12½ × 12½ × 11 × 12½
12½ × 11 × 11 × 11	11 × 11 × 12½ × 11
11 × 12½ × 11 × 11	11 × 11 × 11 × 12

Queen's Head.

Strip of four, 9d., blue, Crown and A, perf. 11 at top and 12½ on other three sides.

The Royal Society's Collection.

APPOINTMENT OF A NEW COMMITTEE.

ANNOUNCEMENTS of great interest in regard to the Royal Philatelic Society's reference collection are made in the current issue of the "London Philatelist."

It will be remembered that the Society, upon deciding to form its own reference collection, entrusted the preparatory work to a small Committee, consisting of Messrs. Castle, Fulcher, Hanbury and Oldfield. Thanks to the efforts of these gentlemen (as we read in the Society's journal), and especially to Mr. Oldfield, upon whom fell the brunt of the work, "a satisfactory commencement of this heroic task has been made."

The Committee, however, recently resigned in view of the proposal to include entires, as this would mean an alarming increase in their labours.

The Council of the Society then requested Mr. Castle, to draw up a report on the subject, and the Hon. Vice-President, in doing so, recommended the appointment of a permanent body to be known as the Collections Committee, such committee to consist of fifteen members, besides a chairman (who should be a Member of the Council of the Society) and a Secretary. The work of the Committee to be divided into five sections or sub-committees, each of which have power to seek other assistance, the Chairman and Secretary being, in addition, members of each sub-committee. The collections to be kept at the Society's rooms and to be available for inspection subject to the Committee's regulations. Annual Reports to be made with Display of the Collection and all donations to be acknowledged in the "London Philatelist." That appeals for support should be made to all Fellows and Members of the Royal Society, and that it should also be invited from all sources.

The Report further suggested that the labours of the Committee should be divided under the five following divisions, but the arrangements for the proper devolution of the task were necessarily entrusted entirely to "The Collections Committee."

1. British Colonies.
2. Europe (including Great Britain).
3. North and South America.
4. The Rest of the World.
5. Entires.

The following Fellows of the Royal Society were elected by the Council as the members of "The Collections Committee," almost all of whom had signified their willingness to accept the position:—

M. P. Castle, Chairman.	L. L. R. Hausburg.
Baron Anthony de Worms.	F. J. Peplow.
Baron Percy de Worms.	C. F. Dendy Marshall.
T. W. Hall.	S. Chapman.
H. R. Oldfield.	J. A. Tilleard.
F. Reichenheim.	D. C. Gray.
L. W. Fulcher.	C. J. Daun.
R. B. Yardley.	Major E. B. Evans.

A. C. Emerson, Secretary.

A meeting of "The Collections Committee" will be held at an early date in the present month.

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ONE PENNY.

Philatelists of To-Day.

IV.—Mr. RALPH WEDMORE.

The present Honorary Secretary of the Junior Philatelic Society, Mr. Ralph Wedmore, was born at Clifton, Bristol, in October, 1873. He was educated first at Clifton College, and afterwards at Bonn, Germany, where he studied under a private tutor.

Mr. Wedmore's business career has carried him to all parts of the continent. Paris, Berlin, and many another continental city he knows almost as well as his native Bristol or the London, which is his present home. His first experience of business life was acquired in the Bristol sugar and fruit importing firm founded by his father and grandfather. Leaving this, he came to London, thence to Brussels for a spell and back again to London, assuming the management of a firm selling a proprietary article. He opened a branch for his firm in Paris, remaining there a year; then he repaired on a similar mission to Berlin, living for six years in the German capital. As continental manager for his firm he paid visits during this period to Vienna, Budapest, Milan, Moscow and Petersburg, at each of these cities establishing branches of his business.

Publishing and literary work engaged Mr. Wedmore's attention during the latter part of his stay in Berlin. He became director and part proprietor of a publishing business, editing a German weekly paper and contributing extensively to its columns. It was while residing in Berlin that he married an English wife, eventually returning to England in 1908.

Philately, in Mr. Wedmore's case, was an hereditary hobby. Commencing to collect at the age of eight, the first specimens to be placed in his album were duplicates given him by his father, who had a collection in an old "Lincoln" album. Mr. Wedmore, senior, was among the very early philatelists, for the first of his stamps were gathered together as long ago as 1862. The forgeries of early issues found in that collection are now figuring in the forgery collection of the Junior Philatelic Society.

From 1900 to 1908 there was a break in Mr. Wedmore's philately, which he partly attributes to pressure of business

affairs and partly to the disheartening effect of the incessant discoveries of new varieties of perforation, &c. He had been a member of the Junior Philatelic Society in its first season, and on returning to England he hastened to rejoin and has now taken up the arduous post of Hon. Secretary with the determination to do his best to make the "J.P.S." a still greater power in the land. As one who strongly believes in the work of philatelic societies he would like to see the local

societies making more strenuous efforts to enrol all the collectors in their particular localities, so that the less experienced followers of the hobby should be encouraged and assisted.

Mr. Wedmore's first collection was a general one, with a special leaning towards Great Britain and U.S.A. He has now abandoned "Generalism," but is still a strong advocate of that method for beginners, particularly if the older issues are included. Like Mr. Allender, the subject of our last sketch, Mr. Wedmore is to be counted among the "condition cranks," and he confesses that he derives a certain cynical satisfaction from the fact that there are not too many of them!

His knowledge of French and German is standing Mr. Wedmore in good stead in the philatelic literary work he now has in hand. Taking Maury's work on the stamps of France as his principal source of information, he has compiled for the "Stamp Lover" a condensed history of the French issues, and is now studying works by German authors with



MR. RALPH WEDMORE.

a similar object in view.

Looking back on the development of philately during the last quarter of a century, he does not believe that speculative and commemorative issues are so deleterious to the best interests of the hobby as the over-elaboration of varieties in the catalogues. He is one of those who have ideas as to catalogue reform. He would like to see Messrs. Stanley Gibbons issue a catalogue on the lines of their 1891 edition, at 1s. 6d., and bring out an edition on present lines once in five years, at an increased price.

When not studying stamps, Mr. Wedmore will probably be found playing tennis or billiards.

The Postage Stamps of Belgium.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Continued from page 198).

[NOTE.—Some special illustrations for this article are unavoidably held over for the next number of the *Fortnightly*.]

M. Jacques Wiener, by the way, was one of a family of artists. A brother, Charles Wiener, was a noted medallist and engraver of the period. To him philatelists are indebted for the engraving of the die used for the Belgian envelope stamp of 10 centimes (1873) and also for that of the stamp for telegraph forms, issued in 1875.

Both in beauty and simplicity of design and in excellence of execution the engravings for the first Belgian postage stamps were worthy of the artist who produced them. I remember seeing somewhere the remark that "these stamps have the appearance of a miniature oil painting." It is very true, but one wishes that the miniature oil paintings had been issued in a perforated condition! Probably there is no other series of stamps in the world so difficult to secure in a well centred state. The Belgian postal servants evidently used the office scissors in the most haphazard manner in their haste to serve customers. I saw a very extraordinary example recently—a 10 centimes stamp with only a little more than half of the King's face showing!

INSTRUCTIONS TO STAMP USERS.

The chief clauses of the royal decree of June 17th, 1849, authorising the issue of postage stamps of 10 and 20 centimes have already been given. On the following day, June 18th, there was a further public notice giving details of the stamps and directions as to their use. I am indebted to M. Ch. de Bont's articles on Belgian stamps in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" of last year for the text of this document, as follows:

"Brussels, 18th June, 1849.

"A Ministerial Notice on:—

"The Use of Postage Stamps. Prepayment of letters by means of stamps.

"In order that the public may not be subjected to the annoyance caused by the present means of prepaying letters, the Administration will cause to be sold at the rate of 10 and 20 centimes stamps with which letters may be franked within the interior of the kingdom, without its being necessary to pay the amount of the postage in actual coin at the post offices.

"These stamps consist of a small engraving of the King's portrait, together with an indication of value in words and figures; they will be printed on paper of which the back is provided with a light coating of gum.

"The value of each stamp may also be known by its colour and the colour of the printing upon it; *brown* is used for the 10 centimes stamp, and *blue* for the 20 centimes.

"To frank a letter all that will be necessary is to moisten the gum on the back of a stamp, and then affix it to that part bearing the address. It may then be put into a letter-box without further formalities."

Much of this notice reads very curiously in these twentieth-century days, and no part of it more so than the concluding paragraph, giving minute instructions on affixing the stamp to the envelope and then placing the letter "without further formalities" in the box provided for the purpose. One has to remember, however, that adhesive postage stamps were still a novelty, and that the Belgians of that time were not the alert, educated, and highly intelligent Belgians of to-day.

THE FIRST ISSUE.

On the 1st of July, 1849, the promised stamps made their appearance.

The two values, 10 centimes brown and 20 centimes blue, were intended for the prepayment of single letters (that is,

letters weighing not more than 10 grammes) for distances up to 30 kilometres (nearly 19 miles) and beyond 30 kilometres respectively. Thus, as I have before remarked, Belgium did not really adopt penny postage in the sense in which it had been introduced in Great Britain, though they had every intention of doing so ultimately. Like cautious men of business, the Government desired to guard against too great a loss to the postal revenue. At the same time they enacted, as one of the provisions of a law of April 22nd, 1849, that the single-letter postage should be made a uniform 10 centimes, irrespective of distance, directly there should be a net revenue to the Post Office of £80,000 per year. But this is by the way.

The printing of the two labels was carried out in the Rue Latéral, Brussels, a basement workroom of only moderate size being at that time deemed quite sufficient for the purpose.

There were 200 stamps to the sheet. The watermark employed shows the letters "L.L." interlaced.

Three printings were made of which it may be well to give full details in chronological order.

The first printing (May, 1849), was upon thick paper. The watermark within a single lined frame was placed in various positions—of which more anon. Colours: deep brown for the 10 centimes; deep blue for the 20 centimes. The quantities printed were:—

10c. deep brown	...	1,600,000 stamps
20c. deep blue	...	1,500,000 ..

The second printing (September, 1849) was upon a wove paper not so thick as before. For the 10c. stamp a paler brown ink was used; for the 20c. a pale blue, and also a milky shade of blue. Quantities printed:—

10c. pale brown	...	3,000,000 stamps
20c. pale blue	...	2,800,000 ..

(To be continued.)

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

Advertising to Buy.

THE majority of advertisements in the *S.C.F.*, as in other journals, are solely devoted to goods offered for sale; but I note that Messrs. Bright & Son, in the special series of advertisements they are now running in this journal, are making a peculiar feature of "Stamps Wanted." The collector with duplicates to dispose of will find it worth while to keep an eye on Messrs. Bright's lists. Their advertisement appears facing the *Fortnightly's* first reading page.

Returned Wrappers from Japan.

I HAVE recently been shown by Mr. Albert Harris a couple of newspaper wrappers returned through the post from Japan. Mr. Harris writes me regarding them:—

One of them is stamped "Inconnu" and the other "Parti," while what I take to be the Japanese equivalents of these expressions appear on slips attached to the covers. Can any of you readers tell me the meaning of these slips or the method of dealing with undelivered correspondence in Japan? The length of the inscription puzzles me. The writing reads downwards, of course, starting from the right-hand column. Many of the characters appear on both slips. It is curious that these flimsy bits of paper should have stood the journey without becoming detached.

The slips mentioned here are small pieces of very thin native paper, about 2 inches by 3 inches in size, which are lightly attached at one end only to the returned newspaper wrapper. It is, as Mr. Harris remarks, curious that they should be in such good condition after their long trip.

Seybold Stamps Sold for £5000.

Mr. H. Y. Ransom has recently sent me the following clipping from an American newspaper:—

The Seybold collection of home and foreign with its world-celebrated treasures is for sale. It comprises between 70,000 and 90,000 separate pieces, and its accumulation of original covers is regarded by many judges as the finest in the world. Among the latter are two 12 pence Canadas (there are said to be only two others in existence on the cover), a Battleboro, and copies of the 5 cent and 10 cent St. Louis. The collection has been so often described in its main features that every dealer in the world and thousands of collectors have read of it. The collection is now in a Syracuse, N.Y., bank, where it will be exhibited to those seriously contemplating a possible purchase. The present plan of the owner is to dispose of it in its entirety.

The announcement is really in the form of an advertisement, and there is appended an address in Syracuse, N.Y., U.S.A., to which enquiries from possible purchasers of the collection are to be addressed.

Since the above was written "Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News" for December 25th has come to hand with the news that the collection is sold, the purchaser being Mr. John T. Coit, a prominent banker of New York City, and the price paid \$26,000, or a little over £5,000 sterling. The deal was a quick one and "a cash transaction."

Fiscals and Telegraphs of Ceylon.

In reference to my note on the late Mr. C. S. F. Crofton, I understand that the manuscript of that gentleman's work on the Fiscal and Telegraph Stamps of Ceylon is now in the hands of Mr. B. Gordon Jones, having been entrusted to him by the Philatelic Society of India for the purpose of arranging the various notes and papers for publication in book form.

The work, however, will first appear in serial form in the "Philatelic Journal of India," the first instalment being published in the issue for the present month. Nearly 200 special blocks, Mr. Gordon Jones informs me, have been prepared for the articles.

"While on the subject of Ceylon" adds Mr. Gordon Jones, "can any of your readers inform me what 'current numbers' the Ceylon Postage and Stamp Duty stamps of 1872 bore on the sheet margins? These numbers run from 1 to 30 and were on all plates prepared from 1872 to 1880. The information is needed for this work on Ceylon. We know the assignment of Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8, 11, 18 and 21 to 30, but wish for information on the others."

Should any *Fortnightly*-reader be able to help in this matter, I hope he will place himself in communication with Mr. B. Gordon Jones, whose address is 76, Loraine Mansions, Holloway, London, N.

"Puerile" and "Ridiculous."

One of the weekly philatelic journals asserted, by implication, that the Committee appointed by the Manchester Philatelic Congress had attempted to "dictate to" His Majesty's Postmaster-General. I denounced the suggestion as "puerile" and "ridiculous." For doing so I appear to have incurred the displeasure of the journal in question. I would point out, however, that the words are not of my coming. They form part of the English language, and, indeed, they are the only parts of the English language which could properly be applied to the suggestion that four private individuals were endeavouring to "dictate to" the British Postmaster-General.

The New Zealand King's Heads.

THE "Australian Philatelist," just to hand, hazards the following classification of the perfs. of the new New Zealand:

- 1d. pale green, perf. 14 x 15, comb.
- 1d. carmine, perf. 14 - 15, comb.
- 2d. red-lilac, perf. 14 x 14½, comb.
- 3d. yellow-brown, perf. 14 x 14½, comb.
- 4d. orange, perf. 14 x 14½, comb.
- 5d. chocolate-brown, perf. 14 x 14, single line.
- 6d. rosine, perf. 14 - 14, single line.
- 8d. steel-blue, perf. 14 x 14½, comb.
- 1/- orange-vermilion, perf. 14 x 14, single line.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAN.

BRITISH LEVANT, 1909, are a new sensation, used and unused are offered in places at the same price, which fact at once gives a status to used copies.

The set of 1 to 25 lep., Crete, 1908, are offered in one quarter at 2s. Previous sets of corresponding length (older issues) have usually sold for much less.

Both the Shipka Pass and the Jubilee set for Bulgaria, 1907, seem to fetch a long price everywhere.

The set of 10 paras to 2 piastres, Austrian Levant, 1908, a popular set, is offered in one place at 1s. used, which seems cheaper than we can sell them in England.

Eightpence for the set of 1 to 50 filler, Hungary unpaids, is also a low price for these uncommon stamps.

Belgium Congo, 1894, 5c. blue and 10c. brown-red, are worth 4s. per used pair in Brussels. The 8c. Belgium, 1869, sells at 2s. per copy in the country of its origin, which is a much higher figure than it is priced in one of our home catalogues.

One would imagine that used copies of Rhodesia, 1909, should be worth face value at least, but in one place some of the denominations are being offered at slightly less, though in all probability this "dip below the line" will not be permanent.

A parcel of 24,000 mixed Uruguay for £65 is an offer that makes one open one's eyes.

One gulden, Holland, 1898, is now cheaper in the wholesale market.

Used Prussian Officials in sets are readily saleable.

The 75 reis brown, of Portugal, 1905, available now in quantity, is an acceptable stamp for cheap sheets.

The number of people who buy "halfpenny" stamps, and seem to prefer this price to anything higher, is legion, and although it is a business that takes up a woeful amount of time it is decidedly worth attending to. The other day I heard from a "specialist" who seemed to want everything at a halfpenny apiece; I thought it opportune to wish him a *prosperous* New Year.

Yet perhaps the backbone of one's business is the good old-fashioned collector with whom it is a pleasure to trade, who wants all the "medium" stamps in fair condition at a moderate price, and never indulges in a grumble so long as he is fairly treated. He writes chatty letters, asks questions, makes comments, and altogether his letters are a set off against duller correspondence. The risk of investing in ten sets of any new sort of stamp is reduced to a minimum if one has ten customers ready to take them off one's hands a few days after the stamps have arrived, and in cases of this sort one can afford to sell at a very low percentage of profit.

The following are popular quotations on the Continent at the moment: German mark values, China Commemoratives, pictorial French Colonies, 10 gulden Holland, 50 pfg Bavaria official, Austrian Offices in the Levant, Mexican high values, recent U.S.A. pictorials, recent Dutch Indies, Spanish Morocco, about seven series of Roumanian pictorials, Servia since 1903, etc.

But behind these there are sorts less accessible, which are only named on occasion, but which usually prove both more readily saleable and more profitable than the kinds that everybody is selling. Beyond doubt there is wisdom in keeping a watchful eye on the out-of-the-way sorts, and taking advantage of every stray offer of these, for one of the secrets of success seems to be to be able to fill a sheet with stamps the buyer is not likely to already possess.

From the house of Arthur Maury, Boulevard Montmartre, Paris, comes the usual annual supplement to the "Collectionneur de Timbres-Poste," listing all the new issues of the year 1909. A most useful compilation.

The Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly,

And International Stamp Advertiser.

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The next Special Number of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* will be published on Saturday, March 5th. Readers abroad, kindly note.

Eloquent testimony to the virtues of Philately as a means of relaxation is afforded by the experience of Dr. John Milton Holt, of Astoria, Oregon, U.S.A. Writing to the second number of the brilliantly resuscitated "Philatelic Journal of America," Dr. Holt tells us, first, how he had to let stamp collecting "lapse for a while," owing to the pressure of his professional work. "That," he proceeds, "was over seventeen years ago, but I have returned to the allurements of philately. A year or so ago my eldest son started a new collection and while initiating him into the many fascinating bypaths of our hobby, I again became interested, and find it more recreation than it was in the old college days. As a physician, I appreciate its benefits as a means of relaxation from professional cares, and in a similar way, it stands unsurpassed as one of the most accessible avenues to absolute recreation and mental rest for both mind-worker and hand-worker. If its virtues were known more generally by the alienist and nerve specialist, there would be fewer cases of so-called 'nervous prostration.'"

A new "Stamp King" has been proclaimed, Mr. Charles J. Phillips being raised to that exalted rank by a writer in the "Australian Philatelist." This, of course, is mere journalistic picturesqueness, but in other directions we observe a tendency to assume quite a governmental style in matters philatelic.

The Propaganda Committee of the Junior Philatelic Society, for instance, has just appointed a Consul-General for America! And a right good Consul-General he should prove, seeing that he is no less a person than Mr. Harald Kjellstedt, of the American Philatelic Society. It is now America's move. We must have reciprocity nowadays, to say nothing of retaliation. It is up to the American Philatelic Society to go one better than the J.P.S. by appointing an Ambassador for Philatelia (American Section) at the Court of St. James'. Doubtless he would be granted permission by King Charles the First of Philatelia (Sevenoaks Division) to wear the J.P.S. Badge and any other Orders and Decorations he might fancy. Really we are a-going it, we philatelists.

The time may come when dictating to a Postmaster-General will seem a mere nothing. Jestng apart, we wish all success to the work of the J.P.S. Propaganda Committee, which is making a bold effort to spread the light of philately farther afield. In addition to the appointment already referred to, Mr. Wilmot Corfield has consented to represent the Society in India, while Mr. Harald Zschau, of Libau, is the Consul-General for Russia. A capital beginning!

Our Newest Contemporary is the "Nouvelle Revue Philatlique d'Orient," the organ of the Société Philatlique Orientale, published by Mons. Filiberti, of Constantinople. It is welcome.

Coming Events in Philately.

PHILATELIC EXHIBITION.

January 22nd (this day).—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society. Exhibition of Postage Stamps and Lantern Lecture at the Municipal Secondary Schools, Whitworth Street, Manchester. Admission free to any reader of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, giving his name at the doors.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

January 24th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant Redcross Street: Notes on Swiss Cantonals, Mr. A. S. Allender Displays, Switzerland, Papal States.

January 26th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, at Y.M.C.A., North End Croydon; Display from General Collection, with Notes, Mr. S. R. Turner.

January 26th.—Northampton Philatelic Society, at Divan Cafe, Northampton: Display of General Collection, Mr. M. Wetherell.

January 27th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton: Paper and Display, Mr. Fred J. Melville.

January 27th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road Birmingham: Paper, St. Lucia, Mr. W. Dinn.

January 27th.—Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society: Ten-minute Papers by Members: also a Competitive Display.

January 28th.—Dundee and District Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Dundee: Display with Notes, Newfoundland, Mr. J. R. Henderson

January 28th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage Manchester: Arrangement of Forgery Collection.

January 29th.—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C. (extra Meeting arranged by the Library Committee): "Notes on Bookbinding," Mr. Edgar Green; "How the 'Stamp Lover' is Produced," Mr. David Buchan; "Philatelic Literature Past and Present," Mr. Fred. J. Melville; "Reminiscences of Philatelic Journalism," Mr. Percy C. Bishop.

February 1st.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: Display, China, Mr. H. L. Hayman.

February 2nd.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow:—"Gibbons Part I.," Mr. J. Cowan; Displays, Cyprus and Gibraltar, Mr. Heginbottom; "My Favourite Country, Mr. R. Horland.

February 2nd.—Leicester Philatelic Society: Display, Cape of Good Hope, Mrs. D. Field; Paper, "The Stamp Vending Machines of the United States," Mr. Jos. Young.

February 3rd.—Royal Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.: Display, Azores and Madeira, with Notes, Mr. R. B. Yardley.

February 3rd.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury: Paper and Display, St. Vincent, Mr. Heginbottom; Display, Nigeria, Mr. D. H. Jackson.

February 3rd.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Paper, "The Arrangement of a Collection," Mr. J. K. Sidebottom.

February 3rd.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: Victoria, by the President, Mr. M. H. Horsley, J.P.

February 4th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Notes on France (with lantern illustrations), by Dr. H. Armstrong, of the Liverpool Society.

February 5th.—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C.: Display of a portion of the Stanley Gibbons Reference Collection, by Mr. Frank Phillips; Display, Great Britain, Mr. J. H. Tite.

February 9th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End Croydon: Paper and Display, "Some Islands of the Great Pacific," Mr. A. Ashby.

February 9th.—Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society: Cyprus and Malta.

February 9th.—City of London Philatelic Society, Mills' Restaurant Broad Street, E.C.: Paper and Display, St. Helena, Mr. J. Read Burton; Display, Australians, Mr. W. Phillips.

February 9th.—Leicester Philatelic Society: Auction Sale at Messrs. Warner, Sheppard and Wade's Mart.

February 10th.—South Essex Philatelic Society, Ivy Dene, 27, Rectory Road, Walthamstow: Ten-Minute Papers, optional subjects. General Display, with Notes, by the President, Mr. A. H. Clark.

AUCTION SALES.

January 22nd (this day).—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 2 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.

January 24th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

January 25th and 26th.—Messrs. Glendinning & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.

January 26th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.

January 27th and 28th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.

January 31st.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.

February 1st and 2nd.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.

February 3rd and 4th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the London Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

Postage Stamp Forgers and the Law.

A SUGGESTION FOR THE CONGRESS.

BY THE EDITOR.

Now that we are all looking forward to the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, it may be useful to offer a few remarks on a matter which, I think, will appeal to many of the delegates as a promising subject for debate—namely, the attitude of the Law in the various civilised nations towards the forger of postage stamps, and also the means (if any) by which philatelists may agitate for the universal recognition of stamp-forgery as a penal offence.

There exists a difference of opinion as to the effect upon Philately by Commemorative and Speculative Issues. Some hold that these things are a menace to our hobby; others consider that the pretty pictures are rather a help to philately in that they please and attract the novice. But I imagine that no stamp collector will, of his charity, come forward to defend the counterfeiter. We are all agreed, I think, that forged and faked stamps have been the bane of philately in the past and are a menace to the hobby at the present time. Therefore concerted action against the common enemy is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and I hope that the Second Congress may be made memorable as the occasion of the inception of a movement for more stringent laws against stamp forgery in all parts of the world.

The Law, which Boz stigmatised as a "Hass," is perhaps rather more asinine in regard to the crime of stamp forgery than in any other direction. A man who forges a cheque, a bill, or even a bus-ticket, can be, and is, punished with the utmost rigour of the law, but the same man may, apparently, forge a foreign or colonial postage stamp with impunity. In England we have had ludicrous instances of the law's laxity (to use no more contemptuous term) in this matter. Abroad, so far as many countries are concerned, it is not a question of laxity—there, the trouble is that there is no law against the "imitation" of postage stamps at all!

One individual, Fournier by name—he has been pilloried in the *S.C.F.* more than once—sends circulars and price-lists broadcast all over the world offering his "fac-similes" wholesale and retail. True he offers his imitations at "imitation" price, but what guarantee have we that purchasers from Fournier will not retail his counterfeits to other parties as genuine specimens?

The "Australian Philatelist" has a capital article on this subject. Indeed, it was largely a perusal of that article that prompted me to write as I am doing.

As the law stands at present it is difficult to get a jury of twelve non-philatelists to bring in a verdict of "guilty."

I quote the statement from the "Australian Philatelist." It is literally true. And what a scandal that it should be true!

The forgery of a cheque or note for however small a sum is an offence punishable with hard labour or penal servitude, while a valuable stamp may be deliberately forged and "uttered" with a very considerable chance of the culprit being acquitted, provided he has employed a clever counsel. That is the present state of the "law" of philatelic forgery, and the sooner we proceed to amend it the better.

If any reader, or Congress delegate, will communicate his views and suggestions on the subject, either privately or for publication in the *Fortnightly*, I shall be delighted to cooperate or advise to the best of my ability.

THE latest issue of the "British Philatelist" is entirely devoted to Mr. Nissen's further discoveries regarding the forgeries of the 1s. British stamp. There is a deal of interesting theorising as to origin and the "uttering" of the forged stamps. The number is one that should be read by every specialist of Great Britain.

The Postage Stamps of British Honduras.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Concluded from page 203.)

NIX.—THE SEVENTEENTH ISSUE.

Some time about June, 1908, Messrs. De la Rue & Co. received a requisition for a supply of 2c. and 5c. stamps printed in the Postal Union colours of red and blue respectively. The 2c. was placed on sale towards the end of the year while the 5c. was not issued until June, 1909. Both were printed from the same head and duty plates as before, so the variety with large "c" in the value may be found in the 5c.

This completes the postal history of the Colony to date but it is quite likely that before long the Crown Agents' new colour scheme will be adopted and this will necessitate changes in all except the 1c., 2c. and 5c. denominations.

1908-9.—WMK. MULTIPLE CR. CA. Perf. 14.

2c. carmine.

5c. blue.

(a) With large "c" and dot in value.

XX.—POSTMARKS.

The first stamps were obliterated by the "A06" postmark, which was in use in the Colony before it had its own special stamps, and about 1872 a new cancelling mark was introduced. This consisted of an "o" in a rectangular frame with rounded ends, with three thick lines of unequal length above and below, and curved lines at the sides, the whole being oval in shape. This mark is the one most commonly met with on stamps used since 1882 and prior to 1902. There is also a cancellation of similar type but containing a letter "c" in the centre. This is not particularly common and was probably allotted to some town other than Belize. The earliest date of use I have been able to trace to this mark is 1888.

Another obliteration found on stamps issued since 1888 has "K65" in the centre. This is similar in type to the "A06" mark, but upright oval in shape. In Mr. Whitworth's useful list of "British Postmark Numbers" this is allotted to Belize, but as it seems by no means common it was either used in some smaller town or for some special purpose.

The dates given above, are, of course, only approximate and possibly most types could be considerably antedated. These obliterations are possibly still used on occasion. Certainly, no specified period can be assigned to any one of them for they were, at times at any rate, used concurrently.

The King's head stamps are almost invariably cancelled by means of circular date-marks. Curiously enough, these are rarely found on the Queen's head stamps, though they must have been in use for a good many years. The commonest variety consists of a plain circle with the name of the town of posting—"BELIZE," "COROZAL," etc.—curved at the top, "BRITISH HONDURAS" at the base, and the date in the centre.

I have found one, a Belize mark, without the name of the Colony at the base, and another inscribed "NEW RIVER SERVICE." A mark occasionally met with, made with a rubber stamp, simply consists of the words "ORANGE WALK" enclosed by long parallel lines.

THE END.

Pocket Interchangeable Albums

THE "Connoisseur Album," of which a copy has been sent us by the publishers, Messrs. P. L. Pemberton & Co., High Holborn, is a happy notion. It is a small oblong book with quadrillé-ruled, interchangeable pages, and has been specially designed, the publishers inform us, to fill the long-felt want of a pocket album with interchangeable pages. The book is exceedingly neat, portable, and of good workmanship. Its price of 1s. 6d., post free 1s. 9d., is certainly most reasonable and we foresee a big sale for it.

The Laureated Issues of New South Wales.

ADDITIONAL VARIETIES AND ERRORS.

A Paper read by Mr. P. Malone, before the Sydney Philatelic Club, on September 15th, 1909.

[I]t is a recognised fact that the most interesting stamps for study of the whole world are the first and second issues of New South Wales, so well known as the "Sydney Views" and the "Laureated" series. There have been from time to time some most valuable papers written by the leading philatelists of the world on these stamps; and it is a remarkable fact that although they have been studied to such an extent, there is yet a great deal to be brought to light concerning them.

In the foregoing words Mr. P. Malone began his paper before the Sydney Philatelic Club on September 15th, 1909—a paper which we venture to reproduce in full from the columns of the "Australian Philatelist." Mr. Malone proceeded as follows:—

"I only intend in this short article to refer briefly to some varieties of the 'Laureated' series that have come under my notice.

"In the 'Australian Philatelist' of August 10th, 1909 (Vol. XV., No. 12) we are informed of a variety of the 1d. value of the 'Laureate' series with a triple triangle on the right of 'South' which is certainly very interesting. I venture to say it is not known to so many collectors as the editor imagines, and it should undoubtedly receive a place in the catalogues.

"It is a great pity that collectors who are plating these stamps do not make known prominent varieties when they come under their notice. I have not been fortunate enough to get sufficient stamps to reconstruct all the plates; but in placing the specimens in my possession I have noted the following varieties, which should be equally as interesting as the one above referred to, as they are also peculiar to the particular stamp only. I exhibit specimens for the inspection of those members present.

"I.—2d. Laureated. (Stars) Plate No. 44. Showing pencil for pence in the value.

"II.—3d. Laureated. Plate No. 2. Showing T with right top only in three pence.

"III.—3d. Laureated. Plate No. 4. Showing two vertical lines at the base of triangles on each side of 'South' and extending to the solid background below 'Postage.'

"IV.—8d. Laureated. Plate No. 17. With the two small dashes forming the Maltese cross in the background of the left upper corner missing, showing only a portion of the Maltese Cross.

VARIETY I.

"The Editor of the 'Australian Philatelist' (Vol. V., No. 3, 1898), in referring to this stamp states:—

"Mr. P. Malone has shown us a specimen of the 2d. Laureated (Stars) of New South Wales in which the final 'e' of 'Pence' is wanting in the two upper strokes, thus forming an exact L. As we know this error did not exist on the plate, it is probably due to defective printing."

"In examining an autotype of the original plate I was rather surprised to find this variety showing in its proper place very conspicuously, being No. 44 on the plate, which clearly proves that the error was not due to defective printing. The plate, however, shows signs of considerable wear, and my opinion is that the error is due to that cause; the two upper strokes of the letter E being only faintly engraved on the original plate, and soon disappeared after the plate was put into use.

"Being printed from a worn plate, it was in due course issued in that condition, and should therefore be a recognised variety.

VARIETY II.

"This is undoubtedly a variety engraved on the original plate, as the left portion of the letter T in 'Three Pence' was never added to the other half, due probably to the fact that there was not sufficient room for the engraver to complete the letter.

VARIETY III.

"This is also a variety of the original plate, and is rather conspicuous, showing as it does the two lines, or double lines at the base of the triangles on each side of 'South,' and extending to the solid background below 'Postage.' This is not to be found in any other stamp of the whole plate of 50 varieties, its position being No. 4 on the plate. The difference will be readily seen on examining the pair of stamps before you.

VARIETY IV.

"Although perhaps this variety is not so prominent as the others, it is nevertheless very interesting, and equally so as the variety on the same plate, No. 12, showing no lines in corners over 'P' and 'E' of 'Postage,' which is catalogued.

"It is also a variety of the original engraving, its position being No. 17 on the plate, and the peculiarity is to be found on this stamp only, although there are several varieties on the same plate with one dash only missing in the corners. These may not be of so much importance as the one above referred to, but they are noticeable varieties all the same, and in reality an incomplete kind of Maltese Cross" is shown in the background in each case through the dash being omitted.

"All the above varieties are easily discernible without the aid of a glass, and it is hard to understand why such prominent varieties are not catalogued, when a place is given to such a stamp as the 3d. 'Sydney View' without whip, when it is a difficult matter to find the whip at all in the majority of specimens seen, even with the aid of a glass.

"There seems to be of late a great deal of attention paid to provisional issues, especially surcharges, 'etc.' The least discrepancy is taken note of, and in due course catalogued, even if it be only a stop out of its proper position; or perhaps it may be square instead of round, or vice-versa, or missing altogether; while we find that these very interesting stamps of New South Wales are now very much neglected in this respect. It behoves Australian collectors to give them the proper attention which they deserve, and, as I stated before, to make known any prominent varieties that may come under their notice."

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We desire to extend this list, and the kind assistance of our readers and correspondents in places where the *S.C.F.* is not already on sale would be much appreciated.

New Society for South Essex.

THE many philatelists resident in Walthamstow, Leyton, etc., will be interested in the newly formed South Essex Philatelic Society, of which Mr. A. H. Clark is President, and Mr. R. H. Clarke, 290, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow, is Hon. Secretary. Readers of the *Fortnightly* desirous of getting into touch with the new Society should turn to our "Societies' and Clubs" column in this issue, where they will find the fullest particulars.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

South Essex Philatelic Society.

President: A. H. Clark.

Hon. Secretary: R. H. Clarke, 290, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow.

A special meeting, convened for the purpose of considering the advisability of forming a Philatelic Society for Walthamstow and districts, was held on Tuesday, January 11th, at Walthamstow.

Mr. A. H. Clark took the chair at 8 p.m.; and after submitting the proposition to the meeting it was resolved that a Philatelic Society be formed, having its headquarters in Walthamstow, such Society to be known as "The South Essex Philatelic Society."

An election of officers then took place, which resulted as follows:—

President: A. H. Clark.

Vice-Presidents: Dr. S. Jackson and D. B. Armstrong.

Secretary and Librarian: R. H. Clarke.

Treasurer: J. North.

Exchange Superintendent: M. J. Elsbury.

Mr. Elsbury also consented to have temporary charge of the Society's permanent and forgery collections, pending the election of new officers to be appointed at a meeting convened for such purpose.

The *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* having been adopted as the official organ, it was then decided that the following be the amounts of subscription:— Entrance fee, 2s.; annual subscription, 2s.; life membership, £1 1s.; ladies and juniors having the privilege of joining the Society without payment of entrance fee.

The Chairman then informed the meeting that he had hoped to have been in a position to announce that a meeting place had been decided upon, but that at the last moment he had received a letter stating that owing to heavy bookings and press of meetings, the hall would be unavailable.

After discussing the matter, it was decided to accept the offer of the Chairman, namely, that until suitable premises be obtained, all meetings, etc., shall be held at "Lydney," 27, Rectory Road, Walthamstow, whereupon the following programme was arranged:—

Thursday, Feb. 10th.—8 p.m. Ten-minute papers, optional subjects. 9 p.m. General display with notes, A. H. Clark.

Thursday, March 10th.—8 p.m. Debate, "Old Issues v. New." Old Issues, Mr. J. Elsbury; New Issues, A. H. Clark. 9 p.m. Display, with notes, "Hong Kong Postmarks," M. J. Elsbury.

It was decided to arrange the programme for the April meeting at a future date.

Messrs. A. H. Clark and D. B. Armstrong were elected as the Society's delegates at the forthcoming Congress.

The Chairman then made an appeal on behalf of the Library, Permanent and Forgery Collections, saying that he hoped that any member having duplicates would place them with the Society. All common stamps were needed as much as uncommon ones at the present time. He hoped that non-members would also assist the Society by sending any literature to B. H. Clarke, 290, Blackhorse Lane, Walthamstow; or any stamps and forgeries to M. J. Elsbury, 3, Coppermill Lane, Walthamstow. He also thanked those present for attending, and paid special comment to Mr. B. H. Clarke for having started the movement, due notice of which had appeared in "The Postage Stamp."

Mr. B. H. Clarke, in reply, said he hoped the Society would prove a success, and that he would be willing to forward any particulars to those applying to him for same.

The meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to the Chairman.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held at 42, Castle Street, Liverpool, on Monday evening, January 3rd, Mr. Edmondson being in the chair, and a small number of members present.

A useful discussion on "How can the Present Catalogue be Improved?" was opened by Mr. J. O. Jones. All the members present spoke and put forward suggestions, the most important being in the direction of providing a catalogue for specialists,

leaving a more simple and more concise catalogue for the ordinary collector. This, it was felt, would encourage young collectors, who are otherwise confused and disheartened by the amount of detail now given. Several other suggestions were made, amongst which were the grouping of minor varieties, and the pricing of the rarer unpriced stamps. There was a small display of Malta.

The Modern Collectors' Club.

Secretary: Albert N. Harris, 44, Charlwood Street, Westminster, S.W.

The rumour that the "Modern Collectors' Club" will return a member to Parliament, is without the slightest foundation. Our members belong to one club already.

The November Gross Packet went out rather late, but it did not take long getting round, and returned on January 7th. All credit balances were dispatched by the 10th. (Mark! ye non-members. An eight-weeks circuit, and settlements within three days!) Sales came up to 10%, as usual. We don't want to poke fun at our ancestors, but do not these results compare favourably with those of the fussy old clubs who stick to sheets for upwards of six months, and then sometimes send the remittance on by a later post? Philatelists are requested to note that the promoters endeavour to run this club on business lines, and they are invited to give it a test. The subscription is 2s. 6d. annum, commencing at any time, and there is no entrance fee. The official organ is the *S.C.F.*

Items passing through the "Wants and Offers" section recently include a complete set of "London Philatelist" volumes, bound (sold for 4s.), some early Mauritius, lightly cancelled Hong Kong, first issue, etc., etc.

It may surprise some people to learn that we have nearly forty members already. Fact! They still come rolling in, though, so it is not wise to emphasise this figure too much, lest we do ourselves an injustice.

By the way, non-members, did you see our recent "Wants and Offers List"? It was posted to several hundreds of you, but three of the addresses on our books were so "modern" that the addressees hadn't got there when the postman arrived, so they were returned. If you are one of the unlucky three we tender you our heartfelt apologies, and beseech you to communicate your whereabouts to the Secretary, as above.

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North of England Philatelic Society.

President: M. H. Horsley, J.P.
Hon. Secretary: Mark Euston, 43, Silney Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The usual monthly meeting of this Society was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday, Jan. 6th, at 7.30 p.m.

The Vice-President, Mr. T. D. Hume, was in the chair, and there were 27 members and one visitor present.

Messrs. R. E. Ord Bell and S. O. Smith were elected to the membership.

Messrs. M. H. Horsley, J.P., W. J. Cochrane, and W. Waite Sanderson were unanimously elected delegates to the Congress to be held in London next April.

The Chairman then showed his collections of France and Griqualand, which proved very interesting. He explained that his interest in the latter somewhat unpopular country was aroused by a relation going to Kimberley some thirty years ago and sending him stamps, which he had gradually added to since.

At the end of the display, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to Mr. Hume, on the motion of Mr. Graham, to which Mr. Hume replied.

January packet started on the 8th, value £138 8s. 9d. net.

British Empire Stamp Exchange Club.

Secretary: W. H. Raudon Smith, Eastfield, Iron Bridge, Shropshire.

SINCE I took over the Secretaryship of the Club, the packets for October, November, December, and January have started. All contained good stamps, reasonably priced. The October packets have returned, and sales amounted to £24 1s. 7d. nett. All the sheets have been returned and credit balances paid.

The late Secretary, Mr. Bean, informs me that all earlier packets have been settled up and credit balances paid.

Starting with January, I have commenced to run a third packet, besides the Colonial and general packets as before. The new packet is a general packet with nett prices.

I have made one or two small alterations in the management of the Club. Covers are now provided free. There is no subscription to the general packet or to the insurance premiums. The commissions, however, remain the same—2½% to members whose purchases amount to 5s. or over, 5% to other members who see the packet, and 7½% to members who do not see the packet, except those who reside out of Great Britain, who are only charged 5%.

Several new members have joined lately, but there is still room for a few more good members. Rules on application to the Secretary.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: I. J. Bernstein.
Hon. Secretary: J. S. Higgins, Junr., 7, Green Street, Manchester.

THE nineteenth meeting of the Society was held at the Deansgate Hotel on Dec. 2nd, 1909. The President, Mr. I. J. Bernstein, took the chair, and there were 20 members present. The minutes of the meeting of Nov. 4th were read and confirmed. A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Varley for a gift of literature, also to Mr. Horrocks for a framed photograph of half a sheet of Id. black, 1840. Messrs. I. J. Bernstein, J. J. Darlow, and J. S. Higgins, Junr., were appointed delegates to the second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

The Vice-President read a paper on "The Stamps of Western Australia." He described all the early issues of the Colony, and gave a very full description of the methods of printing and the design. Additional interest was lent by a very fine display.

THE ANNUAL SOCIAL.

The Annual Social, held at the Deansgate Hotel on Thursday, Dec. 16th, 1909, was a great success, about seventy members and friends being present, and thoroughly enjoying the items contributed by a company of capable artists. Master T. Price, the "Little Wonder," electrified his hearers by his rendering of the "Lost Chord" and other difficult

compositions. Combined with expressions of delight were wishes that his voice would stay with him for a long time before the inevitable "break." Miss Gertie Grant was in splendid voice, and everybody clamoured for more exhibitions of her talent. It did not take long for Mr. J. Alexandra to disclose his capabilities as a humorist. His riddle-song, "Tomorrow," is especially worth mention. Miss Duerst sang prettily, and, in addition to other contributions, her "Flying Dutchman" was accorded the applause it richly deserved. Miss B. Tighe, Messrs. W. Hoffman, W. E. Isherwood, J. Robinson, H. Morris, S. Lofthouse, and A. Anderson gave of their best, and helped in no small degree towards the success of the evening. To the services of our untiring accompanist, Miss Jeannie Sedgewick, our President paid a well-deserved compliment.

The Primrose Stamp Exchange Society (Founded 1904).

Secretary: Chas. H. Greenwood, 49, Perseverance Street, Primrose Hill, Huddersfield.

THE January General Packet started out on the 5th inst. with 40 sheets, gross value £188s. 10½d., rather less in size and value than usual, owing to the holidays. This Society is enjoying a very successful season, nearly £100 worth of stamps having been sold from packets still in circulation. There are, however, one or two vacancies for active philatelists who wish to buy or sell good stamps. Gross pricing.

The January "Kings" Packet started out on the 5th inst. with 19 sheets, value £48 17s. 7½d. nett. There are still vacancies in this section for those who have good "Kings" to sell. Sales average 15-20% in this section, which is worked on the nett pricing system. Explanatory handbook from the Secretary, as above.

Bolton Philatelic Society.

Hon. President: Alderman Haslin, J.P.
Hon. Vice-President: E. Heginbottom, Esq., B.A.
Hon. Secs.: H. O. Moscrop, 91, Thicketford Road, Bolton C. Boothby, 22, Ivy Road, Bolton.

THE monthly meeting of this Society was held on Thursday, Jan. 13th, at the Society's rooms, Bradford Buildings.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from the Sec. of the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, asking for the appointment of delegates. Mr. W. Ward and Mr. H. O. Moscrop were—on the resolution of Mr. V. H. Constantine, seconded by Mr. H. Holt appointed.

The display for the evening was Antigua, Bahamas and Bermuda, the first of a series of displays granted this Society by Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.

Great admiration was expressed at the collections containing such choice specimens, in the finest condition, together with the notes, which show such painstaking study of these countries.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Heginbottom for the interest he had so kindly taken in the Bolton Society, and for the treat he had given the members on this occasion.

The Society's Exchange Packet is slowly growing, and there is still room for a few corresponding members who can contribute good sheets.

The Subscription is 2/6 per annum, and full rules of the Exchange may be had on application to the Secretary.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.

THE seventh meeting of the session was held on Dec. 30th, 1909, when the programme was "Ten Minute Papers." In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mead, the chair was taken by Mr. Owen. The entertainment was contributed by seven members, who had taken the opportunity to expound their individual views on philately in general, and the various methods of collecting, in particular, for the latter was certainly the most popular subject. The titles of the papers read and names of the writers are as follows:—

- "The Collection of Types," the Rev. H. C. Bond.
- "A Criticism of the Simple Life in Philately," Mr. J. B. Boulton.
- "Notes on Collecting New Issues," Mr. J. C. Dallimore.
- "Notes on the Issues of Persia," Mr. G. G. Duncombe.
- "A Simple Way to Reform the Catalogue," Mr. J. Ireland.
- "The Postal Emissions of Paris during the Siege," Mr. W. Mead.
- "The Humours of the Post Office," Miss Olive Woodley.

The Chairman, in thanking those who had contributed to the programme, expressed the opinion

that the papers read reflected the greatest credit upon the writers.

The eighth meeting of the session was held at the Royal Hotel on Thursday, 13th inst. Twenty members were present and two visitors. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mead, the Rev. H. C. Bond took the chair. Business being completed, the Chairman called upon Mr. H. Clark to read his paper on "Little-known Reprints, and how to detect them." Mr. Clark dealt with this difficult subject like the past master he is, giving much interesting and instructive information to those present. The countries touched upon were Roman States, Modena, Hamburg, and New South Wales. In each case a display accompanied Mr. Clark's notes, in most cases an original being placed side by side with a reprint, thus giving the company an opportunity of comparing them personally. Among the most interesting items shown were, in the Roman States, a 10 centesimo black on vermillion, postally used, which (according to Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue) was prepared for use, but never issued; and in Modena, a complete sheet of reprints of the 5c. value, accompanied by a single copy of the original. The most noticeable distinction in this case was a full stop after the figure of value in the original, and no stop in the reprint. Mr. Clark next handed round a portion of his famous forgery collection, some of which, he informed the company, were "made in Brighton!"

On the motion of Mr. Leicester A. B. Paine, seconded by Mr. J. B. Boulton, a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Clark for his most excellent paper and display. Donations to the library were acknowledged with many thanks from the Rev. Wilmot Corfield.

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ONE PENNY.

Philatelists of To-Day.

V.—Mr. FREDERICK GERHARTZ.

WE go to Bradford for the subject of our present sketch. Mr. Frederick Gerhartz came to this country from Germany some thirty years ago and has made Bradford his home as well as the centre of his many business activities and interests from that day to this. In the year of Queen Victoria's Jubilee, 1887, he became a naturalised British subject. As a boy Mr. Gerhartz collected stamps in the usual happy-go-lucky schoolboy manner. It was not until many years later—to be precise, in 1894—that he began his career as a Philatelist in the full and scientific sense of the word. Since then, however, he has more than "made up for lost time." One is bound to admit, after having had the privilege of inspecting his collection, that Mr. Gerhartz can show splendid results for his sixteen years of serious Philately.

His collection is, of necessity, not so strong in the older issues as those of some Philatelists who started to collect some say, half-a-century ago, but, in the modern issues, he has a wonderful show. Such a magnificent collection of Twentieth Century Colonials the writer has never seen elsewhere. In fact Mr. Gerhartz confesses to being complete in these stamps—in mint blocks of four! As King's Heads form only a portion of his collection it may be imagined that his whole accumulation is of considerable magnitude.

There are splendid collections of France, Switzerland, Bavaria and Germany; and last, but not least, a magnificent display of Great Britain. The British pages are very strong indeed in the later issues. Here again Mr. Gerhartz

has shown his *penchant* for mint blocks of four! One page in particular is especially noticeable. It contains about one dozen blocks of four of the King's Head 2 1/2 Great Britain, in thin, medium and thick papers, with a very fine pair of these stamps with inverted watermarks!

Mr. Gerhartz houses his stamps on plain loose leaves, finding this method very economical with regard to the space occupied by the whole collection. As a specialist in modern issues, he strongly dissents from the system adopted by the compilers of Gibbons' Catalogue with regard to the classification of King's Head stamps printed on the Ordinary and Chalky papers. They, of course, practically ignore this difference whilst cataloguing the same varieties with regard to certain old issues of Portugal, etc. Whilst being aware that something must be done to keep the dimensions of the catalogue within reasonable limits, Mr. Gerhartz cannot believe that this inconsistency is any logical solution of the difficulty.

Mr. Gerhartz has long been an active and prominent member of the Bradford Philatelic Society. He belongs also to one or two well-known Exchange Clubs.

He first came to the bustling Yorkshire town as an employée of a German business firm; he is now the head of the undertaking. He is well-known in mercantile

circles, and when it is mentioned that he also holds the position of Belgian Consul, it will be understood that his business interests are very wide. In all probability it was the vast extent of his correspondence with foreign countries that led him to take up Philately as a hobby.



MR. FREDERICK GERHARTZ.
Of the Bradford Philatelic Society.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

Honour for M. Pierre Mahé.

THERE will be general satisfaction among philatelists over the news that the Berlin Philatelic Club has decided to confer the Lindenbergl Medal, which one may almost call the blue ribband of philately, upon that distinguished French philatelist and philatelic writer, Mons. Pierre Mahé.

Our contemporary, "L'Echo de la Timbrologie," to which M. Mahé is a frequent contributor, hails the event as an honour to French Philately.

Mons. Mahé himself proudly describes the Lindenbergl Medal as the marshal's bâton of the philatelist, the insignia of the Philatelic Legion of Honour and an emblem of the internationality of our hobby.

A Hot Lot from Chili.

I LEARN from Messrs. Whitfield King & Co. that the following is the Chilian stamp-issuing programme for 1910, but exactly when we may expect this little avalanche I am unable to say.

Low Values (single colour) :—

1c. green	Christopher Columbus.
2c. red	Valdivia.
3c. brown	Toro Zambrano.
5c. blue	O'Higgins.

Higher Values (centre in black in each case) :—

10c. grey	Freire.
12c. carmine	F. A. Pinto.
15c. purple	J. Prieto.
20c. light blue	Manuel Montt.
30c. senna	J. J. Perez.
50c. dark green	F. Errazuriz Z.
\$1 emerald green	A. Pinto.
\$2 vermilion	D. Santa Maria.
\$5 bronze	J. M. Balmaceda.
\$10 golden	F. Errazuriz E.

Issue for the Centenary of Chilian Independence (black centres) :—

1c. green	Oath of Independence.
2c. rose	Battle of Chacabuco.
5c. blue	Battle of Maipo.
10c. senna	Naval combat between the ships Lantaro and Esmeralda.
12c. carmine	Capture of Maria Isabel.
20c. orange	Abdication of O'Higgins.
25c. light blue	First Congress.
30c. lilac	O'Higgins Monument.
50c. bronze-green	Carrera "
\$1 yellow	San Martin "
\$2 vermilion	General Balnes.
\$5 emerald green	General Zenteno.
\$10 dark violet	Admiral Cochrane.

Many of the portraits in the above list are new to the philatelic gallery. I shall be curious to see the face of the gentleman who bore the fine old Chilian name of O'Higgins. And Balmaceda, too! That poor apology for a Dictator, whose miserable end furnished such sensational copy for the newspapers years ago—what a personality to immortalise on a postage stamp!

An Unsustained Charge.

A PHILATELIC case engaged the attention of the Manchester City Police Court on Thursday, January 27th, when Henry Roberts was charged with attempting to steal £120 worth of stamps, the property of Mr. R. B. Sparrow. It was stated that Roberts answered Mr. Sparrow's advertisement in one of the philatelic journals, and obtained on approval a quantity of 2d. blue English, and the prosecution alleged that the defendant wrongfully sold some of the stamps.

There was a long hearing of the case, arousing great interest among Manchester philatelists, but eventually the accused was acquitted and the charge dismissed.

Philately in Thanet.

THE tight little isle of Thanet, that magic land of sand castles and Pegwell Bay shrimps, where so many of us have made holiday, now has its own philatelic society. With Mr. A. Leon Adutt in the presidential chair, with Dr. F. E. Nichol as "Vice" and Mr. D. B. Armstrong as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer, the Isle of Thanet Philatelic Society is an accomplished fact, and I wish it all possible success.

Three Months for Forgery.

IN view of the *Fortnightly's* remarks on the attitude of legal tribunals towards the subject of stamp forgery, it is interesting to note that the Parisian dealer who, in August last was sentenced to three months' imprisonment for selling forgeries, and who appealed against that decision, has now been re-condemned in the full penalty—namely, three months' imprisonment and a fine of £20.

It was Mons. Victor Robert who took upon himself this battle for clean Philately, and all philatelists will honour him for his courage and persistence.

THE SECOND

Philatelic Congress of Great Britain.

To be held under the auspices of the Herts Philatelic Society at Caxton Hall, Westminster, April 27th to 29th, 1910.

Patron—The President of the Royal Philatelic Society, London (H.R.H. The Prince of Wales, K.G., etc).

In addition to the Societies published in previous numbers of this Journal, the following Societies have informed the Executive Committee of the names of their Delegates:—

Bolton Philatelic Society—Messrs. William Ward and H. O. Moscrop.

Bradford Philatelic Society—Messrs. W. M. Gray and A. H. Stamford.

Burton and Derby Philatelic Society—Messrs. W. H. Milnes Marsden and E. Martin.

International Philatelic Union—Messrs. W. E. Lincoln, W. Hadlow and T. H. Hinton.

Irish Philatelic Club—Messrs. Wm. Lane Joynt and Thos. H. Levingston.

Isle of Thanet Philatelic Society—Mr. A. Leon Adutt and another gentleman to be appointed later.

Leeds Philatelic Society—Messrs. W. Denison Roebuck and Walter Oxley.

Liverpool Philatelic Society—Messrs. W. Gill and W. Woodthorpe.

Manchester Philatelic Society—Messrs. J. H. Abbott, W. D. Beckton and G. Fred. H. Gibson.

North of England Philatelic Society—Messrs. M. H. Horsley, J.P., W. J. Cochrane and W. Waite Sanderson.

North London Philatelic Society—Messrs. P. J. W. Deverell and Alexander J. Séfi.

South Essex Philatelic Society—Messrs. D. B. Armstrong and A. H. Clark.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION.

To simplify matters the Committee has decided that all applications for tickets for admission to the two Public Meetings must be made to the Chairman of the Executive Committee, FRANZ REICHENHEIM, Esq., 29, Holland Villas Road, Kensington, London, W.

There will be no charge, but every application must be accompanied by an addressed and stamped envelope.

As the available space is limited, early applications to secure seats are advisable.

Tickets are ready now.

The necessary Passes for the Delegates, Members of the Committee, Stewards, etc., will be issued and forwarded to them in due course.

New Zealand Notes.

By IRWIN FARIS.

Dunedin, N.Z., Dec. 8th, 1909.

1d. Universal, 1908.

These have now been superseded by the "Dominion" issue, but remaining stocks are still on sale. They have appeared in two shades of carmine, one slightly darker than the other. It is noticeable that the perforations of the later printings are not nearly so clean cut as the first issues. Probably more than one comb-head (same gauge, 14×15) have been used, as in addition to the above difference, many sheets show a pin missing whilst others do not. Collectors should gauge everything in N.Z. issues as perforations vary considerably. The so-called perf. 14 (rough) varied from 14 to $14\frac{1}{2}$, in fact very few gauged exactly 14, if any.

These stamps had following variations in each sheet:—

2nd stamp in second row	Small circle at corner: top left-
22nd .. bottom ..	hand rosette had no dot within it.
4th .. third ..	Had above-mentioned small circle broken.
16th .. sixth ..	
21st .. fourth ..	Ditto, shield-shaped.
2nd .. bottom ..	
4th .. eight ..	Had E of "Postage" broken.
19th .. ninth ..	Had flaw in left-hand top rosette.
10th .. first ..	
17th .. third ..	Small circle of centre-outside right-hand ornament broken.
18th .. top ..	

1d. Universal (unsurfaced).

In several issues many of the stamps have frame-lines against tops or sides. These lines do not occur in the surface-printed issues but in those from engraved plates only. These of course appear in all contemporary issues of "Official" overprints, and in the overprints of Niue, Aitutaki, and Penhryn Island. They are very noticeable in the 1d. Niue. The lines would presumably occur in the plates only, not in the die, and are probably due to indentations unintentionally made when trimming edges on plate, being such as would be produced by chisel or cutter. Several stamps in each sheet have also a line protruding from centre scroll at side and extending almost to the line of perforation. It frequently joins with the dot. They are doubtless alignment marks which have through oversight not been removed.

King's Head Issues.

The $\frac{1}{2}$ d. (King's Head) and 1d. (Dominion) are on chalk-surfaced paper. The whole issue is perforated by comb machines, which vary as under:—

$\frac{1}{2}$ d., 1d., perf. 14×15 .
2d., 3d., 4d., 8d., perf. $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$, $14\frac{1}{2}$.
5d., 6d., 1/., perf. 14×14 .

The 4d. and 1/ are so similar in colour that an early change is almost certain. The colours of the 3d. and 5d. are sufficiently dissimilar at present, but should the former appear in a deeper shade next printing it will probably lead to change of colour also. The 8d. is on lightly-blued paper, on face of sheet only (same as 4d. and 8d. of 1903/7).

Comb machine for large stamps.

I have in my possession copies of the 2s. 6d. and 3s. stamps issued this year with comb perforation very clean-cut and gauging $14 \times 14\frac{1}{2}$ (about).

As these could not have been produced with the small comb-head they indicate the use of more than one.

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

The issue of this stamp ceased on 31st October and it is officially notified that no more of this denomination will be issued.

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

I hold this stamp with comb perforation gauge 14×15 .

The only other issue of $\frac{1}{2}$ d. official was from the 1907 die (Stanley Gibbons 310B). The flaw mentioned below does not appear on the "Official" issue.

Official 1d.

These stamps, being merely overprints, of course carry the same "dotty" variations as ordinary issues, including the dot of 1904 issue (Stanley Gibbons 303). I hope in a future note to give a reasonably complete list of these "dot varieties." Personally I believe all (including those catalogued) to be merely alignment marks.

The official 1d. exists on both the 1904 and 1906 dies, i.e. with and without dot.

There is also a variation which should be specially mentioned, viz.:—a large dot between perpendicular rows of stamps and close to upper left-hand corner stamp. These are worth looking for.

Worn Plates.

Several of the "pictorial" plates before being discarded in favour of "King's Head" issues, showed signs of wear. Collectors should watch for copies from such. The "worn die" variations of the 3d. large die (290) are already scarce and much sought after.

Damaged Plates.

In Plate No. 2 of the $\frac{1}{2}$ d. comb (No. 320) occur two flaws, one in last stamp of seventh row, and another in the eighth stamp of bottom row. The former, opposite plate-pin, has apparently been caused by slight blow whilst driving in pin. The latter appears to be due to a blow also, the effect being to convert the E of "Halfpenny" into an F.

Full Face.

The authorized perforation of early issue full faces was about $12\frac{1}{2}$, and the "local" perforation at Dunedin was 13. I have lately obtained a 2d. blue, Star, perforated $13 \times 12\frac{1}{2}$, it having apparently been partly perforated by both machines. The holes made by each are readily recognized by the respective cleanness and size of cuts.

Penny-in-Slot Issues (304, 305, 306).

In addition to those catalogued there exist issues from the machine supplied to New Zealand Exhibition in 1906. These stamps are imperf. at sides but perforated top and bottom.

Automatic Franking Machines.

These form a new feature in connection with postal business, and the innovation cannot fail to have a far-reaching effect on philately, whether for good or ill only the future can decide. These machines are worked with an ink-ribbon on similar principle to a cash register, and impress on the envelopes, or tags of parcels, the words "Postage paid 1d." or whatever value the machine be set for. They also automatically record the number of impressions made, the value of which is periodically collected by the Postal Department. Machines set for impressions of varying values (separately) are now in use, also a combined machine capable of being set by owner to give impressions of different values from $\frac{1}{2}$ d. to 1s.

At first the use of Automatic Franking Machines was almost entirely confined to Government Offices, but they are now held by most of the leading firms in the Dominion, and have already appreciably reduced the number of adhesive stamps used for letter, sample and parcel posts.

New Zealand adhesives of 2d. and upward will certainly be now much scarcer than hitherto. Ere long we shall probably find a much smaller and simpler form of machine in general use, perhaps small enough to permit of it being carried in vest pocket instead of stamps, payment being made in advance for a limited number, or value, of impressions, and the machine incapable of being used beyond such limit! If this prophecy were fulfilled, the use of stamps would almost cease, and be confined to a very limited section of the public.

There is to this, as to most subjects, another aspect, viz.: the facilities which simplicity of design and construction offer to forgers and manipulators. If it be found that these mechanical contrivances tend to fraud, their use may be discontinued and the authorities revert to the adhesive stamp system. This is, however, a remote contingency.

We may accept it as a fact that the automatic franker has come to stay, and must rely upon the intelligence which devised the system being capable of protecting it from abuse.

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Special Notes on New Zealand will appear regularly in the *Fortnightly* from the pen of Mr. Irwin Paris. This new feature is one that will make a strong appeal to a large number of our readers.

The Debate on Forgeries, suggested in our last number as a likely item for the agenda of the Second Philatelic Congress, has already been practically arranged for. We are officially informed by Mr. G. Fred. H. Gibson that as long ago as January 7th this matter was brought to the attention of the Manchester Philatelic Society by Mr. I. J. Bernstein, and it was decided that Mr. Bernstein, as one of the Manchester Delegates, should submit the question to the Congress. Which is good. We shall hope that a useful debate will result. Meantime it will be interesting to hear from *Fortnightly*-readers who may have special information as to the legal enactments in force in particular countries with regard to the manufacture and sale of forged stamps.

The Royal Philatelic Society's reference collection has made a right royal start, and all will wish Mr. M. P. Castle and his colleagues of the Collection Committee the greatest possible success in building up a great general collection of adhesives and entires which will prove of inestimable value in the Society's expertising work. This is not a matter that concerns the Royal Philatelic Society's members alone. It is of high importance that our premier body should be well equipped for the work it undertakes. The decision to form a Reference Collection was perhaps tardily made, but there is time enough to recover lost ground if all who can help will help. Mr. Castle, in the current "London Philatelist" writes "I make an earnest appeal to philatelists of all grades to contribute—however little—in building up the collection." Already there has been a splendid influx of contributions. The Prince of Wales gives a fine collection of entires, numbering from 1350 to 1400 pieces. Mr. Tilleard and Mr. Bainbridge are others who contribute collections of entires, and this fact, taken into conjunction with the display of stamped stationery arranged for the Royal Society's meeting of February 17th, seems to foreshadow a possible rehabilitation of the long cold-shouldered "Entire" in the affection of philatelists. This, however, is by the way. Contributors of adhesives to the Royal Society's collection include Mr. M. P. Castle, who has presented all the duplicates he possesses and is making up two special collections of Europeans and Colonials; Mr. C. E.

McNaughtan, who gives a fine collection of South Australian and Mr. Humphrey Bennett, who has sent a parcel of unused Orange River and other stamps. The Earl of Crawford has also been a generous donor. It is therefore abundantly clear that the collection is, in the Wellerian vernacular, "swelling visibly," and all will hope that the same rate of progress may be maintained until something approaching completion is attained.

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- February 5th (this day).—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C.; Display, a portion of the Stanley Gibbons Reference Collection, by Mr. Frank Phillips; Display, "Great Britain," Mr. J. H. Tite.
- February 7th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street: Sale.
- February 9th.—Leicester Philatelic Society: Auction Sale at Messrs. Warner, Sheppard and Wade's Mart.
- February 9th.—City of London Philatelic Society, Mills' Restaurant, Broad Street, E.C.; Paper and Display, St. Helena, Mr. J. Read Burton; Display, Australians, Mr. W. Phillips.
- February 9th.—Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society: Cyprus and Malta.
- February 9th.—Croydon Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon: Paper and Display, "Some Islands of the Great Pacific," Mr. A. Ashby.
- February 10th.—International Philatelic Union, Essex Street, Strand, W. C.; Display, with notes, St. Vincent, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- February 10th.—Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society: Display of Cayman Islands, Dominica, and Grenada, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- February 10th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham: Display, Cape of Good Hope, Mr. J. J. Knowles.
- February 10th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel, Brighton: Display, Mr. W. Mead: Display of British Postcards, Mr. J. C. Dallimore.
- February 11th.—Dundee and District Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Dundee: Display with Notes, Tasmania, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- February 11th.—Scottish Philatelic Society: Great Britain, Mr. G. I. Beattie; Colonials, Mr. J. L. Sievwright, of Dundee.
- February 11th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool: Penny Postage of Great Britain (with Lantern), Mr. I. J. Bernstein: Display, India.
- February 15th.—Herts Philatelic Society, 1, Southampton Row, W.C.: Display, Forgery Collection, Mr. Charles J. Phillips.
- February 15th.—Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: Display, German States, Mr. C. J. North.
- February 16th.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: Seychelles Mr. A. G. Inng.
- February 16th.—Bath Philatelic Society: Display, with notes, Cyprus and Gibraltar, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- February 17th.—Royal Philatelic Society, 1, Southampton Row, London, W.C.: Display, Entires, Mr. B. W. Warhurst and Members of the Society.
- February 17th.—North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle-on-Tyne: Sale by Auction.
- February 17th.—Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel, Manchester: Auction.
- February 17th.—North London Philatelic Society, Central Y.M.C.A., Highbury: Debate, Old Issues (Mr. Alexander J. Sch) *versus* New Issues (Mr. Cyril J. Phillips).
- February 18th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage, Manchester: Paper, The Preliminaries of Postal Issues, illustrated by the Stamps of Saxony, Mr. I. J. Bernstein.
- February 19th.—Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London, E.C.: Paper and Display, British New Guinea, Mr. A. Ashby; Paper and Display, Siam, Mr. R. W. H. Row.

AUCTION SALES.

- February 5th.—Mr. Guthrie, at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.
- February 7th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- February 8th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- February 8th and 9th.—Messrs. Glendining & Co., at the Argyll Galleries, 7, Argyll Street, Regent Street, W.
- February 10th and 11th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63 64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- February 14th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- February 15th and 16th.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- February 17th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- February 17 and 18th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.
- February 20th.—Mr. Guthrie, at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.

The Postage Stamps of Belgium.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Continued from page 206).

THE FIRST ISSUE (Continued).

The third printing, which was made in May, 1850, was on much thinner paper than hitherto. The inks now used were again noticeably paler. The quantities produced at this time were:—

10c. pale brown	...	800,000 stamps
20c. pale blue	...	500,000 ..

Re-touching was occasioned at this time by the wear on the plates. It is chiefly in the frame that the consequent variations are to be seen. There was a thickening of the outer line of the frame, the effect of which is to slightly increase the size of the printed surface of the stamp. We may take the size of the specimens produced in the first and second printings as 19×22 millimetres, and the size of those of the third printing as 18½×21¼ millimetres.

It will be necessary to hark back to the first Belgium issue at a later stage to deal with the subject of essays, &c.

THE SECOND ISSUES.

The stamps of the second type—those with the head of Leopold I. in an oval—began with the issue of the 40 centimes, red. This again was a product of copper-plate engraving from a die furnished by Jacques Wiener.



October 17, 1849.



August 10, 1850.

THE STAMPS OF THE SECOND ISSUE.

The need for this 40 centimes stamp was largely the result of the postal conventions concluded, first with France, and, later, with Switzerland and with the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg—treaties which immediately resulted in a great increase in the number and bulk of packages entrusted to the mails.

The second type of stamp designed by Wiener evidently appealed to the authorities more strongly than the first, for when the desirability of having uniform designs for all values was advanced, the second, or head-in-oval, design was adopted as the standard.

The following official notice bearing on this point is interesting, not only historically but as recording the official designation of the colours employed—namely, bistre for the 10 centimes, blue for the 20c., and carmine for the 40c.

POSTAGE STAMPS OF A UNIFORM DESIGN.

BRUSSELS, August 10th, 1850.

"THE DIRECTOR:—I have the honour to inform you that in future the postage stamps of 10 and 20 centimes shall be

of the same design as the postage stamps of 40 centimes (a portrait of the King in medallion and bearing in letters the word "Postes" and the indication of value, which will also be reproduced in figures in the upper corners of the stamps).

This modification will give the stamps a perfect uniformity, so that they may be produced from the same original die and so that there can be no difference, except in the indication of value which may be added to the dies for each denomination.

The colours—bistre, blue and carmine—are to be maintained.

You are requested to convey this information to the employees under your direction, requesting them to dispose of the stamps of the old type before the new stamps which may be sent to them are placed in circulation.

(Signed) H. ROLIN.

Minister of Public Works.

The 40 centimes, which was the first stamp of the issue, made its appearance on October 17th, 1849; the 10c. and 20c. of the same type followed on August 10th, 1850.

The "L.L." watermark is found both in the framed and the unframed form in this series. Authorities differ widely as to the classification of the printings of the three stamps. As a beginning let me quote the following groups of figures given by Mons. Jules Bouvez in his "History of the Postage Stamps and Entires of Belgium," published some years ago in the "American Journal of Philately":—

- 1.—Thick grey-white paper with watermark in frame.

10c. black-brown	1,000 sheets	200,000 stamps
20c. dark blue	625 ..	125,000 ..
40c. carmine	50 ..	10,000 ..
- 2.—Thin grey-white paper, with watermark in frame.

10c. brown	1,375 sheets	275,000 stamps
20c. blue	1,225 ..	245,000 ..
40c. carmine-rose	150 ..	3,000 ..
- 3.—Thick white paper, with watermark unframed.

10c. bistre brown	22,500 sheets	4,500,000 stamps
20c. dark blue	20,000 ..	4,000,000 ..
40c. vermilion	1,500 ..	300,000 ..
- 4.—Thick yellowish paper, with watermark unframed.

10c. bistre brown	61 sheets	12,200 stamps
40c. brick red	21 ..	4,200 ..
- 5.—Thick rough paper, with watermark unframed.

10c. brown on cream	39 sheets	7,800 stamps
20c. dark blue on bluish	125 ..	25,000 ..
- 6.—Thick paper, with watermark unframed.

10c. bright brn on rose tinted paper	25 sheets	5,000 stamps
40c. rose on rose tinted paper	24 ..	4,800 ..
- 7.—Ribbed paper, with watermark unframed.

10c. dark brown	5,000 sheets	1,000,000 stamps
20c. dark blue	3,000 ..	600,000 ..
40c. carmine-red	500 ..	100,000 ..

(To be continued.)

One is glad to learn the market value of stamps that are more or less in demand, and for this purpose it is excellent drill to study every price list that comes one's way. The price lists are the trader's catechism. A list that is issued monthly keeps one in touch with the rises and falls. Some stamps go down gradually, yet others go up quickly, and many an odd value has for this reason to be elevated 25 or 50 per cent. on occasion.

The Manchester Juniors' Exhibition.

A CRUSADE OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

THOUSANDS OF SCHOOLBOYS AND OTHERS ATTEND AN
EXHIBITION AND LANTERN LECTURE.

THE Manchester Junior Philatelic Society came to the very wise and public spirited decision to use the surplus cash from the memorable Postage Stamp Exhibition of last February as a fund for the Encouragement of Philately in Manchester and District. The first development of this useful campaign was the excellent Exhibition of Postage Stamps given at the Whitworth Street Municipal School on Saturday, January 22nd.

The Society were fortunate in securing such a fine well-lighted room from the Education Committee, to whom their warmest thanks are due. It is a gratifying sign of the times when a leading educational body is found willing to co-operate with a philatelic society in the encouragement of the hobby of stamp collecting.

The exhibits, which were numerous and varied, were confined to members of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society. The following list of displays will show what a wide range of countries and colonies was covered:—

British South Africa	J. H. Nunn
Canada	Nathan Heywood
Cape of Good Hope, Ceylon	W. D. Beckton
Cayman Islands, Hayti, India, Lagos and Turks Islands	Dr. E. W. Floyd
Costa Rica, Guatemala, Hong Kong, Nicaragua, Northern Nigeria, Salvador	J. R. M. Albrecht
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Great Britain	J. S. Higgins, Jr.
Great Britain	S. C. Buckley
Great Britain (used in the Niger Coast), Malta Gold Coast, Montserrat, St. Lucia, St. Kitts	K. H. Kricorissian
German Colonies	P. S. Barton
Hawaii, St. Vincent	J. Brook
Java	S. Lofthouse
Mauritius, Sarawak	J. W. Heath
Newfoundland	J. H. Abbott
Nova Scotia	
New Brunswick	W. W. Munn
New Zealand, Queensland	
Orange River Colony	J. T. Tweedate
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Varieties of Type	J. Malings

Tickets were distributed to all the leading schools for several miles around Manchester and to all the literary and scientific societies. The results were most gratifying, for the visitors, young, old, and middle aged, must have totalled about seven thousand!

The Ross Ladies Orchestra played selections during the afternoon and evening, the music being much enjoyed by all present.

In the evening a lantern lecture entitled "Stamp Portraiture," was given by Mr. I. J. Bernstein, President of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, before a crowded and attentive audience.

To all associated with the organisation of the Exhibition the highest credit is due, for the occasion must have been of the greatest value as a means of introducing the charms of stamp collecting to many who could have had no conception, hitherto, of the pleasure and profit to be derived from a study of the world's postage stamps.

Notes on the Postal Issues of Malta.

A Ten-Minute Paper on "My Favourite Country," read before
the Northampton Philatelic Society.

By W. NICHOLS.

ONE of the favourite countries from the point of view of the moderate specialist is undoubtedly the Colony of Malta, of whose postal issues I hope to give you a short account this evening. The Colony consists of the island of Malta, 17 miles long and 9 miles broad, and the adjoining islands of Gozo, Comino, etc., the total area being roughly about equal to that of the Isle of Wight. It has a population of over 200,000, and is an important military and naval station, being the repair-base for the British Mediterranean Fleet, for which purpose an extensive arsenal and dockyard is maintained.

Malta has been a British possession for rather more than a century, having been taken from Napoleon in the year 1800.

The first Maltese stamp was issued in 1861, and until 1885 only one value, viz., ½d. was issued, although this varies considerably as to shade, wmk., and perforation as the following list of varieties will show.

REFERENCE LIST.

Jan. 1861,	no wmk.	perf. 14,	½d. buff	blued paper
Nov. 1861	"	"	½d. buff	white paper
1862	"	"	½d. brown-orange	
1864, wmk. Crown CC.,		perf. 14,	½d. buff	
1865	"	perf. 12½,	½d. buff	
1868-76	"	perf. 14,	½d. buff, yellow-buff, golden- yellow, brown-orange, etc.	
1878	"	perf. 14 × 12½,	½d. yellow-buff	
1881, wmk. Crown CA.,		perf. 14,	½d. yellow-buff	

A great variety of shades exist of nearly all the above and perfect mint copies of the earlier issues are rather rare, the majority of the unused ones generally met with being without gum. Fine used specimens should also be worth getting at reasonable rates.

The stamps were printed in sheets of 240 by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. who have printed all Maltese stamps up to the present date.

These ½d. buff stamps were strictly speaking only Government Locals, having no franking power outside the Colony. As the island was then under the control of the British Post Office, all letters for abroad were franked with British Stamps which can be distinguished by the special post-marks. From 1857-59 these consisted of the initial M in an oval of parallel lines and after that date by the device A25 also in an oval, which is also found in conjunction with a date stamp inscribed Malta and the date. Practically all British stamps in use between September, 1857, and December, 1884, can be found with these postmarks and no collection of Malta can be considered representative without a fair showing of these stamps. If plate-number varieties are taken into consideration a collection of several hundred specimens can be formed.

In 1884 the control of the Malta Post Office was transferred to the Island Government, and by a decree dated December 9th, 1884, it was announced that British stamps would cease to be available after the 31st of that month. A new series of six values, viz.:—½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d. and 1/- was issued on January 1st, 1885, surface printed on Crown CA paper and perf. 14. A higher value, 5/- rose, wmk. Crown CC, appeared in the following year. A very fine range of shades can be found of nearly all these stamps, notably the 1d., 2½d. and 1/- and in 1894 a sheet of the ½d. was issued IMPERFORATE of which used copies, singles and pairs, are known. A recent catalogue quotation for a pair of these is £9 and this forms the chief rarity of this colony.

On July 4th, 1902, a provisional 1d. stamp was created by overprinting a quantity (said to be 720,000) of the 2½d. value,

Two shades, blue and ultramarine, were surcharged in panes of 60 stamps and the second stamp in the ninth row shows the error *PXNEY*. The 1d. stamp cut either vertically or diagonally in half is said to have been used during a temporary shortage of ½d. stamps at Mellieha Camp in the N.W. of the Island in December, 1900, and the 1d. Revenue Stamp is also said to have been used in a similar manner. I have also seen half of the 2½d. blue, used (presumably as a 1d.) on small piece of original, but am unable to say whether this was authorised or not.

In 1899, four handsome stamps printed by the engraved process were issued as follows:—

1899. PERF. 14. WMK. CROWN CA.

4½d. brown (Lateen-rigged Maltese Sailing Boat.

5d. vermilion (Ancient Galley of the Knights of St. John).

WMK. CROWN C.C.

2 6 greenish-green (Britannia).

10 deep blue (Shipwreck of St. Paul).

The higher value is peculiar as being one of the very few stamps on which Biblical Subjects are portrayed. In 1900, a ½d. stamp for the inland newspaper rate was issued, showing a view of Valetta. This stamp varies considerably as to shade and can be found with the watermark in four different positions, *i.e.*:—I. Normal, sideways Crown at left CA at right reading upwards. II. Inverted. III. Reversed; and IV. Inverted and reversed, caused by feeding the paper into the printing press various ways.

In 1902-3 a handsome new set bearing the head of King Edward was issued ranging from ½d. to 1/- (7 values) all bi-coloured except the ½d. All these except the 3d. value appeared later (1904-5) with the multiple watermark and the ½d., 4½d. and 5d. of the pictorial series are also now printed on this paper.

In 1907 the 1d., previously carmine with black centre, appeared printed all in the one colour carmine; no doubt for economical reason, being the most used value, and there are rumours that the 2½d. is about to appear all blue instead of marone and ultramarine, which seems probable.

None of the Maltese stamps have as yet appeared on the chalk-surfaced paper, so much in evidence in many of our Colonies; and it remains to be seen whether the new Colonial Colour Scheme will necessitate any alteration here.

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

WHEN the recent Bulgarian surcharges appeared the price at which used copies were fixed was usually about 2d. apiece, but there are now signs that the 10 on 15 stot and the 25 on 30 stot are rising above this figure, as perhaps they were bound to do, and should presently be worth at least double. The 1 stot "1909" is now priced 1d. used, it was once a halfpenny, while mint copies do not seem so abundant as they were.

Some used copies of the recently issued 5 kop. Russian Levant have come one's way, and are a novelty. A quick-selling penny stamp.

The writer is not buying Alaska, Hudson or Lincoln by the hundred. His plan is to take such used copies as he wants from exchange lots that come from the United States; this method gives a choice of copies in a field where such choice seems advisable if really nice copies are desired.

The recent troubles in Nicaragua seem to have called greater attention in some places to the stamps of that country, and the 1903 issue is seen to be a "good" set. The 1905 set is fairly plentiful, while a complete set of the 1909 issue seems equally accessible. Both prove good sellers. The series of articles on this country now running in a contemporary are excellent reading.

Sarawak and Siam, judging by the frequency of offers, seem to be popular; the list of Siam, 1906 to 1909, is attractive and should not be neglected. These stamps may sometimes be highlighted upon by correspondence with India, and some nice postally used Persians have reached the writer from the same quarter.

Great Britain: My Favourite Country.

A Ten Minute Paper read before the Northampton Philatelic Society.

BY E. T. PHILLIPS.

My favourite country is Great Britain. As you are well aware, this country, from a stamp collecting point of view, is too large a subject to condense into a paper of about ten minutes, so I will give you some idea of my impressions of the subject.

I have always found a certain amount of fascination in the first postage stamp issued, the good old penny black of 1840, the first of the race, and a stamp which for beauty of design and execution will be found very hard to beat.

The first issues of some of the other countries contained a black stamp, *viz.*, the 20 centimes black of France; the 10 centimes black of Luxemburg; the 6 cuartos of Spain. I consider that a black variety of any stamp, well executed, is always welcome.

The penny black of Great Britain is a most handsome stamp, and very few productions of the present day can approach it in beauty of execution or design, and a page of these stamps, lightly cancelled, showing the various states of the plates, from an intense black to a grey on worn plate, or a page showing the various cancellations, forms an attraction to any collection.

Another well executed and attractive looking stamp is the 2d. blue. This stamp exists in a large variety of shades, ranging from a deep violet-blue to a very pale blue.

A deep blue is, perhaps, the most handsome and difficult to find, but the pale blue, in nearly a milky shade, seems to be the stamp most sought after. These 2d. blues, to my idea, show a beautiful range of colour, and a page of these stamps of both the perf. and imperf., showing the varieties of shades, is also a very attractive one.

I cannot claim anything of special interest for the penny red, but if these stamps are unused, or very lightly cancelled and in good condition, their bright, clean, red appearance will form a great contrast to the 1d. black and 2d. blue.

Taking these penny reds from the first issue down to the last of the plate numbers, the collector will find plenty to interest him in the variety of shades (both of the perf. and imperf.) and also the variety of plates, size and pattern of corner lettering (which contain several errors), as well as looking at both sides of the stamps in the hope of finding the "ivory head" variety; and a collector who should endeavour to obtain a complete set of the penny red plate-numbers, used, in really fine condition, will find the task no easy one.

There is also the first ½d. stamp issued, and although unusually small, this is interesting as being the first of its kind.

The first 1½d. stamp, in fine condition, is also a very attractive one and adds to the beauty of a collection of line-engraved stamps of this country, and collectors who can only afford to spend a small amount of money on their stamps might do worse than to take up collecting the line-engraved stamps of "Great Britain," as at the present time most of these stamps can be bought in large quantities for a small sum.

A very different kind of stamp from these line-engraved are the embossed series of 1847.

These stamps are interesting from the fact that they were the only adhesive postage stamps printed by the Government, and were made by ordinary embossing presses, and as each impression was made singly and by hand, the method of production was slow, tedious and costly, and was soon given up and the first surface printed stamps substituted.

The surface printed stamps, in fine condition, are very attractive, and a collector of the stamps of Great Britain will have plenty of opportunity to exercise the gift of patience, as taking this country as a whole, it will be found that lightly cancelled, well centred copies are rather hard to find, and to form a collection under these conditions with any degree of completeness is a great undertaking.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Argentina (386).—The first of the peso values of the San Martin series has appeared. The size of the stamp is larger and the portrait now appears in a circle at the upper left, while an allegorical figure fills out the space in the lower right portion of the stamp.

1 peso, carmine and blue.

British Levant (385).—The 1 piastre, 30 paras, surcharged on the British bi-coloured 4d. has necessarily had but a short run and is now superseded by the same overprint on the 4d. orange. We gather from various contemporaries that the 2d. British overprinted "Levant" is now issued on surfaced paper.

1 pia., 30 par., on 4d. orange.

"Levant." 2d. green and carmine, chalk-surfaced.

British Solomon Islands Protectorate (363).—It has been semi-officially announced that the following stamps of higher values have been issued:—

2s. purple on blue.

2s. 6d. red ..

5s. green on yellow.

Bulgaria (385).—Mr. H. C. Knowles informs "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" that he has an error of the provisional 10 on 50 stotinki showing the date of the overprint reading "1990" instead of "1909"!

Error "1990": 10 on 15 stot. blue-green.

Canada (362).—The following new shade of the 7c. King's Head must be chronicled on the authority of "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News":—

7c. dark yellow.

Congo State (364).—New stamps of the usual view patterns are appearing with the name of this territory expressed both in French and Flemish, thus:—"Congo Belge" at top, and "Belgisch Congo" at foot. The value also is rendered in "Centimes" at the left and in "Centiemmen" at the right. The following values are chronicled to date:—

5 centimes green.

10 .. carmine.

15 .. yellow ochre.

25 .. blue.

In a letter to "Gibbons Stamp Weekly," M. Beaufaux submits three "inverts" of the typographed "Congo Belge" overprint—namely, on the 5c., 10c. and 50c. stamps. The same correspondent possesses the 10 francs stamp with overprint doubly impressed.

Holland (360).—According to the "Postage Stamp" the 10 gulden stamp is now printed in pink instead of orange.

Colour changed. 10 gulden, pink.

Montenegro.—Messrs. Bright & Son notify us that they have found in their stock the following varieties:—

1874, 3 nov., compound perf. 11 x 10½.

1893, 2 nov., perf. 11.

Persia (351).—The new stamps recently issued here, have the Persian lion for a central device. "We hear" says "Gibbons Stamp Weekly," "that the issue is of a provisional nature." Fourteen values have appeared, ranging from 1 chahi to 20 kran.

Portugal (328).—The King Manual stamps show the young monarch's head to left. Fourteen values as follows:—

2½ reis, lilac.

5 .. black.

10 .. grey-green.

15 .. pale purple-brown.

20 .. rose-red.

25 .. chocolate.

50 .. indigo-blue.

75 .. yellow-brown.

80 .. French grey.

100 .. brown on green.

200 .. deep green on salmon.

300 .. black on azure.

500 .. chocolate and olive.

1000 .. black and Prussian blue.

Spain (387).—Another value of the new set has appeared.

New type. 10c. red.

St. Vincent (366).—The following are now to be noted in the re-drawn type—i.e., with a dot under the "d" of value:—

Re-drawn. 1d. carmine.

3d. purple on yellow.

6d. violet.

Trinidad (340).—In accordance with Postal Union requirements, the ½d., 1d. and 2½d. of the "Britannia" type have made their appearance with the values expressed in Arabic numerals:—

With numerals: ½d., green

1d., carmine.

2½d., blue.

Turkey (361).—From various sources we glean news of the following new Turkish stamps, of which an illustration appears in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly":—

10 paras, emerald green.

10 piastres, red.

25 .. green.

50 .. brown.

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ONE PENNY.

Philatelists of To-Day.

VI.—Mr. BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

WE now present the portrait of one whose name is well-known to stamp collectors the world over as that of a clever and well-informed writer on Philately—our friend Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole.

Born in the ancient city of Hereford thirty years ago, Mr. Poole started to collect stamps at the mature age of eight, and has been a collector ever since. He can still remember the joy derived from the possession of a shilling album and a sixpenny packet of 100 different stamps, but his experience has differed from that of many of his fellow philatelists in that he had the misfortune to be at schools where his contemporaries were absolute philistines, knowing not the love of stamps. Therefore he has no recollection of wonderful "swaps," and so far as he can remember no one ever gave him a "Post Office" Mauritius in exchange for a 10 pfennig German.

For a time Mr. Poole cherished the fond delusion that his collection, numbering about 500 or 600 specimens represented a near approach to completion. Then he bought his first catalogue—a "Lincoln" of 1896—and woke up!

It was discouraging to find that there were thousands of stamps he didn't possess, but he remained as keen as ever, and a few years later, to quote his own words, "began to learn a bit about stamps." Selling his general collection, Mr. Poole went in for specialism, choosing Seychelles as his first love. Since then he has specialised in all sorts of Countries and Colonies—China, Sarawak, Siam, Soudan, Norway, Leeward Islands, Morocco—to name just a few of them.

It is as a writer on philatelic subjects that Mr. Poole is best known to our readers. It was late in 1899 that

his enthusiasm for stamps first sought a literary outlet. He became associated with Mr. L'Estrange Ewen's journal, and contributed yards—yes, literally yards of matter about postmarks, under the nom-de-plume of "Duplex"—also he wrote on new issues. In 1900 he spent six months in South Africa as the only philatelic war correspondent. Returning, he took up stamp-writing more extensively than ever, and in August, 1901, brought out a shilling book on the "South African Provisional War Stamps." Since then he has published handbooks on Sarawak, Seychelles, Hong Kong, Falkland Islands, and Zululand; and he is of course the author of "The Postage Stamps of British Honduras," now being issued as No. 3 of the S.C.F. Handbooks.

For about eighteen months in 1902-03 he ran a small journal of his own—"Poole's Monthly Philatelist"; then for three years he edited the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain." Lastly, Mr. Poole started the "West End Philatelist" for Mr. Field in 1904, and is still at the helm.

Although never much of a "Society" man, Mr. Poole was invited, in 1900, to accept the Vice-Presidency of the Junior Philatelic Society, and he held that office for many years, until the pressure of other work made a further tenure impracticable. He

is a member of the Herts Philatelic Society, and much enjoys the excellent displays that very "live" Society always places before its members.

That he is a tireless worker is proved by his frequent contributions to philatelic periodicals. His name, we think, occurs more frequently than any other in the "Stamp Collectors' Annual's" literary index.



MR. BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

Mr. Charles J. Phillips in Chili.

MR. PHILLIPS, the head of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, is finding plenty to interest him on his tour through South America and is sending home to the "Weekly" some excellent "copy."

Santiago, Chili, is declared by Mr. Phillips to be the home of the most charming and enthusiastic set of philatelists he has yet met in South America.

"In this town," he writes, "the collectors are not rivals but friends, and have instituted a delightful little social function. At 5 p.m. each day the leading collectors who happen to be in town meet at the University and take tea together, and no other subject than stamp collecting is allowed to be discussed.

"Chilian stamps are naturally in the greatest demand, and they are far more plentiful here than with us at home.

"I met one collector who has over 30,000 old-type stamps on letters from old correspondence that he has bought. The lithographed 5c. are rare with us, but a collector here has nearly a hundred of them, including many of the errors of transfer!"

The Famous Sack of Triangular Capes.

AMONG the people Mr. Phillips met in Santiago was one of the masters at the University, who went out from Plymouth thirty-five years ago, and who remembers the old chemist's shop where Mr. Stanley Gibbons used to sell stamps from 1856 to 1865. This gentleman was in Plymouth when the famous sack of triangular Capes was bought, and he remembers seeing them in thousands.

Finest Chilian Collection in the World.

WHILE in Santiago Mr. Phillips saw a collection of Chilian stamps which he declares to be the finest of its kind in the world. He writes:—

I can only give a very rough idea of this collection, which is composed entirely of stamps in perfect condition. In superb unused condition I noted as follows:—

July, 1853.	10c. deep bright blue	..	6
.. 1854.	5c. lithographed (5 colours)	..	16
Aug., 1854.	5c. burnt sienna	..	8
..	10c. many colours about	..	30

In used stamps there were over 100 of the lithographed 5c., including nearly a dozen transfer varieties.

5c. red, printed on both sides, with both small and large wmk., twelve copies.

10c. deep blue, error wmk., "20," two fine specimens.

This is one of the finest and best studied collections I have seen, and curiously enough it has been formed by a foreign gentleman, who has resided in Chili for less than twenty-three years.

On Spanish Official Issues.

I EXTRACT the following interesting note from the "Bazaar, Exchange and Mart" of recent date.

Although as long ago as 1854 the Spanish Government supplied special adhesive postage stamps to its various officials for the purpose of franking correspondence relating to public business, the use of these stamps was abandoned in 1866. From information kindly supplied to me by a Spanish correspondent, Judge J. Lopez de Rueda, it appears that the use of special official stamps has lately been reintroduced in the modified form of an *estampilla*, or hand-stamp, of a new design, to be used exclusively for correspondence sent by Government authorities, public corporations, and the chief members of the State Administration, and then only for postal matter transmitted by them in their official or public character.

The Royal decree of 23rd September, 1908, orders that from the 1st January, 1909, the post offices are not to accept any official correspondence that has not the envelope impressed with the regulation hand-stamp of the design approved by the General Direction of Posts and Telegraphs, and published by a later Royal order in the official journals.

Two specimens of these hand-stamps are used, one by the office of the Public Advocate of Valencia and another used by the Municipal Tribunal of Almusafes. How many other varieties exists I do not know, but evidently the number must be a large one. Philatelists will at least welcome the knowledge that, by ordering the employment of these stamps instead of surcharging and counter-surcharging the ordinary adhesive stamps, the Spanish Government has spared collectors the misfortune of "errors" of overprint and the ever-ready imitation of the counterfeiter.

Robert Wallace's Casting Vote.

To those who closely follow all matters appertaining to postal history (as I believe many *Fortnightly*-readers do) the following extract from the "Glasgow News" will be of no small interest.

"By reason of strength [says the writer of the article, which deals with the history of penny postage] the penny postage that celebrates the seventieth birthday on Monday, January 10th, goes forward to a riper age than is the lot of humanity. Its popularity and usefulness have placed it among the blessings that are eternal so far as this world may go. But how many of us in associating the name of Sir Rowland Hill, are aware of the noble part in its inauguration played by Robert Wallace, whose tomb in a Greenock burial ground bears a monument with an inscription for all the world to read. This is the inscription:—

Here repose the remains of Robert Wallace, late of Kely, who died on 1st April, 1855, in the 81st year of his age. Robert Wallace was the descendant and representative of the renowned champion of Scottish independence, and inherited no small portion of the patriotic spirit and energy of his ancestor. He sat in Parliament as member for Greenock from 1832 to 1845, being returned four times in succession free of expense, and by his indefatigable and successful labours in the cause of legal and post office reform, he not only justified the choice of the electors, but established a title to the lasting gratitude of his countrymen. His casting vote as Chairman of the Committee of the House of Commons secured to the nation the benefit of the penny postage.

This monument, erected on the spot chosen by Mr. Wallace himself as a burying place, is designed to commemorate his political connection with the town of Greenock, and his ardent devotion to the interests of its inhabitants.

If Philately Had Never Been.

IT is an excellent article, that of the "Glasgow News" to which I have referred to above. From a glowing eulogy of Robert Wallace it passes to a more restrained panegyric upon Rowland Hill, and concludes with a reference to philately, remarking that "without the penny post the philatelists had been done out of a hobby that is among the minor blessings of life."

The Boom in Crete.

UNQUESTIONABLY the stamps of Crete are in greater demand just now than at any former time—a result, I suppose, of the interesting political situation. At any moment there may be another "intervention" by the Protecting Powers, and that might mean further provisional issues for the different "spheres of influence." It is a sign of the times that Messrs. Bright & Son are advertising for Cretan issues—notably the stamps issued by the Russian authorities in 1899, the high values of the first permanent issue, both with and without overprint, and the 1908 overprinted emissions. Any of my readers having duplicates of these stamps to dispose of may find a good market at Messrs. Bright & Son's establishment, 164, Strand, W.C.

Fewer New Issues.

I HAVE been reading in a French philatelic journal some statistics as to the New Issues of 1909. Oddly enough it is always in the French journals that such compilations appear. According to this figuring the world's grand total of new emissions for last year was 766, or, taking them in continents: 145 for Europe, 109 for Asia, 203 Africa, 265 America and 44 Oceania. The total for 1909 fell 50 short of that for 1908—a gratifying fact.

New Publications.

THE MELVILLE STAMP BOOKS, by Fred J. Melville; Nos. 1 to 7, price 6d. each; published W. H. Peckitt, 17, Strand, W.C.

WE have before us a set of these dainty little books, in thick white paper covers, lettered in an attractive green—all from the pen of Mr. Fred J. Melville, the energetic President of the Junior Philatelic Society.

If any fault can be found with the get-up of the books, it is that the covers, being limp and much larger than the leaves, are apt very quickly to become the worse for wear at the edges. Also it is a pity that the wire-stabbing method of binding has been adopted, but this, we presume, was unavoidable if the price of each volume was to be kept at the present low figure, sixpence.

It is obviously impossible, within the narrow limits of less than one hundred small pages (which contain numerous illustrations in the text) to do more than scant justice to the postal issues of the majority of countries; but the author has evidently been at considerable pains to get together a large amount of information, of which he gives his readers an interesting summary, interspersed with items acquired by personal research or otherwise, and hitherto unpublished—in philatelic journals, at all events.

Although we feel bound to differ from the author on certain points, we think that these little books, whilst being necessarily of slight value to a specialist, afford good reading to the beginner or general collector, to whose store of knowledge they cannot fail to add.

Of Nos. 1 and 2 of the series ("Great Britain" and "British Central Africa") it will be better to write when the promised new editions are published. Our remarks, therefore, are confined to Nos. 3 to 7 inclusive.

No. 3.—UNITED STATES: 1847-1860.

A portrait of Benjamin Franklin, from an old print, forms a fit frontispiece to this Handbook, of which we have just received a second edition copy.

Mr. Melville stops short at the end of the more or less "fancy" issue of 1869; and we think wisely, for the succeeding emissions—with three different printers, two papers, secret marks, re-engravings, and special printings—are, or rather were until recently, a terror to the average collector and would occupy many pages. A hope, however, is held out that the later issues will some time be dealt with by our author.

The two stamps of 1847 are fully dealt with, enlarged illustrations of the originals and the official imitations of 1875 being given; as are also (in the second edition) photographs of die proofs, from which the bogus "lilac-grey laid paper" varieties have been made, the laid lines being a modern addition.

Mr. Power, in his recent work, gives the variety of the first One Cent (1851-60 issue) with the outer lines of the bottom label partly missing, and also the further variety where the missing lines are replaced by one thick line, as being *die* varieties. Mr. Melville, on the other hand, ascribes the former as due to insufficient rocking of the roller in making the plate, and the latter to re-cutting by hand. We are inclined to adopt Mr. Power's views.

The various types, also due to removal (from the rollers) of parts of the design, of the Three, Five and Ten Cents, are carefully explained and well illustrated.

Very good enlargements assist in distinguishing between the rare *première gravures* of August, 1861, and the modified types of the following month.

An interesting description of the "grille" process, by which the substance of the paper was embossed and broken to render the removal of the obliteration more difficult, is given, taken from Mr. J. N. Luff's work, and the different sizes of the grille are added; these, for the 1869 issue, were, in the first edition, said to be "9 by 9½ mm., varying to 9 by 9 mm., 8½ by 9 mm., and 10 by 12 mm."; but, in the present edition, the largest and last-mentioned size is omitted.

The "picture" set of 1869, including fine used copies of the three "inverteds," is well illustrated, and the two types of the Fifteen Cents are carefully described; and we note that an original mistake in ascribing the inverteds to "errors on the plate or errors of printing," has been corrected by the omission of the words which we have *italicised*.

Of the Ninety Cents it is remarked that "inverted centre" copies are said to have existed, but none is now known; we think it may safely be said that this variety never did exist, except as the outcome of misplaced ingenuity. In this book, there is practically nothing to which even a severe critic can now take exception, and we can cordially recommend it to the beginner. The last two chapters contain a useful Bibliography and a very complete Check-list.

No. 4.—GAMBIA.

An interesting and very well-illustrated little work on this Colony's stamps, the earlier issues of which will always be favourites on account of the effective combination of flat



"SINGLE-LINE" PERFORATION.
NOTE THE CROSSING OF PERFORATED LINES.



"COMB" PERFORATION.
COMPARE CROSSING OF PERFORATED LINES.

colour and cameo embossing; but we must take exception to the statement on page 17, that the flat colour printing was effected first and the embossing afterwards.

There are two ways in which embossing is carried out—one, by which the embossed parts are in colour and the flat parts white, as in ordinary relief letter-headings; and the other, by which the raised parts are quite plain, "cameo," and the flat parts coloured, as in the embossed postals (6d., 10d. and 1s.) and postal-fiscals of Great Britain, and also in the envelope stamps and current embossed fiscals.

The plane surface of the die is inked and on contact with the paper prints the flat part in colour, the "counterpart"—of leather, composition, or copper—which fits the die, pushing

the paper up into the recessed parts of the design and so embossing it; there is no necessity for two printings.

The occasional apparent want of "register" is caused by the insufficient tightness of the bearings, which causes the die to gradually shift the *impression* on the counterpart, and the printing is then faulty, owing to the failure of the die to deliver a sharp and direct blow; and the double embossing is, of course, caused by the workman allowing the die to come down a second time, either through want of care, or in fear that the first stroke was not sufficiently powerful.

The surface-printed Queen's Head and King's Head issues, and ephemeral provisionals of 1906, are recorded, with interesting items of official notices and illustrations of the single and multiple "CA" watermarks.

We draw attention to the method of illustrating a (reduced) complete sheet of the surface-printed stamps, showing the watermarks when held up to the light, given on pages 47 and 48, as ingenious and successful; and the thirteen full-size reproductions of sheets of the "cameo" stamps, showing the various machine-perforations, are excellent and of use even to specialists.

By the courtesy of the publisher we are enabled to give illustrations of two blocks of the Six Pence, showing very clearly the different results obtained from "single-line" and "comb" machines.

No. 5.—NEVIS.

An extremely nice country, free from speculation, easy to follow, and interesting in the plate varieties of the earlier issues, the sixty pages of Handbook No. 5 are finished all too soon.

The illustrations of the various entire sheets—of an eminently philatelic size, as being small enough to go (if you can get them) on the pages of any album—the stamps of which, as Mr. Melville clearly shows, were without doubt copied from the English stamps of similar values, are excellent and should be of great assistance in plating, especially if reference be made to the clearly-written notes as to points of difference.

Chapter III., on the manufacture of the stamps, is one which should be read by all philatelists, many of whom are unfortunately not particularly well informed as to the difference between printing direct from a line-engraved plate, and printing from a lithographic stone prepared by means of "transfers" taken from the plate: the information is supplemented by diagrams, and a sketch of a lithographic hand-press—that worked by power is, though on the same principle, of somewhat different construction.

After the description of the designs and the plates, we find a chapter on the *Classification of the First Stamps*, setting out very clearly the various issues of the line-engraved and lithographed emissions, with useful notes as to the retouches.

The Queen's Head issues, together with the "½d." provisional and the "Revenue" stamps requisitioned for postal use, are next dealt with, and details of the various consignments from De La Rue & Co. are given: of the Sixpence, green, only 1,020 stamps were printed, and of these a large proportion were evidently overprinted for fiscal purposes—no wonder the postage stamp is scarce.

No. 6.—HOLLAND.

Until the issue of "Tuberculosis" and "De Ruyter" labels, Holland, with its varieties of die and its numerous gauges of perforation was an interesting and eminently "clean" country: now one feels inclined not to collect beyond 1905 and so escape the above-mentioned unnecessary emissions.

The first issue is dealt with at considerable length, with interesting illustrations; but Mr. Melville is in error in ascribing the "long white horn-like projection" sometimes found in the ten cent—and which we believe was first noted by Mr. A. J. Warren—to the dropping of a tool on the *die*: that would cause a coloured, not white, horn. The damage was no doubt to the roller; and, unless a new roller was made, the repairs would be made on the plate.

The two varieties of each of the six values issued in 1867 are carefully described and illustrated; but, without professing to give *the* solution as to how and when the figures of value were introduced, we may point out that it is impossible to add

—as is suggested in the work—to a *roller* something which is to appear in *colour* on the stamp.

In the ordinary course, there would be six subsidiary dies, on each of which the necessary figures of value would be engraved; but in this case, there may have been two subsidiary dies for each value, the numerals in both cases being added by the engraver. This, if carried to its logical conclusion, would give two positive impressions—probably on one and the same roller—for each value, each impression differing in the shape and relative position of the figures.

The 1872-88 issue, and that of 1891-96 with portrait of the young Queen, receive a comparatively brief notice. The former shows many varieties of perforation, but the latter has one gauge only, *viz.*, 14. The Five Cents, orange—originally a perforated proof—was inadvertently issued, and Mr. Melville now classes it quite correctly as an error. Postally used copies are known.

On the assumption by Queen Wilhelmina of the reins of government in 1898, a fresh set of stamps was issued, showing a much modified portrait, now duly crowned; and the highest value, in each of the last two issues—2½ gulden only—is now raised to 10 gulden.

The Newspaper stamps are fully dealt with in Chapter VIII.; and the usual Bibliography and Check-list bring an interesting work to its conclusion.

Throughout the various issues, the author gives copies of, or extracts from, the official notices and decrees published from time to time.

No. 7.—TONGA.

The frontispiece to this volume is a photograph of that great rarity, the Sevenpence Halfpenny, with inverted centre—in a block of four!

An interesting chapter on *The Islands and Their Posts*, precedes the history of the stamps, which seem to be dealt with very fully and, as far as our knowledge extends, with accuracy; though Mr. Melville acknowledges that certain points—the compound perforation of 12 × 11½, the settings of the 1891 Stars, and the surcharges of 1893—deserve and require further attention on the part of philatelists.

The majority of the issues, down to the pictorial set of 1897, seem to consist of surcharged stamps: their various types, minor varieties and errors are fully set out and frequently illustrated, and the collector who aspires to specialize in this country will find this part of the work of great assistance.

The designs of the 1897 issue are described and commented on and the translations of the native inscriptions are accompanied by interesting notes and explanations.

Chapter IX. on the official stamps is followed by the bibliography and indispensable check list.

This little work is certainly not the least in point of interest and value, and the student will find it very good reading.

No. 8.—BRITISH NEW GUINEA.

We freely, if sorrowfully, admit that our knowledge of these stamps was *nil* until we had read Mr. Melville's interesting handbook. A preliminary chapter deals with Queensland stamps used in British New Guinea, before the special issues.

The regular issues, with the various papers and watermarks, are fully and carefully dealt with; as are the stamps overprinted "Papua," and the permanent issue with that name instead of British New Guinea.

There are the usual Bibliography and Check-list, and Mr. Albert Ashby contributes a useful paper on the postmarks.

Altogether, the volume—which is lavishly illustrated—is one we can recommend to philatelists, who are thinking of following the fashion and specialising in these somewhat involved issues, with their numerous varieties.

A.B.C.

A Handbook to British Honduras.

THE articles by Mr. Bertram W. H. Poole on the Stamps of British Honduras are being issued in book form as No. 3 of the "S.C.F. Handbooks." Price 6d., post free 7d. The book will be ready in a few days, and may be ordered now from the Manager, the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Notes on New Issues and Varieties.

The number in parenthesis after the name of a country is that of the issue of the "S.C.F." in which the last reference to that country was made.

Barbados (348).—A correspondent of "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" has shown some distinct varieties of the 1d. and 2½d., Nos. 137 and 139 in Gibbons' Catalogue. The 1d. is in rose-red as well as in a deep and a paler shade of rose, both the latter showing the colour very distinctly on the back of the stamps. The 2½d. is in pale blue as well as in bright blue.

Chile (359).—In his latest notes on his South American trip, Mr. Charles J. Phillips writes as follows to "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" from Santiago de Chile:—

I have been able to get our Catalogue revised by some of the leading collectors, and the following notes may be of interest:—

No. 14. 5c. rose-red, wmk. Type 4, exists printed on both sides, and also with a very clear double impression on the face.
Nos. 89, 92, 94a and 100 only exist as forgeries, and will have to come out of the Catalogue.

Nos. 157, 158 and 159 were never used postally.

No. 201 is not an adhesive Postage Due stamp, but only a handstamp, that is even now used on official letters.

The note after No. 316 can be cut out.

Nos. 317 to 324 have not been and will not be printed.

In the surcharged issue of 1904, there exists on each sheet an error reading "CORRITOS," the tongue of the "E" being deficient. I have examined some sheets and find that this variety occurs as follows:—

1c. on 20c. blue	6th stamp in 2nd row.
2c. pale brown	6th .. 2nd row.
	—9th .. 6th row.
3c. on 1 peso deep brown	—2nd .. 8th row.
12c. on 5c. red	—7th .. 4th row.

Norway.—The 1 kr. and 2 kr. have been printed from new dies. There are marked variations between the old and the new, as shown in the accompanying enlargements of portions of the 1 kr., Dies I. and II., which we take leave to reproduce from "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly."



DIE I.



DIE II.

Accompanying these reproductions in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly," are the following notes by Mr. Norman Thornton:—

In comparing the new stamp with the old, the first thing that strikes us is a difference in the over-all size, the measurements of the old stamp being 20 x 15½mm. and of the new 21½ x 17mm., and this difference in size is carried through the design, the head especially in the new stamp being notably larger than formerly. Let us now take a magnifying glass and examine the two stamps in detail. In the old stamp the shading on the forehead, above the eye, consists of eight continuous lines and one short line or dot; the new stamp has ten lines all terminating in the middle of the forehead in a series of three to four dots and dashes. The button on the uniform has two marks, instead of one as in the old die, and the lines on the uniform crossing the breast are much finer and not quite so regular. The pillars supporting the arch have, on the old stamp, three lines of shading running from top to bottom, one at the left-hand side and two at the right, whilst the new stamp shows two lines of shading only on each pillar, at the right-hand side. On the old stamp the bodies of the dragons or serpents are formed of a series of quite round dots between two white lines, but on the new stamp these marks between the lines are elongated to about three times the size of the dots, making

the whole design stand out more boldly. On the old stamp, just where the dragons' bodies curve up towards their tails, are three circles of colour, but on the new stamp only the middlemost and larger of these circles is to be seen.

Papua.—The 2s. 6d. value of the permanent type is now issued. Perf. 11 and watermark Crown over "A" as for other denominations.

2s. 6d. brown, centre black.

Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' New York manager reports the discovery of a specimen of the 2s. 6d. large overprint on thin paper with the watermark set horizontally.

Paraguay (366).—Mr. A. H. Davis, in his "South American Letter" to "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly," dated Montevideo, December 10th, 1909, reports that a new Paraguayan stamp has appeared with the surcharge "1909":—

With black surcharge "1909":—20 centavos, green.

Portugal (389).—The sheets of the two high values, 500 and 1000 reis, of the King Manuel issue are (according to "Ewen's Weekly Stamp News") printed in sheets of 28 (seven rows of four) while all the other denominations are in sheets of 150 (fifteen rows of ten).

The 2½ reis of the new set comes in very distinct pale and dark shades of lilac.

Russia (385).—The 35 kopecs is now chronicled on white unwatermarked paper with varnish lines. Perf. 144.

With varnish lines.

35 kop., lilac and green.

Siam (382).—It appears that two more provisionals have to be added to the list recently given. These are the 2 satang on 2 atts green and 6 satang on 5 atts rose and carmine.

A correspondent at Bangkok sends Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., the following list of quantities printed:—

2 satang on 1 att, yellow and green	1,056,426
2 2 atts, green	1,000,000
3 3 .. grey & deep violet	782,685
6 4 .. rose and carmine	557,761
6 5	28,531
12 8 .. olive & dull black	919,197
14 9 .. blue	941,467
6 6 .. carmine, profile	
1904 issue	160,752

Uruguay (381).—In a provisional stamp recently issued there is an error, which is thus described by Mr. H. H. Davis, the South American correspondent of "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly":—The first stamp in the fifth row of each pane of 100 reads '8 centesimos provisoris' instead of '8 centesimos provisoris,' and as 800,000 of these stamps were printed there are 8000 of these errors in existence."

There are also, he adds, numerous varieties due to defective printing.

The same correspondent furnishes the following information relating to the issue of Uruguayan stamps now being manufactured by Waterlows. The number of stamps will be as follows:—

8,000,000 of ¼ centesimo.
4,000,000 of 1 ..
4,000,000 of 2 centesimos.
12,000,000 of 5 ..
2,000,000 of 8 ..
300,000 of 20 ..
300,000 of 25 ..
100,000 of 50 ..
100,000 of 1 dollar.

The old 7c. value disappears, as being of no further use, and apparently it is intended to discontinue the issue of \$2 and \$3 stamps. The contract price is 20·8 cents per 1000, when the impression reaches 3,000,000, and 22·3 cents when it is below 500,000.

A treaty is shortly to be signed with Brazil delimitating the northern frontier, and to celebrate the event I understand a 5c. commemorative stamp is to be issued, for use between the two countries for a limited period."

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The Preparation of the Spring Number will entail much extra work, so we shall ask all our correspondents to assist us by sending in copy early.

We are Requested to Announce that the General Secretary of the Stamp Trade Protection Association is now Mr. E. S. Rawkins, of 30, Marquess Road, Canonbury, London, N. Mr. J. S. G. Telfer will continue to serve the S.T.P.A. in the office of Honorary Secretary, his address being, as heretofore, 63-64, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.

Philatelic Stories are not the easiest of stories to write. Somehow the great majority which have come under our notice have had an atmosphere of unreality about them, and the plots have been "thin," to attenuation. In last week's "Pearson's Weekly" (February 10th), however, there is an exciting and most reliable yarn by Mr. Reginald Poole, entitled "Secret Information: The Story of a Deal in Stamps."

The Merry God, Billikin, has pushed his smiling visage through the gates of Philatelia. His official journal, "Billikin's Philatelic Magazine," hails from Columbus, Ohio, and is frankly flippant.

The New Postmaster-General is Mr. Herbert Louis Samuel, lately Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, who will find a more strenuous life at St. Martin's-le-Grand than in the comparatively placid routine of "the Duchy." The "Daily Telegraph" writes thus of the P.M.G.:—

The Right Hon. Herbert Louis Samuel, who follows Mr. Sydney Buxton at the Post Office, is the son of the late Mr. Edwin L. Samuel, banker, of Liverpool, and a nephew of Lord Swaythling. He is in his 40th year. Elected for the Cleveland Division of the North Riding of Yorkshire in 1902, he was appointed by Sir Henry Campbell Bannerman, in 1905, Under-Secretary at the Home Office, where he gained distinction by piloting through the House the Children's Bill, a measure which has been universally regarded as a distinct social reform. He took an active part, also, in the conduct of the Licensing Bill. He was created a Privy Councillor, and on Viscount Wolverhampton becoming Lord President of the Council, Mr. Samuel succeeded to the vacant Chancellorship of the Duchy of Lancaster, with a seat in the Cabinet. He is the author of a work on "Liberalism: its Principles and Proposals."

Coming Events in Philately.

SOCIETIES' MEETINGS.

- February 19th. Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, London: E.C. Paper and Display, British New Guinea; Paper and Display, Siam, Mr. R. W. H. How.
- February 21st.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant Redcross Street: "A Journey to Iceland, with Philatelic Notes," by Mr. W. Macdonald MacKay; Displays, Hong Kong and Iceland.
- February 23rd.—Northampton Philatelic Society, Divan Café, Northampton: Display, with notes, Cayman Islands, Jamaica, Grenada, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- February 23rd.—Croydon Philatelic Society: "Philatelic Varieties," by the President, Mr. F. G. Bng.
- February 24th.—Brighton Branch, Junior Philatelic Society, Royal Hotel Brighton: Display, Great Britain, Baron Anthony de Worms.
- February 24th.—Birmingham Philatelic Society, 308, Birchfield Road: Discussion by Members, "The Colour Problem."
- February 24th.—Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, "Dorset Postmarks of To-Day," by Mr. J. deGruchey, Vice President.
- February 25th.—Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage: Arrangement of Forgery Collection.
- February 25th.—Dundee and District Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A. Dundee: Paper, Who Invented the Adhesive Postage Stamp? by Mr. T. Martin Wears.
- February 28th.—Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society, 42, Castle Street: "Colonial Issues of 1909," Mr. N. Clissold; Display, Hayti.
- March 1st. Leeds Philatelic Society, Leeds Institute: Auction.
- March 2nd.—Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland, 148, Bath Street, Glasgow: "Malta and the Falkland Islands," Mr. E. Heginbottom B.A.
- March 2nd. Bath Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, "Transvaal," Mr. B. D. Pope.
- March 3rd.—Royal Philatelic Society, 4, Southampton Row, W.C.: Notes on Local Stamps, with Display, Mr. Fred W. Edwards.
- March 3rd. North of England Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Newcastle on Tyne: Holland, with Notes of New Discoveries, Mr. R. W. Wilkinson.
- March 3rd. Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, Deansgate Hotel: Paper, "Methods of Collecting," Mr. W. C. Taylor, of Liverpool.
- March 3rd. North London Philatelic Society, Y.M.C.A., Highbury: Display, with notes, of Mr. Heginbottom's "West Indies, Part VIII: Discussion," "Philatelic Topics of the Moment."
- March 4th. Manchester Philatelic Society, 16, St. Mary's Parsonage: Display, with notes, Falkland Islands, Mr. J. C. North.
- March 5th. Junior Philatelic Society, 17, Fleet Street, E.C.: Paper and Display, "Notes on the Status of Various Classes of Stamps," Mr. H. Clark: Illustrated Paper, "The Coloured Papers for British Colonial Stamps," Mr. J. Ireland.
- March 7th.—Liverpool Philatelic Society, St. George's Restaurant, Redcross Street: Paper, Siam, Mr. W. H. H. Walker: Displays, Siam and Chili.
- March 7th. Lancaster Philatelic Society: Display, British Guiana and Falkland Islands, Mr. E. Heginbottom, B.A.
- March 9th. City of London Philatelic Society: Paper and Display, Cyprus, Mr. Pemberton: Competitive Display, Varieties of Perforation.
- March 9th. Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society: Fiji, Queensland, Tasmania.
- March 10th.—International Philatelic Union: Display, Western Australia, Mr. R. B. Yardley.
- March 15th. Heris Philatelic Society, 1, Southampton Row, W.C.: General Display by Members.

AUCTION SALES.

- February 21st. Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- February 22nd.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- February 22nd and 23rd.—Messrs. Glendinning & Co., at the Argyle Galleries, 7, Argyle Street, Regent Street, W.
- February 24th and 25th.—Messrs. Plumridge & Co., at 63-64, Chancery Lane, W.C.
- February 26th.—Mr. Guthrie, at the Royal Hotel, Glasgow.
- February 26th.—Mr. Wm. Falconer, at 79, George Street, Edinburgh.
- February 28th.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- March 1st.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- March 1st & 2nd.—Sale of the collection of Mr. Thomas Whitworth, by Mr. Eric Thomas, of 18, Paradise Street, Liverpool.
- March 1st and 2nd.—Messrs. Puttick & Simpson, at 47, Leicester Square, W.C.
- March 3rd.—Messrs. Harmer, Rooke & Co., 4.15 p.m., at 69, Fleet Street, E.C.
- March 3rd and 4th.—Messrs. Ventom, Bull & Cooper, at the Loudoun Hotel, Surrey Street, Strand, W.C.

The Postage Stamps of Belgium.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Continued from page 217).

FURTHER PRINTINGS OF THE SECOND ISSUE.

The small quantities found on tinted papers are believed to have resulted from an insufficient attention to the wiping of the printing plates. The totals of the printings I have enumerated above are: 6,000,000 of the 10 centimes, 4,905,000 of the 20c., and 422,000 of the 40c. Of these only a small proportion were printed on the paper with framed watermark, namely, 475,000 of the 10c., 370,000 of the 20c., and 13,000 of the 40c., and, in view of these figures even a greater disparity than that now existing between the present catalogue prices for framed and unframed varieties might be justified.

A point that has never been, and perhaps never will be, ascertained, is the precise date in 1851 at which the stamps with framed watermark were superseded by those with the watermark unframed. On the strength of a postmark, only partly legible, on a specimen in the collection of Judge Philbrick, K.C., the theory has been advanced that the stamps on "unframed" paper began to appear as early as February, 1851, which would give a "life" of only a little over five months to the 10c. and 20c. on framed paper, and of 14½ months to the 40c. The question is not one of paramount importance, but definite information would certainly help us to a better estimate of the values of the stamps on "unframed" and "framed" paper respectively.

Before leaving the subject of the printings with framed watermark a word must be said as to the catalogue pricing of the three values. Taking the latest British catalogue, namely, Messrs. Bright & Son's "A.B.C.," eighth edition, one finds the following quotations:—

	Unused.	Used.
10c., brown	£10 ...	3s.
20c., blue	£8 ...	1s.
40c., carmine	£5 ...	2s. 6d.

It would be a fair conclusion from these figures that the 40 centimes stamp in unused condition is far more plentiful than either the 10c. or 20c., but this, as regards genuine unused originals, is very far from being the actual state of affairs. Probably it is on account of an official remainder of the 40c. value that "Bright," in common with other catalogues, prices the unused 40c. lower than either the 10c. or 20c. when it should actually stand much higher. The remainder I have referred to was not placed upon the stamp market in mint condition, but the specimens were defaced by means of a black horizontal line said to have been hand-ruled with ordinary ink. Unhappily this ruling was readily removable by chemical means, and undoubtedly there are thousands of these cleaned stamps on the

market, masquerading as genuine unused originals. There is one test by which they may be detected. The removal of the ink-mark makes for greater transparency in that portion of the stamp, and in many cases, if the stamp be held flat on a level with the eye in a strong light, one can detect the indentation of the surface of the stamp made by the pen in the defacing stroke. There were no pen-marked remainder specimens of the 10c. and 20c. stamps.

Now to resume the tale of printings of the three stamps of the head-in-oval type.

It was in November, 1851, that a further large printing took place, the quantities being:—

10c. brown	... ..	6,000,000 stamps.
20c. blue	... ..	5,000,000 ..
40c. carmine	... ..	500,000 ..

These, apparently, lasted until the early part of 1853, for on February 10th of that year a very large further order was put in hand. It is evident that the authorities on this occasion decided to lay in a stock that would last them for some years, for the following were the quantities supplied:—

10c. brown	... ..	70,000,000 stamps.
20c. blue	... ..	50,000,000 ..
40c. carmine	... ..	8,000,000 ..

My authority is again Mons. Jules Bouvez, who asserts that the products of this large printing of Feb. 1853 "sufficed for the requirements of all the offices" until the issue of the unwatermarked stamps in 1861. A more recent writer, however, Mons. Ch. de Bont, cites further printings of small quantities—indeed, by comparison, quite trivial quantities—in 1854, 1855 and 1858 (twice). As only a portion of the huge printing of 1853 could have been used, it is difficult to account for these further requisitions, but I shall briefly recapitulate Mons. de Bont's figures as given in "Gibbons' Stamp Weekly" of January 9th, 1909:—

Printing of 1854 on ribbed paper:

10c. brown	... ..	100,000 stamps.
20c. blue	... ..	60,000 ..
40c. carmine and red	... ..	45,000 ..

Printing of 1855:

No quantities quoted, but supply described as "exceedingly small."

Printing of 1858 on a very thin, or *pelure* paper:

10c. brown	... ..	72,000 stamps.
20c. blue	... ..	54,000 ..
40c. pale red	... ..	36,000 ..

Second printing of 1858 on thick paper:

No quantities quoted.]

VARIETIES OF WATER-MARK.

As we are now at the end of the watermarked stamps something must be said as to the varieties to be found in the watermarks of both the framed and unframed devices.

Normally the watermark, which consists of the letters L.L. interlaced, is set sideways in relation to the stamp, the points, or tops, of the letters being turned to the left. It is not infrequently found inverted, however—that is to say, with the points of the L's pointing to the right. Also, there are reversed watermarks. In some of the later printings with the unframed form of watermark specimens are sometimes found

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Notes on the Stamps of France (Illustrated).

By Hubert Armstrong, M.D.

The Postage Stamps of Belgium (Continued).

By Percy C. Bishop.

New Zealand: Colours and Shades.

By Irwin Farris.

The Local Stamps of Germany (Illustrated).

By Fred W. Edwards, President of the Swadlincote Philatelic Society.

Fiscal Notes.

By A. B. Kay.

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showing the watermark incomplete, owing to an inexact manipulation of the sheet in the process of printing the stamps.

A variety which occurred only in the bottom row of certain printings was the addition of a double-lined capital letter to the normal watermark of the stamp. This letter really forms a portion of a marginal watermarking at the foot of the sheet, and its presence on the stamp is due to a misplacing of the paper in printing.

(To be continued.)

[NOTE.—I must express my indebtedness to Messrs. Bright and Son for the loan of stamps for illustrating my last article and also the further article which will appear in the next number of the *Fortnightly*—P.C.B.]

The Stamp Market.

BY SENAX.

A lot of Queen's Heads of Suriname, good middle values, seem suddenly to have come on the market from somewhere, at a price which, if a preliminary trial purchase proves satisfactory, will provoke a "plunge."

The 70 kop. Russia is cheaper, but since the packet does not contain too many good copies, the price of a perfect copy will have to be the same as of old.

Falling prices are interesting, but one has to be a close student of the advertisement columns of many stamp journals in order to keep pace with them. In this sphere "small quantities" is a good watchword. Some traders will abandon a set after it has had a long run and after everybody seems to have secured it, yet the host of coming collectors who have to be catered for should be borne in mind.

The 400, 500 and 1000 reis of Brazil, 1906, are good selling items, now obtainable in quantity.

The 4c. Straits of 1908, scarlet, seems worth gathering in quantity—if it can be got.

North Borneo, 1909, postally used, is a very welcome item.

Used copies of the 8 on 10c. and 23 on 25c. Uruguay are "out," but are not cheap; the first named is perhaps worth 4d.

A collector was heard of the other day who is building up a collection without purchasing any of his specimens, an admirable task, but one that is distinctly not good for trade.

In a certain price list the 50c. Columbus of U.S.A. is higher than catalogue, the 15c. and 30c. being about level.

Chili 1905 is cheaper, as might be expected by this time, but really fine copies proving not too plentiful the price for a perfect specimen will have to remain as of old. The 50c. value, from the point of view of a good percentage of fine copies, seems the best denomination to buy; next, perhaps, comes the 20c., then the 30c., then the 15c. Probably the last named couple are good stamps to hold, especially the 30c.

British and British Colonial issues are best collected within the Empire; almost everywhere outside they strike one as being dearer.

To-day brings some new prices for used Austrian Levant 1908, which seem to show that the stamps will be available in quantity presently.

U.S.A. Colonial postage dues, which have a good catalogue value in England, may sometimes be had cheaply from advertisers in American stamp journals.

Older issues of postally used South American States usually prove a good possession, and a good hunting ground for them is among the cities of Austria and Germany, where such issues seem to be in demand, this class of stamp being popular in Europe.

The Philatelic Press.

BY THE EDITOR.

Some Portuguese "Side Issues."

In the "London Philatelist," Mr. J. N. Marsden brings his excellent articles on Portugal to a close with some notes on various semi-official issues, such as the "Red Cross" and the "Volunteer" labels. I reproduce here his interesting remarks on these emissions:—

THE GENEVA CROSS SOCIETY.

The Official Gazette of the 17th August, 1886, published a decree authorizing the above Society in Portugal to use for its official correspondence a special stamp, which, being well known, needs no further description. It, as well as all the other private stamps, bears no value, and serves to frank letters, circulars, pamphlets, etc., irrespective of weight.



At first it was printed in carmine-red and black on thickish paper, perforated 12½, in sheets of twenty-eight stamps. At the beginning of 1909 a fresh printing was used where the paper is thinner, the colour vermilion-red and black, and the perforation 11½.

THE CIVIL RIFLE CLUB.

A decree of the 16th July, 1894, authorized this Club to use its own stamps for official correspondence, but the first stamps was not used till 1899. For no other apparent reason than as making varieties for stamp collectors—for the stamps are on sale whenever they have been superseded by a new issue—the colours are changed for use on the 1st of July in each year. They are in sheets of thirty. The following are the varieties:

1899.	Centre red, frame green, ordinary paper, perf.	11½.
1900.	Centre green, frame brown	.. ..
1901.	Centre orange, frame blue	.. ..
1902.	Centre pale yellow, frame red	.. ..
1903.	Centre orange, frame green	.. ..
1904.	Centre red, frame grey-brown	.. ..
1905.	Centre blue, frame chocolate	.. ..
1905.	Centre blue, frame chocolate, chalk-surface paper, p.	11½.
1906.	Centre buff, frame ultramarine, ordinary paper	.. ..
1907.	Centre yellow, frame brown, chalk-surfaced paper	.. ..
1908.	Centre blue, frame red, chalk-surfaced paper	.. ..
1909.	Centre pale grn., frame dk. blue, chalk-surfaced paper	.. ..

THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

The decree authorizing the use of the stamps is dated the 1st July, 1903. The design was designed by or under the direction of a former President of the Society, Senhor Luciano Cordeiro, and they are printed by a private company, the "Lithographia A Editora." They are in sheets of forty-two and perf. 11½. The first stamps were in red, blue, and black, with a background of horizontal red lines. On the 6th of March, 1909, the Society began to use a stamp of the same design, but the red lines are substituted by a solid yellow background.

THE SOCIETY FOR ASSISTING CONSUMPTIVE PATIENTS.

This Society is under the direct patronage of Queen Dona Amelia, who takes a great interest in all charitable work. Two stamps have been prepared for official use, one for letters and the other for printed matter, but although they can be purchased, I cannot discover that they have ever been employed for postal use, so they come under the same category as our own Hospital Stamps.

Chilian Stamps used in Bolivia.

Chilian stamps used in Peru are familiar to us all, but Mr. S. C. Barnett, in an interesting article contributed to the

"Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," introduces us to Chilians-used-in-Bolivia—that is to say, used in territory which formerly formed part of Bolivia. The author of the article draws our attention to a fact of which many of us, not specially strong in South American history, may be in ignorance—namely, that Bolivia, prior to the war with Chili, possessed a coast line of about 200 miles between Chili and Peru, instead of being, as now, entirely an inland nation.

The four ports wrested from Bolivia during the hostilities were Antofagasta, Cobija, Tocopilla and Mejillones.

By the post-marks, dated and otherwise, of these towns Mr. Barnett has been able to identify Chilean stamps used in what was formerly Bolivian Territory during the period of hostilities—1879 to 1883. He illustrates postmarks of Antofagasta dated April 13th, 1880, and March 28th, 1882, Cobija, July 7th, 1882, Tocopilla, February 17th, 1882, Mejillones (as the Chilians spelt it), October 2nd, 1882, and several others.

A Review of Philately in 1909.

The "Philatelic Record" for January opens with a most readable and comprehensive review of the Philately of 1909.

In drawing attention to the fact that the practical results of the first Philatelic Congress at Manchester were "mainly of a negative character," the writer of the review points out that the pleas put forward for a National Society, a Cyclopaedia of Philately, a London Philatelic Club, a Catalogue for Collectors, and a petition to the Postal Union against unnecessary issues led to no useful result; but he forgets one very useful piece of philatelic "legislation," if one may so call it, which was debated to a practicable conclusion. I refer to the question of the valuation and disposal of deceased philatelists' collections by the Philatelic Societies to which such philatelists have belonged. It is a melancholy subject, but one that was very ably presented to the Congress by Mr. Stelfox Gee and others, and the resultant resolution has already been productive of good results. I remember, with pleasure, that it was in the columns of the *Fortnightly* that this mournful but highly important subject was originally broached.

Swedish Society's Work on Sweden.

Heartly congratulations are due to the "Philatelic Record" on its being granted the privilege of publishing the English translation of the great work on Swedish stamps prepared by the Sveriges Filatelist-Förening. This monumental work—"a work," as Mr. Harald Kjellstedt, the translator, remarks, "of which any Society might be proud"—had partly appeared in the "American Journal of Philately" at the time of the lamented demise of that publication. It will now appear in its entirety in the "Record," and there is a first instalment in the issue now before us.

There are changes in the get-up of the "Philatelic Record"—notably in the change from a hand-made to a super-calendered paper, which will allow of illustrations being given without the necessity of inseting special sheets of plate paper.

The "Fortnightly" in the Provinces.

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We desire to extend this list, and the kind assistance of our readers and correspondents in places where the *S.C.F.* is not already on sale would be much appreciated.

New Zealand Notes.

By IRWIN FARIS.

Dunedin, N.Z., Dec. 11th, 1909.

Laid Paper.

Excepting the Railway-Newspaper issues (which are not now catalogued) there have been, I believe, no issues of New Zealand stamps on laid paper. One such is, nevertheless, catalogued, viz., the 2/- of 1902-1907 (Stanley Gibbons 286).

I have a pair of Insurance 1d. blue on paper similar to that of the above-mentioned variety.

As most collectors know, stamp paper is manufactured of pulp composed of vegetable fibre—mostly of rags, wood, straw or grass. This pulp (almost fluid) is placed on frames or sieves to drain, and these frames naturally determine the technical textures. Frequently the pulp is placed on felt or blanket, leaving the under surface of paper very smooth and forming real "wove" paper, whereas if laid on fine wire frames the paper is marked as though pin-pricked and is called "wire-wove." Frames having parallel wires allow the pulp to ooze between these wires or bars, thus leaving the paper thin immediately above the bars, wherefore if held to the light the paper shows a series of lines comparatively opaque; this is called "laid paper" whether the lines be vertical or horizontal. In some cases the frames are made of narrow laths which produce a kind of laid paper with opaque lines far apart. This is termed *batonné* paper (French, *baton*, a staff). There are many other designs in frames, forming various geometrical figures, wavy lines, rectangles, diamond shapes, small squares, &c., &c., but with none of these, nor with any but wove varieties have collectors of N.Z. stamps to worry themselves.

I have, during several years past, endeavoured to obtain a copy of the reputed 2s. laid, but none of the dozens submitted has been on genuine laid paper. At first sight, and if examined on a flat surface, they appear to be such, especially in the margins, but when held to the light the lines disappear, proving them to be superficial.

The cause of this widely-accepted error of description is, I think, not far to seek. The cylinder of a printing machine is always covered with some yielding substance in the nature of a pad, such as felt, rubber, &c., which at the point (or, rather, line) of contact prevents the metal cylinder from damaging the type or plate. This pad is termed a "blanket."

Years back, numerous experiments were made in "blankets" of almost every conceivable kind, with a view of improving the results in "half-tone" printing for which the ordinary kinds were not altogether suitable. Many of these blankets were of wire, some being—

- a. frames with vertical or horizontal lines,
- b. frames in the form of a brush (similar to large hair-brush with fine, flexible wires),
- c. frames of flexible steel.

In half-tone printing dry paper is used, but for engraved plates the paper is "damped" (saturated with water) before printing, and therefore becomes impressed with whatever design the depressions or protrusions in the blanket form, but such impressions are not sufficiently deep to show through the paper when it is held to the light. I consequently believe that blanket a is responsible for our so-called laid paper; blanket b for the pin-prick marks noticeable on many of the soft Waterlow issues, and blanket c for the "ribbed" paper (of the Waterlow kinds) in the Colonial prints of 1898/1900, and which many collectors consider varieties.

New King's Head Issues.

I would advise collectors to carefully gauge all values, as it is understood that some variations have occurred, but I am not yet in a position to verify the belief.

6d. rough perf. 14.

This appeared in a new shade of rose-red almost immediately before the issue of the King's Heads—a short issue, bound to become scarce.

Auction Reports.

* Signifies Unused.

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, Nov. 29th, 1909.

	£	s.	d.
Great Britain, 1882-83, Anchor, £1 brown-lilac on bleuté ..	3	0	0
Ditto, Telegraphs, 1876-81, proof of £5 of gold, imperf., over-printed "specimen" ..	1	15	0
Schleswig-Holstein, 1850, 1 sch. blue and 2 sch. rose ..	2	12	0
India, Service, 1867-73, 6s. 3p. slate mint ..	3	0	0
Ditto, Telegraphs, 1891, 50 rupees carmine, mint ..	2	14	0
Ditto, ditto, 1902, 25rs. mauve, mint ..	1	10	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 50rs. rose mint ..	3	3	0
Barbados, 1873, Small Star, 5/- rose ..	1	3	0
New Zealand 1862, Star, serrated perfs., 6d. black-brown ..	2	12	0

Messrs. GLENDING & Co.'s Sale, Nov. 30th and Dec 1st, 1909.

Great Britain, 1849, Large Crown, imperf. id., black, mint ..	1	0	0
1867-83, £5 orange ..	1	6	0
Monaco, 1885, 5f. carmine mint ..	2	2	0
Persia, 1870, imperf., 1 sh. deep violet, variety printed both sides*	3	2	6
Ditto, 8 sh. rose, do., do., do., Gibbons 120*	2	8	0
Ditto, 8 sh. on rose, variety on ribbed paper*	1	4	0

	£	s.	d.
Persia, 1875, pin perf., 8 sh. yellow-grn., tête-bêche pair, Gibbons 22, types A and B* ..	7	0	0
1876, imperf., 1 sh. grey-black Gibbons 39A, variety printed on both sides, unused block of 4, showing the 4 varieties ..	5	5	0
Ditto, 4 sh. vermilion, Gibbons 39B, printed on both sides, block of 4* ..	7	5	0
Ditto, 1 kr. carmine, printed on both sides, Gibbons 39C ..	2	0	0
Ditto, 4 kr. yellow, variety printed on both sides, Gibbons 39D ..	2	10	0
Ditto, on diagonally laid paper, 1 sh. black, Gibbons 40, mint block of four ..	4	0	0
Ditto, 1 kr. yellow, variety printed on both sides, Gibbons 44A ..	3	17	6
1867-72, 2 sh. black, a strip of 4 second setting, the top and bottom stamps tête-bêche*	0	10	0
1878, imperf., 1 tom bronze on blue, Gibbons 68, four copies showing the four varieties ..	6	15	0
Ditto, 1kr. red on yellow, tête bêche pair, Gibbons (6) ..	4	15	0
1879-80, 5kr., imperf. pair, both with network inverted, an uncatalogued variety ..	2	2	0
June, 1881, lithographed, 25c. dull green, Gibbons 90, mint ..	2	0	0
1901-2, 5kr. on 50kr. brown, Gibbons 237, mint pair, one stamp without surcharge, uncatalogued ..	1	3	0
March and April, 1902, 3ch. black, Gibbons 315* ..	1	10	0
Ditto, 1kr. red, Gibbons 310, on thin brownish paper ..	1	8	0
Ditto, 5ch. viol, Gibbons 317, mint ..	1	10	0
Ditto, 2ch. and 5ch., both variety fig. of value double, Gibbons 320 and 320A ..	2	2	0

	£	s.	d.
Persia, March and April, 1902, 2ch. black, variety figure of value transposed, Gibbons 320B ..	1	14	0
Ditto, 2ch. black, variety figure of value in Persian in both corners, Gibbons 321A ..	1	5	0
March and April, 1902, 2ch. black, variety different values in corners, Gibbons 321B ..	1	10	0
Ditto, 2ch black, variety printed on both sides, Gibbons 321C*	3	2	6
Straits Settlements, Selangor, 1895-8, \$1 green and black, error of colour* ..	2	6	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855-8, 1/- deep green ..	2	15	0
Ditto, 6d. bright mauve, a mint pair 1855-8, 1/- pale emerald-green, worn plate, mint ..	3	0	0
Gambia, 1880, C.C. 14, 1 - green, mint ..	1	10	0
Gold Coast, 1889-94, £1 mauve and black on red, mint ..	1	2	0
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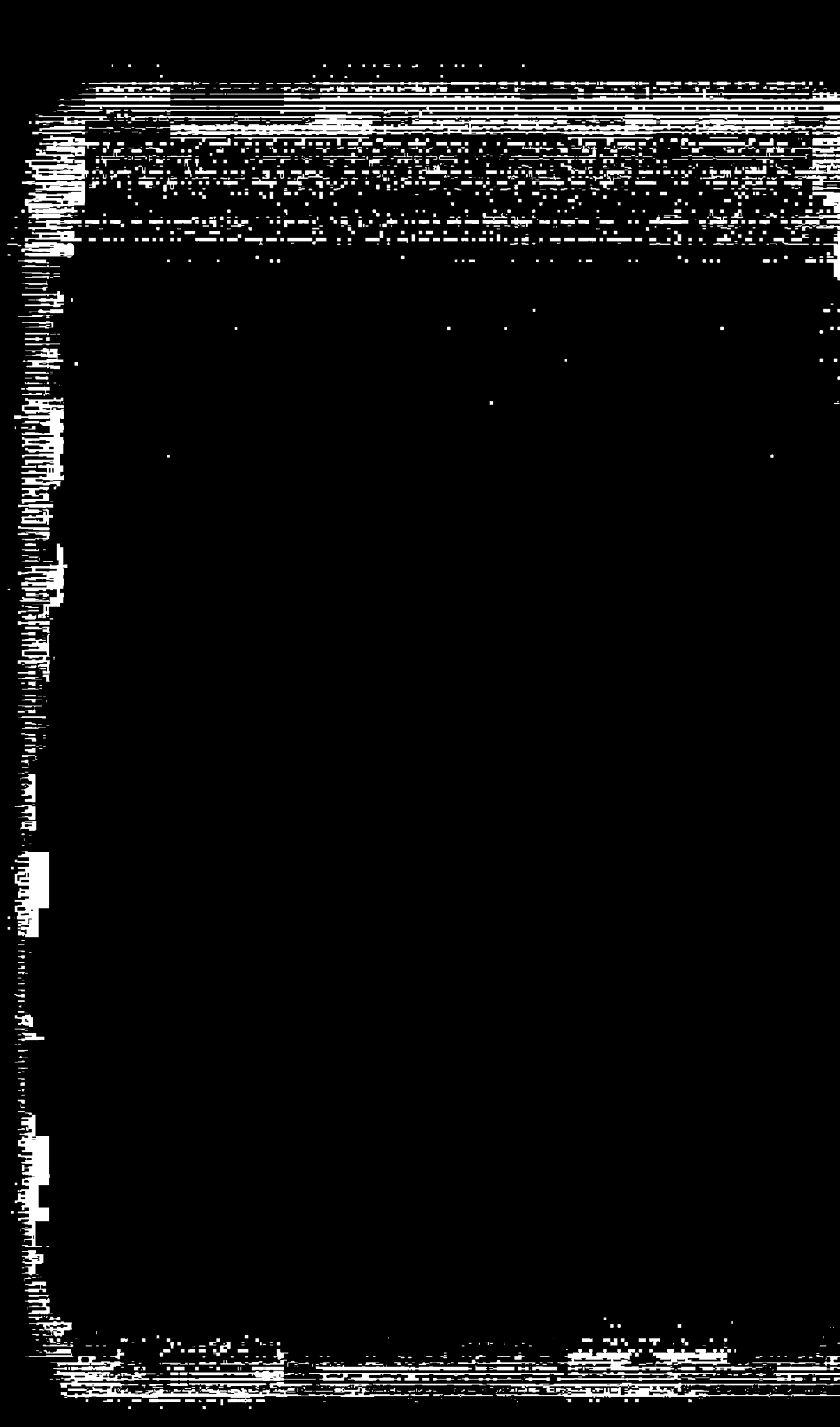
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* Bosnia, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 15, 20, and 25 novcica	9	0 9	
* " 1900, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 20, and 25 fil	8	0 8	
* Brazil, 1850 to 1902, 10 reis to 1,000 reis	40	2 6	
† " unpaid, 1889, 10, 20, 50, 100, 200 and 300 reis, scarlet	6	2 0	
* " provs., 1898, on newspaper, 200, 500, 700, 2,000; 20, 200, 1899, on postage, 50, 100, 500, 700, 1,000, and 2,000 reis	12	7 0	
† British Central Africa, 1891, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 8d., and 1s.	6	3 3	
† " " " 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., and 5s.	5	19 2	10 - at 11 6 each
† " " " 1895, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s., no w/mark	5	20 0	
† " " " 1896, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s., w/mked C.A.	5	10 6	
† " " " 1896, 2s. 6d., 3s., and 5s., w/mked C.C.	3	40 0	
† " " " 1897, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1s., w/mked C.A.	5	4 0	
† " " " " 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., and 10s., w/mked C.C.	4	50 0	
† " " " 1901, 1d., 4d., and 6d.	3	1 9	
† " " " 1903, 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., and 1 - King, C.A., single	5	4 0	
† " " " " 2 6, 4 -, and 10 -, King, C.C.	3	27 6	
* British East Africa Company, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, and 8 annas	10	9 0	
† or " " " on B.E.A.Co., 3, 4, 8 anna and 1 rupee	4	25 0	½a. at 5/- each, 3 R. at 25/- each
† " " " on India, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a., 1, 2, 3, & 5 R.	14	90 0	1 R., grey, at 12/- each.
† " " " 1896, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, and 8 annas	10	5 6	
† " " " " 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 rupees (small)	5	24 6	
* " " " " 1, 2, 3, and 5 rupees	4	14 6	
† " " " 1897, on Zanzibar, ½, 2, 4½, 5 a., and 2½ on 1 a.	5	32 0	
† " " " 1900, 1, 2, and 3 rupees (large)	3	16 0	1 rupee, dull blue, 5 6 each
† " " " " 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 rupees (large)	6	63 0	
† British Guiana 1898, Jubilee, 1, 2, 5, 10 and 15c.	5	4 0	1890 48c. at 3/9 each, 1890 72c. at 4 3 each, 96c. at 6 9 each.
† " " 1899, Jubilee, 2 on 5, on 10, & on 15 cents	3	0 7	
† " " 1890-1903, C.A. single. 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8, 12 and 24c.	8	3 9	60c. at 15/- each, 1900, 48c., grey and brown, 5 6 each.
† British Honduras, 1891-98, Postage, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 12, and 24c.	8	7 0	1898, 25c., uncharged, at 7/- ea.
† " " 1899, 5, 10, and 25c. surcharged Revenue	3	2 5	
† " " 1900, Post and Revenue. 5c., 10c., and 50c.	3	4 0	1 1½ at 6 6 each, 2½ at 12/6 each,
† " " 1902, C.A., single. 1, 2, 5 and 20c.	4	2 0	1 5½ at 30/- each
† British Levant, on Great Britain, 1905, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1 -	10	6 0	12 ptres. on 2 6, ordy., at 3 6 each, 1 24 ptres. on 5/- at 4 8 each.
† " " " " 1907-8, 1, 2, 4 and 12 ptres.	4	3 9	
† British Morocco, 1898, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1 and 2 pesetas, local sur.	8	4 6	
† " " 1899, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1 and 2 pesetas, London	8	3 9	
† " " 1903-5, C.A. single, 5, 10, 20, and 25c.	4	1 6	
† " " " " 50c., 1 pta., and 2 pesetas	3	30 0	
† " " 1905, 20c., mult., 5, 10, 25, 50c. 1 & 2 ptas, chalky	7	5 6	
† " " 1907, on Great Britain, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1 ptas	8	2 3	3 ptas at 2 6 each, 6 ptas at 5s. each, 12 ptas at 10 - each.
† " " " on Great Britain, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d., 1 - & 2 6	7	5 3	
† British New Guinea, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., and 1 -	7	12 6	2 6 at 70 - each
† British Solomon Isles, 1907, 1st issue, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d. & 1 -	7	3 6	
† British Somaliland, on India Queen, name at top, first print, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8, and 12a.	9	5 3	
† " " " " 1, 2, 3 and 5 rupees, name at top, first print	4	27 6	
† " " " " 2½, 6 and 12 a., name at foot, second print	3	3 0	
† " " " on India King, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8a.	6	3 0	
† " " " on H.M.S., on India Queen, ½, 1, 2, 8a., and 1 R.	5	20 0	
† " " " Service, on India King, ½, 1, 2, and 8a., on Queen, 1 R.	5	15 0	
† " " " O.H.M.S., C.A., single			½ a. at 3 9 each, 1 a. at 3 - each
† " " " O.H.M.S., C.A., multiple			2a. at 25/- each
† British South Africa Co., 1891-4, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d. & 1 -	8	12 0	1 2 - at 4/6, 2 6 at 5/-, 3/- at 5 6, 1 4 - at 7/6, and 5/- at 12/6 each.
* " " " " 1891-4, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., and 1s.	8	6 0	
† " " " " 1896, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 8d., and 1s.	8	4 0	* Used, 2/- set of 8.
† " " " " 2s., 2s. 6d., 3s., 4s., 5s., and 10s.	6	30 9	1897, £1 at 25/- each.
† " " " " 1898, ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 8d.	7	2 9	
† " " " " (on Cape), ½d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1s.	7	20 0	Set of 7 used, 18/-
† " " " " 1905, Victoria Falls, 1d., 2½d., 5d., and 1s.	4	2 0	2, 6 at 2 11 each, 5/- at 5 10 each
† Brunei on LABUAN, red surcharge, 1c., 2 on 3c., 4 on 12c., 5 on 10c. 8c., 10c. on 16c.	6	6 0	50 on 16c. at 8/- each, 1 8 on 16c. at 12/- each, 5 on 16c., LIGHT brown, 4/6 each
* Bulgaria, 1881 to 1907, including provs.	30	2 0	
† Bussahir, 1898, 1st type, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8, 12a., and 1 rupee	8	12 6	
† Cameroons, 1897, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pf.	6	3 0	

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	† Unused.	* Used.	No. in set.	Per set.	HIGH VALUES, &c.
				s. d.	
† Canada, 1868, 15c. violet, 15c. red lilac, and 15c. grey blue ...			3	8 6	
† " 1897, Jubilee, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50c., and 1 dol. ...			12	18 0	
† " 1898, 4 leaves, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, and 10c. ...			8	2 3	
† " 2 leaves, ½, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 20c. ...			10	3 9	
* " 1860 to 1899, ½c. to 50c., including Provisional and Jubilees ...			36	3 9	
† " 1908, Quebec, ½, 1, 2, 5, 7, 10, 15, and 20c. ...			8	3 8	
* Cape of Good Hope, triangular, 1d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. ...			4	24 0	
† Caroline Isles, 1898, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25 and 50 pf. ...			6	5 6	
† Cashmere (including Service), ¼a. to 4a. ...			8	2 6	
† Cavalla (on French), 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, and 4 piastres ...			6	2 0	
† Cayman Isles, 1902, King, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., and 1/- ...			5	12 6	
† " " 1905-7, mult., Postage, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. olive, 1/- violet			6	10 0	{ ½d. on 5/-, 10/- each, 1d. on 5/-, 15/- each.
† " " 1905, mult., 6d. brown and 1/- orange ...			2	7 6	{ 5/- at 18 6 each.
* Ceylon, 1895-6 (on Service), 2, 3, 5, 15, 25, and 30c. ...			6	1 8	{ 1908, 1/- green, C.A., single, 2/6 each.
† " 1899-1900, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15, 25, 30 and 75c. ...			10	4 0	{ Rs. 1.50 on Rs. 2.50 at 3/6 each, Rs. 2.25 on Rs. 2.50 at 7/- each
† " 1903-4, King, C.A. single, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 12, 15, 25, 30, and 75c. ...			10	10 6	{ 1 R. 12c. at 5/- each, 1 R. 50c at 4/6 each, 2 R. 25c. at 5/6 each.
† Chamba, 1886-1900, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a. and 1 rupee ...			10	6 6	{ 1 R. 50c. at 20/- each, 2 R. 25c at 24/- each.
† " " " Service, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a. and 1 rupee ...			9	12 0	
† Chefuo, 1893, ½, 1, 2, 5, and 10c. ...			5	0 6	
* China, 1886, 1, 3, and 5 cand. ...			3	0 7	
* " 1895, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 9, 12, and 24 cand. ...			9	7 3	
* " 1897 provl. on 1886 1 and 2c., on 1894 small figures 2, 4 & 8c., larger figures ½, 1, 2, 10c. on 12c., on Revenue 1, 2 and 4c. ...			12	3 0	
† " 1897, Japanese print, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, and 20c. ...			7	2 6	
† " 1898, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20, 30, and 50c. ...			9	3 3	
† " (on French), 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...			10	4 4	
* Chinkiang, 1894, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, and 10c. ...			7	1 0	
† Cochin, 1898, 3 pies, ½, 1 and 2 puttans ...			4	0 5	
† Congo Free State, 1894, 5c. blue and 10c. brown ...			2	2 3	
† Cook Isles, 1892 (1st issue), 1d., 1½d., 2½d., and 10d. (used at 6/- set)			4	7 0	
† " " 1893 (2nd issue) 1d., 1½d., 2½d., 5d., and 10d. ...			5	3 6	
† " " 1902, ½d., 1d., 2½d., no w'mk ...			3	0 7	
* Crete, 1898, British Occupation, 10 and 20p., 1899, 10 and 20p. ...			4	0 9	
* " " 1899, Russian Occupation, first type, 1 met., blue; 1 met., green; 2 met., black; 1 met., rose; 2 met., green			3	5 0	
* " " Russian Occupation, second type, 1 met., blue; 2 met., blue; 1 met., rose; 2 met., green			4	3 6	
† or * 1900, black surcharge, 25 and 50 lepta, 1 drachma ...			3	3 6	* 2 drachma at 4/- each.
† or * " red surcharge, 25 and 50 lepta and 1 drachma ...			3	6 6	
† " 1901, unpaid, 1, 5, 10, 20, 40 and 50 lepta, 1 and 2 drachma			8	4 4	1 drachma black surch. 1/- each.
† Cuba, 1892, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 mills, violet ...			6	0 4	
† " 1894, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 mills, rose ...			6	0 3	
* " 1896, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 8 mills, green ...			6	0 5	
† " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mills, brown ...			5	2 0	
† " 1898, on United States, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 5, and 10c. ...			6	1 4	
† " " " " unpaid, 1, 2, 5 and 10c. ...			4	2 6	
† " Sep., 1899, 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c., and 10c., special delivery ...			6	1 8	
† Cyprus, 1882, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, and 12 piastres (used at 7/6 set)			7	8 6	
† " 1896, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9 and 12 piastres ...			8	7 6	18 ptes. at 3/-, 45 ptes. at 10/- each.
† " 1903, C.A. single, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, and 45 ptes ...			10	65 0	
† Deccan, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 8, and 12, annas ...			8	3 2	
† Dedeagh (on French), 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2, and 4 piastres ...			6	2 0	
† Dominica, 1903, C.C., ordy. ...					{ 1/- at 2'9 each, 2/- at 3/- each, 2.6 at 3'6 each, 5/- at 7/- each.
† " 1906, C.C., chalky, ½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d. ...			4	2 3	
† East Africa and Uganda, 1903, King, C.A. single, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, & 8a. ...			8	18 6	{ C.C., 2 R. at 5'6 each, 3 R. at 7'6 each, 4 R. at 10/- each, 5 R. at 13'6 each.
† " " " " 1904, C.A., mult., ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, and 8a. ...			8	6 0	
† " " " " 1906, C.A., chalky, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 5, and 8a. ...			8	4 0	
† Falkland Isles, 1891-6, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 9d. and 1/- ...			8	4 3	2/6 at 5/- each, 5/- at 9/6 each.
† Fernando Poo, 1894, 10c. brown, 12½, 20 and 25c. ...			4	5 6	
* " 1899, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5c. ...			5	2 0	
† Fiji, 1891-1900, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1s. ...			8	4 3	5/- at 7/6 each
† French Colonies, unpaid, 1894, 5, 10, 15, 30, 50, and 60c., and 1 franc			7	4 0	
* " Congo, 5 on 25, 15 on 25, and 10 on 1 franc, unpaid ...			3	4 3	
* French Levant, 1, 2, 3, and 4 piastres ...			4	1 0	
† Gambia, 1887, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. ...			8	4 6	
† " 1898, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. ...			8	8 6	
† " 1902, King, C.A. single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., & 1/- ...			8	10 0	2/- at 5/- each.
† " 1905, King, C.A., single, 1/6, 2/6, 3/- ...			3	8 3	
† German Morocco, 1899, 3, 5, 10, 25, 30, and 60c. ...			6	1 9	
† " New Guinea, 1898, 3pf., 5pf., 10pf., 20pf., 25pf., and 50pf. ...			6	3 0	
† Gibraltar, 1889-95, 5, 10, 20, 25, 40, 50c., 1 and 2 pesatas ...			8	5 0	5 pesatas at 5/- each.
† " 1898, Oct., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., and 1s. (Used at 3'6 set)			7	4 0	
† " 1903, C.A. single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., and 1/- ...			6	3 6	2/- at 6/- ea., 4/- at 7'6 ea.
† " 1904, C.A., mult., ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., and 1/- ...			5	4 0	2/- at 3/- each.
† Gold Coast, 1884-94, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., and 2s. ...			9	8 0	1894 5/-, lilac and blue, 7/- each
* " " " " ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1s., 2s., 5s., 10s., and 20s. ...			12	13 6	
† " " 1898, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 1/- and 2/- ...			7	7 6	5s. at 10/- each, 10s. at 18/- each
* " " 1898, ½d., 1d., 3d., 6d., 1/-, 2/-, 5/-, and 10/- ...			8	5 0	
† " " 1901, 1d. on 2½d., 1d. on 6d. ...			2	2 0	
† " " 1902, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- ...			7	4 9	2/- at 2'4 each
* Great Britain, 1888-97, Gov. Parcels, 1d., 1½d., 2d., 4½d., 6d., and 1s. ...			6	4 6	
* " 1882-92, I.R. Official, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d. and 1s. ...			5	3 6	
* Greece, 1879 to 1898, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40 lepta and 1 drachma ...			20	2 0	
* Grenada, unpaid, 1d., 2d., and 3d., black ...			3	1 0	
† " 1895-9, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., 8d., and 1s. ...			8	7 6	
† " 1902, C.A. single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- ...			7	8 6	{ 2/- at 5/- each, 5/- at 10/- each, 10/- at 20/- each
† " 1906, King, multiple, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- ...			7	6 6	5/- at 7/6 each, 10/- at 15/- each.

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† Guam on U.S., 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 15c. ...			9	18 0	
* Guatemala, 1894, 1 on 2c., 2 on 100c., 6 on 150c., 10 on 200c. ...			4	3 0	
† " 1902, 1, 2, 5, 6, 10, 12½, 20, 50, 75 c., 1 and 2 pesos ...			11	2 0	
† Gwalior, 1885-9, ¼, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a., and 1 R. ...			11	7 5	
† " 1902, Queen, ½, 1, 2, 2½a., blue ...			4	0 8	
† Hawaii, 1893, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, and 25c. ...			6	5 6	
† Hayti, Nov., 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 10, 15, 20, 50c., and 1 gourde ...			12	7 3	
† " " unpaid, 2, 5, 10, and 50c. ...			4	2 0	
† Holkar, 1889, ¼, ½, 1 and 2 annas ...			4	0 8	
† Hongkong, 1900-2, 2, 4, 5, 10, and 12c. ...			5	1 9	
† " 1904, C.A. single, 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 12, 20, 50, and 50c. ...			10	6 3	2\$ at 10 - each, 3\$ at 12 - each.
† Jaipur, 1904, 1st issue, ½, 1, and 2a. ...			3	0 9	
† " 1905, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 4, 8a., and 1 rupee ...			7	3 2	
* Japan, 1894, Silver Wedding, 2 and 5 sen. ...			2	0 3	
† Johore, 1892, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6c., and 1 dollar ...			7	7 6	
† " 1894, 3 on 4c., 3 on 5c., 3 on 6c. ...			3	1 0	1896, 2\$ at 6 - each, 3\$ at 9 - each, 4\$ at 12 - each.
† " 1903, 3 on 4c., 10 on 4c. green, 10 on 4c. yellow, 50c. on 3\$, 1\$ on 2\$, 1904, 10 on 4c. green ...			6	8 6	1904, 50c. on 5\$ at 6 - each.
† Labuan 1892, no w/mk engraved, 2, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, and 40c. ...			7	4 6	
† " 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18, and 24c. ...			9	5 0	
† " 1895, 4, 10, 20, 30, and 40c., on 1 dollar ...			5	3 4	
† " 1897-02, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16, 18, and 24c. ...			12	3 9	
† Lagos, 1882-4, 1d. lilac, 6d. sage, 1/- orange ...			3	13 0	
† " 1887-94, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 7½d., 10d., and 1s. ...			11	7 0	12 6 at 4/6 each, 5 - at 9/6 each, 10/- at 17/6 each.
† " 1903, C.A. single, 1s. at 19/- each ...					
† " 1904, C.A., mult., ¼d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d., and 1 - ...			6	6 0	12/6 at 7/- each, 5/- at 6 - each, 10/- at 12/- each.
† " 1905, C.A., chalky, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1/- ...			7	8 6	2 6 at 10 - each, 10 - at 14 6 each.
† Leeward Islands, 1890, ¼d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d. and 1s. ...			7	4 0	
† " 1903, C.A. single, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1 - ...			7	3 6	
* MAFEKING, on Bechd. Prot., 1d. on ¼d., 3d. on 1d., on Cape, 1d. on ¼d., 1d. on ½d., 3d. on 1d. ...			5	35 0	
† Malay Federated States, 1900, surcharged, 1, 2, 3, 10, 25c. on N. Sembilan, 5c., 1 dol., 2 dol. and 5 dol. on Perak ...			9	40 0	
† Malaya, 1907, C.A., single, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 20 and 50 c. ...			8	5 6	C.C. 1\$ at 6 - each, 2\$ at 10 6 ea.
† Malta, 1885, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 1s., 5s. ...			7	8 6	
† " 1903, C.A. single, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., and 1s. ...			7	3 6	4½d. C.A. single at 1 3 each.
† Mauritius, 1895-99, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 15, 18c. arms. ...			7	1 6	1880, 2 R. 50c. at 4 - each
† " 1902, provl. surchd. Postage and Revenue, 4, 6, 15, 25 & 50c. ...			5	2 6	2R. 50c. at 7/- each.
* " 1882-1908, including provls. ...			24	2 0	
* Mexico, 1866 to 1899, various issues ...			50	5 0	
* " 1856 to 1899, 1 real to 1 peso ...			75	10 0	
† Monaco, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15, 25, 40, 50, 75c., and 1 franc ...			10	3 3	
† " 1906, Chiffre Taxe, 1, 5, 10, 15, 30, and 50c. ...			6	1 2	
† Montserrat, 1903, C.A. single, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1s. ...			7	4 3	C.A. single 2 - at 3 - ea., 2,6 at 4/- [ea., C.C. 5 - at 6 3 ea.
† Mozambique Co., 1894, 2½, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 50, 75, 80, 100, 150, 200, 300 reis ...			13	6 0	
† Nabha, 1887-1900, ¼, ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 12a. and 1 R. ...			11	9 0	
† Nabha Service, 1887-90, ¼, 1, 4, 8 annas ...			4	4 6	
* Natal, 1883, Queen, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., 1 - and 5 - ...			9	4 6	
† " 1902, C.A. single, ¼d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 5d., 6d. & 1 - ...			9	4 0	2 - at 5 - each, 2 6 at 6/- each. 1902, C.A. single, 4 - at 6,9 ea.; C.C., 5/- at 7 3 ea.; 1907, mult. 2/- at 3 6 ea., 2/6 at 4 6 ea.
† " 1907, King, mult., ¼d., 1d., 4d., and 1 - ...			4	2 0	
† Negri Sembilan, 1899, 4c. on 1c., 4c. on 5c., blue, 4c. on 3c., 4c. on 8c. ...			4	2 0	
* Nepal, 1, 2 and 4 annas ...			3	0 9	
† New Brunswick, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12½, and 17c. ...			5	3 9	
† New Caledonia, 1893, 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 75c., & 1 franc ...			13	3 8	
† Newfoundland, 1897, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 35, and 60c. ...			14	10 8	
† New Zealand, 1898, London Print, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d. and 1 - ...			12	12 9	2/- at 5 - each.
† " " 1900-3, Colonial Print, no w/m'k., ¼d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., 9d. and 1 - ...			10	6 4	2/- at 3 - each, 5/- at 7 - each.
† " " 1906, Christchurch, ¼d., 1d., 3d. and 6d. ...			4	1 9	
† Niger Coast, 1893, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d. and 1 - ...			6	15 0	
† " 1894, no w/mk., ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d. and 1s. ...			6	5 0	
† " 1897-1898, w/mk'd C.A., ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., 1s. ...			7	6 0	2s. 6d. at 5 - each, 10s. at 15/- each
† North Borneo, 1894, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18 and 24c. ...			9	7 6	
† " 1895, 4, 10, 20, 30, and 40c. on 1 dollar ...			5	3 4	
† " 1897, 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8, 12, 18 and 24c. ...			9	3 6	
† Northern Nigeria, 1900, Queen, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., and 1 - ...			7	20 0	10/- at 50/- each.
† " 1907, C.A. single, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., and 1s. ...			7	4 9	2 6 at 5 - each, 10 - at 11 6 each,
† " 1906, C.A., mult., ¼d., 1d., 2½d., 5d., 6d., and 1 - ...			6	3 6	
† Oil Rivers, on Great Britain, 1892, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 5d. and 1 - ...			6	8 9	
† Orange River V.R.L., 1900, 2nd print, thick V., ¼d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d. & 1/- ...			6	8 9	5s. at 8 - each.
† " " " " " Raised dots, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 3d., 6d. and 1/- ...			6	2 7	1 4d. blue at 1/- each, 5s. at 5/10 each.
† Orange River on Cape, ¼d., 1d. and 2½d ...			3	0 5	
† Pahang (on Perak), 1898, 10c., 25c., and 1\$...			3	15 0	
† Papua on Brit. New Guinea, first type, ¼d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 6d., 1 -, & 2 6 1 -, and 2 6			8	14 0	Narrow rosettes 6d. at 5/- ea., wide rosettes ¼d. at 1 6 ea. DOUBLE surcharge 6d. at 50/- ea.
† Paraguay, 1902, 1c. on 1p., 5 on 60c., 5 on 80c., 20 on 24c. ...					
† " 1907, 5c. provls. on 2c. red, 2c. olive, 10c., 30c., and on 60c. ...			9	1 6	
† Patiala, 1892-9, ¼, ½, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 a., and 1 R. ...			11	9 0	
† " Service, 1892, ¼, 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12 a., and 1 rupee, grey ...			9	7 6	Used, at 4 9 set of 9.
† Perak, 1895, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, and 50c. ...			9	7 0	
† " 1900, 1 on 2c., on 4c., on 5c., 3 on 8c., on 50c. on 1 dol., on 2 dol. ...			7	3 6	
* Persia, 1899, surcharged, 1, 2, 5, 10, 12, shahi, and 1 krin ...			6	1 0	
* " 1900, 1, 2, 5, 8, 10, and 12 shai, 1 and 2 krans ...			8	1 1	
* " 1898, 1, 2, 5, and 10 krans ...			4	2 0	
* " 1876-1902, 1 ch. to 5 krans, including provls. ...			30	4 0	
* " 1902, type set provls., 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12 ch., 1 and 2 kr. ...			8	2 9	
† Philippines, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 mills ...			5	1 3	
† " 1899, on United States 1, 2, 3, 5, 10c. ...			5	1 7	
† Port Lagos (on French), 5, 10, 15c., 1, 2 and 4 piastres ...			6	8 9	
* Porto Rico, 1882 to 1898, ½ mil. to 20c. de peso ...			30	2 3	

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	† Unused	* Used.	No. in set.	Per set	HIGH VALUES, &c.
				<i>s. d.</i>	
† Porto Rico, 1891-3, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 mil.	6	0 6	
† " " 1894, ½, 1, 2, and 4 mil.	4	0 3	
† " " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 mils.	5	2 0	
† " " 1899, on United States 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10c.	5	1 5	
† Portugal, 1893, provl., 5, 5, 10, 10, 20, 20 on 25, 25 50 on 80, 75 on 80, and 80 reis	10	3 9	
* Queensland, 1882-96, ½d., ½d., 1d., 1d., 1d., 2d., 2d., 2½d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	14	1 1	
* " " 1899, 4 figures, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1/-	9	0 11	
* Roumania, 1872 to 1894, 1 bani to 2 lei	40	2 0	
† St. Helena, 1884, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	8	5 6	5s. at 7/6 each.
† " " 1896, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., and 10d.	7	4 0	
† St. Kitts Nevis, 1903, C.A. single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-	7	3 9	
† St. Lucia, 1891-8, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1s.	8	4 3	5/- at 7/6 each, 10/- at 12/- each.
† " " 1903, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., and 1s.	5	5 9	
† St. Vincent, 1886-97, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	7	5 0	5s. at 9/6 each.
† " " 1899, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	8	5 6	5s. at 10/- each.
† " " 1903, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1s.	7	9 6	2/- at 2¼ each, 5/- at 6/6 each.
† " " 1905, C.A., chalky, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., and 1s.	5	3 6	Multi. ½d., 1d., & 1/-, 3 for 3/3
† Salvador, 1895, 1 on 12c., 1 on 24c., 1 on 30c., 2 on 20c., 3 on 30c.	5	1 0	
† San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45 and 65c.	9	2 4	
* " " 1894, 25, 50c. and 1 lire	3	1 0	
† or * Unpaid, 5, 10, 30, 50 and 60c., and 1 lire	6	2 4	
† Sarawak, 1871, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12c.	6	2 0	
* " " 1889-97, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 25, 32, 50c. and 1 dollar	12	18 6	† 16c. at 1/3 ea., 32c. at 2/6 ea.
† " " 1895, 2, 4, 6 and 8c.	4	1 8	
† " " 1899, 2 on 3c., 2 on 12c., 4 on 6c., 4 on 8c.	4	4 6	
† Seychelles, 1890-5, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16c.	9	4 0	45c. at 4/6 each, 48c. at 3/6 each. 18 on 45c., 1/- ea., 36 on 45c., 3/6 ea.
† " " 1896-1900, 2, 6, 15, 18c.	4	1 2	36c. at 4/6 ea., 1 rupee, at 3/6 ea.
† " " " 75c., 1 R 50c., and 2 R 25c.	3	16 6	
† " " 1901, 3 on 10c., 3 on 16c., 3 on 36c., and 6 on 8c.	4	1 9	
† " " 1902, 2 on 4c., 30 on 75c., 30 on 1 R., 45 on 1 R., 45 on 2 R 50c.	5	7 6	
† " " 1903, King, C.A., single, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 18, 30, 45 and 75c.	9	4 0	1 R 50c. at 2/6 ea., 2 R 25c. at 3/9 ea.
* Shanghai, 1893, provl. ½ on 15c., 1 on 20c., ½ on 5c., 1 on 2c. brown, 1 on 2c. green	5	3 0	
† " " 1893, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15 and 20c.	9	0 9	
† " " 1893, Postage due, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20c.	7	0 6	
† Sierra Leone, 1884, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	9	6 6	
† " " 1897, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1/-	10	4 10	2/- at 4/6 each, 5/- at 10/- each.
† " " 1904, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., and 6d.	9	10 0	1/- at 6/- each, 5/- at 15/6 each, 1 20/- at 23/- each.
† Sirmoor, 1885, 3 pies, brown, 3 pies, orange, 6 pies, 1 and 2 anna	5	0 8	
† " " 1895, 3 and 6 pies, 1 and 2 annas	4	0 7	
† " " 1899, 3, 4, 8 a. and 1 rupee (Elephant). (Rajah set same price)	4	3 6	
† Somaliland Protectorate, 1903, C.A. single, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12a.	9	5 6	
† Soudan (on Egypt), 1897, Unpaid, 2 and 4 mils., 1 and 2 piastres	4	1 9	5 mil. on 5 piastres 9d. each.
† " " 1898, single w'ink., 1, 2, 3 and 5 mils., 1, 2, 5 and 10 piastres	8	6 0	
† " " 1903, O.S.G.S., 1, 3, and 5 mil., 1, 2, and 5 ptre.	6	2 3	
† South Nigeria, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	7 6	1 2s. 6d. at 6/- each, 5s. at 15/- each, 1 10s. at 25/- each.
† " " 1903 (C.A. single), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	7	11 0	2/6 at 9/- each, 5/- at 17/6 each.
† " " 1905-7, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-	8	3 6	2/6 at 2/11 each, 5/- at 5/10 each.
* Spain, 1851 to 1900, 6c. to 10 pesetas	50	2 0	
† Spanish Morocco, 1903, ¼c., 5, 10, and 25c.	4	0 5	
† Straits, 1892-99, 1c. on 2c., on 4c., on 8c., on 12c., 3c. on 32c., puce and rose, 4c. on 5c. (3 var.), 4c. on 8c.	11	3 9	
† " " 1902, C.A., single, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 30, and 50 c.	9	6 6	1\$ at 4/6 ea., 2\$ at 9/- ea., 5\$ at [22/6 each.]
† " " on LABUAN, 1907, 4 on 12c., 4 on 16c., 4 on 18c., 8c., 10c., 25c., 50c., and 1\$	8	7 6	
† Swaziland, ½d., ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., and 1/-...	6	9 0	
† Tasmania, 1900, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d. and 6d., w'inkd. TAS.	8	5 0	1871, 5/- mauve at 14/- each.
† Tobago, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	3 6	
† Tonga, Official, G.F.B., ½d. on 1d., 2½d. on 2d., 5d. on 4d., 7½d. on 8d., and 10d. on 1/-	5	16 0	
† Transvaal, V.R.I., 1900, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	8	2 9	1 2s. 6d. at 3/6 each, 5s. at 16/- each, 10s. at 14/- each.
† " " E.R.I., ½d. green, ½d. on 2d., 1d., 3d. and 4d.	5	1 2	2s. 6d. at 4/6 each.
† " " 1903-4, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-	8	5 6	2/- brown at 7/- ea.
* Travancore, ½, 1, 2 and 4 chuckram	4	0 4	
† Trinidad, 1883, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	6 0	1894 5s. at 8/- each, 1896 5d. at 2/6 each, 5s. at 6/6 each.
† Tunis, 1908, 10c. on 15c., 35c. on 1fr., 40c. on 2fr., and 75c. on 5fr.	4	1 9	
† Turks' Isles, 1887-94, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1s.	7	6 0	
† Uganda, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 annas	5	2 6	1 1 R pale blue at 2/6 each, 1 R ultra at 7/6 ea., 5 R at 10/- ea.
* United States, 1851 to 1907, including 1\$	50	2 6	
† " " 1898 (Omaha), 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c.	6	1 6	
* Uruguay, 1860, 60 and 120c., 1864 6 and 8c., 1866 5c.	5	9 6	
* " " 1884-1900, including provisionals and high values	34	2 9	
† Venezuela, 1893, surcharged, 5, 5, 10, 10, 25, 25, 50 and 50c.	8	0 8	
† Victoria, February, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1/-	9	8 9	2/- at 6/9 each.
† Virgin Isles, 1839, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., 7d., and 1/-	7	5 6	5/- at 7/- each
* West Australia, 1885-93, C.A., ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. & 1/-	9	1 1	
† Wurtemberg, Official, 2, 3, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50 pf., and 1 mark	15	6 0	
† " " Service, 2, 3, 5, 10, and 25 pf.	1		
† Zanzibar (on India), ½, 1, 1½, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12a., and 1, 2, 3, and 5 R	14	55 0	1 R., grey, at 15/- each.
† " (Sultan), 1896-98, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½ and 8 annas	10	5 6	
† " " " 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 rupees	5	21 6	
† " " 1899, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 4½, 5, 7½, and 8a.	10	3 8	
† " (on French), 1894, ½, 1, 2½, 5 and 10 annas	5	5 0	
† Zululand (on English), 1888, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., 9d., 1s.	10	39 0	1 on Natal ½d. at 2/- each, 6d. at 5/- each.
† or * " 1894, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1s.	6	5 0	2s. 6d. at 5/- each, 4s. at 8/- each.

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				s. d.	
† Porto Rico, 1891-3, ½, 1, 2, 4, 6, and 8 mil.	6	0 6	
† " " 1894, ½, 1, 2, and 4 mil.	4	0 3	
† " " 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 mils.	5	2 0	
† " " 1899, on United States 1, 2, 5, 8 and 10c.	5	1 5	
† Portugal, 1893, provl., 5; 5, 10, 10, 20, 20 on 25, 25 50 on 80, 75 on 80, and 80 reis	10	3 9	
* Queensland, 1882-96, ½d., ½d., 1d., 1d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	14	1 1	
" " 1899, 4 figures, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1/-	9	0 11	
* Roumania, 1872 to 1894, 1 bani to 2 lei	40	2 0	
† St. Helena, 1884, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	8	5 6	5s. at 7/6 each.
† " " 1896, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 5d., and 10d.	7	4 0	
† St. Kitts Nevis, 1903, C.A. single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d. and 1/-	7	3 9	
† St. Lucia, 1891-8, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1s.	8	4 3	5/- at 7/6 each, 10/- at 12/- each.
† " " 1903, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., and 1s.	5	5 9	
† St. Vincent, 1886-97, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	7	5 0	5s. at 9/6 each.
† " " 1899, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.	8	5 6	5s. at 10/- each.
† " " 1903, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 6d., and 1s.	7	9 6	2/- at 2/4 each, 5/- at 6/6 each.
† " " 1905, C.A., chalky, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 6d., and 1s.	5	3 6	Mult., ½d., 1d., & 1/-, 3 for 3/3
† Salvador, 1895, 1 on 12c., 1 on 24c., 1 on 30c., 2 on 20c., 3 on 30c.	5	1 0	
† San Marino, 2, 5, 10, 20, 25, 30, 40, 45 and 65c.	9	2 4	
" " 1894, 25, 50c. and 1 lire	3	1 0	
† or * " Unpaid, 5, 10, 30, 50 and 60c., and 1 lire	6	2 4	
† Sarawak, 1871, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12c.	6	2 0	
" " 1889-97, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 10, 12, 16, 25, 32, 50c. and 1 dollar	12	18 6	† 16c. at 1/3 ea., 32c. at 2/6 ea.
† " " 1895, 2, 4, 6 and 8c.	4	1 8	
† " " 1899, 2 on 3c., 2 on 12c., 4 on 6c., 4 on 8c.	4	4 6	
† Seychelles, 1890-5, 2, 3, 4, 8, 10, 12, 13, 15 and 16c.	9	4 0	45c. at 4/6 each, 48c. at 3/6 each. 18 on 45c., 1/- ea., 36 on 45c., 3/6 ea.
† " " 1896-1900, 2, 6, 15, 18c.	4	1 2	} 36c. at 4/6 ea., 1 rupee, at 3/6 ea.
† " " 75c., 1 R 50c., and 2 R 25c.	3	16 6	
† " " 1901, 3 on 10c., 3 on 16c., 3 on 36c., and 6 on 8c.	4	1 9	
† " " 1902, 2 on 4c., 30 on 75c., 30 on 1 R., 45 on 1 R., 45 on 2 R 50c.	5	7 6	
† " " 1903, King, C.A., single, 2, 3, 6, 12, 15, 18, 30, 45 and 75c.	9	4 0	1 R 50c. at 2/6 ea., 2 R 25c. at 3/9 ea.
* Shanghai, 1893, provl. ½ on 15c., 1 on 20c., ½ on 5c., 1 on 2c. brown, 1 on 2c. green	5	3 0	
† " " 1893, ½, 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 10, 15 and 20c.	9	0 9	
† " " 1893, Postage due, ½, 1, 2, 5, 10, 15 and 20c.	7	0 6	
† Sierra Leone, 1884, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	9	6 6	
† " " 1897, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1/-	10	4 10	2/- at 4/6 each, 5/- at 10/- each.
† " " 1904, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d., and 6d.	9	10 0	1/- at 6/- each, 5/- at 15/6 each, 20/- at 23/- each.
† Sirmoor, 1885, 3 pies, brown, 3 pies, orange, 6 pies, 1 and 2 annas	5	0 8	
† " " 1895, 3 and 6 pies, 1 and 2 annas	4	0 7	
† " " 1899, 3, 4, 8 a. and 1 rupee (Elephant). (Rajah set same price)	4	3 6	
† Somaliland Protectorate, 1903, C.A. single, ½, 1, 2, 2½, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 12a.	9	5 6	
† Soudan (on Egypt), 1897, Unpaid, 2 and 4 mils., 1 and 2 piastres	4	1 9	5 mil. on 5 piastres 9d. each.
† " " 1898, single w'mk., 1, 2, 3 and 5 mils., 1, 2, 5 and 10 piastres	8	6 0	
† " " 1903, O.S.G.S., 1, 3, and 5 mil., 1, 2, and 5 ptre.	6	2 3	
† South Nigeria, 1901, ½d., 1d., 2d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	7 6	2s. 6d. at 6/- each, 5s. at 15/- each, 10s. at 25/- each.
† " " 1903 (C.A. single), ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	7	11 0	2/6 at 9/- each, 5/- at 17/6 each.
* " " 1905-7, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-	8	3 6	2/6 at 2/11 each, 5/- at 5/10 each.
† Spain, 1851 to 1900, 6c. to 10 pesetas	50	2 0	
† Spanish Morocco, 1903, ½c., 5, 10, and 25c.	4	0 5	
† Straits, 1892-99, 1c. on 2c., on 4c., on 8c., on 12c., 3c. on 32c., puce and rose, 4c. on 5c. (3 var.), 4c. on 8c.	11	3 9	
† " " 1902, C.A., single, 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10, 25, 30, and 50 e.	9	6 6	1s. at 4/6 ea., 2s. at 9/- ea., 5s. at [23/6 each.
† " " on LABUAN, 1907, 4 on 12c., 4 on 16c., 4 on 18c., 8c., 10c., 25c., 50c., and 1s.	8	7 6	
† Swaziland, ½d., ½d., 1d., 2d., 6d., and 1/-	6	9 0	
† Tasmania, 1900, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 5d. and 6d., w'mk. TAS.	8	5 0	1871, 5/- mauve at 14/- each.
† Tobago, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	3 6	
† Tonga, Official, G.F.B., ½d. on 1d., 2½d. on 2d., 5d. on 4d., 7½d. on 8d., and 10d. on 1/-	5	16 0	
† Transvaal, V.R.I., 1900, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d., and 1/-	8	2 9	2s. 6d. at 3/6 each, 5s. at 16/- each, 10s. at 14/- each.
† " " E.R.I., ½d. green, ½d. on 2d., 1d., 3d. and 4d.	5	1 2	2s. 6d. at 4/6 each.
† " " 1903-4, C.A., single, ½d., 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d., 6d. and 1/-	8	5 6	2/- brown at 7/- ea.
* Travancore, ½, 1, 2 and 4 chuckram	4	0 4	
† Trinidad, 1883, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 6d. and 1s.	6	6 0	1894 5s. at 8/- each, 1896 5d. at 2/6 each, 5s. at 6/6 each.
† Tunis, 1908, 10c. on 15c., 35c. on 1fr., 40c. on 2fr., and 75c. on 5fr.	4	1 9	
† Turks' Isles, 1887-94, ½d., 1d., 2½d., 4d., 5d., 6d., and 1s.	7	6 0	
† Uganda, 1898, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 8 annas	5	2 6	1 R pale blue at 2/6 each, 1 R ultra at 7/6 ea., 5 R at 10/- ea.
* United States, 1851 to 1907, including 1s.	50	2 6	
† " " 1898 (Omaha), 1, 2, 4, 5, 8 and 10c.	6	1 6	
* Uruguay, 1860, 60 and 120c., 1864 6 and 8c., 1866 5c.	5	9 6	
" " 1884-1900, including provisionals and high values	34	2 9	
† Venezuela, 1898, 20c., 25c., 30c., 40c., 50c., and 60c.	8	0 8	

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Dundee and District Philatelic Society.

At a meeting on Friday, February 19th, the Hon. Secretary, Mr. G. H. Whitaker, read a paper on the invention of the adhesive stamp, dealing in an informed way with the claims of Sir Rowland Hill and James Chalmers, of Dundee, whose monument in the Howf records the credit of the invention to the Castle Street bookseller.

Sind Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec. : B. J. H. Samake, Karachi, India
The third monthly meeting of the Society was held in the Y.M.C.A. Rooms, Karachi, on Tuesday, 12th January.
Lieut. C. M. T. Western, of the 129th Baluchis, was elected a member.
Proposed by Mr. Sequera that meetings should be held, apart from the regular monthly meetings, during Bank Holidays, for the purpose of exchanging stamps, exhibits, etc. After some discussion, it was resolved to hold meetings on Bank Holidays at 3 p.m.
The Hon. Secretary showed the members present a copy of the 2as. stamp of India, with elephant's head, in the colour of la. brown.

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

President : Mr. R. Hollick.
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JAN. 28th. Mr. F. T. Collier commenced his paper on Argentine, 1877 to 1908, but there was such an instructive and interesting discussion on the plates, methods of printing, and types of the various values of the 1877 to 1888 issues, that the subsequent ones were left for another meeting.
Feb. 11th. An interesting display of South African Colonies by members.
Feb. 25th. Mr. B. B. Tilley gave his display, with notes, of the stamps of British Guiana. Every issue was represented, in most cases, absolutely complete. In such a wealth of interesting material it is difficult to single out what was appreciated most, but perhaps the well filled pages of fine specimens, nearly all mint, of 1852 to 1875, may be mentioned as taking the chief place.
March 14th. Auction sale at the Acorn Hotel, when 256 lots were disposed of, including 11 which had been arranged by the Society for the widow of a deceased member, as she had no idea of arranging them herself.

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5.	Do.	Do	"	2	"	...	1	6	8	4	...
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10.	Do.	Do.	"	1	"	...	0	7	4	0	...
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33.	Do.	Do.	"	1	"	...	0	8	5	0	...
34.	Do.	Do.	"	2	"	...	2	0	14	0	...
35.	Do.	Do.	"	4	"	...	4	0
36.	Do.	Do.	Ordy.	2	"	...	1	9	14	0	...
37.	Do.	Do.	"	3	"	...	2	0	16	0	...
38.	PATIALA	1st issue	Serv	1	"	...	0	4	2	4	...
39.	Do.	2nd	"	1/2	"	...	0	8	4	4	...
40.	Do.	"	"	1	"	...	0	9	5	8	...
41.	Do.	"	"	2	"	...	0	8	4	8	...
42.	Do.	Queen	"	1/2	"	...	0	2	0	9	7 4
43.	Do.	Do.	"	1	"	plum	0	4	1	10	...
44.	Do.	Do.	"	1	"	carmine	0	7	4	0	32 6
45.	Do.	Do.	"	2	"	blue	2	6
46.	Do.	Do.	"	4	"	...	2	0	13	6	...
47.	Do.	Do	Ordy.	1/2	"	...	0	4	2	0	...
48.	Do.	Do.	"	1	"	...	0	8	4	6	...
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Great Britain, 1867-78, Cross, £1 brown-lilac ..	1	12	0
1882-83, Anchor, 10/- grey on bleu-té ..	1	9	0
" " £5 orange ..	2	8	0
Hanover, 1859, 10 gros. green ..	2	0	0
Oldenburg, 1855, 4sgr. blk. on green, a strip of 3 ..	3	0	0
Ceylon, 1863-68, C.C., 5d. purple-brn. ..	1	2	0
India, Service, 1866, 2a. blk. & purple ..	1	10	0
Straits Settlements, 1883, 8 cents on 12c. purple-brown, and same stamp with large 8 in red, in the latter the black surcharge is almost invisible* ..	2	16	0
B. Central Africa, 1896, £1 blue ..	2	0	0
B.S. Africa, 1896 (April), One Penny on 3d. grey ..	2	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1882-83, Anchor, 5/- orange ..	1	1	0
Lagos, 1904, single C.A., 10/- green and brown, mint ..	5	15	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange on bluish, worn impression ..	1	15	0
British Colombia, 1866, perf. 12½, \$1 grn. ..	2	0	0
Canada, 1859, 1c. rose on ribbed paper ..	1	2	0
Nova Scotia, 1851, 1/- purple ..	8	5	0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose ..	1	0	0
St. Lucia, 1883-86, C.A., 6d. lilac* ..	1	6	0
Turks Islands, 1881, 2½ on 1/- dull blue, type 10, mint ..	9	0	0
N.S.W., Sydney View, 3d. bright grn. ..	3	0	0
N. Zealand, 1862, Star, impf., 3d. mauve ..	1	6	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue ..	2	7	6
Victoria, 1878, 8d. red-brown on rose. wmk. 10, mint ..	1	2	6

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Feb. 18th and 19th, 1909.

Baden, 1862, perf. 10, 18kr. green, the two shades, mint ..	£2	5	0
Hanover, 1859-61, rose gum. 10sgr. olive-green, mint ..	3	0	0
Oldenburg, 1852, 1/15th. on rose* ..	4	4	0
1855, 4sgr. black on green* ..	1	7	0
1859, 4sgr. black on green* ..	5	0	0
1861, 4sgr. green* ..	1	12	0
" 4sgr. chestnut* ..	1	8	0
Saxony, 1856, 10sgr. deep blue, mint ..	1	3	0
Wurtemberg, 1st issue, 18kr. on dull purple* ..	1	1	0
1856, with orange silk thread, 6kr. green* ..	1	12	0
1858-90, without silk thread, 18kr. deep blue* ..	2	12	6
1873, 70kr. purple, mint* ..	3	5	0
" 70kr. red-purple, mint ..	2	12	6
Holland, 1852, 16c. orange-yellow, a mint block of 4 ..	4	0	0
1867, pf. 10 x 10½, 10c. carm., mint ..	1	14	0
Naples, 1858, 50gr. lake, mint ..	3	0	0
Sardinia, 1851, 5c. black, 20c. blue, and 40c. lilac-rose, mint ..	3	7	6
Monaco, 1885, 5 francs carmine on green, mint ..	2	15	0
Russia, 1857, 10kop. blue and brown, imperforate, a pair* ..	5	5	0
1880, 50kop. green and mauve, error, without thunderbolts, mint ..	2	0	0
The Levant, 1863-66, thin paper, 6kop. pale blue* ..	1	16	0
Do., thick paper, 6kop. indigo, mint ..	2	2	0
Wenden, 1693, 2 kop. grn. & carm.* ..	1	0	0
Spain, 1851, 2 reales red* ..	21	0	0
1850, 10 reales green-blue, mint ..	3	0	0
1851, 10 reales green* ..	2	0	0
1853, 2 reales vermilion* ..	8	5	0
" Madrid," 1855, 1 cuarto bronze, mint ..	2	0	0
Do., 3 cuartos bronze* ..	12	0	0
1854, 1r. indigo* ..	2	15	0

Spain, 1865, pf. 14, 19 cuartos rose and brown, mint ..	£2	5	0
Sweden, 1855, 8 sk. bco. yellow, mint ..	1	10	0
1866, 17 öre purple-grey, mint ..	2	0	0
1872-76, the error, tretio öre vermilion, mint ..	12	10	0
Official Stamp, 1889, 10 öre on 12 öre blue, surch. inv., mint ..	2	0	0

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Gt. Britain, 1867, Cross, 10/- grey-grn. ..	1	3	0
Do., do., 20/- brown-lilac ..	1	7	0
Do., Anchor on white, £5 orange ..	1	6	0
Spain, 1850, 6 reales blue ..	1	9	0
Ceylon, 1861, clean cut pfs., 9d. lil.-brn. ..	1	0	0
Hong Kong, 1880, 10c. on 16c. yellow, mint ..	1	10	0
Straits Settlements, 1879, 5 cents on 4c. rose* ..	1	5	0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 1d. brick red ..	3	12	6
Ditto, 1d. red, unused ..	22	0	0
Mafeking, 6d. on 3d. yellow* ..	4	0	0
Lagos, 1874, 1/- oran., long value, mint ..	2	0	0
Natal, 1875, Postage inverted on 1d. ..	1	17	0
Sierra Leone, 1860, no wmk., on blued, imperforate, 6d.* ..	1	16	0
Canada, 1852, wove, 7½d. green ..	2	10	0
New Brunswick, proof in brn. of the Connell stamp, on thick paper ..	1	5	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. scarlet-vert. ..	4	12	6
Trinidad, 1851, on white, 1d. red, mint ..	3	0	0
N.S. Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red on yellowish, plate 2* ..	10	10	0
Ditto, 1d. dull red on yellowish, laid p., plate 2, pair on entire ..	4	10	0
Ditto, 2d., plate 2 ..	5	5	0
Registered, 1860, no wmk., perf. 11½ to 12, 6d.* ..	1	12	0
N. Zealand, 1862, rouletted, 2d. blue ..	1	14	0
1871, perf. 10 x 12½, 6d. blue* ..	4	17	6
1871, perf. 10, 1d. brown* ..	2	10	0
Victoria, 1868, 5/- blue and yellow ..	3	7	6
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British Columbia, 1866, perf. 12½, 8½ grn	7	0	0
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Nova Scotia, 1851, 1 purple	7	5	0
Barbados, 1874, 5 rose	1	0	0
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At the meeting held on Tuesday, March 30th, in the Leeds Institute, Mr. F. Padgett showed a portion of his collection of forgeries—one of the most complete in the country.

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At the annual meeting held on Friday, May 7th, the following were elected officers for the ensuing session: President, Mr. W. D. Beckton; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. H. Abbott, G. B. Duerst, and W. Grunewald; treasurer, Mr. C. H. Coote; librarian, Mr. J. R. M. Albrecht; secretary, Mr. G. F. H. Gibson; assistant secretary, Mr. J. S. Gee; controller, Mr. J. H. Taylor; committee, Messrs. J. S. Higgins, jun., J. R. King, and W. W. Munn.

Herts Philatelic Society.

The Herts Philatelic Society entertained as the guests of the evening at its annual dinner on Tuesday, May 6th, at the Cafe Monaco the Chinese Minister and the First Secretary of the Chinese Legation, the Hon. W. Hall-Jones (High Commissioner for New Zealand), Mr. C. Wray Palliser of New Zealand Dominion Office, London; Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., and Mr. J. T. Green. Mr. H. L. Hayman, vice-president of the Herts Society, was in the chair.

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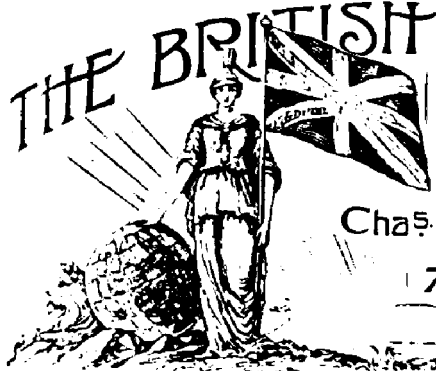
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The Twopence Halfpenny

(continued from page 3).

It is dangerous to make hurried additions to "proof"; and the statement as to the range of the corner-lettering for this value should have been given subsequently, instead of at the end of the second paragraph of page 2.

A word must be said as to the marginal inscriptions, which, for a low value, depart altogether from the usual form of wording. As a rule, the price is given per label, per row, and per sheet; but in this value we have merely "2½d POSTAGE POSTAGE 2½d" at the top and bottom of the sheet, and "POSTAGE TWO PENCE HALFPENNY" twice between the panes. The plate and "current" numbers also appeared in the margin—the latter being the consecutive number of the plate, irrespective of value.

The paper, too, is worth more than the short notice given in our last number. Placed diagonally, just outside each corner of the pane of watermarks, was a Small Anchor; and proof that the paper was made for fiscal stamps is to be found in the margins of the sheet, each of which was watermarked with a *facsimile* signature of Sir W. H. Stephenson, and the words "*Inland Revenue*."

It has been authoritatively stated that plate 4 was put to press prior to the change of paper, and that copies watermarked Small Anchor should exist; but as this plate was not brought into use until plate 3, which yielded 15 000 sheets on the new paper, was discarded, it seems most improbable that there were any printings from plate 4 on Small Anchor paper, beyond the extra five struck at the time of registration.

Early in 1876 a paper, specially manufactured for this value, was brought into use: the watermark was now an Orb, *i.e.*, a ball, surmounted by a cross; and the disposition of the 192 watermarks was made to coincide with the stamps, which remained in two panes, arranged and lettered exactly as in the first issue. The colour was still lilac-rose.

When the change of paper took place, plate 3 was at press, so copies from this plate may be found with either of the two watermarks—a Small Anchor or an Orb; there were 20,000 impressions on the earlier paper, and 15,000 on the later.

Plates 4 and 5 followed in due course, each giving 34,995 impressions on the Orb paper, making, with the five sheets on Small Anchor at the time of registration, the full complement of 35,000, which was the official limit for each plate.

The arrangement of the plates, from No. 6 onwards, remained as in those of the first issue, but the marginal inscriptions were printed in *sans serif*, or block capitals, instead of Roman capitals, as formerly.

This issue continued until 1880, when the colour of the stamp was changed to a cobalt-blue; and the plates in use followed consecutively up to No. 17, which was also printed from in the new colour.

The total printings on Orb paper amounted to approximately 91,200,000 stamps, of which about 960,000 were from plate 17.

The third issue of this value took place on the 5th February, 1880, as announced by a Post Office Circular of the 3rd id., which stated that it had been decided to change the colour of the 2½d. postage stamp to a "light blue, and the issue will take place in a few days"; this was to conform with the requirements of the Postal Union. We give our authority, because the 1st January, 1880, was for many years given as the date of this issue.

The colour employed was a cobalt-blue, approaching, in some of the impressions from plates 18-20, to an ultramarine.

Four plates were in use, of which No. 17 had previously been printed from in lilac-rose; and the paper, and the number of stamps on, and the arrangement of, the sheet were unaltered. So far as can be ascertained, the issue in blue on the Orb paper amounted to something over 30 millions of stamps.

Early in 1880 a great change was made in paper and make-up of plates, which ultimately affected, to some extent, all values then in use up to and including the Two Shillings.

The paper was now watermarked with 240 Large Crowns—in two panes of 120 each—of a new pattern, originally termed "Large (1880) Crown," but now known by the more convenient, if somewhat inaccurate, designation of "Imperial Crown"; the watermarked inscriptions were confined to the single word, "POSTAGE," which occurred six times in the margins of the sheet; and the plates, consisting of a like number of stamps (now lettered from AA-AA to LT-TL) similarly arranged, were entirely devoid of any marginal legends as to value or price, or of any indication as to the number of the particular plate.

For this, the fourth issue, plates 21, 22 and 23 were at press, but we are unable to give even an approximate number. The next Twopence Halfpenny issue was the "Postage and Revenue" stamp of 1884, which will be dealt with in the next section.

SYNOPSIS.

- FIRST ISSUE.—1 July, 1875. 2½d. lilac-rose, on Small Anchor paper, bluish or white. Plates 1, 2, 3, and (to a very limited extent) 4 and 5; these latter two are unknown as yet. Error on plate 2—"LH-FL" for "LH-III."
- SECOND ISSUE.—May, 1876. 2½d. lilac-rose, on Orb paper. Plates 3 to 17.
- THIRD ISSUE.—5 Feb., 1881. 2½d. blue, on Orb paper. Plates 17 to 20.
- FOURTH ISSUE.—23 March, 1881. 2½d. blue, on Imperial Crown paper. Plates 21 to 23.

Plate.	Registered.	Earliest date known.	Sheets printed.	Plate.	Registered.	Earliest date known.	Sheets printed.
1	30-3-75	1-7-75	35,000	11	13-12-77	12-5-78	35,000
2	"	6-8-75	"	12	30-4-78	17-9-78	"
3 (S.A.)	10-6-75	8-11-75	20,000	13	22-8-78	3-12-78	"
4 (S.A.)	13-7-75	unknown	5	14	15-11-78	20-3-79	"
5 (S.A.)	"	"	5	15	19-3-79	17-6-79	"
3 (Orb)	v. sup.	23-5-76	15,000	16	26-6-79	8-10-79	"
4 (Orb)	"	28-6-76	34,995	17 (bl.)	v. sup.	5-2-80	30,000
5 (Orb)	"	20-8-76	"	18	22-1-80	2-3-80	35,000
6	3-5-76	10-11-76	35,000	19	6-4-80	4-5-80	60,000
7	11-9-76	23-3-77	"	20	28-5-80	6-11-80	?
8	5-4-77	2-7-77	"	12	3-2-81	28-3-81	?
9	11-7-77	2-10-77	"	22	11-6-81	5-7-81	?
10	20-9-77	10-1-78	"	23	20-8-81	1-7-81	?

The Threepence.

The second value in this section is the Threepence, created exclusively for the payment of letters going abroad, especially to Belgium and Switzerland; and it was not until nearly three years later that it became available for inland postage, there being no rate of three pence for inland letters until 1st April, 1865, when the rate was fixed at one penny per half ounce.

The first issue of the Threepence took place, as previously announced in a Post Office Circular, on the

1st May, 1862: the design consists of the usual representation of Queen Victoria, within a solid trilobed border, the lobes being connected by foliate ornamentation. In the upper part of the border is "THREE PENCE," and below is "POSTAGE," both in uncoloured *sans serif*, or block, capitals. The check-letters, running from AA-AA to LT-TL, were inserted in the corners, in small white *sans serif* capitals.

Only two plates were employed for this issue—No. 2, the stamps on which bore no indication of its number, and No. 3, used to a very limited extent, distinguishable by a small white dot on each side of the stamp, just below the ornament connecting the lobes of the border.

There were 240 stamps on the plate, arranged in twelve panes, disposed in four rows of three each. A pane comprised twenty stamps, in five rows of four, and was of the face value of five shillings.

Across the centre of the sheet was "POSTAGE THREE PENCE," once for each of the six vertical pairs of panes; and between the first and second rows of panes, as also between the third and fourth rows, was the indication of price once for each of the two panes immediately above and below, per label, per row of 4, and per (post office) sheet of 40. In the margins were the plate and the current numbers.

Plate 1 was found to be defective in some respect—what, it has not been ascertained—and was not even registered; it was destroyed in November, 1861.

Plate 2—as used, of which more hereafter—was put to press on the 19th March, 1862, and provided practically the entire issue. Plate 3, registered 25th



August, 1862, was never put to press, and was destroyed in April, 1866; the usual five spare sheets were printed when the *imprimatur* was taken.

The paper is known as the Heraldic Emblems, from the fact that the watermark consisted of the Emblems of the United Kingdom, so disposed that a rose was in each upper corner, and a shamrock and thistle respectively in the lower corners of a stamp. This paper was hand-made. The watermarks were arranged in panes of twenty, in linear frames, so as to fit the printing plate; and the words "*Postage Stamps*" appeared eight times in the margins and between the rows of panes.

The colour of this value is carmine, varying considerably in depth of shade.

So far as can be ascertained, the number of stamps for this issue was 5,173,200, all, except 1200 from plate 3, being from plate 2.

We wrote above "*plate 2—as used*": the original die had the spandrels filled in with a reticulated pattern, and the plate was actually put to press in that condition; but the Postmaster-General feared there might be confusion between it and the Fourpence so, as the carmine colour was satisfactory, the contractors were instructed to remove the reticulations from each stamp on the plate, thereby bringing the corners into greater prominence. Some of the *clichés* were spoiled and had to be renewed.

From the original plate, 1551 sheets appear to have been printed: most of them were destroyed, but a fair number of the stamps survive, overprinted "**SPECIMEN**" in *sans serif* capitals—without this, they are of extreme rarity, and alleged copies should be carefully examined as the overprint can be removed.

Of plate 3 ("*dot*"), perforated and imperforate copies are known, all from one or other of the five spare sheets struck at the time of registration; used copies of the former are known, but only unused of the latter. Some 12 years ago, a perforated and unused portion of a pane was discovered at Somerset House; but the perforation does not agree with that of the few used copies, and was probably effected by a machine other than those in use during the period of issue. The facts about these unused and perforated copies are still awaiting elucidation.

In the watermark of the Emblems, the Rose should have one cusp uppermost and a little inclined: it is more usually found with two cusps uppermost. There are, however, many variations and an error, of which we will write more fully at a later date.

(*To be continued.*)

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August, 1862, was never put to press, and was destroyed in April, 1866.

usual five spare sheets were printed when the *Impressario* was taken.

The paper is known as the "London" watermark, from the fact that

watermark consisted of the London of the United Kingdom, so disposed

a rose was in each upper corner, and a shamrock and thistle respectively in

lower corners of a stamp. This paper was handmade. The watermarks were

arranged in panes of twenty, in four frames, so as to fit the printing plate;

the words "*Large Stamps*" appeared eight times in the margins and between

the rows of panes.

The colour of this value is varying, varying considerably in depth of shade.

So far as can be ascertained, the number of stamps for this issue was 3,173,2

all, except 1,200 from plate 3, being from plate 2.

We wrote above "*plate 2—dead*"; the original die had the quadrants of

in with a reticulated pattern, and the plate was actually put to press in 1

condition; but the Postmaster-General feared there might be confusion between

it and the *Fourpence*, so, as the printing colour was satisfactory, the counter-

were instructed to remove the reticulations from each stamp on the plate, thereby

bringing the corners into greater prominence. Some of the *6d*'s were spoiled

and had to be renewed.

From the original plate, 1531 sheets appear to have been printed; most of

them were destroyed, but a fair number of the stamps survive, overlapping

"SPECIMEN" in *vars non capitis* without this; they are of extreme rarity,

and alleged copies should be carefully examined as the overprint can be removed.

(cf. plate 3, "*6d*"), perforated and imperforate copies are known, all being

one or other of the spare sheets struck at the time of registration; as

copies of the former are known, but only unused of the latter. Some 12,000

copies, a perforated and unused portion of a pane was discovered at Somerset

House; but the perforation does not agree with that of the few used copies, and was

probably effected by a machine other than those in use during the period of issue.

The facts about these unused and perforated copies are still awaiting elucidation.

In the watermark of the London, the rose should have one sharp imperforate

and a little inclined; it is more usually found with two cusps imperforate. The

are, however, many variations and an error, of which we will write more fully in

a later date.

(To be continued.)

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We mean Forgeries and Fakes of General Stamps; not, as our heading might

be read, Forgeries and Fakes by members of His Majesty's Civil Service, or state

of affairs not yet attained in Great Britain, though not unknown in other countries.

There are, unfortunately, numerous forgeries of the source, and even of some of the

comparatively common varieties of the various official stamps issued from 1822 to 1862.

A certain amount of "fakes" has been so far generally copied that

it is impossible to give details for its detection; and it is even said that the

authenticity of the forgers themselves, that books were written over them, and

from the original dies;—but what is it that, in any case, was over them, and

completes the forger by doing the work of the original dies? This is certainly

generally printed, was applied to three stamps, and to three stamps, and to three stamps,

not from those known to have been printed, but from others which

have never existed as Government "fakes" stamps.

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The three stamps selected by the forgers were the 3d. lilac and the 1s. green of the 1884 issue, and the 3d. lilac on yellow of the 1887 "Jubilee" set. None of these stamps was ever issued with the Government Parcels overprint. Why then were they selected—through ignorance or through some difficulty in obtaining the normal stamps? Possibly so; but we incline to the opinion that the forgers had seen or heard of certain essays of this overprint made on the stamps above mentioned, and, believing them to be regularly issued varieties, acted accordingly.

Another somewhat similar instance is known. When it was decided to have stamps overprinted "I.R. Official," copies of the then current 5s., 10s., £1, and £5, with the added words in heavy Roman capitals, were submitted for approval; but it was thought better to have the higher values (up to £1 only) overprinted in type similar to, but larger than that in use on the low values. The £5 never got beyond the essay stage.



However, the forgers have produced a £5 "I.R. Official"; but, being ignorant of the facts, all their attempts shew, not the Roman type of the essay, but the "block," or *sans serif*, lettering used for the 5s., 10s. and £1, and never printed on the highest value at all, not even as an experiment.

The following, though there was never the slightest intention to defraud, may interest our readers:—

When the negatives of the plates for *British Isles* were being brought up to date, shortly before the publication of that work, an unused copy of the One Penny lilac, with inverted "Govt. Parcels" overprint was unknown, and the services of a well-known word-engraver were enlisted. He cut a boxwood block of the overprint sufficiently accurate to pass muster in a photograph, and from this were printed, under personal supervision, six copies only—four singles, all inverted; and one pair with a *tête-bêche* overprint. One of the "singles" was photographed, but, before the plates were printed off, a genuine unused copy was forthcoming, and the necessity for a pious deception was obviated.

Each of the four single copies was marked, by pen and ink, with the word "Forgery"; and they were eventually all destroyed, as was the wood-block.

The *tête-bêche* pair met with a more worthy fate. Its "forger" lent it to a well-known dealer somewhere down the Strand; he shewed it to an equally well-known collector (from Paris), who vainly offered fabulous sums in exchange. It now reposes, so we are told, in a wonderful collection of forgeries and reprints.

This particular error, of which probably only one sheet ever existed, can be to some extent expiated by noting the perforation, which did not fall in the proper place, so that the stamps are somewhat "badly centred"—see the excellent illustration (No. 154a) in Wright & Creeke's work.

Of the genuine unused copies which are known, nine reached the writer in a registered letter; this was opened, in his presence, by the late Mr. Gordon Smith, who placed a secret mark on each stamp, both he and the writer adding their respective initials on a piece of "margin" adhering to one of them.

SIMPLIFIED CATALOGUE

..... OF
BRITISH STAMPS

Line Engraved Series.1840, *wmk. Small Crown, Imperf.*

	Unused.		Used.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
1d black	12	6	0	6
2d blue	—	—	2	6

1841, the 2d has white lines.

1d red-brown on blue paper	1	6	0	1
1d red-brown on white paper	—	—	2	6
2d deep blue	—	—	0	3
2d blue	12	6	0	2

1854 to 64, *wmk. Small Crown, perforated.*

1d red-brown on blue	5	0	0	2
1d ,, on white	—	—	0	9
2d blue	70	0	0	9

Wmk. Large Crown, Perf.

1d red-brown on blue	2	0	0	1
1d orange brown ,,	10	0	1	6
1d brown rose ,,	—	—	0	9
1d red-brown on white	10	0	0	9
1d pale red ,,	7	6	0	6
1d orange-red ,,	—	—	2	0
1d rose-red ,,	0	6	0	0½
1d pale rose-red ,,	—	—	0	2
2d blue ,,	20	0	0	2

*Letters in all four Corners.**Wmk. Crown, 1858-1870.*

½d red	0	4	0	1
1d red	0	3	0	0½
1½d red	2	6	0	3
2d blue	2	0	0	1

Embossed Stamps, 1847-54.

6d violet	80	0	3	0
10d brown	60	0	6	6
1/- green	100	0	3	0

Surfaced Printed Stamps.*No Letters in Corners.*1855 to 1857, *wmk. Small Garter.*

	Unused.		Used.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
4d carmine on blue ...	—	—	3	6
4d ,, on white	—	—	10	0

Wmk. Large Garter.

4d rose	20	0	0	3
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Wmk. Emblems.

6d lilac on blue	—	—	40	0
6d ,, on white	15	0	0	3
1/- green	25	0	1	6

*Small White Letters.*1862 *wmk. Emblems, 4d wmk. Garter.*

3d rose	7	6	3	0
4d vermilion	7	6	0	3
6d lilac	10	0	0	3
9d straw	10	0	5	0
1/- green	15	0	1	3

*Large White Letters in Corners.*1865 *wmk. Emblems, 4d. wmk. Garter.*

3d rose	10	0	0	0
4d vermilion	7	6	0	3
6d lilac	6	0	0	3
9d straw	40	0	7	6
1/- green	7	6	0	6

1867 *Same Letters, wmk. Spray.*

3d rose	5	0	0	2
6d lilac	7	6	0	4
6d mauve, no hyphen	5	0	0	3
9d straw	12	6	3	0
10d red-brown	12	6	3	0
1/- green	7	6	0	4
2/- blue	30	0	2	0
2/- brown	90	0	50	0

1872 Letters and Wmk. as Last Head in Hexagon.

	Unused.		Used.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
6d chestnut ...	10	6	1	0
6d buff ...	12	0	1	0
6d grey ...	7	6	1	3

Large Coloured Letters in Corners. 1873-80 wmk. Anchor.

2½d lilac-rose, blue paper ...	10	0	2	6
2½d lilac-rose, white paper ...	7	6	0	4

Wmk. Orb.

2½d lilac-rose ...	4	6	0	1
2½d blue ...	2	6	0	1½

Wmk. Spray.

3d rose ...	4	0	0	2
6d grey ...	4	0	0	3
1/- green ...	5	6	1	0
1/- salmon ...	15	0	6	3

Wmk. Large Garter.

4d vermilion ...	12	6	2	6
4d sage-green ...	4	0	1	3
4d grey brown ...	12	6	5	0
8d orange ...	7	6	2	6

Wmk. Crown.

2½d blue ...	2	0	0	1
3d rose ...	3	0	1	3
4d grey brown ...	3	0	0	6
6d grey ...	3	0	0	9
1/- salmon ...	4	0	1	0

Surcharge in Carmine.

3d on 3d ...	2	0	0	9
6d on 6d ...	3	0	0	9

1867-82, wmk. Maltese Cross.

5/- rose ...	—	—	3	6
10/- grey-green ...	—	—	27	6
20/- brown-lilac ...	—	—	35	0

Wmk. Anchor.

5/- rose ...	—	—	10	6
10/- grey-green ...	—	—	30	0
20/- brown-lilac ...	—	—	60	0
£5 orange ...	—	—	35	0

1880-81 wmk. Crown.

	Unused.		Used.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
½d green ...	0	6	0	0½
1d venetian-red ...	0	2	0	0½
1½d red ...	1	6	0	1½
2d rose ...	2	0	0	3
5d indigo ...	4	6	0	4

1881, wmk. Crown.

1d lilac, 14 dots ...	2	0	0	1½
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1883-84, wmk. Crown.

½d slate ...	0	2	0	0½
1½d lilac ...	1	0	0	3
2d ..	3	0	0	4
2½d ..	0	9	0	1
3d ..	2	0	0	3
4d green ...	5	0	0	5
5d ..	3	6	0	5
6d ..	2	6	0	3
9d ..	7	0	5	0
1/- ..	7	6	0	9
2 6 lilac on blue ...	—	—	7	6
5/- rose on blue ...	—	—	12	0
10/- blue on blue ...	—	—	30	0
2 6 lilac on white ...	3	6	0	4
5/- rose on ..	7	6	0	6
10/- blue on ..	12	6	3	0
£1 brown, wmk. 3 crowns ...	—	—	15	0
£1 .., .., 3 orbs ...	—	—	22	6

1881-1901, wmk. Crown.

½d vermilion ...	0	1	0	0½
½d green ...	0	1	0	0½
1d lilac ...	0	2	0	0½
1½d ..	0	2	0	0½
2d ...	0	3	0	0½
2½d ..	0	4	0	0½
3d on orange ...	30	0	5	0
3d on yellow ...	0	6	0	0½
4d ...	0	6	0	1
4½d ...	0	6	0	2
5d ...	0	7	0	1
6d ...	0	8	0	1
9d ...	1	0	0	2
10d ...	1	2	0	3
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Gibraltar, 1886 (Jan.), 1/- bistre ..	2	0	0
Great Britain, Admiralty Official, type 2, 2½d. blue, a block of 4, mint	10	10	0
Do., 3d. purple on yellow, a block of 4, mint ..	4	5	0
India, 1882-88, ½a. green, with double impression, mint ..	1	12	0
Service, 1867-73, 6a. 8 pies slate, mint ..	3	2	6
China Expeditionary Force, 1900, ½a. sepia, mint ..	1	4	0
Seychelles, 1893, 3 cents on 4c. carmine and green, with double surcharge, mint ..	2	6	0
Sierra Leone, 1896-97, £1 lilac on red, mint ..	1	4	0
Argentine Rep., 1891, 20 pesos green ..	1	8	0
British Guiana, 1883, 1c. scarlet ..	1	17	6
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue ..	2	8	0

Messrs. VENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, March 4th & 5th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1854-7, small Crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, mint ..	4	0	0
Do., large Crown, perf. 14, 2d. blue, a mint pair ..	2	6	0
1860, ½d. lilac-rose on blued paper, mint ..	1	3	0
1845-7, 10d. brn., plate No. 3, mint ..	8	0	0
1855-7, medium Garter, 4d. rose-carmine on white paper, mint ..	8	5	0
1862-83, Spray, 1/- orange-brown, plate 13, brilliant mint, and wmk. Crown, 1/- orange-brn., plate 13, mint ..	2	2	0

Gt. Britain, 1867, 2/- deep blue, mint ..	£2	2	0
1880, 2/- brown, mint ..	4	0	0
1867, 5/- rose, plate 1, mint ..	1	10	0
1867-83, Anchor, 10/- grey-green, and £1 brown-lilac, both on blued paper, overprinted "Specimen," mint ..	3	0	0
1876, 8d. lilac-brown, mint ..	3	0	0
1888, three Orbs, £1 brown-lilac ..	13	10	0
"I.R. Official," 1840, 1d. black, with "V" "R" in upper corners, mint ..	7	7	0
Do., 1885, 5/- rose, mint ..	4	10	0
Do., 10/- blue, mint ..	5	5	0
Do., 1885, three Crowns, £1 brn.-lilac, mint ..	60	0	0
Do., 1892, £1 green, mint ..	10	10	0
Govt. Parcels, 1883-6, 1/- orange-brown, plate 14, mint ..	2	12	6
Bd. of Education, 1902, 1/- green and scarlet, mint ..	3	7	6
The Levant, 1885, 12 piastres on 2/6 lilac, on blued paper, mint ..	3	3	0
Cyprus, 1880, 1/- green, plate 13, mint ..	1	10	0
Gibraltar, 1889, the error, no value, carmine, mint ..	17	10	0
Morocco Agencies, 1898, 2 pesetas black and carmine, error, inverted "V" for "A," mint ..	3	3	0
Heligoland, 1879, perf. 11½, 3 marks deep grn., scarlet & blk., mint ..	1	12	0
Ceylon, 1857-9, 1/- pale lilac, mint ..	15	10	0
1861, Star, clean cut pf., 8d. brn.* ..	5	5	0
" " rough perf., 3d. deep rose-red, mint, and 4d. rose-red ..	3	10	0
Do., 6d. bistre-brown* ..	3	12	6
Do., 8d. yellow-brown, mint ..	5	7	6
Do., 10d. orange vermilion, mint ..	2	4	0
Do., 2/- blue, mint ..	1	15	0
1862, no wmk., 1/- violet, mint ..	8	0	0
1864, Star, perf. 12½, 10d. orange ..	1	5	0
Do., 10d. orange-red, mint ..	2	4	0
1863-67, C. & CC., 10d. orange-red* ..	9	0	0
1872-80, do., perf. 14 x 12½, 8c. orange-yellow, mint ..	1	14	0

Ceylon, 1872-80, C. & CC., 32c. slate, mint ..	£3	0	0
Do., 2r. 50c. lilac-rose* ..	3	17	6
1883-84, C. & C.A., 16c. lilac, mint ..	11	0	0
Do., 24c. purple-brown, mint ..	4	2	6
1885, 5c. on 4c. rose with inverted surcharge, mint pair ..	2	10	0
Hong Kong, 1863-71, C.C., 96c. yellow-brown, mint ..	10	0	0
1880, 10c. on 16c. yellow* ..	1	10	0
India, 1854, 1 anna red, Die III., with straight bust* ..	3	10	0
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B. E. Africa, 1897, 20 rupees yellow-green, mint ..	2	12	0
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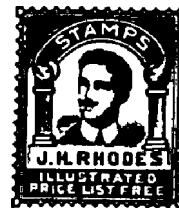
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Great Britain, Admiralty Official, type 2, 2½d. blue, a block of 1, mint	10	10	0	
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Casmania, 1854, 1d. blue	..	2	8	0

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Great Britain, 1851-7, small Crown, perf. 11, 2d. blue, mint	..	1	0	0
Do., large Crown, perf. 11, 2d. blue, a mint pair	..	2	6	0
1866, 1½d. lilac rose on blued paper, mint	..	1	3	0
1845-7, red lam., plate No. 3, mint	8	0	0	
1855, 1c. medium Carter, pl. 10-c. carmine on white paper, mint	8	5	0	
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1870, 8d. lilac-brown, mint	..	3	0	0
1888, three Orbs, ½d. brown-lilac	13	10	0	
"E.R. Official," 1896, 1d. black, with "V" "R" in upper corners, mint	..	7	7	0
Do., 1885, 5c. 10-c. mint	..	3	10	0
Do., 1c. blue, mint	..	5	5	0
Do., 1885, three Crowns, ½d. brown-lilac, mint	..	60	0	0
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Govt. Parcel, 1884-6, 1c. orange-brown, plate 13, mint	..	2	12	0
Isl. of Education, 1902, 1c. green and scarlet, mint	..	4	7	0
The Levant, 1855, 12 piastres on 2c. lilac on blued paper, mint	3	3	0	
Cyprus, 1880, 1c. green, plate 13, mint	1	10	0	
Gibraltar, 1880, the error, no value, carmine, mint	..	12	10	0
Morocco Agences, 1898, 2 pesetas black and carmine, error, inverted "V" for "A", mint	..	3	3	0
Heligoland, 1879, perf. 11½, 3 marks deep green, scarlet & blk., mint	1	12	0	
Ceylon, 1847, 9c. 1c. pale lilac, mint	15	10	0	
1861, Star, clean cut pl., 8d. brn.	5	5	0	
"" rough perf., pl. deep rose red, mint, and pl. rose red	4	10	0	
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1864-6, C. & C. C. red orange red	9	0	0	
1872-80, 6c., perf. 14 & 12½, Se. orange yellow, mint	..	1	11	0

Ceylon, 1872-80, C. & C. C., 32c. slate, mint	..	£2	0	0
Do., 2c. 5c. lilac rose	..	3	17	0
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1885, 5c. on 1c. rose with inverted surcharge, mint pair	..	2	10	0
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India, 1851, 1 anna red, Die III, with straight bust	..	3	10	0
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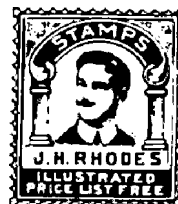
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The Palace Philatelic Exchange Society.

THE February Packets have returned from circuit and all sheets have been returned to owners with credits where due.

The Sales were more than satisfactory.
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The March packets are being broken up and I hope by the time this appears in print, all sheets and credits will be returned. It will be seen therefore that packets take to circulate roughly 11 to 12 weeks. Rules and particulars will be sent on application to the Secretary, C. A. SQUIRE COX, 3, Seymour Terrace, Anerley, S.E.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Deansgate Hotel, on May 6th, 1909. The President, Mr. I. J. Bernstein occupied the chair, and there were 35 members present.

The Secretary in his annual report said that the total membership now numbered 125. During the past session 15 meetings have been held, the average attendance being 35.

The accounts shewing a credit balance of £26 17s. 5d., were submitted and adopted. The report of the Exhibition Committee shewing a profit of £12 11s. 8d. was adopted. The reports of the Librarian and Packet Superintendent were also submitted and adopted.

The Silver and Bronze Medals offered by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, were awarded to

Mr. J. J. Darlow for his paper on the Stamps of St. Lucia and to Mr. J. S. Higgins, jnr., for his paper on the Stamps of the Niger Coast.

It was decided that the Annual Picnic should take place on June 26th, and if suitable arrangements could be made, that Delamere Forest should be again visited.

The following were elected to office for the coming session:—

President—Mr. I. J. Bernstein.
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THE Third Annual Business Meeting was held on May 27th, at the Royal Hotel. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Mead took the chair at eight o'clock, and the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report. This was found to be very satisfactory, sixteen new members having been elected during the season, and altogether the progress made may be considered very creditable. The cash account showed a credit balance of £1 4s. 1½d.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:—
 Chairman.—Mr. W. Mead.
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Committee.—Messrs. Herbert Clark, J. Corner-Spokes, W. Cyril Owen and Gilbert H. Type.

The medal kindly offered by the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* was unanimously awarded to Mr. Herbert Clark for his paper on the "Pony Express of America." It was unfortunate that the medal had not come to hand in time to be formally presented.

Mr. Clark kindly offered to pay the subscription to the Philatelic Literature Society, as the balance in hand did not admit it being paid out of the funds. Mr. Clark was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his generosity. The Secretary announced that good progress had been made with the programme for next season, which will open 14th October.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following musical items were given:—

Song ... "I'll sing thee songs of Araby" ...
 Mr. J. C. Dallimore.
 Song ... "The Miller of Winchelsea" ...
 Mr. G. G. Duncombe.
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 Song ... "The Handy Man" ...
 Mr. J. Ireland.

Miss Wigelsworth accompanied the songs with skill and precision.

The musical part of the programme was well received, and it is hoped it may be extended on a future occasion.

Sind Philatelic Society.

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THE Sixth Meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 11th May, 1909, at 7.30 p.m. There were present:—

Mr. Framroze E. Panthakey, President, in the chair, Messrs. E. A. Pearson, D. J. Sicé, J. Woodsell, and B. J. H. Somake, Honorary Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. M. Moses, of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Bombay, was elected a corresponding member.

A memorial to H.E. The Governor-General in Council was drawn by the Honorary Secretary and put before the meeting; the memorial deals with the abolishing of 5% custom duty at present levied by authorities on the fancy prices of stamps. It was decided to invite the co-operation of other Societies, especially the Indian Philatelic Society, and then approach the Government. The Home Societies and dealers who are also effected by this most unreasonable taxation should, the members were of opinion, move in the matter also.

The Honorary Secretary moved whether the Chalky Paper, King's Head, M.C.A., should be catalogued as a separate issue; after little discussion, in which the members were of opinion that this step only meant further embarrassment to the young collector, the beginner and even the advanced collector, and it is distinctly a blockade in the paths of stamp collectors, it was finally proposed by Mr. E. A. Pearson, and seconded by Mr. D. J. Sicé, "that in the opinion of this Society the Chalky Papers should be ignored by stamp collectors as a separate issue."

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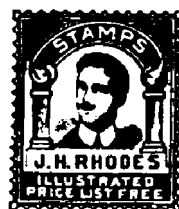
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Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

The Palace Philatelic Exchange Society.

THE February Packets have returned from circuit and all sheets have been returned to owners with credits where due.

The Sales were more than satisfactory.
 Junior Section, 18,627, of packets sold.
 Intermediate Section, 15,677, " "
 Colonial " 20,000, " "
 which gives an average sale of over 18% on each packet. There are vacancies in each Section for other Contributors or Buyers.

Many desirable stamps are to be found in the Club packets and Collectors will find this Society an excellent one for acquiring or disposing of stamps. The pricing of Stamps is *well*. Packets are circulated through the Summer and Sales are good.

The March packets are being broken up and I hope by the time this appears in print, all sheets and credits will be returned. It will be seen therefore that packets take to circulate roughly 11 to 12 weeks.

Rules and particulars will be sent on application to the Secretary, C. A. Seymour, Cox, 3, Seymour Terrace, Anerley, S.E.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

THE First Annual Meeting of the Society was held at the Deansgate Hotel, on May 6th, 1906. The President, Mr. T. J. Bernstein occupied the chair, and there were 35 members present.

The Secretary in his annual report said that the total membership now numbered 125. During the past session 15 meetings have been held, the average attendance being 35.

The accounts, shewing a credit balance of £26 17s. 5d., were submitted and adopted. The report of the Exhibition Committee shewing a profit of £12 11s. 8d. was adopted. The reports of the Librarian and Packet Superintendent were also submitted and adopted.

The Silver and Bronze Medals offered by the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, were awarded to

Mr. J. J. Darlow for his paper on the Stamps of St. Lucia and to Mr. J. S. Higgins, junr., for his paper on the Stamps of the Niger Coast.

It was decided that the Annual Picnic should take place on June 26th, and if suitable arrangements could be made, that Delamere Forest should be again visited.

The following were elected to office for the coming session:

President: Mr. T. J. Bernstein.
 Vice-Presidents: Mr. W. Munn & Mr. J. J. Darlow.
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THE Third Annual Business Meeting was held on May 27th, at the Royal Hotel. There was a very good attendance. Mr. Mead took the chair at eight o'clock and the minutes of the previous annual meeting were read and confirmed. The Chairman then called upon the Secretary to read the Annual Report. This was found to be very satisfactory, sixteen new members having been elected during the season and altogether the progress made may be considered very creditable. The cash account showed a credit balance of £18 11d.

The election of Officers resulted as follows:

Chairman: Mr. W. Mead.
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 Committee: Messrs. Herbert Clark, J. Corner, Spokes, W. Cyril Owen and Gilbert H. Type.

The medal kindly offered by the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* was unanimously awarded to Mr. Herbert Clark for his paper on the "Pony Express of America." It was unfortunate that the medal had not come to hand in time to be formally presented.

Mr. Clark kindly offered to pay the subscription to the Philatelic Literature Society, as the balance in hand did not admit it being paid out of the funds. Mr. Clark was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks for his generosity. The Secretary announced that good progress had been made with the programme for next season, which will open 14th October.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the following musical items were given:—

Song: "I'll sing thee songs of Araby"

Mr. J. C. Dallimore.

Song: "The Miller of Winchelsea"

Mr. G. G. Dancombe.

Violin and Piano: Selection of Welsh Melodies

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Song: "The Handy Man"

Mr. J. Ireland.

Miss Wigelsworth accompanied the songs with skill and precision.

The musical part of the programme was well received, and it is hoped it may be extended on future occasions.

Sind Philatelic Society.

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THE Sixth Meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A. Rooms on Tuesday, 11th May, 1906, at 7.30 p.m. There were present:

Mr. Framroze E. Pantbhakey, President, in the chair; Messrs. E. A. Pearson, D. J. Sica, J. Woodsell, and B. J. H. Somake, Honorary Secretary. The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. J. M. Moses, of Messrs. David Sassoon and Co., Bombay, was elected a corresponding member.

A memorial to H.E. The Governor-General in Council was drawn by the Honorary Secretary and put before the meeting; the memorial deals with the abolishing of 5% custom duty at present levied by authorities on the fancy prices of stamps. It was decided to invite the cooperation of other Societies, especially the Indian Philatelic Society, and then approach the Government. The Home Societies and dealers who are also affected by this most unreasonable taxation should, the members were of opinion move in the matter also.

The Honorary Secretary moved whether the Chalky Paper King's Head M.C.A. should be catalogued as a separate issue; after little discussion, in which the members were of opinion that this step only meant further embarrassment to the young collector, the beginner and even the advanced collector, and it is distinctly a blockade in the paths of stamp collectors, it was finally proposed by Mr. E. A. Pearson and seconded by Mr. D. J. Sica, "that in the opinion of this Society the Chalky Papers should be ignored by stamp collectors as a separate issue."

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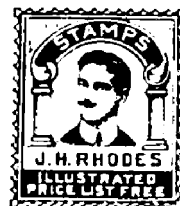
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Ditto, 25c, violet, mint	1 10 0
Ditto, 1 dollar, green, mint	1 15 0
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Ditto, pl. scarlet vermilion	13 0 0
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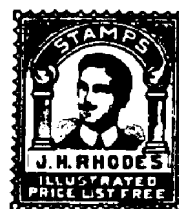
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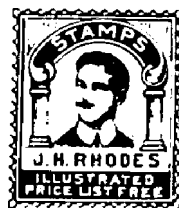
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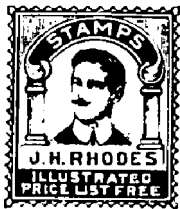
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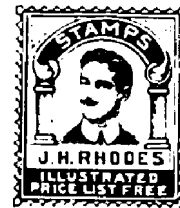
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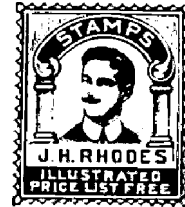
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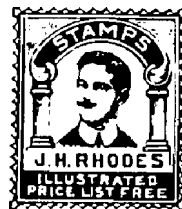
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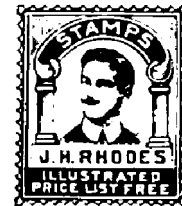
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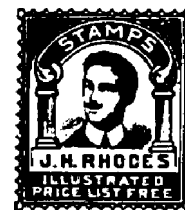
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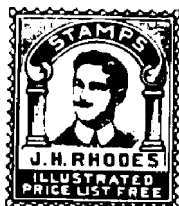
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In those days the J.P.S. was not known to the great world of philatelists, but the Exhibition promoted by the Society in 1905, held in Exeter Hall and visited by 11,000 persons, brought it into prominence. This Exhibition was a means not only of increasing the membership but, what was of even greater importance, of adding to the number of stamp collectors. We emphasise this latter point because its effect is so frequently overlooked. Stamp collecting lives by its recruits. If we were to make no recruits the hobby would die out in a generation.

During the three years following the "1905 Exhibition" our energies were concentrated on the internal development of the Society and in founding provincial branches. It was during this period that the displays and papers contributed by members at the meetings reached the high standard of excellence which they have since maintained.

The next occasion on which the Society made a bid to secure the suffrages of stamp collectors is such recent history that a brief reference suffices. The Imperial Stamp Exhibition, held in Caxton Hall, in March, 1908, was opened by the Postmaster-General, the Right Hon. Sydney Buxton, and attended by 27,500 persons, among whom were the Prince of Wales and other leading philatelists.

The Exhibition, which received the whole-hearted support of other Philatelic Societies, had similar results to the former one, and was immediately followed by the publication of *THE STAMP LOVER*, which, since June of 1908, has been a welcome monthly visitor to the homes of our members.

This summer, a splendid collection of stamps of the United States has been on exhibition in a large annexe of the "Golden West" Exhibition at Earl's Court.

By means of this publication every member of the Society is kept in touch with the doings of his fellow-members. Many of the most ardent and—if one may say it—most learned philatelists live in villages or small towns where there are no Philatelic Societies, and often not even another collector known to them. To such *THE STAMP LOVER* opens its pages. Those collectors who are unable to attend the Society's meetings in the historic

Prince Henry's Council Chamber, and there display their stamps and read papers, can publish the latter and show their treasures by means of photographic illustrations in *THE STAMP LOVER*. The Society bears the cost.

On the other hand, the illustrated publication of such papers, and of those read at meetings of the Society, enables those who cannot be present to participate either as lecturers or as auditors, as the case may be. Illustrations have always been a striking feature of *THE STAMP LOVER*, the editor realising that good illustrations add enormously to the interest of an article and are of the greatest assistance in elucidating the text. Many American members have seen the stamps of their country illustrated for the first time in the pages of our journal, as their depiction in catalogues and hand-books published in the States is forbidden.



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A SMALL PORTION OF THE INTERIOR OF THE J.P.S. MEETING ROOM.

THE STAMP LOVER is entirely the product of honorary effort. The editor receives no pecuniary reward for his services, and the articles are contributed by members of the Society. Those who have had the first volume, with its 324 pages, in their hands will realise what a remarkable record of voluntary work this represents.

By means of THE STAMP LOVER the meetings of the Society are brought into the homes of its members.

The key-note of the J.P.S. is enthusiasm. There are thousands of stamp collectors to-day who have never seen a philatelic journal nor attended a meeting of a Philatelic Society. Such collectors are following the hobby half-heartedly, fearing to spend money on what their friends tell them is merely a passing craze, and entirely ignorant of the great pleasure afforded by the intelligent study of stamps and matters pertaining to them. To collectors such as these, membership of the J.P.S. opens up new and undreamed-of vistas. They find themselves united to a body of enthusiasts, and become filled with a desire to extract from the hobby all that it has to give.

To the established philatelist, membership of our Society is equally attractive. The atmosphere of eagerness and progressiveness prevents him from falling into a groove and stimulates him to honourable competition in research and study.

For collectors in either of these categories, THE STAMP LOVER is the medium through which they can derive inspiration and relate their discoveries, or promulgate their theories for the advancement of the hobby.

Thus far, the moral advantages accruing to members have been mainly touched on. It is right that these should come in for primary consideration, for it is out of them that a desire for material advantages must come.

The J.P.S. Library.

A layman who visits a picture gallery without a catalogue undergoes a disappointing experience on seeing persons and scenes depicted without knowing whom or what they represent. Even if provided with a catalogue he can learn little more than

the names of the artists, the titles of the pictures, and, perhaps, the prices at which they may be purchased. But if he should revisit that gallery in the company of a connoisseur, the canvases would seem imbued with life and meaning as their story was unfolded.

So is it with stamps.

"A primrose by the river's brim,
A simple primrose was to him,
And nothing more."

Does not this represent the attitude of the unlearned collector when he regards in his album, let us say, a set of U.S.A., 1902, or even a "Hawaiian Missionary," if he is lucky enough to possess one? But give him a book which tells him the story of the stamps he possesses, and informs him in various ways regarding them, and they become, so to speak, living entities, with a life history at least as fascinating as, and frequently more romantic than, that of his mortal friends.

To those who have never had in their hands a book treating of the stamps of a country this

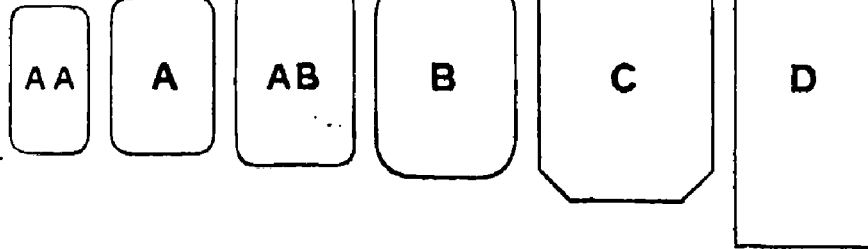
may appear too high-flown, yet it is no more than sober truth. The J.P.S. Library contains several hundred volumes, all of which are at the disposal of members, both town and country, for the purpose of reference and recreation. The Library is kept up-to-date by frequent purchases and donations, no fewer than 47 books having been added last season. The Honorary Librarian is always ready to give members any assistance in his power.

This valuable property of the members has been formed—need we say it—by donations. Its value lies in the fact that it is accessible to all members of the Society. The usefulness of such a book as the Rev. R. B. Earce's "Album Weeds" is vastly increased if the collector has before him an attested specimen of a forged stamp which he can compare with the copy whose genuineness he doubts. The collection, which is mounted in a loose-leaf album, is particularly strong in those much-forged stamps, the old European issues, and any country is sent to members on payment of postage. Large as the collection is, it does not yet contain specimens of every forgery, and, moreover, there are many forgeries so well executed that only experts can pronounce on them.

The Society has met this difficulty by forming a committee of experts who examine stamps for members free of charge. If any member is so unlucky as to need to send more than one dozen stamps for examination in the course of a season a small fee is payable. The Committee also undertakes the valuation of collections if desired. For this service a small fee is charged. All these fees go, of course, into the funds of the Society, and it may be mentioned that although the fees are much lower than those usually charged, the judgment of the Committee may be thoroughly relied on, as it is composed of expert amateurs and professional experts who give their services gratis.

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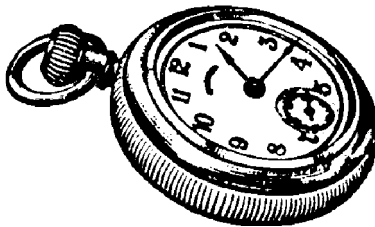
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" " " " " " rose on blue	—	—	5/-	2/-
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Hayti interior 1904 1.50 (cheap) (100 sets £5)	—	—	3/-	1/8
Permia, 1903, on the silver stamps, set of 5 mint, cheap	—	—	18/-	4/9
*Hayti 1904, 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 50	133-8	2 10	9d.	
Ditto, used	—	—	133-8	7d.
			6/- doz. sets.	

CAPE OF GOOD HOPE

Stock of Cape stamps and having COMPLETELY USED AND UNUSABLE for S.G. nos. 13, 15, 20, 22a, 34a, 40, 41 and 61.

Following are UNUSED

1d red on blue triangular	1	60/-	80/-	
4d blue ditto	2	60/-	80/-	
1d red on white	3	15/-	7/6	
ditto	4	15/-	7/6	
4d blue	5-6	17/6	8/4	
6d lilac	8	85/-	16/-	
6d slate	9	—	85/-	
1/- green	10	70/-	40/-	
1/- dark green	11	70/-	35/-	
6d on bleute	11a	—	80/-	
1d woodblock	16-17	—	£20	
4d blue	18	—	£20	
4d pale blue	19	—	£15	
1d de la Rue	23	25/-	10/-	
1d brown-red	24	30/-	12/6	
4d blue	25	30/-	12/6	
4d slate blue	26	40/-	16/6	
6d bright mauve	27	40/-	20/-	
1/- emerald	28	100/-	80/-	
1864-77 1d rect. CC	80	7/6	8/4	
4d blue (shades)	81	20/-	8/4	
6d violet (shades)	83-4	15/-	6/6	
6d mauve	85	7/6	4/4	
1/- green	86	20/-	85/-	
4d on 6d violet	88	30/-	12/6	
1871-77 1d black	89	2/-	10d	
1d. red	40	2/6	1/4	
4d blue	42-3	80/-	13/6	
5/- yellow (an underpriced stamp)	44	60/-	40/-	
1d on 6d	45	60/-	27/6	
ditto, superb copy	45	60/-	40/-	
1d on 1/-	48	7/6	8/4	
3 in red on 4d	47	10/-	4/4	
3 in black on 4d	48	7/6	8/4	
3 on 3d	52	80/-	15/6	
3 on 3d	53	4/-	1/8	
8d lilac-rose	51	50/-	20/-	
8d claret	56	10/-	4/4	

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CAPE OF GOOD HOPE—continued.

Unused.	S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
Crown and CA:				
1d grey	..	59	2/-	10d
1d red	..	60	6/-	2/6
3d bistre	..	61	10/-	4/-
3d lilac-rose	..	62	1/6	9d
6d violet	..	63	50/-	20/-
5/- orange	..	64	40/- 15/- to 25/-	

Below are all USED:-

1d. red on blue	..	1	10/-	5/-
4d blue ditto	..	2	4/6	2/6
1d red on white	..	3	6/-	3/6
1d rose-red	..	4	6/6	3/6
4d blue	..	5	2/-	1/6
4d pale blue	..	6	2/-	1/6
6d lilac	..	8	10/-	4/-
6d slate	..	9	22/8	11/6
1/- yellow-green	..	10	15/-	8/4
1/- dark green	..	11	18/-	9/-
6d lilac	..	11a	25/-	10/-
1d red	..	16	120/-	60/-
4d. blue	..	19	60/-	35/-
4d deep blue	..	20	£8	£6
1d red	..	23	17/6	8/6
1d brown-red	..	24	12/-	6/-
4d blue	..	25	5/-	3/6
6d bright mauve	..	27	25/-	15/-
6d ditto f.c.	..	27	12/-	5/-
1/- emerald	..	28	25/-	15/-
1/- pale emerald	..	28a	—	20/-

PAIRS—Special Offer of Triangular Capes in unsevered pairs.

1d red, blued	..	1	—	15/-
4d blue, blued	..	2	—	6/6
6d slate	..	9	—	35/-
1d. red	..	23	—	20/-
1d brown-red	..	24	—	15/6
4d blue	..	5	—	4/6
6d slate	..	11a	—	35/-
1/- green (realises 50/- at auction)	..	10	—	50/-

Pairs of Capes are very hard to get, and worth much over cat. in fine condition.

Above prices are for good average copies. INFERIOR copies may be had for LESS; EXTRA FINE copies with large margins and light postmark at SLIGHTLY higher rates.

Below are ALL the BEST & VERY CHOICE LOT of PENCE and CENTS ISSUES of CEYLON. Complete used and unused. I am able to supply this country at following in FINE CONDITION and UNUSUALLY LOW PRICES.

1d on blued	..	1	10/-	4/6
6d on blued	..	2	20/-	8/6
1d blue	..	3-4	4/-	1/8
2d. green	..	5-6	4/-	1/8
*2d green	..	5-6	15/-	7/-
4d rose	..	7	£14	£7
5d brown	..	8	15/-	6/9
6d claret, superb copies	..	9	17/6	8/6
6d brown	..	10	17/6	8/4
9d lilac-brown	..	12	100/- 40/- to 60/-	
10d vermilion	..	13	30/-	14/8
1/- pale lilac	..	14	15/-	7/6
1/9 yellow-green	..	16	90/-	60/-
2/- blue	..	17	£8	£4
4d on blued	..	18	50/-	22/-
1d on white	..	19	25/-	11/-

CEYLON—continued.

Unused.	S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
1861—clean cut 1d				
2d ditto	..	21	20/-	8/4
*2d ditto	..	21	£3	25/-
4d ditto	..	22	80/-	45/-
9d ditto	..	25	30/-	12/-
ditto—rough. 1d on blued				
1d on white	..	29	4/-	1/8
2d green	..	31	20/-	8/6
4d red	..	32	40/-	16/-
6d deep brown	..	34	25/-	10/-
6d bistre-brown	..	35	25/-	10/-
8d brown	..	36	£5 60/-	70/-
9d bistre	..	38	25/-	10/6
9d deep brown	..	39	80/-	10/6
10d vermilion	..	40	15/-	6/3
1/- lilac	..	41	7/6	3/-
1d no watermark	..	46	30/-	15/-
1d blue, perf. 13	..	48	6/6	3/-
5d reddish brown	..	49	35/-	20/-
6d brown	..	50	15/-	6/6
9d ditto	..	51	85/-	20/-
1/- violet	..	52	30/-	20/-
10d star, perf. 12½	..	53	6/-	3/-
10d orange ditto	..	53a	20/-	7/6
½d CC 12½	..	54	6/-	2/6
*½d ditto	..	54	6/-	2/6
*1d blue	..	56	6/-	2/6
1d blue	..	56	1/8	-/8
2d sea-green	..	58	6/-	2/6
2d yellow	..	61	5/-	3/-
2d maize	..	62	6/-	2/6
4d rose	..	63	7/6	3/-
5d purple-brown	..	64	40/-	20/-
5d yellow green	..	65	7/6	3/-
5d myrtle-green	..	66	25/-	10/-
6d brown	..	67	2/6	1/-
8d brown-red	..	69	8/6	4/3
9d bistre-brown	..	70	7/6	3/-
9d black-brown	..	71	7/6	3/-
10d orange	..	72	7/6	3/-
10d orange-red	..	73	20/-	7/6
1/- mauve	..	74	7/6	3/-
1/- bright mauve	..	75	7/6	3/-
2/- blue	..	76	8/6	4/-
2/- deep blue	..	77	10/-	4/6

Cents Issues, all used.

1872-80—32c slate	..	88	5/-	2/-
86c blue	..	89	5/-	2/-
48c carmine	..	90	1/3	-/6
64c brown	..	91	15/-	6/3
96c drab	..	92	5/-	2/-
14 by 12½—2 cents	..	98	5/-	2/-
4 cents	..	94	4/-	1/8
8 cents	..	95	7/6	3/6
2.50 cents	..	98	85/-	65/-
16 cents on 24c	..	102	6/-	2/3
20 cents on 64c	..	103	1/6	-/8
18c lilac CA, average copy	..	109	30/-	15/-
ditto, fine copy	..	109	30/-	22/-
5c on 24c green	..	111	20/-	10/-
5c on 32c slate	..	112	3/-	1/8
5c on 86c blue	..	113	2/6	1/-
5c on 48c rose	..	114	15/-	6/3
5c on 64c brown	..	115	2/-	10d
5c on 96c drab	..	116	17/6	8/4
10c on 16c, fair copy	..	117	50/-	20/-
10c on 24c green	..	118	25/-	12/-
20c on 24c green	..	121	6/-	2/6
20c on 32c slate	..	122	6/-	2/6
25c on 32c slate	..	123	4/-	1/8
28c on 48c rose	..	124	5/-	2/-
30c on 36c blue	..	125	5/-	2/-
56c on 96c drab	..	126	6/-	2/6
perf. 12½—1.12 cents	..	131	7/6	3/-
5c on 32c, 14 by 12½	..	128	5/-	2/-
5c on 64c, ditto	..	129	5/-	2/-
10c on 64c, ditto	..	135	12/6	5/-

CEYLON—continued.

Unused.	S.G. 1907	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
1872-80—				
1r. 12c—perf. 12½ by 14	..	132	6/-	2/-
5c on 4c, lilac rose	..	187	25/-	10/-
5c on 8c, yellow	..	139	1/6	-/8
5c on 16c, lilac	..	140	4/-	1/8
5c on 24c, purple-brown	..	141	55/-	40/-
10c on 24c, ditto	..	142	5/-	2/-
15c on 16c lilac	..	143	2/6	1/-
10c on 24c, purple-brown	..	147	4/-	1/8
15c on 16c, yellow	..	148	4/-	1/8
28c on 32c slate	..	149	3/-	1/8
30c on 36c olive	..	150	6/-	2/6
56c on 96c drab	..	151	6/-	2/6
1r. 12c lilac-rose	..	152	10/-	4/-
1r. 12c lilac-rose	..	158	3/-	1/8
25c yellow and buff	..	157	7/6	3/-
*2c on 4c, lilac-rose	..	163	30/-	15/-
*ditto ditto	..	165	40/-	20/-
*2c on 4c, lilac-rose	..	167	—	12/6
ditto, inverted surcharge	..	170	12/-	5/6
ditto ditto	..	172	—	25/-
*ditto ditto	..	173	30/-	15/-
*ditto ditto	..	174	—	18/-
ditto ditto	..	175	10/-	4/6
*ditto ditto	..	176	25/-	12/-
ditto ditto	..	177	12/-	5/6
5c on 15c, ditto	..	178	15/-	10/-
2c on 4c, double surcharge, one inverted	..	181	20/-	10/-
ditto ditto	..	182	20/-	10/-
ditto ditto	..	183	25/-	9/-
ditto ditto	..	185	25/-	12/-

Ceylon, Queen (Service).

8 cents (mint)	..	8/-	1/8
8 cents green, block of 4 (mint)	..	12/-	5/-
8 cents green and orange (mint)	..	2/-	1/-

HONGKONG

No wmk. 2 cents brown	..	1-2	5/-	2/-
8 cents yellow	..	8	5/-	2/-
12 cents blue	..	4	4/6	2/-
18 cents lilac	..	5	4/6	2/-
24 cents green	..	6	6/-	3/-
48 cents rose	..	7	12/6	6/-
96 cents grey	..	8	20/-	10/-
CC 14, 2c. brown (shades)	..	9-10	2/-	-/8
4 cents slate (shades)	..	11-12	1/-	-/4
6 cents lilac ditto	..	13-14	2/-	-/8
8 cents yellow ditto	..	15-16	1/-	-/8
12 cents blue ditto	..	17-18	-/9	-/4
18 cents lilac ditto	..	19	20/-	8/-
24 cents green ditto	..	20-21	2/6	-/10
30 cents vermilion ditto	..	22-23	5/-	1/8
48 cents rose ditto	..	25-26	5/-	1/8
96 cents yellow-brown	..	27	30/-	12/-
96 cents grey	..	28	4/-	1/8
4 cents slate, perf. 12½	..	29	25/-	10/-
Three fine copies for sale.				
28 on 30 cents mauve	..	30	4/6	2/-
16 on 18 cents lilac	..	31	10/-	4/-
16 cents yellow	..	32	3/-	1/8
5 on 8 cents orange	..	33	12/6	5/-
5 on 18 cents lilac	..	34	5/-	2/-
10 on 12 cents blue	..	35	1/6	-/9
10 on 16 cents yellow	..	36	3/-	4/-
10 on 24 cents green	..	37	5/-	2/-
2 cents rose	..	38	1/-	-/5
5 cents ultramarine	..	39	1/-	-/5
10 cents mauve	..	40	1/-	-/5
48 cents brown	..	41	8/-	4/-
2 cents rose (dull shade)	..	42	1/-	-/5
10 cents blue green	..	43	4/-	1/8

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Stamp also S.G. nos.	59	60	59	61	203	210	211	214	to
*Unused. S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price						
14 on 30 cents mauve	78	5/-	2/-						
10 on 30 cents green	90	15/- (*4/-)	6/6						
ditto, large surcharge	92	20/-	8/6						
\$2 sage-green	201	4/6	2/-						
\$3 lilac	202	3/6	1/9						
\$2 sea-green	205	7/6	3/-						
\$3 reddish mauve	204a	—	4/-						
12 cents on \$10 rose (usual cancellation 10/- nett)	205	25/-	18/6						
\$5 on \$10 (perf. initials 5/-)	206	10/-	8/6						

NEWFOUNDLAND

*1d. reddish purple	1	7/6	3/-
Ditto, used	1	17/6	7/6
*8d. green	3	12/6	5/-
*5d. reddish purple	5	25/-	10/-
*8d. scarlet vermilion	8	30/-	12/6
1d. brown	17	20/-	8/-
*4 lake	19	8/6	1/6
4d. " used	19	15/-	6/3
*5d. "	20	7/6	3/-
*6d. "	21	2/6	1/-
6d. " used	21	7/6	3/-
*6d. "	22	8/6	4/-
*8d. "	23	12/-	6/-
*1/-	24	5/-	3/-
2 cents, green	25	10/-	4/-
5 cents, brown	26	25/-	10/-
10 cents, black	27	10/-	4/-
12 cents, bistre-brown	28	10/-	4/-
13 cents, yellow	29	5/-	2/-
24 cents, blue	30	5/-	2/-
Medium paper, 2 cents, green	31	3/-	1/3
10 cents, black	32	6/-	2/6
12 cents, orange-brown	33	4/-	1/8
24 cents, blue	33a	—	5/-
1 cent, purple	34	7/6	3/-
1 cent, brown-lilac	35	5/-	2/-
3 cents, orange-vermilion	36	15/-	6/3
3 cents, deep blue	37	3/-	1/3
5 cents, black	38	10/-	4/-
1 cent, brown	40	10/-	4/-
2 cents, green	41	5/-	2/-
3 cents, deep blue	42	2/6	1/-
5 cents, deep blue	43	1/6	8d.

NEW ZEALAND

1d. dull carmine	1	150/-	80/-
2d. deep blue	2	60/-	30/-
2d. "	4	80/-	12/6
1/- green	5	60/-	25/-
1d. red	6	60/-	25/-
2d. blue	7	14/-	6/-
1/- green	8	80/-	35/-
1d. orange	9	12/6	5/-
2d. deep blue	10	5/-	2/-
2d. pale blue	10a	6/-	2/6
6d. pale brown	11	10/-	4/-
6d. deep brown	12	10/-	4/-
6d. chestnut	13	30/-	12/6
1/- green	14	45/-	20/-
1/- blue green	15	45/-	20/-
1d. vermilion-pelure	28	80/-	50/-
2d. blue ditto	29	50/-	30/-
6d. black-brown	31	40/-	15/-
1/- green	32	40/-	20/-

NEW ZEALAND—continued.

*Unused. S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
Large Star imperf., 1d. orange	40	12/6	5/-
1d. vermilion	41	12/6	5/-
1d. carmine ditto	42	10/-	4/-
2d. blue	43	4/-	1/8
2d. pale blue	44	4/-	1/8
2d. slate-blue	45	40/-	20/-
3d. brown-lilac	46	12/6	5/-
6d. black-brown	49	4/6	2/-
6d. brown	49a	5/-	2/-
6d. red-brown	50	5/-	2/-
1/- green	51	15/-	6/3
1/- "	52	20/-	8/-
N.Z. 1d. carmine-vermilion	66	15/-	6/3
2d. pale blue	67	25/-	10/-
6d. red-brown	68	50/-	20/-
1/- green	69	12/6	5/-
Ditto perf., 12½, 2d. pale blue	71	6/-	2/6
6d. red-brown	72	12/-	5/-
1/- green	73	50/-	20/-
Star 12½, 13, 1d. orange	78	2/6	1/-
1d. carmine-vermilion	79	2/6	1/-
2d. pale blue	80	2/-	1/-
2d. deep ditto	81	2/6	1/-
3d. brown-lilac	82	7/6	3/-
3d. lilac	83	2/6	1/-
8d. mauve	84	7/6	3/-
4d. rose-carmine	85	10/-	4/-
4d. yellow	86	5/-	2/-
4d. orange	86a	70/-	30/-
6d. red-brown	87	2/-	10d.
6d. black-brown	88	10/-	4/-
1/- green (shades)	89-91	5/-	2/-
Perf. 10 1d. brown	92	15/-	6/3
10 by 12½, 13, 1d. "	93	3/-	1/3
2d. vermilion	94	5/-	2/-
6d. blue	95	45/-	20/-
1d. brown	96	2/-	10d.
2d. orange	97	2/6	1/-
2d. vermilion	98	3/-	1/3
6d. blue	99	6/-	2/6

QUEENSLAND (Imperf.)

Large Star, clean cut, 1d. carmine-rose	4	40/-	18/-
2d. deep blue	5	20/-	8
6d. deep green	6	6/-	3/-
Clean cut 14, 1d. carmine-rose	12	12/6	5/-
2d. deep blue	13	12/6	5/-
Rough 14, 1d. carmine-rose	14	12/-	5/-
2d. deep blue	15	10/-	4/-
3d. brown	16	15/-	6/-
6d. deep green	17	12/6	5/-
1/- dull violet	18	20/-	8/-
registered or. yellow	19	15/-	6/-

RARE VARIETIES OF FRANCE AND MARTINIQUE

FRANCE	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
Susac Perf. 10c. bistre	66	5/-	1/8
20c. blue	68	3/-	1/-
40c. orange	70	5/-	1/8

FINE ROULETTE

1 cent, olive-green	32	—	8/-
10 cents, bistre	38	—	8/-
40 cents, orange (superb on piece)	50	—	8/-
80 cents, rose ditto	54	—	15/-
1 cent, mint	111	—	10/-

PIN PERF

80 cents, rose	144	—	15/-
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WIDE ROULETTE

*Unused. S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
1 cent, green*	111	—	10/-
2 cents, bistre-brown-red*	116	—	8/-
4 " " "	118	—	5/-
10 cents, mint, very rare	602	—	25/-

FINE ROULETTE

15 cents, black*	604	—	12/6
25 " " used	605	—	6/6
40 cents, orange, perf.	171	—	5/-

MARTINIQUE

5 on 30c, bistre, slanting 5	14	—	6/-
15 " 25c, rose "	20	—	6/-
5 " 40c, orange "	17	—	2/6
5 " 35c, black on orange	15	—	2/6
05 in black on 5c, unpaid slanting	—	—	—
" " " " five	—	—	10/-
" " " " 15	—	—	6/-
Space between t & e of poste	—	—	6/-
*Ditto, used	27	—	9/-
" " " " Imre.	—	—	5/-
15 on 20 " " " used	—	—	5/-
" " " " "	32	—	7/6
" " " " "	—	—	7/6

A nice lot of normal varieties ready for approval.

ENTIRE BOOKS

Several small books fine copies only. Colonies and Foreign 75 per cent. British Colonials, including some fine value stamps for the local market, as follows:

Book No.	1	2	3	4	5	6
fine copies only, Cat. value over	£2	10/-	£4.5	20/-	£7	30/-
					£10	40/-
					£25	45/-
					£60	£10

No. 7.—Collection of over 10,000 CATALOGUED OVER £600, £110. As these are extraordinary cheap, no approval except nos 5 and 6. No. 7, seen by appointment.

The following books are ready for approval Miscellaneous (to the Catalogue), a large number:—

France	Various
Martinique	Various
Queensland (as advertised)	Various
Great Britain	Various
Ceylon	Various
Asiatics	Various
Africans	Various

PERSIA

Fine lot pricing to OVER £200 and including many very rare uncatalogued varieties. Europeans, unused. Foreign, rare. United States of America. Australia, Miscellaneous. Rare.

MISCELLANEOUS STAMPS—continued.

*Unused.	S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
Estero, 1c green (* 1d)		801	1/6	-/6
.. 2c brown (* 1½d)		803	2/-	-/8
.. 10c blue		822	2/6	-/10
.. 5c green		824	-/5	-/2
.. 20c orange		826	1/-	-/4
*Niue, One penny error		21	5/-	2/-
*British Bechuanaland, 2d mint			6/6	2/8
*Natal, ½d on 1d yellow		90	5/-	2/-
*Puttialla, 4 annas		14	4/-	1/8
*British Honduras, 1d cc 12½		5	5/-	2/1
.. 1d ca 14		17	5/-	2/1
*India, ½ anna blue		2	6/-	2/6
.. 1 anna red		6	6/-	2/6
*Sierra Leone, ½d brown cc		13	1/6	-/8
.. 1d red cc 12½		7	3/6	1/6
.. 1d red cc 14		14	7/6	3/-
.. ½d brown ca		21	6/-	2/6
*Barbados, 2½d blue		98	4/-	1/8
.. 4d. grey		97	20/-	8/6
.. ½d green		22	8/-	3/-
.. ½d green		72	2/6	1/-
Natal, Penge error, mint		110	—	15/-
British South Africa, 2/6 lilac		6	7/6	3/8
.. 5/- yellow		7	15/-	8/6
.. £1 blue		9	50/-	£1
.. £1, pair, apparently mint		9	£5	40/-
.. £5, pair, apparently un-		11	180/-	80/-
used		9	50/-	£1
.. £1 blue, very fine		10	—	38/-
.. £2 red, ditto		11	90/-	30/-
.. £5 green		12	120/-	40/-
.. £10 brown		1	7/6	8/-
Lagos, cc 12½, 1d lilac		2	10/-	4/-
.. 2d blue		4	18/-	6/9
.. 4d rose		6	8/-	4/-
.. 6d blue		9	15/-	6/9
.. 1/- orange				
Great Britain.				
2/6 blue on blued		176	20/-	8/6
5/- rose on blued		176	20/-	10/-
10/- blue on blued		177	—	30/-
*1885, 1/ green I.R.		O 7	—	£3
1½d lilac, Govt. Parcels		O 81	5/-	2/6
6d green ditto		O 62	15/-	10/-
9d green ditto		O 68	10/-	6/-
1/- salmon ditto		O 84	10/-	4/9
£1 brown, 3 orbs		186	40/-	27/6
£1 brown, 3 crowns		186	25/-	15/-
£1 brown, anchor		182	80/-	50/-
£1 brown, cross		189	45/-	25/-
Admiralty Official.				
*½d. 1d. 2d. 3d. mint.				
Type I.		O101-4	60 per cent dis.	
*¾d mint, rare, Type I.		O165	—	30/-
*½d 1d mint, Type II.		O107-8	60 percent disct.	
*1½d mint, Type II.		O109	—	25/-
*2½d mint, Type II. very				
rare		O110	—	£8
3d ditto, ditto		O112	—	85/-
British East Africa on Company Stamps.				
½ anna, brown (pair 10/-)		48	10/-	4/-
1 anna, green		51	40/-	20/-
2 annas, red		52	40/-	20/-
2½ annas, black on yellow		53	20/-	8/6
3 annas		54	10/-	5/-
4 annas		55	5/-	3/-
4½ annas, purple		56	80/-	12/6
5 annas, black on green		57	80/-	40/-
7½ annas, grey		58	25/-	12/6
8 annas, blue		59	12/-	6/-
1 rupee, mint, red		60	10/-	5/-
*2 rupees, do.		61	85	60/-
3 rupees, do.		62	50/-	25/-
4 rupees		63	35/-	20/-
*5 rupees		64	£5	60/-

MISCELLANEOUS STAMPS—continued.

*Unused.	S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
India, Scinde District, ½ white		8	20/-	8/-
do. ½ white, unused		1	30/-	15/-
A fine lot of all the Indian Native States on Queen's and King's India are now ready for approval, also a number of the scarcest varieties, errors, tete-beche pairs, etc. Nice book, pricing to £200, may be had on approval.				
Very Special Offer in B. E. African and Zanzibar.				
B.E.A. 1 anna brown		48	10/-	4/-
1 anna do. fine pair		48	20/-	9/9
B.E.A. on India, ½ a. green		66	1/-	*5d 5d
1 anna plum		67	1/-	*8d. 5d
1½ annas brown		68	2/-	10d
2 annas blue		69	1/6	*8d 8d
2½ annas green		70	1/6	8d
3 annas orange		71	5/-	2/-
4 annas olive-green		72	4/-	1/8
Also errors in stock.				
*1897—½ anna green and red		129	17/6	7/6
*1anna blue and red (used				
8/-)		130	20/-	8/-
*2 annas brown and red		131	12/6	5/-
4½ annas orange and red		132	7/6	3/6
5 annas bistre and red		133	10/-	4/-
7½ annas purple and red		134	10/-	4/-
2½ annas on 1 anna		135	20/-	8/-
2½ annas on 3 a. used or*		137	70/-	28/-
ditto ditto		138	15/-	6/8
ditto ditto		140	40/-	15/-
ditto ditto used		140	25/-	10/-
A nice little Selection of this country and Zanzibar is now ready.				
5d O.W. Queen		O34	—	30/-
*Nevis, 4d rose		8	60/-	25/-
.. 6d grey		9	40/-	17/-
.. 1/- green		15	20/-	10/-
.. 4d orange		13	25/-	10/-
.. ½d on 1d		86	80/-	12/6
.. ½d on 1d		35	25/-	10/-
*Niger Coast, superb mint pair, unsorted, one with surcharge sideways of the Halfpenny on 2d. (two different types)			—	£12
.. 1d on 2d very fine		9	40/-	30/-
.. ½d in violet on 2d, superb used corner stamp, full margins		16	—	82/6
.. ½d on 1d blue		44	—	70/-
*.. 10/- violet, mint		64	25/-	17/6
Patiala error, State only, used on entire, extremely rare		52	—	60/-
*Transvaal V.R. showing all roulettes, 3d lilac		176	£10	£4
Orange River Colony, V.R.I.				
2½d mint		104	5/-	2/6
.. 2½d mint pair		104	10/-	5/-
2½d second print, mint		146	—	45/-
Eritrea, 1c inverted surcharge, (see S.G. M. Journal)		31	20/-	6/6
*New Zealand, 6d wmk. NZ		68	—	50/-
Trinidad, 1d OS fine used		552	—	12/6
Trinidad OS 2½ v. fine, used		553	—	12/6
.. OS 6d mint		555	—	12/-
.. 1/- used, superb		556	25/-	10/-
Bahamas, no wmk. perf, 13, 6d lilac		12	30/-	12/9
Uganda, type-set (* or used),				
1 anna		54	25/-	10/-
.. *4 annas		58	5/-	2/6
.. 4 annas, used		58	7/6	2/6

MISCELLANEOUS STAMPS—continued.

*Unused.	S.G. 1907.	Cat. No.	Cat. Price	Net Price
Great Britain, Telegraphs, 1d brown, plate 3, superb				1/6
.. ditto, pair (6/- doz.)			2/-	-/7
Ceylon, Ten on 24c green, unused, superb		118	—	110/-
Transvaal, fine roulette, 6d rose on blue, with inverted surcharge		193	50/-	20/-
*Zanzibar, One on 4½ annas orange, unused		210	10/-	3/-
Labuan, CA sideways, 6d used, rare		2	—	35/-
*.. 8 cents CA		19	60/-	30/-
Mauritius, 1/- green perf. Britannia		47	40/-	20/-
New Zealand:				
pelure 6d. perf.		38	£3	30/-
Trinidad, pin perf. 6d green, very fine		38	80/-	17/6
Straits Settlements, 10 on 30c		35b	60/-	25/-
.. 8 on 12 cents		70	30/-	15/-
.. 2 on 32 cents		63	50/-	15/-
Trinidad, 1d litho, fine used		32	50/-	20/-
Jhind, 8 as. first issue, fine		5	60/-	25/-
.. ½ a. laid, very scarce		39	—	15/-
Nepaul, tete-beche, set of 3, very fine		10 1/- 12	50/-	22/6
Bussahir, no monogram errors, very rare:				
½ a. brown, rouletted		—	—	15/-
4 as. lilac, perf.		—	—	10/-
Deccan, error of colour, ½ a., superb block 4, showing also double perf.		26	40/-	20/-
Bhopal, error, Nawah, used, fine		68	—	7/6
Las Belas, error, BFLA unused strip of 3		5	—	30/-
New South Wales, 3d green, superb		38	50/-	25/-
St Helena 3d perf. 12½ by 14, very rare, fine		21	35/-	17/6
New South Wales, 1/- superb 108			15/-	6/-
.. ditto, pair with very large margins		108	80/-	15/-
Kishengarh, uncatalogued varieties, tete-beche		—	—	5/-
Travancore, ½ chuc, pair imperf. horizontally, used		—	—	10/-
.. 1c pair imperf. vertically, used		—	—	10/-
Columbia, Boyaca, 10 pesos, tete-beche		14	20/-	8/6
*.. ditto, perf.		22	25/-	10/-
Nova Scotia, 1d red-brown		1	40/-	20/-
.. 3d blue		2	8/-	4/-
.. 6d yellow-green, fine		3	85/-	17/6
.. deep green, fine		4	60/-	35/-
.. violet, fine		5	£15	£10
*Uganda, 30 cowries		9	—	£4
*.. 20 cowries		47	—	40/-
*Falkland Is., 1d no wmk. mint		1	25/-	10/-
Transvaal, cancelled V.R.I. 1d rose Wolmaranstad		10	80/-	27/6
Mafeking, ½d, strip 3 on entire		3	60/-	23/-
.. 6d on 2d superb		13	80/-	11/-
.. Bicycle, 1d shades		17	10	4/-
*Natal, ½d type D mint		89	15/-	6/9
*.. ditto, type F mint, rare		89b	—	32/6
INDIA (Scinde), 1 a. white (* 15/- cat. 30/-)		1	15/-	10/-
1854, ½ anna (shades)		1-5	1/-	-/8
1 anna ditto		6-9	2/-	-/10
2 annas ditto		10-12	3/-	-/8
4 annas, blue and red		13	7/6	4/-
4 annas black on blue		22	-/8	-/4
4 annas rose on blue (* 12/6)		24	1/6	-/8

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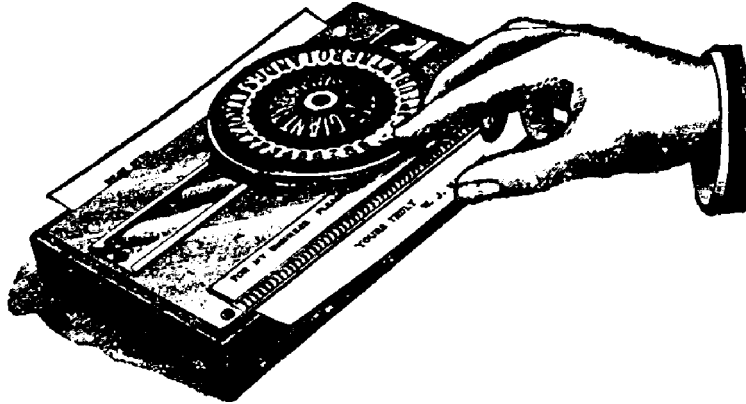
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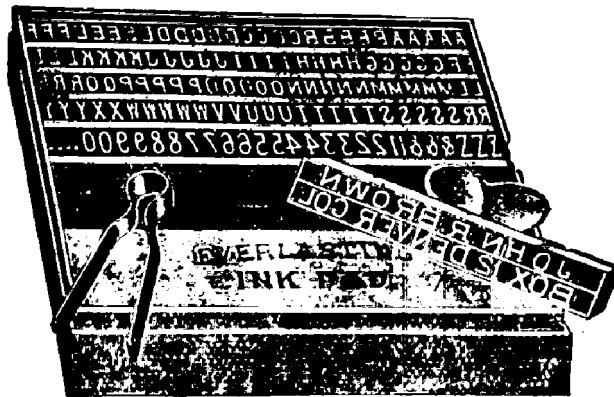
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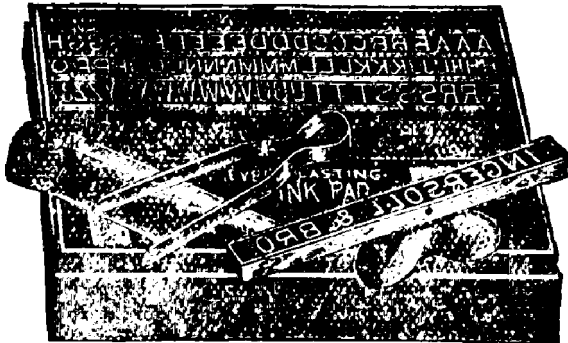
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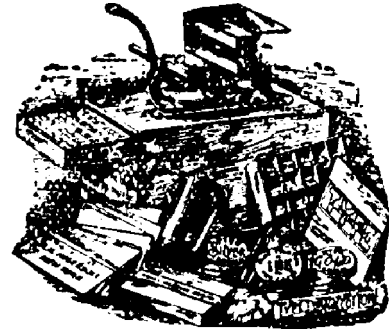


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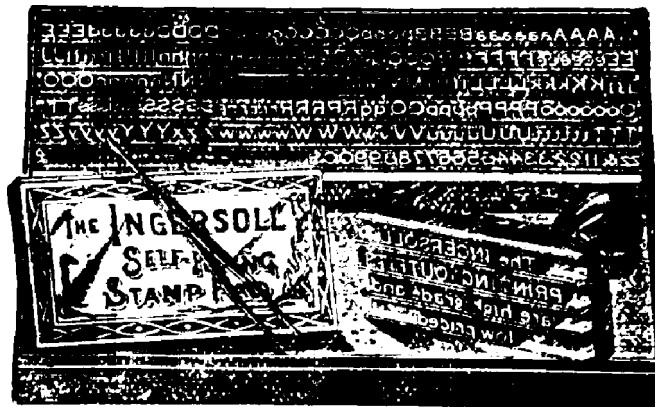
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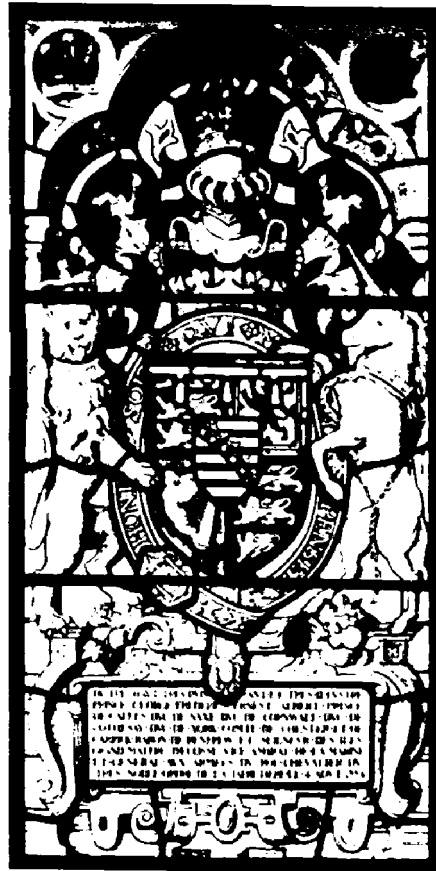
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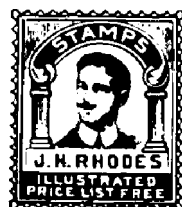
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- Jan. 14. Annual Dinner.
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- Australia. Mr. W. Bonnar
- Mar. 11. Sydney Views. Mr. R. J. Torrie
- Apr. 11. Great Britain. Miss Nesbitt

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: J. J. Beans.
Hon. Secretary: J. S. Huggins. *Com. J. G. Jones, Secretary, Manchester.*

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President: R. J. A. ...
Hon. Secy: W. ...
Meeting Place: The ...

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Mr. E. T. Phillips was elected a member of the Society.

At the meeting on October 27th, Mr. A. Cecil showed a collection of Gr. Britain and Colonials, unused.

The British included a fine mint pair of the 2d. blue, no white lines; also mint copies of the 1847 1s. green, embossed, and the 1d. red, plate 225. Among the Colonials were a large number of mint sets, complete up to U. L. of the Wings Head single C.V. issues of many African and West Indian Colonies, and these were much admired.

It was decided to postpone the projected debate on "Blank & Printed Albums," owing to the rather small attendance, due no doubt to the very wet night.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secy: J. H. V. ...
Meeting Place: ...

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held on Nov. 1st, when Mr. Alender was in the chair, and about twenty members were present.

There was a good display of the stamps of Switzerland in the running competition.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. R. S. Archer, Jan. 1st, entitled "History as taught by Postage Stamps." The lecturer explained the history which the various commemorative and centenary stamps were meant to teach, taking the countries in alphabetical order. He also remarked on the historical changes which had taken place in the stamps of different countries, notably those of Spain.

The lecturer was thanked for his paper, and it was unanimously agreed to send the paper for publication to the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly."

A brisk exchange of stamps between the members took place after the paper.

An interesting evening is promised at the next Junior meeting, when three miniature papers are to be read by the members.

North of England Philatelic Society.

President: P. H. H. ...
Hon. Secretary: ...

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday, November 11th.

The President took the chair at 7.30, and there were twenty-eight members present. After formal business, Mr. H. L. Dodd was elected to the membership.

Mr. Horsley thanked the members for the honour conferred by electing him President, and suggested that something should be done for junior collectors (i.e. boys and girls), as the future of our hobby is largely in their hands.

Mr. J. L. Hegnbottom's fine collection of Loblago, Trinidad, and Virgin Islands, was then shown, and much admired. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded Mr. Hegnbottom on the motion of the Vice-President. Mr. Hume, of Liverpool, then forwarded his stamps for display.

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Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

President: ...
Hon. Secretary: ...

At the meeting of the above Society, held at the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 10th Nov., there was a splendid turnout of members, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. M. Duggan, Vice-President.

The ordinary business being concluded, four new members were elected, after which Mr. Ware, the President, gave a display of his Gr. Britain accompanied by notes.

The collection is formed on a grid lines, and is spreaded, as explained by Mr. Ware, and those present considered it an excellent arrangement for the collecting and mounting of the stamps of our own country.

First the stamp is shown in its original state, in any being shown, followed by the plate number, if any. Then come pairs, strips, etc., varieties of watermark, lettering, etc., and completed by "used abroads." Thus each separate stamp is shown in all its phases, and further arranged in chronological order.

Many more interesting notes were read, after which the collection was passed on for inspection. The outstanding feature was the superb condition throughout the copies being all finely centred, the mint stamps with full gum and good colour, and the used lightly post-marked. Among many good pieces may be mentioned: 1d. black, mint pair; 2d. blue, no lines, mint; 19d. octagonal, mint; 1 deep green a superb mint copy; 2 brown, with yellow post; 45, mint, etc., etc.

The members were not slow to appreciate such an excellent display, and at the close accorded Mr. Ware a very hearty vote of thanks, the only regret being that the time had passed much too quickly.

Mr. Sinclair Scott also showed the 1d. green O.P. P.C. on piece of original 1d. black with inverted S, and some fine double letters in corners.

North London Philatelic Society.

President: ...
Hon. Secretary: ...

The 36th ordinary meeting took place on Thursday, Nov. 11th, at headquarters, 47 members and one visitor being present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alex. T. Scott. After the usual formalities, Mr.

F. Hegnbottom's collections, with notes of Cayman Isles, Leeward Isles and Turks Isles were displayed. Mr. Hegnbottom afterwards gave a supplementary display of the Cayman Isles, containing all issues, used and unused, including a pair of the Provisional 1d. on 5c used, also one with double surcharge used, a 2d. on 1d. used with two 1d. values, a 1d. on 1d. unused, a complete set of the new King's head and Queen's head, and a pair of the King's head on a C.V. Leeward Isles, one copy showing a dropped "R" in "Leeward" and "Lombardian."

Mr. T. C. Cartwright showed the new Great Britain 1d., printed in deep orange.

The next item consisted of a paper and display by Miss E. M. Merrington, on "Women as Depicted on Postage Stamps." This proved a most novel and interesting paper, and the display that followed being especially fine, as it contained numerous varieties of the late Queen Victoria's head, commencing with the Great Britain 1d. black and 1d. blue (no lines), both in mint condition, a fine copy of the Union Shield paper, postally used, and sets of practically every Colony Queen's head in mint condition. Stamps were shown with the heads of Queen Alexandra, the Princess of Wales, Queen Isabella of Spain, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, the Princesses and Queens of Holland, Queen Maria of Portugal, Queen Maria Theresia of the Cook Islands, Maria Theresa of Austria, Martha Washington, &c., &c.

Bath Philatelic Society.

President: ...
Hon. Secretary: ...

For the opening night of the winter session this Society had arranged for a lecture, at the Bath Church Institute, on Wednesday, October 14th, 1909, on "British Postage Stamps," to be given by Mr. F. G. Warwick.

Mr. F. D. Pope presided, and in opening said he regretted to see that there were no strangers present. They would be members of the Society, and if there had been any strangers present it would have been a good opportunity to have put forward its aims and advantages.

The lecture was a very interesting and instructive one.

Mr. Warwick then placed in the scale the design of the first stamps, and then a slide of the original design of the first stamps, showing the first stamp issued in Great Britain, published on May 1st, 1840. From then onwards there was a long time from the days of Mr. B. ...

... the lecturer described watermarks, paper, printing, explaining the numerous styles of lettering and numbering variously employed on stamps, and explaining the light of the enthusiastic collector. The lecturer also gave the reasons for many of these things. The original idea of the lettering on the corners was to prevent forgery, as far as possible, and a watermark and numbering were also for the same purpose. Stamps were first printed in black, and continued in red, but that led to a great deal of trouble, as it was quite easy to see the cancelling marks, and use the stamps over again. The lecturer described very carefully the stamps which through slight errors of printing were very rare. It was not until 1855 that stamps were perforated as at the present time, in order to detach them from the large sheets in which they are printed. This perforation was patented by Mr. Archer, and the Government bought the patent from him. The holes in the original perforations were too numerous, and the stamps parted from one another too easily, and a few years after commencing the perforation was altered, fewer holes being put in. In 1870 the introduction of newspapers in the post caused a 1d. stamp to be issued, while the alteration in the postage to France, Belgium and Australia caused the issue of a series of 6d. values of stamps. After 1840 when 1s. stamps were first issued, they were emitted singly, but in 1855 surface printing was adopted, and that method was still in use at the present day. The issue of 24d stamps, as the result of the formation of the Universal Postal Union between the country and several other countries in which there was to be a uniform rate of 1d. In 1881 the stamps were issued which did duty until the present reign, and with which most people were familiar. Altogether 61 slides were exhibited in the lecture, showing the various issues of stamps, and the peculiarities and distinguishing marks of each.

At the close Mr. Warwick was the recipient of a hearty vote of thanks.

The second meeting of the season was held on Wednesday, Oct. 20th, at the Bath Church Institute, the President, Mr. F. D. Pope being in the chair. Among those present were Mr. R. A. H. ...

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Mr. E. T. Phillips was elected a member of the Society.

At the meeting on October 27th, Mr. A. Crick showed a collection of Gt. Britain and Colonials, unused.

The British included a fine mint pair of the 2d. blue, no white lines; also mint copies of the 1847 1s. green, embossed, and the 1d. red, plate 225. Among the Colonials were a large number of mint sets, complete up to £1, of the King's Head single CA issues of many African and West Indian Colonies, and these were much admired.

It was decided to postpone the projected debate on "Blank v. Printed Albums," owing to the rather small attendance, due no doubt to the very wet night.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Treasurer: Robt. S. Archer, Junr.

Meeting Place: Board Room, Trade Protection Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held on Nov. 1st, when Mr. Allender was in the chair, and about twenty members were present.

There was a good display of the stamps of Switzerland in the running competition.

An interesting and instructive paper was read by Mr. R. S. Archer, Junr., entitled, "History as taught by Postage Stamps." The lecturer explained the history which the various commemorative and centenary stamps were meant to teach, taking the countries in alphabetical order. He also remarked on the historical changes which had taken place in the stamps of different countries, notably those of Spain.

The lecturer was thanked for his paper, and it was unanimously agreed to send the paper for publication to the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*.

A brisk exchange of stamps between the members took place after the paper.

An interesting evening is promised at the next Junior meeting, when three-minute papers are to be read by the members.

North of England Philatelic Society.

President: M. H. Horsley, J.P.

Hon. Secretary: Mark Easton, 43, Salford Grove, Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The usual monthly meeting was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday November 4th.

The President took the chair at 7.30, and there were twenty-eight members present. After formal business, Mr. H. E. Dodd was elected to the membership.

Mr. Horsley thanked the members for the honour conferred by electing him President, and suggested that something should be done for junior collectors (i.e. boys and girls), as the future of our hobby is largely in their hands.

Mr. J. E. Heginbottom's fine collection of Tobago, Trinidad, and Virgin Islands, was then shown and much admired. A cordial vote of thanks was awarded Mr. Heginbottom, on the motion of the Vice-President, Mr. Hume, for his kindness in forwarding his stamps for display.

The November Packet, containing sixty-five sheets, value £157 13s. 11d. net, started on November 3rd.

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

President: H. A. Wise.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Robert Bohand, Luchair, Milngavie, N.B.

At the meeting of the above Society held in the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 3rd Nov., there was a splendid turnout of members, the chair being occupied by Mr. J. MacDougall, Vice-President.

The ordinary business being concluded, four new members were elected, after which Mr. Wise, the President, gave a display of Great Britain, accompanied by notes.

"The collection is formed on 'broad lines,' not 'specialized,' as explained by Mr. Wise, and those present considered it an excellent arrangement for the collecting and mounting of the stamps of our own country.

First the stamp is shown mint, then used, shades (if any) being shown, followed by the plate numbers (if any); then come pairs, strips, etc., varieties of watermark, lettering, etc., and completed by "used abroads." Thus each separate stamp is shown in all its phases, and, further, arranged in chronological order.

Many more interesting notes were read, after which the collection was passed round for inspection. The outstanding feature was the superb condition throughout, the copies being all finely centred, the mint stamps with full gum and good colour, and the used lightly postmarked. Among many good pieces may be mentioned—1d. black, mint pair; 2d. blue, no lines, mint; 10d. octagonal, mint; 1/- deep green, a superb mint copy; 2/- brown, with Caldera pmk.; £5, mint, etc., etc.

The members were not slow to appreciate such an excellent display, and at the close accorded Mr. Wise a very hearty vote of thanks, the only regret being that the time had passed much too quickly.

Mr. Sinclair Scott also showed the 1½d. error O.P.—P.C. on piece of original; 1d. black with inverted S; and some with double letters in corner.

North London Philatelic Society.

President: Alexander J. Seft.

Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: C. S. Muratori, 29, Fletching Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.

The 3rd ordinary meeting took place on Thursday, Nov. 4th, at headquarters, 17 members and one visitor being present. The chair was occupied by Mr. Alex. J. Seft. After the usual formalities, Mr.

E. Heginbottom's collections, with notes, of Cayman Isles, Leeward Isles and Turks Isles were displayed.

Mr. Hignett afterwards gave a supplementary display of the Cayman Isles, containing all issues, used and unused, including a pair of the Provisional 1d. on 5/- used, also one with double surcharge used, a 2½d. on 4d. used with two 1d. values, a 1d. on 4d. unused, a complete set of the new King's head Gambia, and a pair of the 1/- King's head Crown CA Leeward Isles, one copy showing a dropped "R" in "Leeward" (unchronoicled).

Mr. T. C. Cartwright showed the new Great Britain 4d., printed in deep orange.

The next item consisted of a paper and display by Miss E. M. Merrington, on "Women as Depicted on Postage Stamps." This proved a most novel and interesting paper, and the display that followed being especially fine, as it contained numerous varieties of the late Queen Victoria's head, commencing with the Great Britain 1d. black and 2d. blue (no lines), both in mint condition; a fine copy of the £5 on blue paper, postally used; and sets of practically every Colony (Queen's head) in mint condition. Stamps were shown with the heads of Queen Alexandra, the Princess of Wales, Queen Isabella of Spain, Queen Wilhelmina of Holland, the Princesses and Queens of Hawaii, Queen Maria of Portugal, Queen Makea Takau of the Cook Islands, Maria Theresa of Austria, Martha Washington, &c., &c.

Bath Philatelic Society.

President: B. D. Pope.

Hon. Secretary: Chas. J. Preuter, 13, George St., Bath.

For the opening night of the winter session this Society had arranged for a lecture, at the Bath Church Institute, on Wednesday, October 6th, 1909, on "British Postage Stamps," to be given by Mr. F. G. Warwick.

Mr. E. D. Pope presided, and in opening said he was sorry to see that there were no strangers present. They wanted to increase the Society, and if there had been any strangers present it would have been a good opportunity to have put forward its claims and advantages.

The lecture was a very interesting and instructive one.

Mr. Warwick first placed on the sheet the design for the first stamps, and then a slide of the original penny black stamp, which was the first stamp issued to the British public on May 1st, 1840. From then onward, after showing a page from the diary of Mr. Rowland Hill who introduced postage stamps to this country the lecturer described watermarks, paper, printing, engraving the numerous styles of lettering and numbering, variously employed on stamps, and which to-day delight the heart of the enthusiastic collector. The lecturer also gave the reasons for many of these things. The original idea of the lettering in the corners was to prevent forgery as far as possible, and watermarking and numbering were also for the same purpose. Stamps were first printed in black, and cancelled in red, but that left much to be desired, inasmuch as it was quite easy to erase the cancelling marks and use the stamps over again. The lecturer described very carefully the stamps which through slight errors of printing were very rare. It was not until 1855 that stamps were perforated, as at the present time, in order to detach them from the large sheet on which they are printed. This perforation was patented by a Mr. Archer, and the Government bought the patent from him. The holes in the original perforations were too numerous, and the stamps parted from one another too easily, and a few years after commencing the perforation was altered, fewer holes being put in. In 1870 the introduction of newspapers in the post caused a 1½d. stamp to be issued, while the alteration of the postage to France, Belgium and Australia caused the issue of various other values of stamps. After 1840, when 1/- stamps were first issued, they were embossed singly, but in 1855 surface printing was adopted, and that method was still in use at the present day. The issue of 2½d stamps was the result of the formation of the Universal Postal Union between this country and several other countries in which there was to be a uniform rate of 2½d. In 1881 the stamps were issued which did duty until the present reign, and with which most people were familiar. Altogether 64 slides were exhibited in the lecture, showing the various issues of stamps and the peculiarities and distinguishing marks of each.

At the close Mr. Warwick was the recipient of a hearty vote of thanks.

The second meeting of the session was held on Wednesday, Oct. 20th, at the Bath Church Institute, the President (Mr. B. D. Pope) being in the chair. Among those present were the Rev. A. H. Scott-White, Mr. F. G. Warwick, Mr. H. J. Norman, Mr. G. B. Caple, Mr. W. G. Olds, Mr. S. Elwood, Mr. F. G. Nokes, and Mr. C. J. Preuter (hon. secretary).

There was a display (with notes) of the stamps of Ceylon and Hong Kong, kindly sent by Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, n.a., of Rochdale. The collection was much admired, and votes of thanks were accorded to Mr. Heginbottom for his kindness in sending the display, and to Mr. G. B. Caple for undertaking the reading of the notes.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec. : G. W. Shaw, 39, South End, Croydon.
 The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, Oct. 27th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon, with twelve members present.
 The President (Mr. F. G. Bing) occupied the chair, when the minutes were read and a gentleman elected to membership.

The Librarian reported a donation to the library from Mr. Bing, and the Curator of the Permanent and Forgery Collection acknowledged donations from Messrs. H. Simmons and F. G. Bing.

Mr. W. J. Holmes gave a paper and display of the Porte de Mar issues of Mexico, which proved to be of more than ordinary interest, as so little is heard of these issues.

The collection contained all issues, the most notable being a block of four and a strip of the first issue.

Mr. Mellows' wonderful book on Campeche was also shown, and greatly appreciated.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Holmes closed the meeting.

Leicester Philatelic Society.

President : Dr. R. Milbourn West.
 Hon. Secretary : T. B. Widdowson, 16, Stretton Road, Leicester.

The usual monthly meeting was held on Monday, November 1st, at Winchester House, Welford Place, and after the routine business, Mr. F. E. Wilson, of Birmingham, gave a fine display of the stamps of Belgium, together with notes and information collected while resident in that country, which, he said, was an ideal one to travel in, being inexpensive and interesting, as it contained both ancient and modern cities. Moreover, its philatelic history was without a stain from a collector's point of view, it having never issued a surcharged stamp, while its issues had never been forged. Some stamps had been reprinted, but the reprints were rarer than the stamps themselves, and unless the collector desired unused specimens, the whole of the stamps were low in price.

The display shown by Mr. Wilson consisted chiefly of unused stamps, and all printings and shades were represented, every known stamp, together with its errors, being shown; the collection was exceptionally strong in early issues, which were illustrated by numbers of most beautiful copies.

The meeting terminated with a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Wilson for his fine display.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President : F. J. Melville.
 Hon. General Secretary : Ralph Wedmore, 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

THERE was a "full house" at Prince Henry's Council Chamber, on Saturday, Nov. 6th, on the occasion of the Junior Philatelic Society's special Beginners' Night, when the meeting was conducted and the programme supplied entirely by the younger members. In addition to a very full muster of the Society's own members, there were a large number of visitors, and young collectors were strongly in evidence. The affair, which was somewhat of an experiment, was voted a great success, and it is hoped that before long it may be found possible to repeat it. A surprisingly high standard of both philatelic and literary excellence was attained by the papers read.

In a short but able paper, Mr. C. W. Care (Supt. Beginners' Exchange) opened the proceedings with "First Steps in Philately," in which he put forward some valuable and carefully thought out suggestions for the guidance of collectors about to enter upon their hobby in a more or less systematic manner, as opposed to a mere haphazard accumulation of stamps.

He was followed by Mr. Frank Grundy, B.Sc., who, in a very well written and ably constructed paper, advocated the introduction of the personal element in simplified collecting, maintaining that although it might be possible to lay down a few main principles for the assistance of those who wished to collect upon more or less simplified lines, yet the question of what was to be omitted and what included should to a large extent be a matter for the personal discretion of the collector.

"Common Sense Collecting" was the title given to some carefully considered remarks delivered by Mr. H. W. Armstrong, which showed this gentleman to be more than usually observant of the delinquencies and failings of the modern philatelist. He deprecated the over-elaboration of present day collections by the inclusion of numberless minor varieties of little importance and still less interest, and voiced his opinions in a delightfully fresh and witty manner. "The person," he said, "who bought two copies of the same stamp substantially the same, but having a supposed difference in some minor detail, was the man who bought two copies of the same book, because on one page of the second a comma had been omitted!" Mr. Alan Westlake next gave a humorous impersonation of a Great Mogul, who had spent years in getting together a specialised collection of the current English 4d. stamp, which caused much amusement amongst those present. The final item on the evening's programme was contributed by Mr. D. B. Armstrong, who, dealing with the "Study of Stamps," submitted to the meeting a regular formula which could be

applied with a view to obtaining all essential information regarding any stamp or issue of stamps.

During the course of the evening two simplified collections were passed round, the one being the property of Mr. Frank Grundy, and the other being kindly loaned for the occasion by Mr. Ireland, of the Brighton Branch, a well-known exponent of this form of collecting.

The next meeting, which takes place on November 20th, is calculated to appeal more to the advanced members of the Society, the attraction being a display, with notes, of Mr. R. B. Yardley's magnificent collection of the stamps of Trinidad.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman : W. Mead.
 Hon. Secretary and Treasurer : J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
 Meeting Place : Royal Hotel, Brighton; Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 till 10 p.m.

The second meeting of the present session was held on 28th October, the chair being taken by Mr. W. Mead. Mr. Phil T. Dyson was elected a member.

A display of the stamps of Trinidad was given by Mr. M. P. Castle, J.P., Hon. Vice-President of the Royal Philatelic Society. The chief feature was the fine display of the lithographed issues, which were printed in the Colony, and were used as provisionals when the supplies from London (printed by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co.) gave out, and until the next supply arrived. Although printed in various colours, the stamps were all of the 1d. denomination. Mr. Castle showed re-constructed plates of both the blue and red stamps, and is the first philatelist to succeed in "plating" these stamps. A sheet is composed of 54 stamps.

A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Castle, on the motion of the Chairman and Secretary.

In replying, Mr. Castle mentioned incidentally that it was his 60th birthday. That day and all his life he had found philately a most entertaining and fascinating hobby. Nothing else but philately would have taken him from the fireside that evening.

The Chairman announced that the Exhibition which closed that day had been very successful, chiefly owing to the efforts of Messrs. Herbert Clark, W. Cyril Owen, J. Corner Spokes, and the Hon. Secretary, and he asked those present to accord them a very hearty vote of thanks. This was carried by enthusiastic acclamation.

Mr. J. W. Bramwhite showed a 1d. Trinidad of 1896, reading "One Penn." which is believed to be unique.

Mr. Paine announced that the 4d. Great Britain would appear in new colours on Nov. 1st.

The Modern Collectors' Club.

Secretary : Albert H. Harris, 44, Chislewood Street, Westminster, S.W.

We are getting along awfully well, dear readers, better even than we expected. Already there are nearly thirty members, and this number will no doubt have been exceeded before these lines appear.

Net Section.—The first packet returned on the 5th inst., and all credits were paid immediately from the Club funds. The sales amounted to nearly 10%.

Gross Section.—A packet will be made up as soon as enough sheets come to hand. A number have already arrived, but more are wanted.

Wants and Offers Section.—Some excellent things are passing through this Section, which affords the quickest possible means of acquiring, or disposing of, philatelic property. Offer No. 69, consisting of a very fine collection of Northern Nigeria, price 20 guineas, may be taken as an example. A good number of "Wants" are also being registered, and a list of these will be printed in a day or two.

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Primrose Stamp Exchange Society (Founded 1904).

The November Packet started out on the 5th inst., carrying 43 sheets, gross value £279 3s. 6½d., a very fair packet, containing a good proportion of European and British Colonials. There are still four good vacancies for good buying members, and six for good contributors who can send medium and rare stamps regularly.

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Gr. Britain, 1870, 1d. lilac, rose, mint	1	2	0
1867, cross, 10 - grey-green	1	5	0
Ditto, £1, brown-lilac	1	10	0
1883, perf. 12, 5 - rose*	1	1	0
Naples, 1858, 50 grani lake	2	2	0
Dec., 1860, Cross, ½-tornese blue	2	17	0
Oldenburg, 1859, 1 groschen green*	4	10	0
Roumania, 1858, 54 paras blue on grn.	12	0	0
Switzerland, Geneva, Oct., 1843, 5c. yellow-green, a pair, has been severed	6	10	0
Wurtemberg, 1873, 70 kreutzers purple*	2	0	0
Ceylon, 1857, 1 9 green	3	5	0
British Somaliland, 1905, O.H.M.S., 1 rupee green, mint	2	12	0
British South Africa, 1897, Waterlow print, £2 rosy-red, mint	2	12	0
April 1896, One Penny on 3d., mint	2	12	0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1d. bright red	3	0	0
1863, 6d. mauve, a mint pair	3	3	0
Ditto, 1 - emerald	5	5	0
Zululand, 1864, £1 red, mint	1	19	0
British Guiana, 1853, 1c. dull red a pair	5	15	0
Cayman Isles, 1d. on 1d., variety surcharge inverted*	2	6	0
St. Vincent, 1869, 4d. yellow	1	9	0
1880, 5 - rose-red, mint	7	0	0
Ditto, 1d. on 6d. yellow-green	3	5	0
1881, 4d. on 1 - vermilion	7	10	0
Dec., 1881, 4d. ultramarine, mint	4	5	0
Fiji, Oct., 1874, Gothic V.R., Twelve cents rose*	2	10	0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, Sept. 28th and 29th, 1909.

Gibraltar, 1889, 10c. carmine with value omitted, mint	16	0	0
Ditto, Morocco Agencies, 1898, 2 pesetas black and carmine, the error with inverted "A" for "A" with normal type, <i>se tenant</i> , mint	2	17	0
Great Britain, 1867-78, wmk. Cross, 10 - grey	1	4	0
Ditto ditto, £1 brown-lilac	1	14	0
Ditto, 1882-3, wmk. Anchor grey on white	1	16	0
Ditto, £1 brown-lilac on white	3	12	0
1888, wmk. Orbs, £1 brown-lilac	1	7	0
Ditto, I.R. Official, 1892, £1 green, mint	8	15	0
Ceylon, 1855-9, 4d. rose	9	0	0
Ditto, 9d. purple brown	3	15	0
Ditto, 1 9 green	2	10	0
Ditto, 2 - blue	7	0	0
1861, Star, clean cut perf. 8d. brn.	5	10	0
1885, wmk. C. A., 24c. purple-brown, mint	4	15	0
India, Service, 1860, 4a. grn. & purple	3	0	0
North Borneo, 1891-02, 6 cents on 8c. green, with "Postage" only	10	10	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855-8, 6d. slate, a block of 10	9	15	0
Ditto, Woodblock, 4d. pale blue	3	0	0
Ditto, ditto, 4d. blue	3	10	0
Natal, 1865, Half on 1d. rose, with double surcharge, mint	1	10	0
Zululand, 1888-93, 5c. carmine, mint	2	10	0
Ditto, Postal Fiscals, 1890, 5 - lilac and carmine, mint	3	5	0
Ditto, ditto, 9 - lilac and carmine, mint	3	10	0
Ditto, £5 green and carmine ditto	12	0	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 4d. carmine	5	0	0
Barbados, 1873, small Star, 5 - rose, mint	3	7	0
1878, 1d. on half of 5 - rose, a pair, numeral 7mm. high, one reading upwards and the other downwards	12	0	0

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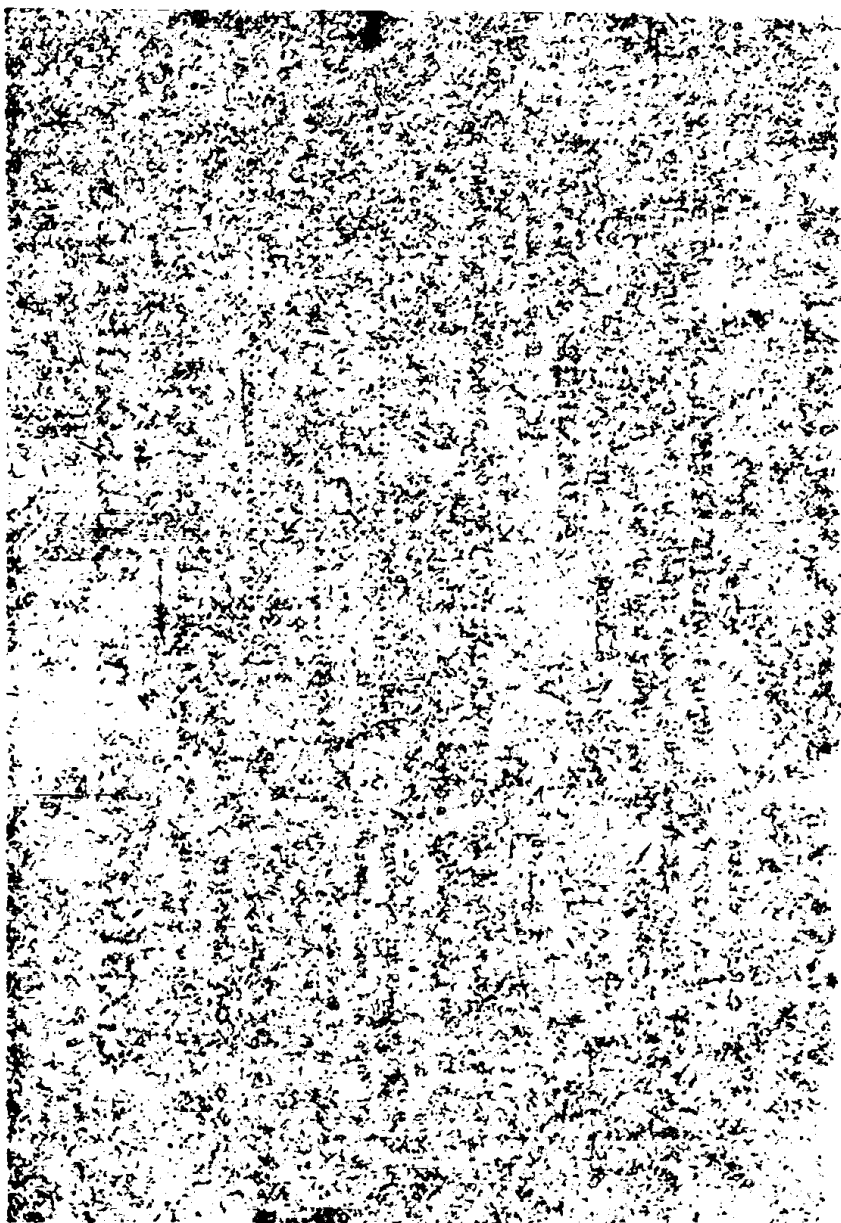
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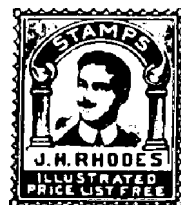
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Switzerland, Zurich, 1843, 4 rappen, vertical red lines ..	8 0 0
Ditto, Poste Locales, 2½ rappen black and red, central cross without frame ..	8 10 0
1850, Rayon I., 5 rappen, deep blue and red, a pair with blk. frame to central cross, scarce ..	2 0 0
1852, Rayon III., 16 cents, rose* ..	10 0 0
British Central Africa, King single, £10 grey and blue, mint ..	10 10 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1883, wmk C & CA, 5/- orange-yellow ..	1 1 0
Natal, King, single, £1 black and bright blue, mint ..	1 0 0
Ditto, £1 10s., grn. & violet, mint ..	1 12 0
Transvaal, King, single, £1 green and violet, mint ..	1 0 0
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Barbados, 1878, provisional, 1d. on half 5/- dull rose, a pair, showing the two varieties of the numerals "1" ..	13 15 0
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Naples, 1860, ½ tornese blue, Cross ..	1 12 6
Wurttemberg, 70 kreutzers, purple* ..	2 2 0
Ceylon, 1862, no wmk., 5d. red-brown ..	1 1 0
Liberia, 1902, 75c. inverted on 1 dollar blue, Gibbons' 135a ..	1 16 0
Bahamas, 1861, perf. 1½d. lilac ..	1 1 0
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British Guiana, 1853, 1 cent bright-red ..	2 15 0
Ditto, 4c. pale blue ..	1 0 0
Cayman Isles, 2½d. on 3d., mint ..	2 4 0
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St. Vincent, 1880, 6d. green* ..	2 2 0
Ditto, 1881, 4d. on left half of 6d. yellow-green, mint ..	1 4 0
Ditto, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green, mint ..	3 5 0
1885, CA. 14, 4d. red-brown, mint ..	4 10 0
Trinidad, 1852-60, medium white paper, early state, 1d. pale blue ..	2 10 0
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President: *Amos*.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: *W. H. A. ...*
Editor: *...*

A MEETING was held on Nov. 17th, at 36, Woodstock Road, with Mr. Gardner in the chair, the members present being: Messrs. D. H. Macpherson, G. Harrington, Holloway, Woods, Dr. Evans, Mrs. Holloway, C. M. Pherson, and H. Alsop (hon. sec.).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and affirmed.

A letter was read from the Bath Philatelic Society, inviting the members to pay them a visit. After some discussion, the Hon. Sec. was instructed to write them for a date.

The display for this evening being "Twelve Stamp by Members," a very interesting and instructive one it proved. Mr. Harrington showed two Cape of Good Hope woodblocks in good condition, one being the 1d. red and the other 1d. pale blue. Natal, No. 110 (obverse), Two Bange error, New Brunswick, No. 3 One Shilling (bright purple), a good specimen; Queensland, No. 9, 6d. deep green, unused; C.M.K. Star; St. Lucia, No. 36, 1s. red-brown; Virgin Islands, No. 10, 6d. pale rose, amongst others. Dr. Evans showed Great Britain, 2d. violet-blue, no lines, full gum, a fine stamp; 1d. plate 9, mint; British Guiana, No. 10, 1s. deep blue; Fiji Islands, No. 1, used; also No. 31, 1d. vermilion, unused, raised stop after V and R, used; Queensland, No. 7, 2s. deep blue and pair of No. 8, no work, 1d. pale emerald green; New South Wales, Sydney, View, 1d. red, No. 11, no lines. Mr. Alsop showed Ceylon Islands, 1d. chalk on yellow, mint; Straits Settlements on L. Baran, two cents; New Hebrides on Condominium, 1d., green, single C.A. and 1 single C.A.

The Programme for the season 1900-1901 is as follows:
Dec. 8. Ceylon and Hong Kong
1910
Jan. 12. Annual Meeting
Feb. 9. Cyprus and Malta.
Mar. 9. Fiji, Queensland, Eschmann.
Apr. 13. Gibraltar, Straits Settlements.
May 11. Victoria, New South Wales.

South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society.

President: *Walter Scott*.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: *...*
Hon. Editor: *...*

THE first meeting of the season was held at the Y.M.C.A., Cardiff, on Monday, Nov. 15th, when members were invited to display 20 of their most interesting stamps. Unfortunately the inclement weather did not help to produce a big number of displays, but those shown afforded keen admiration.

Mr. Walter Scott showed some interesting British Entires, a so used and unused Mulreeds.

Alderman Trench displayed some rare pieces, including a pair of the Land 6 rappen Zurich.

Dr. Fiddan exhibited some very interesting errors of surcharge.

Mr. Ayres, from southern Nigeria.

Mr. Gwynn R. Laughler showed new sets of the Turks and Caicos, the St. Vincent, New South Wales, with N.S.W. instead of numeral (an exceptionally nice piece with very wide margins), also a common pair of the 1d. lilac Great Britain on laid paper, not listed.

Mr. G. F. C. Woods displayed the 1 cent rose and lilac rose stamps of Ceylon, with different surcharges also, errors inverted and double overprints, and No. 160 S.G. with double impression.

Our next meeting is for Dec. 18th, when Mr. T. W. Peck, of Birmingham, has kindly consented to display S. Australia.

The meeting terminated most happily, and a proposal that Mr. E. Philpot-Croft should be elected an Hon. Member was carried unanimously.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: *F. A. ...*
Hon. General Secretary: *...*
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: *...*

THE third meeting of the session of the above-named Society was held on Saturday, the 20th Nov. 1900, at Prince Henry's Chamber, 17, Fleet Street, E.C. After the usual business, the meeting was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock.

Upon the completion of the ordinary business, Mr. R. B. Yardley gave a display of his well-known collection of the stamps of Trinidad. The collection, which is a highly specialised one, was handed round, accompanied by some most interesting explanations by Mr. Yardley. He drew special attention to the fact that the various pigments used both by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. and by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. on these stamps were also used in the stamps of other British Colonies. Among the special features of the collection were to be noticed, too, Lady McLeod's locals on entries, and also many fine early impressions of the lithographic series (1852-60). The vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. J. McVie, seconded by Mr. S. T. Tomms, was carried with acclamation.

Brighton Branch.

President: *W. ...*
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: *...*
Hon. Editor: *...*

THE third meeting of the present session was held on 11th Nov. In the unavoidable absence of Mr. Mead, the chair was taken by Mr. W. Carl Owen, Mr. M. D. Castle, and Mr. Leonard Long were elected members.

The programme, which was entitled "My Exotic Country," and which was sustained by the following: Mr. J. C. Dalington, Paper and Display "The Cape of Good Hope"; Mr. J. England, Paper and Display "The Island of New Guinea"; Mr. W. Cyril Owen, Paper and Display "Lime Engraved Great Britain"; Mr. G. Langford, Paper, "Manillas"; Mr. B. Morley, Paper, "Southern Nigeria"; Mr. Leicester A. B. Dune, Paper, "Great Britain."

Mr. Castle, who had not prepared a paper, gave a most interesting discourse on the "Stamps of New South Wales," with special reference to the Sydney Views, which latter he had no hesitation in selecting as his favourite stamps of his favourite country. There were two plates of the 1d. stamp, one of the 2d., and one of the 6d., with 200 distinct varieties on each plate.

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Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society.

President: Alderman Gardner, J.P.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. Henry Alsop, F.R.P.S. Lond.,
Filton Lodge, Filton, Near Bristol.

A MEETING was held on Nov. 17th, at 36, Woodstock Road, with Ald. Gardner in the chair, the members present being: Messrs. D. H. Macpherson, G. Harrington, Holloway, Woods, Dr. Evans, Mrs. Holloway, C. McPherson, and H. Alsop (hon. sec.).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

A letter was read from the Bath Philatelic Society, inviting the members to pay them a visit. After some discussion, the Hon. Sec. was instructed to write them for a date.

The display for this evening being "Twelve Stamps by Members," a very interesting and instructive one it proved. Mr. Harrington showed two Cape of Good Hope woodblocks in good condition, one being the 1d. red and the other 4d. pale blue; Natal, No. 110 Gibbons'. Two Penge error: New Brunswick, No. 3. One Shilling bright purple, a good specimen; Queensland, No. 9, 6d. deep green, unused, wmk. star; St. Lucia, No. 36, 1/- red-brown; Virgin Islands, No. 10, 6d. pale rose, amongst others. Dr. Evans showed Great Britain, 2d. violet-blue, no lines, full gum, a fine stamp; 3d. plate 9, mint; British Guiana, No. 10, 4c. deep blue; Fiji Islands, No. 4, used, also No. 31, 1d. carmine-rose, round raised stop after V and R, used; Queensland, No. 7, 21. deep blue and pair of No. 85, no wmk., 6d. pale emerald green; New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d. red, No. 14a, no trees. Mr. Alsop showed Ceylon Islands, 4d. chalky on yellow, mint; Straits Settlements on Labuan, two cents; New Hebrides on Condominium, 4d., green, single C.A., also 1/- single C.A.

The Programme for the season 1909-1910 is as follows:—

Dec. 8.—Ceylon and Hong Kong.

Jan. 12.—Annual Meeting.

Feb. 9.—Cyprus and Malta.

Mar. 9.—Fiji, Queensland, Tasmania.

Apr. 13.—Gibraltar, Straits Settlements.

May 11.—Victoria, New South Wales.

South Wales and Monmouthshire Philatelic Society.

President: Walter Scott, Esq.
Hon. Secretary: Gwilym R. Lougher, 58, Taff Embankment, Cardiff.

The first meeting of the season was held at the Y.M.C.A., Cardiff, on Monday, Nov. 15th, when members were invited to display 20 of their most interesting stamps. Unfortunately the inclement weather did not help to produce a big number of displays, but those shown afforded keen admiration.

Mr. Walter Scott showed some interesting British Entires, also used and unused Mulready's.

Alderman Trounce displayed some rare pieces, including a pair of the 4 and 6 rappen Zurich.

Dr. Fiddian exhibited some very interesting errors of surcharge.

Mr. Ayres—fine Southern Nigeria.

Mr. Gwilym R. Lougher showed new sets of the Turks and Caicos, the 8l. imperf. New South Wales, wmk. N.S.W. instead of numeral (an exceptionally nice piece with very wide margins), also a corner pair of the 1d. lilac Great Britain on laid paper, not listed.

Mr. G. F. C. Woods displayed the 4 cents rose and lilac rose stamps of Ceylon, with different surcharges, also errors inverted and double overprints, and No. 160 S.G. with double impression.

Our next meeting is for Dec. 13th, when Mr. T. W. Peck, of Birmingham, has kindly consented to display S. Australia.

The meeting terminated most happily, and a proposal that Mr. E. Philpot-Crowther should be elected an Hon. Member was carried unanimously.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: F. J. Melville.
Hon. General Secretary: Ralph Wedmore, 54, Park Road,
West Dulwich, S. E.

THE third meeting of the session of the above-named Society was held on Saturday, the 20th Nov. 1909, at Prince Henry's Chamber, 17, Fleet Street, E. C. After the usual bourse, the meeting was called to order by the President at 8 o'clock.

Upon the completion of the ordinary business, Mr. R. B. Yardley gave a display of his well-known collection of the stamps of Trinidad. The collection, which is a highly specialised one, was handed round, accompanied by some most interesting explanations by Mr. Yardley. He drew special attention to the fact that the various pigments used both by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon & Co. and by Messrs. De la Rue & Co. on these stamps were also used in the stamps of other British Colonies. Among the special features of the collection were to be noticed, too, Lady McLeod's locals on entires, and also many fine early impressions of the lithographed series (1852-60).

The vote of thanks, proposed by Mr. F. J. Melville, seconded by Mr. S. T. Timms, was carried with acclamation.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.

Meeting Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 till 10 p.m.

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International Philatelic Union.

Hon. Sec.: T. H. Hinton, 26, Cranford Rd., East Putney, London, S.W.

THE second meeting of the season took place at Essex Hall, on Thursday, Nov. 11th. Present: Messrs. J. C. Sidebotham (chair), W. Schwabacher, L. W. Fulcher, W. Schwarte, L. L. R. Hausburg, J. E. Joselin, F. F. Lamb, W. Hadlow, A. B. Kay, P. L. Pemberton, W. E. Lincoln, Oswald Marsh, A. Levy, G. E. Strong, the Hon. Sec., and visitors—Messrs. J. A. Leon, M. Z. Kuttner and J. R. Burton. Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg gave a display of a portion of his matchless collection of the stamps of Victoria, comprising the early issues from 1850 to 1862, accompanied by most interesting notes on his researches and discoveries in connection with these stamps. Mr. L. W. Fulcher, in proposing a vote of thanks, truly remarked that the display represented the "Ne Plus Ultra" of collecting. Mr. Joselin, in seconding, and the President in supporting, voiced the satisfaction of all present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

Smoking Concert: Horseshoe Restaurant, Nov. 29. Next Meeting: Essex Hall, Dec. 9.

Beginners', South of England, and South London Exchange Clubs.

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Great Britain, 1840, large Crown, imperf., 1d. black, mint pair, with portion of side margin showing inscription ..	1 18 0
Hong Kong, 1898, \$1 on 96c. black, variety with triple sur., mint ..	1 14 0
1874-1902, \$10 rose, Gibbons 203 ..	1 11 0
North Borneo, 1886, pf. 14, 1c. orange* ..	1 11 0
S. Nigeria, 1904-8, chalky paper, £1 violet, mint ..	1 5 0
Transvaal, Sept., 1870, imperf., 1d. black, Gibbons 47, a pair* ..	3 0 0
1877, imperf., 1d. brick-red, Gibbons 157, but with compound roulettes ..	1 1 0
1902-3, £1 green and violet, superb, mint ..	0 19 0
Colombia, Tolima, 1884, (2p.) violet, value omitted, Gibbons 54, a mint strip of five ..	5 0 0
Grenada, 1904-6, 10/- green and purple, mint ..	1 1 0
Australian Commonwealth, 1902-4, perf. 11, £1 green, mint ..	0 18 0
Dr. Gray's Stamp Catalogue, fourth edition, bound in green half calf ..	1 0 0

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Great Britain, 1867, Anchor on white, £1 brown-lilac ..	2 15 0
Ditto, ditto, £5 orange ..	1 10 0
1888, Orbs, £1 brown-lilac ..	1 7 0
I.R. Official, 1902, King, 5/- carmine ..	12 15 0
Roumania, 1858, 54 paras blue on grn. ..	12 5 0
Russia, 1884, 3 roubles 50k. ..	1 4 0
Switzerland, Geneva, 1843, 5 + 5c. on yellow-green, on entire ..	23 0 0
Geneva, Aug., 1850, 5c. black and red ..	1 14 0
Zurich, 2½ rappen black and red ..	1 16 0
Ceylon, 1857, 1s. 9d. green ..	2 6 0
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1862, 10 wmk., 5d. red-brown ..	1 4 0
1863, CC., 5d. red-brown ..	1 6 0
1885, TEN cents on 36c. blue ..	1 12 0
India, Service on 6 annas 8 pies grey, mint ..	1 15 0
Cape of Good Hope, Woodblock, 4d. pale blue ..	2 12 0
Natal, 1869, Postage, 13½m., 6d. lilac ..	1 5 0
Zululand, 1884, 5/- carmine ..	2 4 0
Bahamas, 1850, thick paper, 1d. dull lake ..	1 13 0
1861, perf. 13, 4d. rose ..	1 0 0
Ditto, ditto, 6d. lilac ..	1 2 0
British Guiana, 1853, 1c. vermilion ..	2 15 0
Canada, 1852, 6d. brown black ..	1 0 0
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Nova Scotia, 1851, 6d. yellow-green ..	1 10 0
St. Vincent, 1872, 1/- rose-red ..	1 2 0
1880, 5/- rose-red ..	7 5 0
Trinidad, lithograph, 1860, 1d. grey ..	2 4 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1d., plate II., bright red on greyish ..	2 10 0
New Zealand, 1871, perf. 10x12½, 6d. blue ..	1 3 0
Tasmania, 1871, perf. 11½, 1d. vermilion ..	1 18 0
West. Australia, 1854, 1d. black, mint ..	1 3 0
1857, 6d. grey-black ..	1 16 0

Messrs. PUTTICK & SIMPSON'S Sale, Oct. 26th and 27th, 1909.

Gibraltar, 1904-07, £1 purple and black on red ..	1 2 0
Great Britain, 1867, Cross, £1 brn.-lil. ..	1 10 0

India, 1854, the engraver's pencil sketch for the 2a., on card ..	2 10 0
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British East Africa, 1890, ½, 1 & 4 annas ..	3 0 0
Niger Coast, 1893, One Shilling in violet on 2d. ..	1 0 0
St. Vincent, 1871-77, Star, large perf., 4d. dark blue ..	1 0 0
Trinidad, 1896-1900, 10/- green and blue, mint ..	1 10 0

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1882, £5 orange ..	1 16 0
Belgium, 1850, "I.I." in frame, 40c. carmine, mint ..	3 3 0
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Ditto, ditto, 9 sch. yellow ..	4 0 0
Saxony, 1856, 10 ngr. deep blue, mint ..	1 3 0
Russia, Finland, 1st issue, 5 kop. blue on wove paper* ..	3 10 0
Ceylon, 1st Issue, 10d. orange-verm. ..	1 0 0
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British South Africa, 1897, Waterlow print, £2 rosy red, mint ..	2 14 0
Lagos, 1884-86, 2/6 olive-black ..	2 14 0
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Newfoundland, 1860, 6d. orange-verm. ..	2 0 0
British Guiana, 1853, 4c. pale blue, an unsevered pair on piece, showing the two varieties, i.e., without white line above value, and with white line above value ..	2 17 0
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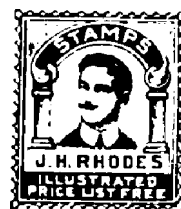
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Had the attention of MESSRS. HARMER, ROOKE & CO. been drawn to the matter prior to the publication of the paragraph in question, they would have expressed regret for the unintentional annoyance caused. No such opportunity was offered, and the questionable taste displayed in the comments contained in the issue of the 27th is to be regretted.

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Royal Philatelic Society.

President: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Hon. Secretary: J. A. Tilleard.
Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, W.C.

The first meeting of the session 1909-10 was held at the residence of the Vice-President of the Society, the Earl of Crawford, K.T., on October 21st.

The following new members were elected: Mr. Samuel Chapman, the Rev. James Mursell, Mr. Harry Chaplin, Mr. Charles M. Ams, Mr. William McHutchin, Mr. H. W. Warner, and Mr. E. A. Wiedemann. The resignations of Mr. F. Knuckey and Mr. A. Lacey were accepted with regret.

The following details of the further proceedings at the meeting are taken from the "London Philatelist": Mr. M. P. Castle, in the name of the Fellows present, thanked the Chairman for kindly inviting the members to hold the first meeting of the new season at his residence, and for presiding over the meeting. Mr. Castle also reported the offer made by Mr. Warhurst to present a very large number of duplicates of "entires" to the Society, and urged the desirability of making a special collection and study of "entires," with a view of preventing this branch of Philately from being entirely neglected. He moved a resolution that the offer be accepted with grateful thanks of the Society, and that the matter be referred to the Council with an instruction to appoint a committee to consider and report as to the best means of dealing with the collection proposed to be formed.

The motion, which was seconded by the Hon. Secretary and supported by Mr. Bainbridge (who kindly offered to present his "entires" to the proposed collection), and also by Major Evans, who suggested that the Society should endeavour to prepare a complete list of "entires" for future reference, was carried unanimously.

The remainder of the evening was devoted to the inspection of some of the collections of the Vice-President, who, in addition to the display of St. Helena and St. Vincent stamps, as announced in the notice convening the meeting, very kindly showed his collection of Zanzibar, British Bechuanaland, and other Colonial stamps, and some volumes of essays, proofs, etc., of Great Britain, containing some recently acquired examples of great rarity and interest.

Herts Philatelic Society.

President: Franz Reichenheim.
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Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.

By kind invitation of the Earl of Crawford, the first general meeting for the season 1909-1910 was held at his lordship's residence on October 19th.

The following were elected as ordinary members of the Society:—Lt.-Col. S. P. Peile, J. H. Chapman, D. Rutberg, Dr. R. Melbourne West, S. J. Weening, C. Regelsberger, Neville Stocken, A. Wilson, Leon Sauvee, F. B. Smith, W. J. G. Purnell, A. J. Sefi, A. D. Ferguson, and W. B. Kirkpatrick.

The resignation of Mr. H. A. Fulcher was received and accepted with regret.

The invitation of the Executive Committee of the International Philatelic Exhibition, Berne, 1910, to inscribe the Herts Philatelic Society on the Committee of Honour was duly accepted.

An adjournment was then made to inspect Lord Crawford's well-known and unique collection of the stamps of Great Britain. This collection is so famous as to need no description; needless to say, the members spent a very instructive and interesting hour in admiring the treasures that were laid before them, and in judging for themselves the perfections to which a specialised collection can be brought.

The second general meeting of the season 1909-10 was held at No. 4, Southampton Row, W.C., on Tuesday, November 16th. Present: Messrs. Franz Reichenheim (President), H. L. Hayman (Vice-President), T. H. Harvey, W. G. Cool, C. R. Sutherland, R. Frenz, W. T. Standen, L. E. Bradbury, W. A. Boyes, W. A. Gunner, E. W. Arnold, J. R. Laing, E. Bounds, L. Sauvee, R. H. Newton, W. H. Eastwood, J. A. Sefi, J. A. Leon, A. J. Warren, W. A. Appleton, P. Ashley, D. Thompson, T. E. Sansom, S. Chapman, J. C. Sidebotham (Hon. Librarian) and H. A. Slade (Hon. Secretary).

Mr. Ivan Chen (Secretary to the Chinese Legation), Mr. J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Mr. G. B. Burgin, the popular novelist, Mr. A. Bruce Joy, the cele-

brated sculptor, and Mr. A. D. Sanderson, attended as visitors.

The President took the chair. The following were elected as members of the Society:—Messrs. R. S. Jacobs, T. E. Sansom, and C. Whitfield King, ordinary members; and one ordinary member, Mr. S. Chapman, became a life member.

A letter from the American Philatelic Society was read, announcing that the Herts Philatelic Society had been elected a corresponding member of the American Philatelic Society and the Hon. Secretary was instructed to write and thank the American Philatelic Society for the honour they had conferred upon the Herts Philatelic Society.

A "Presto" Blank Album was presented by Messrs. Paul Kohl, Ltd., of Chemnitz, and was handed over to Mr. Cool for the Forger's Collection.

Publications for the Library were presented by the President, Messrs. Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., Fred. J. Melville and W. H. Peckitt.

Stamps and Forgeries were presented to the Society's Collections by the President and Vice-President, respectively.

All these donations were acknowledged with thanks.

On the invitation of the President, the Vice-President (Mr. H. L. Hayman) then gave a display, accompanied by explanatory comments, of the Postage Stamps of China. The collection, which was practically complete, embraced essays, varieties of type and errors, together with a number of very interesting entires. Mr. Hayman also showed a set of the original designs for the 1894 issue, colour proofs, and a number of photographs of earlier designs, which had not been accepted: for these, as well as for much information on the subject he expressed his indebtedness to Mr. C. Whitfield King.

Between the display of the stamps and that of the entires, Mr. Percy Ashley gave a short address on China, dealing briefly with the extent of its population, the general character of its civilization, and its contributions to the world's commerce, art, and science, and dwelling especially upon the relations between the British and Chinese Empires.

A hearty vote of thanks to the Vice-President and Mr. Percy Ashley was proposed by Mr. A. J. Warren and seconded by Mr. C. R. Sutherland. Needless to say it was carried with acclamation and suitably responded to.

In reply to a few words from the chair thanking the visitors for their presence at the meeting: Mr. Ivan Chen commented in an eloquent speech on the inventions that came from China and the improvements on them that had been made in England, and he expressed his pleasure at visiting the Herts Philatelic Society.

Mr. Henniker Heaton hinted that Universal Postage might soon become an established fact, and took to himself the credit of being the means of making millionaires of collectors. He also commented on the use some Pacific Islands had made of the sale of unnecessary issues in clearing off their debt and erecting Government buildings.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

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The usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held on Monday evening, 28th November, Mr. Clissold being in the chair, and about twenty members present.

A bourse, or exchange between members, has been instituted, lasting from 7.30 until 7.45 p.m., which proved quite a success.

In the competition there was a very good display of the stamps of France, the exhibits being all of high merit.

This was followed by Mr. Fletcher's paper, entitled "Philatelic Jottings," which was very amusing, the lecturer relating many interesting facts and anecdotes in connection with philately.

A new competition has been arranged, consisting of papers, written and sent in by the members under a "nom de plume," on any matter of philatelic interest, not to exceed 1,000 words in length. A prize has been offered, and the best three papers will be read at one of the Society's meetings. This competition is the result of the evening which was devoted to three minute papers by the members, and which proved such a success.

The President, Mr. Allender, has promised a paper at the next meeting to be held on December 13th, entitled "Notes on Line Engraved Stamps of Great Britain," which should be of special interest to Juniors.

ESSAY COMPETITION.

The following notice is being sent out to members of the Society:—

"It has been decided by the Committee to hold an 'Essay Competition,' and you are therefore requested to send in to the Hon. Secretary, by 28th February next, a short paper, limited to a 1,000 words, on any

philatelic subject, under a 'nom de plume.' A sealed envelope, containing the competitor's name, with the nom de plume on the cover, to accompany the Essay, on which must appear the nom de plume only. The Essays will all be submitted to Mr. Bishop, the Editor of the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly*, who has agreed to act as judge. The winner to be awarded a prize (value 5/-) out of the club funds. At least five to compete or no prize will be awarded.

The first, second and third papers (and others if desired) will be read before the Society on April 11th, 1910, and the Editor of the *S.C.F.* to have the right to publish all or any of the articles in his paper.—(Signed) J. H. M. Savage, Hon. Secretary."

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The 34th ordinary meeting of the above Society took place on Thursday, Nov. 18th, 19 members and visitors being present.

The chair was occupied by the President, Mr. Alex. J. Sefi.

After formal business, the Chairman announced that the first item consisted of a paper by Mr. Karl Wiehen on "Should Completeness be Sacrificed for Condition."

Mr. Wiehen questions whether too much stress is not laid on condition nowadays by the philatelic papers, to the great disadvantage of the young collector, for on looking through the catalogues it will be found, such things as cut to shape, cancelled, pen-marked, perf. with hole, barred, etc., in which are practically common stamps, while in the rarer stamps, such as pence Ceylons, etc., they are only priced in good condition; so that the novice, not being up to the vagaries of the condition-monger, would find that in the event of his being obliged to realise on his collections, that they were practically unsaleable, owing to them not coming up to the standard which the condition cranks seem anxious to fix. Messrs. P. J. W. Deverell, A. J. Sefi, C. S. Muratori, &c., also spoke on the subject, after which a hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. Wiehen for his interesting paper on this most important topic.

The next item consisted of a blackboard lecture on the "Silk Thread Issues" of Switzerland, by Mr. Alex. J. Sefi. This proved most instructive, as full explanations were given as to the way to distinguish the various printings of these stamps, and also the several new discoveries Mr. Sefi has made in them, although they have been so greatly studied already. At the conclusion of the display, among which must be noted a mint block of nine of the 5 rappen stamp, a hearty vote of thanks was proposed, and seconded by Mr. K. Dingwall, and unanimously carried. A vote of thanks to the chair closed the business of the meeting.

IMPORTANT.—In the last report of our meeting, appearing in this paper, regarding Mr. Heginbottom's display of Turkish Islands, it was stated that "of the surcharged issues, Mr. Heginbottom only collects the 4d. on 6d., 4d. on 4d., and the 1d. on 2d., as he considers that the others were not issued for any legitimate postal purpose." As this is entirely incorrect, I here give Mr. Heginbottom's note on this early provisional issue, thus: "As I do not collect these, few being met with postally used." I am pleased to make this correction in Mr. Heginbottom's interest, and trust that no erroneous idea may have been formed through this wrong interpretation of his notes.

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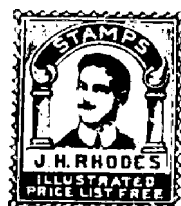
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PAPUA—continued.

SMALL SURCHARGE.

Rosettes	Rosettes Do., thick	horiz. vertical paper
3d 317 —	331 4d	
1d	332 3d	
2d	333; 4d	
2½d 320; 10d		334; 6d
4d	335 —	
6d	336 3/0	
1/- 323; 1/9	337; 2/0	339 —
2/6 324; 3/9	338; 3/9	

PERMANENT DESIGN.

1907. Wmk. Crown A, p. 11.

Normal Wmk.	Inverted Wmk.	Either
3d 355; 1d	363; 1d	(8d doz)
1d 356; 3d	364; 3d	(3/0 doz)
2d 357; 4d	365; 4d	(3/0 doz)
2½d 358; 5d	366; 5d	(3/9 doz)
4d 359; 8d	367; 8d	(6/6 doz)
6d 360; 1/3	368; 1/3	(13/0 doz)
1/- 361; 1/4	369 +	(15/0 doz)
2/6 362	not iss.	

Wmk. Crown A, p. 12½.

2d 373 +	381 +
2½d 374 +	382 —
4d 375 1/6	383 8d
6d 376 +	384 +
1/- 377 +	385 +

Varities of this issue:—No 28. rift in the clouds; No 29. white leaves at right; No 30. white leaves at left

303; 3d to 1/-, set of 7 3/9

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Punctured "OS."

Perf. 11	Perf. 12½
3d 387 —	
1d 388 —	389 —
2d 390 —	391 —
2½d 392 —	393 —
4d 394 —	395 —
6d 396 —	397 —
1/- 398 —	
2/6 small sur.	400 —

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King's Head.

301* KO 2a grey	3d
302* KO 4a grn	1d
303* KO 1a rose	1½d
304* KO 2a viol	2½d
305* KO 3a oran	4d
306* KO 4a grn	5d
307* KO 6a yel	7d
308* KO 8a viol	10d
309* KO 12a on red	1/1
310* KO 1r carm & gr	1/6
321	Current set of nine 3/7

King's Head, Service.

320 KO 2a grey	—
311 KO 4a grn	1d
312 KO 1a rose	2d
313 KO 2a viol	4d
314 KO 3a oran	1/0
315 KO 4a grn	8d
316 KO 8a viol (9/9 doz.)	1/0
317 KO 1r carm & grn	2/6
318 KO 1a P & R (1/4 doz.)	1½d
319 KO 1a ..	not iss.
322	Set of seven (½-1r) 4/6

Pennrhyn Islands (N.Z.)

No wmk., perf. 11.

302* PU 2½d blue	4d
309 PU 3d p 11	2/0

Cowin paper.

304* PZ ½d p 14 (7d doz.)	1d
305* PZ 1d p 14 (1/2 ..)	2d
306* PZ 3d p 11	3½d
307* PZ 9d p 11	7d
308* PZ 1/1 p 11 red	1/1
(a) orange	+
310	Current set of six —

Portuguese Colonies.

Head of Late King.

301 Azores 5 to 300 reis	3/6
302 " 500 reis	2/3
303 " 5, 10, 15, 20 reis	2d.

Queensland.

Wmk. Crown A, p. 12½.

321* QA ½d green	1d
322* QA 1d red	1½d
323 QA 2d blue	4d
324 QA 2½d on blue	not iss.
325 QA 4d brn	3½d
326 QA 4d yel	8d
327 QA 4d grey	5d
328 QA 5d brn	not iss.
329 QA 6d grn	7d

ST. HELENA—continued.

1903. Pict. King's Head. Wmk. Crown CC.

303* KC ½d gr & brn	1d
304* KC 1d car & blk (1/2 doz)	1½d
305* KC 4d olive (2/4 ..)	2½d
306* KC 8d brn (8/8 ..)	11d
307* KC 1/- blk & brn (13/- doz)	1/2
308* KC 2/- lil & blk	2/2
313	Current set of nine 3/7

St. Kitts—Nevis.

1903. Two designs. Wmk. Crown CA.

CA	Mult.	Chalky
Single	Ord.	
3d 301 2d	311 —	323 —
1d 302 —		325 2½d
2d 303 —	314 —	
2½d 304 —	315 —	
3d 305 1/0	317 1/0	324 3½d
6d 306 1/6	318* 9d	
1/- 307* —		
2/- 308* 2/2		
2/6 309* —		
5/- 310* 5/5		

New colours

Crown CA mult., ord.

312* PM ½d green (7d doz)	1d
313* PM 1d rose (1/2 ..)	1½d
316* PM 2½d blue (2/11 ..)	3d
326	Current set of seven —

St. Lucia.

1902. King's Head.

CA	Mult.	Chalky
Single	Ord.	
3d 301 2d	306 1½d	315 2d
1d 302 3d	308 5d	316 3d
2½d 303 —	310 —	317 9d
3d 304 6d	312 6d	
6d	313 1/9	319* 7d
1/- 305; 1/9		320; 1/6
5/-	314 —	

Crown CA mult., ord.

New Colours.

401* KM ½d grn	—
402* KM 1d rose	1½d
403* KM 2½d blue	3d
404* KN 3d on yel	—
405 KN 6d lilac	not iss.
406* KN 1/- on grn	+
407	Current set of six 2/5½

St. Vincent.

1902. King's Head.

CA	Mult.	Chalky
Single	Ord.	
3d 301 2d	310 4d	313 2d
1d 302 3d	311 —	314 —
2d 303 —		
2½d 304 9d		316 —
3d 305 7d		
6d 306 1/3		318 1/0
1/- 307 —	312 —	319 —
2/- 308; 3/0		320* 2/2
5/- 309; 7/6		321 5/5

Pictorial.

Crown CA., mult. ord.

322* PM ½d green (7d doz)	1d
323* PM 1d red	2d
324* PM 2d yellow (2/4 doz)	2½d
325* PM 2½d blue (2/11 ..)	3d
326* PM 3d violet (3/6 ..)	—

Altered die (no dot under d).

329* PM 1d rose (1/2 doz.)	1½d
327* PM 6d lilac (7/0 ..)	7d
328* PM 1/- blk on grn	1/1
333	Current set of seven 2/7½

With dot under d.

402 PM 1d red	not iss.
406 PM 6d lil	"

New colours.

403 PM 2d grey	not iss.
404 PM 3d on yel	"

Sarawak.

1898. **Rajah's Head. No wmk.**

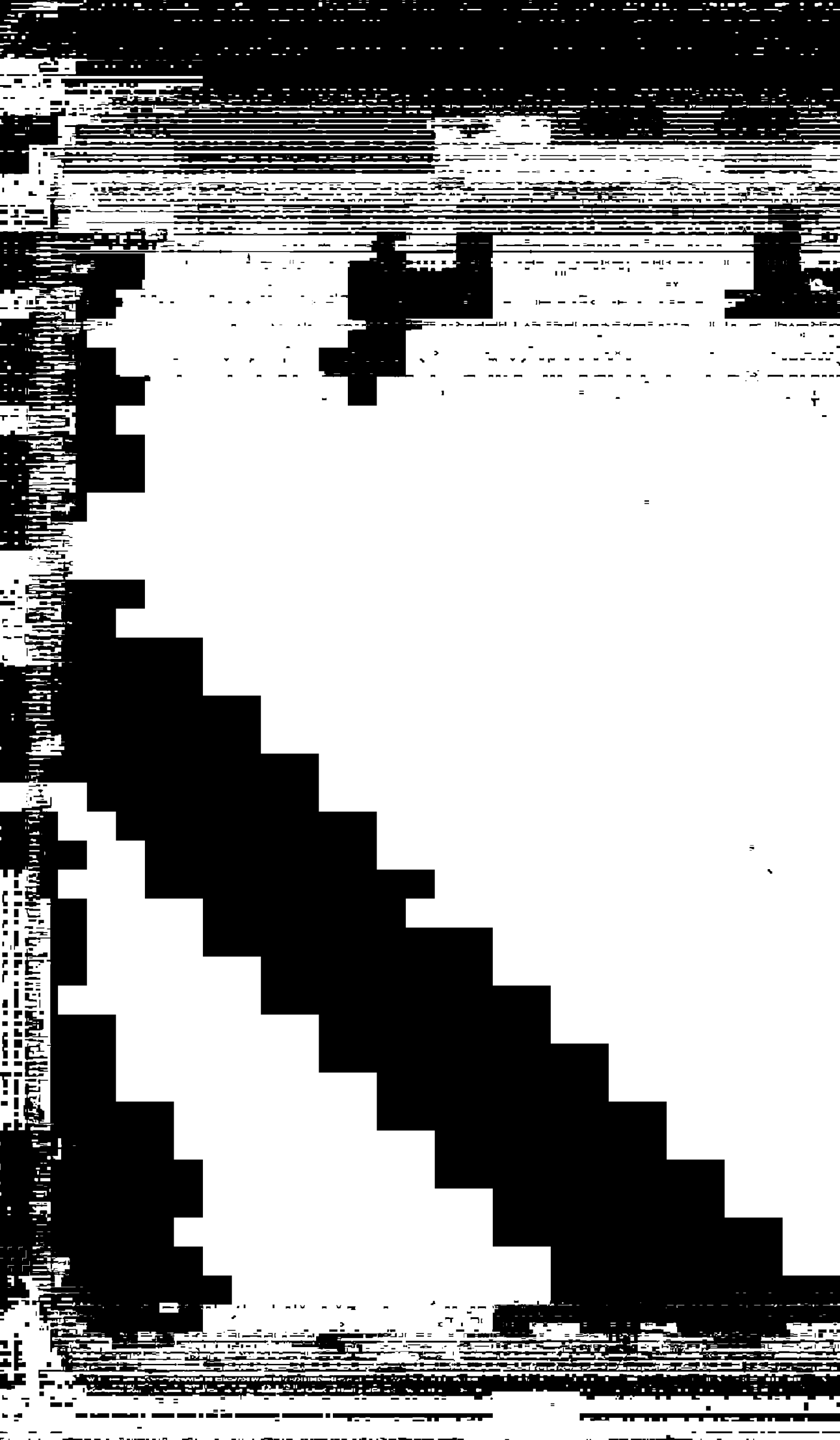
301* RU 1d blue & red	1d
302* RU 2c grn	1d
303* RU 3c lilac	—
304* RU 4c rose	2d
305* RU 8c yel & blk	8d
306* RU 10c blue	4d
307* RU 12c lil	5d
308* RU 16c brn & grn	6d
309* RU 20c grn & lilac	7d
310* RU 25c brn & blue	8d
311* RU 50c grn & rose	1/4
312 RU 81 rose & grn	—
313 RU 2c grn	—
314	Current set of ten —

NDON, S.E.

319 AV 200f grey & brn	3/0
318 AV 100f blue & blk	3/3
317 AV 50f lil & blk	2/2
316 AV 40f red & blk	1/1
315 AV 30f brn & blk	7d
314 AV 20f brn & blk	5d
313 AV 10f brn & blk	3d
312 AV 10f brn & blk	3d
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Zanzibar.

320 AV 10f brn & blk	3d
319 AV 10f brn & blk	3d
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302* 1/2 1/2 rose (1/3 doz) 1 1/2	1 1/2	
303* 1/2 1/2 1/2 green & orange 2d	2d	
Aitutaki (N.Z.).	Crown paper, p. 16.	
301* PZ 1/2 1/2 green (7d doz) 1d	1d	
302* PZ 1/2 1/2 red (1/2 doz) 1 1/2	1 1/2	
303* PZ 1/2 1/2 blue (2/11 doz) 3d	3d	
304* PZ 1/2 1/2 dark blue 4d	4d	
305* PZ 1/2 1/2 blue (3/6 doz) 7d	7d	
306* PZ 1/2 1/2 rose 1/1	1/1	
307* PZ 1/2 1/2 orange 1/1	1/1	
310 current set of 6	—	
Antigua.	7.03. Arms of King's Head.	
CC CC MCA		
1d 301* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
1d 302* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
2d 303* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
2d 304* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
3d 305* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
4d 306* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
5d 307* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
6d 308* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
7d 309* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
8d 310* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
9d 311* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
10d 312* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
11d 313* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
12d 314* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
13d 315* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
14d 316* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
15d 317* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
16d 318* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
17d 319* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
18d 320* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
19d 321* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
20d 322* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
21d 323* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
22d 324* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
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24d 326* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
25d 327* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
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286d 588* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
287d 589* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
288d 590* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
289d 591* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
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295d 597* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
296d 598* 1/2 3/11 1	1	
297d 599* 1/2 3/11 1	1	

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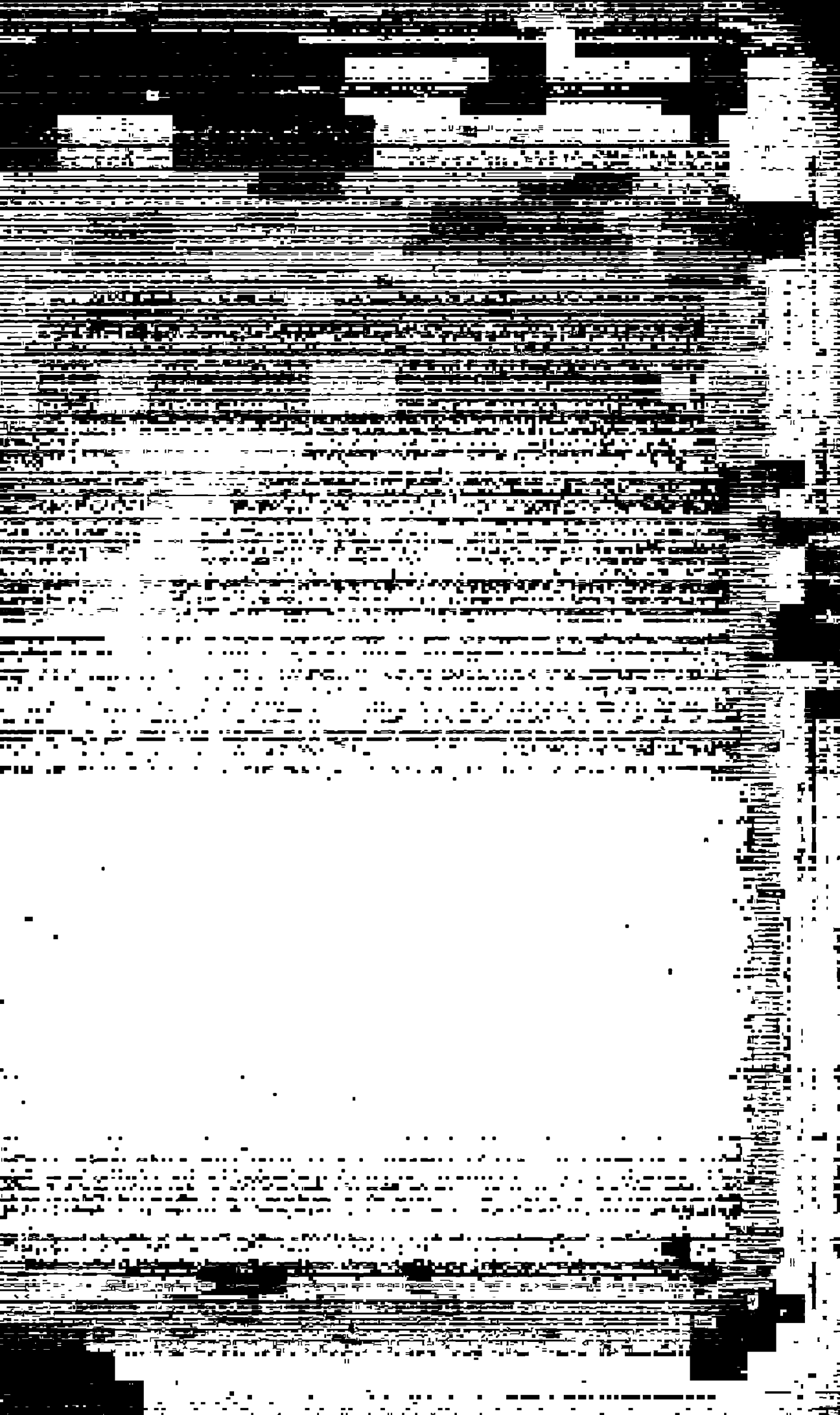
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New colours.
Crown CA mult., ord.
 314* KM 4d grn (7d doz) —
 316* KM 1d rose (1/2 ..) 14d
 105* KM 2d grey 2 1/2d
 317* KM 2 1/2d blue (2/11 ..) —
 335* KN 3d on yel 1
 306* KN 4d on yel 5d
 107* KN 5d 6d
 316* KN 6d lilac 7d
 310 Current set of nine
 337* KN 1/2-blk on grn 1/1
 338* KN 2/- on blue —
 339* KN 5/- on yel 5/5

Solomon Islands.

207. *No wmk., p. 11.*
 301 PU 4d blue (2/6 doz) 3d
 302 PU 1d rose (3/0 ..) 1 1/2d
 303 PU 2d blue (6/0 ..) 1 8d
 304 PU 2 1/2d yell (10/0 ..) 1 10d
 305 PU 5d green 1/4
 306 PU 6d brown 1/0
 307 PU 1/- lilac 2/0
 315 Complete set of seven 5/6
Small design, p. 14.
 308 PM 4d green (7d doz) 1d
 309 PM 1d red (1/2 ..) 1 1/2d
 310 PM 2d grey (2/4 ..) 2 1/2d
 311 PM 2 1/2d blue (2/11 ..) 3d
 317 Set of 4 7d
 312* M 5d grn 6d
 313 PM 6d lilac 7d
 314 PM 1/- blk on grn 1/1
 316 Current set of seven 2/10

Somaliland.

1904. *King's Head*
Wmk. Crown CA.
 301 KS 4a grn (8d doz) 1d
 302 KS 1a car & blk 3d
 303 KS 2a viol (2/1 doz) 2 1/2d
 304 KS 2 1/2a blue 5d
 305 KS 3a grn & hl 6d
 306 KS 4a blk & grn 8d
 307 KS 6a viol ..
 308 KS 8a blue & blk 1/4
 309 KS 12a or .. 2/6
Wmk. Crown CC.
 310 KC 1r grn 1/6
 311 KC 2r viol 2/11
 312 KC 3r blk & grn 4/4
 313 KC 5r carm & blk —
Crown CA mult., ord.
 314 KM 4a grn (8d doz) 2d
 318 KM 1a red 1/4
 315 KM 1a carm & blk
 316 KM 2a viol 4d
 317 KM 2 1/2a blue (2/11 doz) 3d
 318 KM 3a grn & hl 4d
 319 KM 4a blk & grn 5d
 320 KM 6a hl & grn 7d
 321 KM 8a blue & blk 10d
 322 KM 12a or & blk 1/1
Crown CA mult., chalky.
 327 KN 1a carm & blk 2d
 329 KN 2a violet (2/4 doz) 2 1/2d
 330 Current set of nine 3/8
OFFICIAL.
 351. Set of 11 125/

South Australia.

Large "Postage."
Crown SA, p. 11 1/2, 12 1/2, or cd.
 318 QO 4d blue 1/6
 319 QO 8d rose 1/6
 316 QO 10d yell 1/0
 320 QO 2/6 hl (type n.) 4/0
 323 QO 5/- rose —
 322 QA 10/- green —
 324 QO 20/- blue 23/0
Wmk. Crown A, p. 12 x 11 1/2.
 310 PA 4d green 1d
 311 QA 1d rose (1/2 doz) 1 1/2d
 312 QA 2d violet 2 1/2d
 313 QA 5d lilac —
Wmk. Crown A, p. 12
 313 QA 3d grn (3/6 doz) 4d
 314 QA 4d red (1/8 ..) 5d
 315 QA 6d green —
 316 QA 8d blue not iss.
 317 QA 9d rose —
 318 QA 10d yell 1
 319 QA 1/- brown —
 319 QA 2/6 lilac 2/11
 341 Current set of twelve —
Perf. 12 1/2.
 346 QA 9d rose 1
OFFICIAL STAMPS.
Punctured SA OS
 4d green 317 — 367
 1d rose 318 — 368 4d

Straits.

1902. *King's Head (No. 1).*
CA Mult. Mult.
Single Ord. Chalky
 1c 301 1d — — —
 3c 302 2d — — —
 4c 303 — — — —
 5c 304 4d 313 — 332 4d
 8c 305 — — — —
 10c 306 6d 323 — 331 9d
 25c 307 1/3 324 — 335 9d
 30c 308 2/3 325 1/4 336 1/0
 50c 309 3/0 326 — 337 1/1
 81 310 5/0 327 3/6 338 2/7
 82 311 7/6 — — 339 5/6
 85 312 — — — 340 —
 85 312 — — — 341 68/9
New design.
 1c 311 3d — — —
 3c 312 — — 319 2d 330 3d
 4c 316 — — 320 — 331 4d
 8c 317 6d 321 — — 333 9d
New colours.
Crown CA mult., ord.
 318* KM 1c grn 1d
 311* KM 3c rose 1d
 312 KM 4c rose 3d
 315* KM 4c blue (1/5 doz) 1 1/2d
 317* KM 5c yell (1/8 ..) 2d
 322 KM 8c blue (2/11 ..) 3d
 316 KM 10c hl on yel —
Crown CA mult., chalky.
 319 KN 25c hl 3d
 308 KN 30c not iss.
 337 KN 50c on grn ..
 338 KN 81 on blue ..
 339 KN 82 on yellow ..
 315 KN 85 on grn ..
 319 KN 810 on yel ..
 310 Current set of nine 3/9
Sudan.
 1898. *Camel.*
Wmk. Quatrefoils single.
 301 PS 1m car & brn 1d
 302 PS 2m — —
 303 PS 3m — —
 304 PS 5m blk & car 3d
 305 PS 1p brn & blue —
 306 PS 2p — —
 307 PS 5p 2/0
 308 PS 10p 2/6
Multiple Crescent & Star.
 309 PM 1m car & brn (4d doz)
 310 PM 2m — —
 311 PM 3m grn & hl 1/1
 312 PM 5m blk & car 2d
 313 PM 1p brn & hl 6d
 314 PM 2p blk .. —
 315 PM 5p grn & brn 1/3
Same, but plate 2, fainter background
 320 PM 4m blue 3d
 321 PM 4m red 1 1/2d
 322 PM 1p brn & hl —
 323 Current set of eight 2/4
OFFICIAL STAMPS.
SA "OSGS"
Wmk. Quatrefoils.
 328 PS 10 pas. —
Same, wmk. Cres. & Star.
 329 PM 1m car & brn (4d doz) 4d
 331 PM 3m grn & hl 1d
 332 PM 5m blk & car 1 1/2d
 333 PM 1p brn & blue —
 334 PM 2p blue & blk 6d
 335 PM 5p grn & brn 1/5
 336 Current set of six —
"Army Official," Cres. & Star.
 337 PM 1m car & brn .. —
 338 PM "Official" — 6/0
 339 PM Small sur — 6/0
 340 PM Inv. sur — 18/0
Search "Army Service."
 346 PM 1m car & brn 1/0
 347 PM 2m brn & grn — 9d
 348 PM 3m grn & hl — 1/6
 349 PM 5m blk & car — 1/0
 350 PM 1p grn & brn — —
 351 PS 2p blue & blk — 3/9
 352 PS 5p grn & brn — 28/0
 353 PS 10p hl & blk — 30/0
Varieties.
 351 PM 1m spal. 14mm used 20/0
 355 PM 1m mv. sur. 1
Same, but plate 2.
 356 PM 1p brn & blue — 6/6
Wmk. Cres. and Star mult.
 357 PM 2p blue & blk — —
 358 PM 5p grn & brn — 25/0
 359 Current set of six —
Postage Due.
 371 PM 2c brn & blk 1d
 372 DM 4c carm & blk 1 1/2d

Tonga.

1897. *Pictorial or Portrait.*
Wmk. Turtle's Heads all pointing same way. Oblong stamps should be looked at sideways.
 301 PM 4d blue —
 302 PM 1d red & blk 3d
 303 PM 2d bistre .. —
 304 PM 2 1/2d blue .. —
 305 PM 3d grn .. 4d
 306 PM 4d hl & grn 5d
 307 PM 5d or & blk 6d
 308 PM 6d red 7d
 309 PM 7 1/2d grn & blk 9d
 310 PM 10d car & blk 1/0
 311 PM 1/- brn & blk 1/1
 312 PM 2/- blue & blk 2/2
 313 PM 2/6 blue 2/9
 314 PM 5/- or & blk —
Same, thinner paper. Turtle's heads pointing alternately up and down.
 315 4d blue —
 316 1d red & blk —
 317 2d bistre & blk —
 318 2 1/2d blue & blk —
 319 Current set of eleven 5/2 1/2

Transvaal.

1902. *King's Head.*
"Postage & Revenue"
CA Mult. Mult.
Single Ord. Chalky
 4d 301 1/2d 317 — —
 1d 302 319 — —
 2d 303 3d — — 333 2 1/2d
 2 1/2d 304 3d 322 2/0 332 5d
 3d 305 5d — — 335 3 1/2d
 4d 306 7d — — 336 5d
 6d 307 10d — — 337 —
 7c 308 1/0 — — —
 2/- 309 2/0 — — —
"Postage." Postage."
 1/- 309 2/0 327 1/1
 2/- 311 5/6 328 2/2
 2/6 312 4/0 329 —
 5/- 313 7/6 330 5/5
 10/- 314 11/0 331 10/10
 21/- 315 25/0 332 21/8 338 not
 25 316 110/0 — — —
Error, wmk. Anchor.
 315 KA 1d rose — 1
New design.
 318 KM 4d grn (7d doz) 1d
 320 KM 1d rose (1/2 doz) 1 1/2d
 322 KM 2d purple not iss.
 323 KM 2 1/2d blue 3d
 326 KM 6d not iss.
 329 4d to 1/- set of 4 8 3/2
Postage Due.
Crown CA mult., ord.
 351 4d grn & blk 2d
 352 1d carm & blk 3d
 353 2d orange 4d
 354 4d blue & blk 5d
 355 5d hl & blk 9d
 356 6d brn & blk 9d
 357 1/- blk & carm 1/1
 358 Complete set of seven 2/11

Trinidad.

1896. *Britannia.*
Wmk. C. 1. Single or double.
Plate 1 Plate 2
same same
standing standing
 4d green 32 317 4d
 1d or red 301 318 6d
 2 1/2d on blue 305 319 8d
 1d green 307 6d 320 —
 6d hl & blk 309 — —
 1/- blk & yell 311 1/9 321 —
 5/- blue 313 — —
 1/- green 315 — —
Single C. 1. Mult. Mult.
Chalky Ord. Chalky
 4d 326 3d
 1d 328 6d 327 4d
 2 1/2d 328 328
 4d 327 1/0 — —
 6d 329 1/6 — —
 1/- (blk on yell) 330 — —
 1/- (hl on yell) 331 7/6 — —
 5/- 331 10/0 — — 332 5/10
 1/- 336 — — 333 —
Crown CA mult., ord.
 322* KM 4d grn — —
 327* KM 1d rose (1/2 doz) — —
 325* KM 2 1/2d blue (2/11 ..) — —
New colours.
 318* BN 4d on yel 5d
 319* BN 6d blue 7d
 310* BN 1/- on brn 1/9

Victoria.

Wmk. Crown over A.
Perf. 12, 12 1/2, Perf. 11.
 1d 328 — — 329 2d
 1d 330 1 1/2d 331 8d
 2d 332 2 1/2d 333 —
 2 1/2d 334 3d 335 2/6
 3d 336 3 1/2d 337 3/6
 4d 338 5d — —
 5d 339 6d — —
 6d 340 7d — —
 9d 341 11d — —
 1/- 342 1/1 343 1
 2/- — — — —
 5/- 344 — — 345 5/5
 1/- 350 21/8 351 —
 2/- 352 43/4 353 —
 354 Set of 11 4/4

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Punctured "O.S."
 361 4d grn 1d
 362 1d rose (used) 2d
 363 1 1/2d on yel 3d
 364 2d blue (used) 4d
 365 2 1/2d blue — —
 366 3d yell 6d
 367 4d yell 6d
 368 5d brn 8d
 369 6d grn 8d
 370 9d rose 1/0
 371 1/- yell 1/6
 372 2/- blue 1/6
 373 5/- blue & carm 8/6
 374 1/- rose 8/6
 375 2/- blue — —
Postage Due.
Wmk. Crown A.
 381 FA 4d grn & carm 4d
 382 FA 1d .. 1d
 383 FA 2d .. 6d
 385 FA 4d .. 2/6

Virgin Islands.

1904. *King's Head.*
Crown CA mult., ord.
 301 KM 4d blue (7d doz) —
 302 KM 1d .. (1/2 ..) 2d
 303 KM 2d .. (2/4 ..) 4d
 304 KM 2 1/2d .. (2/11 ..) 3d
 305 KM 3d .. (3/6 ..) 7d
 306 KM 6d .. — 7d
 307 KM 1/- grn .. — 1/1
 308 KM 2/- .. — 2/9
 309 KM 5/- .. — 5/5
Colours of next supply will be as follows.
 310 KM 4d green not iss.
 311 KM 1d rose ..
 312 KM 2d grey ..
 313 KM 2 1/2d blue ..
 314 KM 3d hl on yel ..
 315 KM 6d blue ..
 316 KM 1/- blk on grn ..
 317 KM 2/- on blue ..
 318 KM 5/- on yel ..

Western Australia.

1901. *Swan.*
Crown side ways, p. 12 1/2.
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On the 16th inst., a hot-pot supper and smoking concert was held, the President (Mr. A. S. Allender), who was in the chair, being supported by the various officials of the Society. The most interesting feature of the evening's programme was the conferring of life membership upon Mr. G. Burrow (which was proposed by Mr. Allender, in most felicitous terms), who was one of the original founders of the Society, and has been a member continuously for the 21 years of its existence. The toast, "The Liverpool Philatelic Society," was proposed by Mr. W. H. Lawson, one of the Vice-Presidents, who in the course of his remarks, reminded those present—of whom there were 36—that the Society, which had enjoyed a continuous existence for 21 years, had now the largest number of members it ever had on its books, namely, 107, and he bespoke the enthusiasm of all the members to make the Society even a greater success in the future than it had been in the past. A rhyme, entitled, "A Stamp of Success," which had been composed by Mr. C. G. Dyall, was read. This is reproduced elsewhere in the S.C.F. A most enjoyable musical programme, arranged by Mr. S. Lord, was given during the evening.

Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society.

President: Alderman Gardner, J.P.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Mr. Henry Alsop, F.R.P.S. Lond., Filton Lodge, Filton, Near Bristol.

A MEETING was held on Dec. 8th, at 6, Priory Road, with Ald. Gardner in the chair, the members present being Messrs. Reynolds, Harrington, McPherson, Woods, Dr. Evans and Mr. Alsop (Hon. Sec.).

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Hon. Sec. reported he had received a reply from the Bath Philatelic Society, and it was arranged that the visit should be Feb. 16th, 1910.

The Hon. Sec. read a letter from Mr. Slade, Hon. Sec. of the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, asking the Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society to appoint a delegate to attend in April next, and upon the resolution of Mr. Reynolds, and seconded by Ald. Gardner, it was decided to appoint Mr. Henry Alsop as their delegate.

The display for the evening being Ceylon and Hong Kong, Mr. Heginbottom very kindly lent his very fine collections of these countries, which was very much enjoyed.

The next meeting being the annual, and as the date fixed will be the time of the General Election, it was decided to postpone it till a more convenient date.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: F. J. McNeill.
Hon. General Secretary: Ralph Wedmore, 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, S.E.

At the fifth meeting of the season, held at 17, Fleet Street, E.C., on Saturday, December 4th, there was a display, with notes, of the stamps of the Cayman Islands by Mr. A. Leon Adutt, whose specialised collection of this country is probably the finest extant. It is rich in panes and blocks, and contains a brilliant array of the scarce provisional issues of the Islands, including no less than 40 copies of the rare 2½d. on 4d. There are also a number of proofs and colour trials and Jamaica postage stamps used in the Cayman Islands prior to the issue of a separate series. All of the stamps were in the finest possible condition, and the collection was much admired as it was passed round, whilst the notes which accompanied it showed evidence of much painstaking research, and proved that the reader had the subject at his finger tips. Some discussion took place regarding the famous 1d. on 4d. provisional, Mr. Adutt and Mr. D. B. Armstrong maintaining that whilst issued for fiscal purposes, it was still available for postal use, while Mr. A. J. Watkin, another Cayman specialist, took the opposite view.

Of particular interest and attraction to the young members, though much enjoyed also by the older ones, was a short and entertaining paper, entitled, "A Tour Round the World on Postage Stamps," which was delivered by Mr. D. S. Darkin, the Society's Exchange Superintendent.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.
Meeting Place: Royal Hotel, Brighton. Meetings 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 till 10 p.m.

THE 6th meeting of the season was held on 8th Dec. Mr. Owen being in the chair. The display was Mr. Heginbottom's collections of British Bechuanaland, British Central Africa, British East Africa, British South Africa and Somaliland Protectorate. A notable feature was the high values of these countries postally used.

Being no doubt chiefly issued for fiscal purposes, these stamps are of course very scarce with postal obliterations. Copious notes accompanied the display, which was thus made most instructive. A hearty vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Heginbottom on the motion of Messrs. C. E. Duncombe and J. Corner-Spokes.

Dundee and District Philatelic Society.

President: George Martin.
Hon. Sec.: John W. Christie, 4, Tallidoph Rd., Dundee.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held on Friday, Dec. 10th, in the Rooms of the Y.M.C.A. Mr. Martin, the President, occupied the chair, and conducted the ordinary routine business.

After the reading and confirmation of the minutes of the previous meeting, the members had a rare treat in the inspection of a magnificent display of the stamps of Malta and the Falkland Isles. This was the second display of a series kindly granted by Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., to whom, for his unflinching kindness and courtesy, this Society is deeply indebted.

After giving expression to their admiration of the collection, the members united in a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Heginbottom, and brought to a termination a highly instructive and pleasant meeting.

Bolton Philatelic Society.

Hon. President: Alderman Haslam, J.P.
Hon. Vice-President: E. Heginbottom, Esq., B.A.
Hon. Secs.: H. O. Moscrop, 91, Thackerfield Road, Bolton C. Boothby, 22, Ivy Road, Bolton.

THE monthly meeting of the above Society was held on Thursday evening, Dec. 8th, at the Society's Rooms, Bradford Buildings, Mawdsley Street. Mr. P. H. Constantine occupied the chair.

There were 22 entries for the competition promoted by the Society for the best collection shown by any boy or girl under the age of 18, and the judging of these entries proved most interesting.

Many of the collections reflected credit on the owners both in method of arrangements and choice of stamps. The four prizes were awarded as follows:

1st. stamps value £1 (presented by Mr. H. O. Moscrop), Eric Constantine, age 15; 2nd, stamps value 15s (presented by Mr. P. H. Constantine), N. Coope, age 14; 3rd, stamps value 10/- (presented by Mr. W. Ward), W. F. Hamer, age 14; 4th, stamps value 7/6 (presented by Mr. C. Boothby), J. R. Sinkings, age 14.

After the ordinary business, a very interesting

illustrated display was given by Mr. W. Ward on "Varieties Worth Finding."

Mr. C. Boothby, in proposing a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Ward, remarked on the interesting discoveries that had been shown to the members: Mr. H. O. Moscrop in seconding, and Mr. J. Peoples in supporting, voiced the satisfaction of all present, and a hearty vote of thanks was accorded.

A vote of thanks to the Chair closed the business of the meeting.

Leicester Philatelic Society.

President: Dr. R. Milbourne West.
Hon. Secretary: T. B. Widdowson, 16, Stretton Road, Leicester.

ON Friday, December 3rd, the usual meeting of this Society was held at Winchester House, there were 24 members present, and in the absence of the President, Mr. T. Edwards occupied the chair. After the ordinary business, Mr. J. H. Taylor of Manchester, gave his paper on Sicily with display, after a short historical review of the country he passed on to state that the original steel die from which all the stamps were produced was engraved by T. Aloysio Juvare, and is a most beautiful example of fine engraving, the values were afterwards made separately and added for the completed plates. Mr. Taylor showed examples from the whole of the 13 plates which were printed from (15 being made), and explained how the stamps of the various printings could be distinguished, presenting a diagram to each member to illustrate his remarks. The re-touches on the various plates were also illustrated by his fine collection, he pointed out several points on which he was obliged to differ in opinion from Dr. Diena. Each stamp was dealt with in turn and the number and arrangement of the various retouches shown and explained, clearly illustrating the thorough study these most interesting stamps had received at Mr. Taylor's hands and the collection displayed gave evidence of the great care given to the selection of the various printings. The post-mark used in cancellation of the stamps was stated to be the design of Carlo Le Barbera: over and over again special mention was made, that under no circumstances was the "sacred effigy" of His Majesty to be defaced by the obliteration mark, nor was the value depicted on the stamps to be covered by it; that is the reason the design has only three sides. This order, on the earlier stamps, appears to have been fairly well attended to, but the same cannot be said of the later ones.

The artist has evidently conceived the idea, in designing the postmark, of making one that would form a suitable frame to the portrait of His Majesty, and yet at the same time do its work of cancellation. The design is very pleasing, and consists of curved-line ornamentation, and the artist no doubt intended that it should convey a meaning in it. Mr. Taylor thought that the two ornaments at the sides represented the letter "S," the one on the right being reversed in order to harmonize with the one on the left; if this is so, then the two letters "S" stand for the "Two Sicilies," that Ferdinand governed.

The design at the top, the "fleur-de-lis" forms a crown or diadem for the head of His Majesty, and thus the design points out that the Two Sicilies are supporting or upholding the Bourbon Lily, of which rule, Ferdinand was the representative. In conclusion, Mr. Taylor remarked that the stamps of Sicily were a perfect gold-mine of pure philatelic treasure, unmined with any of the alloys of perforations, watermarks or surcharges. Errors there were galore, retouches in abundance, but none of these were made for the Collector, as he was at that time only in embryo.

Dr. Payne followed with a paper on "The Identification of Greek Stamps" (Type I). Whilst pointing out that actual experience of the colour-tone, paper and impression of each printing was the only sure guide to the correct placing of most of these stamps, some could be distinguished immediately by some marked feature, e.g. S.G. 49 by the short lines of shading on the cheek, 59 by its pale spandrels, etc. Specimens of most of the printings were shown. In expressing the opinion that the "overlay" had much to do with the varying appearance of Greek stamps, attention was drawn to the frequent occurrence in first Athens prints of a fringe of paleness down the back of the head or front of the face (somewhat like a double impression), and obviously due to a badly registered "overlay." S.G. 23 and 24 occur with vertically lined background (being often described as on vertically ribbed paper); 24 also sometimes displays a chequered and sometimes a horizontally lined ground. These successive appearances could be explained by pressure from and gradual wear of an "overlay" constructed of layers of ribbed paper, in which the ribbing was alternately vertically and horizontally arranged, the ridge causing extra inking where they pressed through. Thus these markings occur only at the edges of the sheet where pressure is greatest.

The most hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Taylor and Dr. Payne closed what was undoubtedly one of the best philatelic meetings the Society has enjoyed.

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Manchester Junior Philatelic Society.

President: I. J. Bernstein.

Hon. Secretary: J. S. Higgins, Junr., 7, Green Street Manchester.

THE Committee announce that they have arranged to hold an Exhibition of Postage Stamps and Lantern Lectures, at the Municipal Secondary School, Whitworth Street, on January 22nd, 1910.

The Exhibits will be confined to members of the Society.

Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

President: A. S. Allender.

Hon. Treasurer: Robt. S. Archer, Junr.

Meeting Place: Board Room, Trade Protection Society, 42, Castle Street, Liverpool.

THE usual fortnightly meeting of the above Society was held on Monday evening, 13th inst., when there was a fair attendance of members.

After the formal business had been dismissed, the President, Mr. A. S. Allender, gave a very interesting and instructive paper on "The Line Engraved Stamps of Great Britain." The paper dealt with

these stamps from the earliest issues and whilst giving much information to Juniors, did not go too fully into unnecessary detail.

The stamps illustrating the paper and shown by the lecturer, greatly added to the interest. The magnificent collections of British Line Engraved Stamps of Messrs. Cleaver and Dickson, were brought to the meeting by their respective owners and were highly appreciated, the albums containing many fine single copies, pairs, blocks and entires.

The next meeting will not be held till January 3rd, 1910, when there will be a discussion on the improvement of the present catalogue.

Junior Philatelic Society of Scotland.

President: H. A. Wise.

Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Robert Borland, Lochside, Milngavie, N.B.

A MEETING of the above Society was held in the Alexandra Hotel, Glasgow, on Wednesday, 15th Dec., when there was a good turnout of members, the President, Mr. H. A. Wise, in the chair.

The ordinary business having been completed, a display of Venezuela, accompanied by notes, was given by Mr. J. L. Thomas. The collection was very complete, the 20 bolivars of 1880, and some of the minor varieties being the only pieces missing. The condition throughout was superb the early issues being very strong and contained many mint pairs, strips, and blocks.

The notes dealt very fully with the various issues explaining secret marks, different printings, etc., and peculiarities, such as the letter S in pos of the 1863-4 issue, which is really a reversed Z, the only copies showing the correctly shaped S being forgeries. Regarding the UN DEAL of the 1866-7 issue, Earce says all genuine copies have one dot only under the A of VENEZA, but Mr. Thomas exhibited a copy with two dots, and stated that a copy of the same variety was also in the Taping collection.

The profits of the Venezuela Post Office are said to be devoted to the maintenance of the State school

system: hence the words "Escuelas" (schools) and "Instruccion" on various stamps from 1879 onwards.

At the conclusion Mr. Thomas was accorded a very hearty vote of thanks.

International Philatelic Union.

Hon. Sec.: T. H. Hinton, 26, Cramford Road, East Putney, S.W.

THE third meeting of the season was held at Essex Hall on Thursday, Dec. 9th. Present: Messrs. J. C. Sidebotham (chair), L. W. Fulcher, A. B. Kay, Guy Semple, A. H. L. Giles, P. L. Pemberton, F. F. Lamb, W. E. Lincoln, W. S. King, and the Hon. Secretary.

At the conclusion of the formal business, the President gave a display of Peru, including a very complete selection of rarities and fine copies. The Hon. Sec. followed with a collection of Hong Kong, including a good selection of used blocks of four. A hearty vote of thanks for the displays and to the Chairman concluded a pleasant evening.

The next meeting will take place at Essex Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 13th, 1910, at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. P. L. Pemberton will read a paper on a subject of Philatelic interest. Three delegates to represent the Society at the Congress will be elected, and subjects to be proposed for discussion will be considered. All members and any visitors cordially invited to attend.

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1884, 3 Oms, 1/2 brown-lac, mint	1 9 0
Naples, 1891, 10c. green-blue, 7 ans*	12 10 0
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Ceylon, 1885, 1/2 lb. 10c. imperf. mint*	1 10 0
1891, Star, perf., 1/2 lb. 10c. orange	1 0 0
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Gambia, 1890, 1/2 lb. green, mint	1 9 0
Lagos, 1st issue, perf., 1/2 lb. 10c. orange value 15* mint	3 3 0
1894, 8c. 2 olive black, mint	2 12 0
Mauritius, 1890, large fillet, 1/2 lb. blue	16 0 0
Zululand, 1st issue, 5 + 10c. mint	2 1 0
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Barbados, 1890, pin perf., 1/2 lb. 10c. blue	1 10 0
1894, 5c. dull rose, mint	3 0 0
British Guiana, 1892, 10c. black on magenta	1 0 0
1896, 10c. olive-bistre, mint	2 0 0
Honduras, 1897, 1/2 lb. grey, mint	2 2 0
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Nevis, 1884, 6d. green*	1 12 0
St. Vincent, 1891, provisional, 1/2 lb. on 1/2 vermilion	5 15 0
Virgin Islands, 1897, perf., 1/2 lb. 10c. rose carmine on white paper, mint	1 5 0
Ditto, 1/2 lb. rose-carmine on toned paper, mint	1 5 0
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Kouang Teheon, Oct., 1909, 10 fr. red on green, Gibbons A387, mint	1 1 0
Turkish Empire, Beyroth, 1908, 1p. on 15c. Gibbons T28	1 0 0
France, Colonies, 1878-80, imperf., 25c. black on red, Gibbons 54, mint	1 2 0
Dibouti, 1891, 10c. 50 fr. rose and blue, Gibbons 25, mint	1 18 0
Madagascar, June, 1892, 5 fr. lilac, Gibbons 14	1 17 0
Martinique, 1888-91, 15c. on 1/2 purple-brown, Gibbons 18, practically mint	10 10 0
Obock, 1891, 25 fr. blue and brown, Gibbons 70, mint	1 1 0
Ditto, 50 fr. green and lake, Gibbons 77, mint	2 0 0
St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1892, imperf., 1 fr. olive, Peace & Commerce type, overprinted with Gibbons type H	2 8 0
Tahiti, 1891, 10c. on 20c. Gibbons 6, practically mint	1 4 0
Gibraltar, Jan., 1890, 1/2 lb. yellow brown rose, single wmk., 1/2 lb. purple and red, mint	2 3 0
Great Britain, 1890, large crown, 1/2 lb. black, mint	1 10 0
1897, 8c. 2 brown	2 0 0
1897, 1/2 lb. Cross, 10c. grey-green	1 1 0
1897, white paper, 1/2 lb. orange	1 10 0
1894, 5c. 1 R. on 1/2 lb. yellow-green, Gibbons 18*	1 18 0
Ceylon, 1885, 5c. on 1/2 lb. blue, variety surch, inverted, Gibbons 119b	6 5 0
Ditto, Ceylon, 1890, 1/2 lb. rose, mint	1 0 0
Cyprus, 1881, 1/2 lb. green	1 12 0
Hong Kong, Oct., 1892, 20c. grey*	1 3 0
1904, single wmk. 1/2 lb. grey black on orange, superb mint	1 3 0
Ditto, Postcard stamps, 10c. on 5c. on 1/2 lb. blue, Gibbons 123, mint	2 8 0
British Bechuanaland, Oct., 1897, 1/2 lb. lilac and black	1 1 0
R. Central Africa, 1898, no wmk., 1/2 lb. yellow orange, mint	2 12 0
1897, 1/2 lb. dull purple, mint	1 1 0
1904, 1/2 lb. single, 1/2 lb. red & black, mint	1 2 0
British Somaliland, Oct., 1897, 2c. purple, Gibbons 118, mint	1 10 0
Ditto, 1/2 lb. green, superb mint	2 12 0
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 1/2 lb. pale blue	2 2 0
Ditto, 1/2 lb. blue	2 0 0
1882, Crown C.C., 10c. half penny on 1/2 lb. Gibbons 7*	1 15 0
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Gambia, 1871, Crown C.C., imperf., 1/2 lb. brown	1 4 0
1880, Crown C.C., perf., 1/2 lb. 1/2 green, mint	1 8 0
Gold Coast, July 1875, 10c. 1/2 lb. blue, mint	1 0 0
1894, 1/2 lb. 1/2 green and red, Gibbons 24, mint	2 10 0
Lagos, 1891, 6c. 2 olive black, Gibbons 27, mint	3 5 0
Ditto, 5c. 1/2 blue, Gibbons 28, mint	1 12 0
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Ditto, 8c. carmine and black, var. centre inverted, mint	3 10 0
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British Columbia, 1897, perf., 1/2 lb. 5c. green, mint	2 0 0
British Honduras, 1872, 9c. perf., 1/2 lb. 1/2 rose, Gibbons 15, mint	1 11 0
1891, 8c. 5c. green and black, mint	1 0 0
Canada, 1851, imperf., 1/2 lb. black, overprinted "Specimen"	2 5 0
1852, 7c. 1/2 lb. green	3 5 0
Grenada, 1849, 6c. multiple wmk., 1/2 lb. green and purple, mint	1 4 0
Leeward Isles, 1897, 5c. green and blue, mint	1 10 0
Nova Scotia, 1851, bluish paper, 1/2 lb. purple	8 8 0
St. Lucia, 1890, 6d. green, mint	2 0 0
St. Vincent, 1880, 1/2 lb. 10c. red on half of 1/2 green, Gibbons 26	3 10 0
1881, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green, Gibbons 41, mint	3 7 0
Ditto, 1/2 lb. on 1/2 vermilion	7 0 0
Dec., 1881, Star, 1/2 lb. drab, Gibbons 41, mint	1 10 0
Tobago, 1890, 1/2 lb. mauve, mint	6 17 0
Paris Isles, June, 1892, 1/2 lb. on 1/2 lb. Gibbons 31, superb mint	3 7 0
United States of America, Philippine Isles, U.S. Administration, 1898, 8c. 8c. and 8c., all mint	3 0 0
Virgin Isles, 1897, 1/2 lb. white wove paper, 1/2 lb. rose, Gibbons 10*	1 4 0
Ditto, white paper, 1/2 lb. rose, Gibbons 11*	1 5 0
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New Zealand, 1891, Star, retouched plate, 1/2 lb. vermilion	1 1 0

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Russian Levant, 1894, 6 kope, blue	1 7 0
S. Africa, 1897, 10c. blue, No. 1 on sheet, variety, retouch line over Postage	2 10 0
Cape of Good Hope, 1861, woodblock, 1/2 lb. medium blue	2 10 0
St. Helena, 1891, 1/2 lb. 10c. 6d. ultra marine	1 3 0
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Trinidad, 1853, bluish cartridge paper, 1/2 lb. blue	5 10 0
Virgin Isles, 1897, on white, 1/2 lb. carmine, mint	1 8 0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 1/2 lb. plate, 1/2 lb. blue, carmine	3 10 0
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Belgium, 1849, 10c. grey-brown, the figures in the upper corners are doubly printed and they also appear in the lower corners, a very curious variety	1	16	0
Greece, 1861, Paris Print, 10 lepta orange on blue, mint	1	5	0
1861-62, First Athens Print, 1 lep. choc. on cream, a pair, mint	2	0	0
Hanover, 1859, 10 gr. green, mint	2	2	0
Hungary, 1871, litho., 3 kr. green, mint	1	2	0
Monaco, 1885, 5 frs. carmine on green	1	16	0
Russia, Levant, 1863, thick paper, 6 kopecs deep blue, mint	1	12	0
Wenden, 1863, 2 kop. black and rose*	6	15	0
Saxony, 1856, 10 ngr. blue, mint	1	5	0
Spain, 1860-61, 19c. brown on salmon	1	6	0
1865, perf., 19c. rose and brown	1	17	0
Tuscany, 1851, 60c. brick-red on azure	17	10	0

Messrs. YENTOM, BULL & COOPER'S Sale, Oct. 21st and 22nd, 1909.

Great Britain, 1883, £5 orange, mint*	5	12	0
1884, 3 Orbs, £1 brn-lilac, mint	9	0	0
Naples, 1860, 3 tornese blue, "Arms"	12	10	0
Spain, Madrid, 3 cuartos bronze*	12	10	0
Switzerland, Geneva, the double stamp, 5 + 5c. on yellow-green	18	0	0
Ceylon, 1858, 4d. lilac imperf. mint..	1	16	0
1864, Star, perf. 12½, 10d. orange*	1	0	0
1872, perf. 14 x 12½, 8c. orange-yellow, mint	1	12	0
India, 1866, overprinted "Postage" in small green caps. 6a. purple, mint	2	0	0
1856-64, 2a. yellow-green, mint	3	3	0
Service Stamp, 1866, long rect., 2a. purple*	2	2	0
North Borneo, 1886 provl., perf. 14, 3c. on 4c. pink, a mint pair, showing the two types of sur.	2	4	0
B. S. Africa, 1897, £1 black and red-brown on green, mint	1	1	0
Gambia, 1880, 1/- green*	1	6	0
Lagos, 1st issue, perf. 12½, 1/- orange, value 15½ mm.*	3	3	0
1884-86, 2 6 olive-black, mint	2	12	6
Mauritius, 1859, large fillet, 2d blue	16	0	0
Zululand, 1st issue, 5/- rose, mint	2	4	0
1894-96, £1 purple on red, mint..	1	12	0
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 14, 1 dollar, mint	2	12	0
Newfoundland, 1857, 63d. scarlet-vermilion*	8	15	0
Nova Scotia, 1851, 6d. yellow-green*	4	4	0
Bahamas, 1861, perf. 13, 1d. carmine-lake*	1	6	0
Barbados, 1860, pin-perf. 12½, 1d. blue	4	10	0
1873, 5/- dull rose, mint	3	7	6
British Guiana, 1852, 1c. black on magenta	4	0	0
1876, 96c. olive-bistre, mint	2	7	6
Honduras, 1887, 1 - grey, mint	2	2	0
Dominica, 1887-88, C. & C.A., 1/- dull magenta, mint	1	6	0
Falkland Islands, 1st issue, 4d. grey-black*	1	4	0
Nevis, 1883, 6d. green*	3	12	6
St. Vincent, 1881 provisional, 4d. on 1/- vermilion	8	15	0
Virgin Islands, 1867, perf. 15, 1/- rose-carmine on white paper, mint	1	5	0
Ditto, 1/- rose-carmine on toned paper, mint	1	5	0
Tasmania, 1st Issue, 1d. blue, a pair	9	5	0
Ditto, 4d. orange*	3	10	0
1867, serrated perf., 1d. carmine*	1	0	0
1892-9, £1 green and yellow*	4	0	0

Messrs. GLENDINING & Co.'s Sale, Nov. 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 1909.

France, Canton, Oct., 1906, 75c. brown on orange, Gibbons A248, mint	£1	0	0
Hoi Hao, 1902, 15c. blue on quadrille paper, Gibbons A306, mint..	1	13	0
1902, 5 fr. mauve, Gibbons A315*	1	7	0
Oct., 1906, 10 fr. red on green, Gibbons A350, mint	1	5	0
Kouang Tcheou, Oct., 1906, 10 fr. red on green, Gibbons A387, mint	1	1	0
Turkish Empire, Beyrouth, 1905, 1p. on 15c., Gibbons T28	1	0	0
France, Colonies, 1878-80, imperf., 25c. black on red, Gibbons 59, mint	1	2	0
Djibouti, 1894-1902, 50 fr. rose and blue, Gibbons 25, mint	1	18	0
Madagascar, June, 1891, 5 fr. lilac, Gibbons 14	1	17	0
Martinique, 1888-91, 15c. on 4c. purple-brown, Gibbons 18, practically mint..	10	10	0
Obock, 1894, 25 fr. blue and brown, Gibbons 76, mint	1	1	0
Ditto, 50 fr. green and lake, Gibbons 77, mint	2	0	0
St. Pierre & Miquelon, 1891-2, imperf., 1 fr. olive, Peace & Commerce type, overprinted with Gibbons type II.	2	8	0
Tahiti, 1884, 10c. on 20c., Gibbons 9, practically mint..	1	4	0
Gibraltar, Jan. 1886, 1/- yellow-brown 1903, single wmk., £1 purple and red, mint	2	3	0
Great Britain, 1840, large crown, 1d., black, mint	1	10	0
1867-80, 2 - brown	2	0	0
1867-83, Cross, 16 - grey-green	1	1	0
1882, white paper, £5 orange	1	16	0
1884-5, I.R. Official, 5/- rose, Gibbons 0-8*	4	15	0
Ceylon, 1885, 5c. on 36c. blue, variety surch. inverted, Gibbons 116b	6	5	0
Ditto, Official, 1869, 4d. rose, mint	1	0	0
Cyprus, 1880, 1/- green	1	12	0
Hong Kong, Oct. 1862, 96c. grey*	1	3	0
1903, single wmk., \$10 grey-black on orange, superb mint	1	3	0
Ditto, Postcard stamps, 3c. on 5c. on 18c. lilac, Gibbons 253, mint	2	8	0
British Bechuanaland, Oct. 1887, £1 lilac and black	1	1	0
B. Central Africa, 1895, no wmk., £1 yellow-orange, mint	2	12	0
1897, £1 dull purple, mint	1	1	0
1903-4, single £1 red & black, mint	1	2	0
British Somaliland, Official, 1905, 2a. purple, Gibbons 118, mint	1	10	0
Ditto, 1r. green, superb mint	2	12	6
Cape of Good Hope, woodblock, 4d. pale blue	2	2	0
Ditto, 4d. blue	2	0	0
1882, Crown CC., One half penny on 3d., Gibbons 57	1	15	0
East Africa, 1903-4, 20r. grey and stone, Gibbons 15, superb mint	1	14	0
Gambia, 1874, Crown CC., imperf., 4d. brown	1	4	0
1880, Crown CC., perf. 14, 1/- green, mint	1	8	0
Gold Coast, July 1875, perf. 12½, 1d. blue, mint	1	3	0
1889-94, £1 green and red, Gibbons 24, mint	7	10	0
Lagos, 1884-6, 2 6 olive-black, Gibbons 27, mint	3	5	0
Ditto, 5 - blue, Gibbons 28, mint	4	12	6
Liberia, 1892, 4c. green and black, variety with centre inverted, Gibbons 89, mint	1	10	0
Ditto, \$1 carmine and black, var. centre inverted, mint	3	10	0
Natal, Official, 1904, 1/- carm. & bl., mint	1	5	0
Niger Coast, Dec. 1893, One Shilling in red on 2d., Gibbons 31, mint	2	4	0
N. Nigeria, 1900, 10/- grn. & brn., mint	2	1	0
Sierra Leone, 1896-7, £1 pur. on red, mint	1	3	0
1903, single wmk., £1 purple on red, mint	1	0	0

Sierra Leone, 1904-5, multiple wmk., £1 purple on red, mint	£1	0	0
S. Nigeria, 1904-8, multiple £1 violet and green, mint..	1	4	0
Swaziland, 1889, 10/- fawn, Gibbons 12, mint	1	7	6
Transvaal, 1902-3, £1 green and violet, superb mint	1	1	0
Zululand, 1888-93, 5/- rose, mint	2	0	0
1894-6, £1 purple on red, mint	1	11	0
Barbados, 1861-70, 6d. orange, an imperf. copy with wide margins*	2	4	0
June 1873, 5/- dull rose, Gibbons 64, mint	2	2	0
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 14, \$1 green, mint	2	6	0
British Honduras, 1872-9, perf. 14, 6d. rose, Gibbons 15, mint	1	11	0
1891-8, \$5 green and black, mint	1	0	0
Canada, 1851, imperf., 12d. black, overprinted "Specimen"	2	5	0
1853-7, 7½d. green*	3	5	0
Grenada, 1904-6, multiple wmk., 10/- green and purple, mint	1	4	0
Leeward Isles, 1897, 5/- green and blue, mint	1	19	0
Nova Scotia, 1851, bluish paper, 1/- purple	8	8	0
St. Lucia, 1860, 6d. green, mint	2	6	0
St. Vincent, 1880, 1d. in red on half of 6d. green, Gibbons 29	3	10	0
1881, One Penny on 6d. yellow-green, Gibbons 31, mint	3	7	6
Ditto, 4d. on 1/- vermilion	7	0	0
Dec., 1881, Star, 1d. drab, Gibbons 34, mint	1	10	0
Tobago, 1879, £1 mauve, mint	6	17	6
Turks Isles, June, 1881, 4d. on 1/-, Gibbons 37, superb mint	3	7	6
United States of America, Philippine Isles, U.S.A. Administration, 1903-4, \$1, \$2 and \$5, all mint	3	0	0
Virgin Isles, 1867-8, white wove paper, 6d. rose, Gibbons 10*	4	4	0
Ditto, white paper, 1/- rose, Gibbons 11*	1	5	0
New South Wales, July, 1850, bluish paper, 1d. red, pair, one stamp the variety without clouds	5	15	0
New Zealand, 1871, Star, retouched plate, 2d. vermilion	1	4	0

Messrs. PLUMRIDGE & Co.'s Sale, November 11th and 12th, 1909.

Great Britain, 1858, imperf., large Crown, 14, 1d. red	1	3	0
1867, 2 - brown	1	18	0
Roumania, 1879, 5 bani, rose, the error	3	0	0
Russian Levant, 1863-6, 6 kop. blue..	4	7	6
Sicily, 1858, 10 grani, blue, No. 1 on sheet, variety retouch line over Posta*	2	12	6
Cape of Good Hope 1861, woodblock, 4d. medium blue	2	10	0
St. Helena, 1873, perf. 12½, 6d., ultra-marine*	1	3	0
St. Vincent, 1871-2, 1/- rose-red	1	3	0
1886, 6d. pale violet, mint	1	0	0
Trinidad, 1853, bluish cartridge paper, 1d. blue	5	10	0
Virgin Isles, 1867, on white, 1/- carmine, mint	1	8	0
New South Wales, Sydney View, 2d., plate 2, deep blue, earliest state	3	7	6
New Zealand, 1862, Star, imperf., 1d. carmine-vermilion, a pair	3	5	0
1864, N.Z., rouletted, 1d. carmine-vermilion	5	10	0
Queensland, 1860, imperf., 1d. carm.	2	6	0
Ditto, ditto, 6d. green	2	17	6
1860-1, second Star, clean cut, 14 to 16, 2d. blue	2	2	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 3d.	1	8	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 6d. deep-green	1	10	0
Ditto, ditto, ditto, 6d. yellow-grey	2	4	0
1862, no wmk., 6d. yellow-green, imperforate	1	10	0
1868-74, perf. 13-12, 2d. blue	1	1	0
1868-79, Q and Crown, 2d. blue, imperforate	1	10	0

Societies & Clubs.

Secretaries are requested to assist the Editor by sending in their reports to reach the Office of the "S.C.F." not later than the Monday preceding publication.

Royal Philatelic Society.

President: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Hon. Secretary: J. A. Tilleard.
Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, W.C.

At the second meeting of the season, held on Thursday, November 4th, 1909, there were present 21 members and one associate. Mr. Alfred Bishop was elected a member.

The Rev. Dr. James gave a display of his general collection of the stamps of British Colonies in America, including the West Indian and other Islands. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded Dr. James for his display.

The third meeting of the season, held on November 18th, 1909, 17 members and one associate were in attendance.

It was announced that Messrs. M. P. Castle, E. D. Bacon, L. W. Fulcher, and J. A. Tilleard had been named as delegates to the Second Philatelic Congress.

Major E. B. Evans then read a paper on the "Mulready" envelopes and covers, embodying a full description of the essays and proofs, the paper used, the various printings of the two values, and the method of numbering. The paper was illustrated by Major Evans' own magnificent collection, which was examined with the greatest interest by the members attending the meeting.

A cordial vote of thanks to Major Evans was moved by the Chairman (Lord Crawford) and seconded by Mr. E. D. Bacon.—Condensed from the "London Philatelist."

City of London Philatelic Society.

President: J. Read Burton.
Hon. Secretary: D. H. Jackson, 80, Hanley Road, Stroud Green, N.

The monthly meeting was held on Dec. 8th. at Mills' Restaurant in Liverpool Street, the President, Mr. J. R. Burton, being in the chair, and the usual good attendance of this year being maintained. The ordinary business was quickly carried through, including the election of several new members, and one of the Hon. Presidents, Mr. W. B. Edwards, B.Sc., gave a most interesting and complete display of Jamaica accompanied by notes. Points of interest were that the dark blue penny, watermarked Pineapple, is both scarce and uncatalogued; that the early colours and paper are very similar to those of the stamps of India and Hong Kong of the same period, and the paper varies from practically pelure to very thick, the latter being quite rare. Of the split provisionals, the 1d. C.C. is scarcer than that with the Pine watermark. The two settings of the 2½d. surcharge were shown reprinted in the two horizontal rows of six and the one vertical row, often the latter being so much better done as to be practically free from the serious errors which marred the first setting in which there was a marked difference between each of the surcharges making twelve distinct types. Mr. Edwards thinks that the "Seriet" errors only appear once amongst the chalky paper series and then on the halfpenny. The error is always on the second stamp in the fourth row from the top left hand of the sheet. A very hearty vote of thanks was accorded unanimously to Mr. Edwards for a paper fully up to his usual high philatelic level.

Amongst the curiosities, etc., shown round by members, were a pair of 80c. Bordeaux French used with Turkish stamps on entire in Smyrna; a Russian Levant envelope that picked up nine postal marks on its journey to Marseilles, and the 10kr. blue old type Emperor's head, Austria printed twice on the back, as well as once normally on the face, the 1/- New South Wales large stamp watermarked 8, and all recent new issues, etc.

It was unanimously agreed to support the testimonial to Mr. Bernstein, and thereafter sprang up one of those informal discussions which, it seems, are becoming quite an interesting feature of this Society's meetings—on this occasion upon Mr. Ewen's New Subscription Scheme. At the close a hearty invitation was forwarded to Mr. Ewen to come in person to the next meeting of the Society and further explain the matter.

The next meeting of the Society will take place at Mills' Restaurant, Liverpool Street, E.C., on January 12th, when Mr. Heginbottom's collections of Hong Kong and India will be displayed; and there will be a Competitive Display, open to all members, of any fifteen stamps issued prior to 1860.

New London members, who will attend meetings, are earnestly desired. Will candidates kindly apply to the Secretary for free copies of the Annual Report.

Herts Philatelic Society.

President: Franz Reichenheim.
Hon. Secretary: H. A. Slade, Nine Fields, St. Albans.
Monthly Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.

The third General Meeting of the Session 1909-10 was held at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C., on Tuesday, Dec. 21st, 1909.

Present: Messrs. Franz Reichenheim (President), H. L. Hayman (Vice-President), T. H. Harvey, A. H. L. Giles, W. T. Standen, C. R. Sutherland, W. G. Cool, P. Ashley, L. Sauvee, A. D. Sanderson, W. A. Gunner, D. Thomson, A. J. Sefi, T. E. Sansom, Baron Anthony de Worms, R. H. Newton, R. B. Yardley, J. C. Sidebotham (Hon. Librarian), H. A. Slade (Hon. Secretary), and one visitor.

The President took the chair.

The following were duly elected as Members of the Society: As Life Members—Messrs. A. D. Sanderson and W. J. G. Purnell. As Ordinary Members—Mr. Ivan Chen, J. Henniker Heaton, M.P., Captain G. F. Napier, and Messrs. Guy Semple, W. V. Morten, A. L. Adutt and C. A. Cole.

As Delegates of the Herts Philatelic Society to the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, London, 1910, Mr. W. T. Standen was elected as representative of the Herts Philatelic Society Committee: Major E. B. Evans as representing the Ordinary Members and also as being the doyen of British Philately; Messrs. Chas. J. Phillips and W. H. Peckitt as representatives of the Members of the Society who are dealers.

Donations for the Library were received from Messrs. Gebroeder, Senf, Bright & Son, Whitfield King & Co., W. T. Wilson, D. Field, Percy C. Bishop, Chas. Nissen, Rudolf Friedl, and the Junior Philatelic Society.

Mr. L. Sauvee presented some Forgeries for the Society's Collection.

The Vice-President (Mr. H. L. Hayman) passed round a set of the new New Zealand stamps consisting of the following values: ½d. green, 1d. red, 2d. lilac, 2½d. blue, 3d. light brown, 4d. orange, 5d. dark brown, 6d. carmine, 1/- salmon. The die of these stamps has been engraved in England, but the stamps have been printed in the Colonies. The ½d. value seems to be surface printed, the other values line engraved.

The Vice-President further showed a penny stamp of the last issue apparently re-engraved with the word "DOMINION" added at the top of the stamp.

At the conclusion of the formal business, the President called upon Mr. R. B. Yardley for the promised display of his collection of the stamps of Portuguese India. As the stamps were being passed round, Mr. Yardley gave some most precise and detailed information of this interesting and but little known country, which was much appreciated by the members present. Naturally, in the hands of such a thorough specialist, the collection is almost as perfect as it is possible to make it; and at the conclusion of the display Mr. J. C. Sidebotham proposed, and Mr. A. H. L. Giles seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Yardley for the courtesy he had shown and the trouble he had taken in placing his treasures before the Society.

The vote of thanks was briefly acknowledged by Mr. Yardley, and proceedings terminated at 8.20 p.m.

Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland Dorset.

On December 2nd the Society held the fifth meeting of the Session at the St. John's Room, Portland. The minutes of the preceding meeting were read and signed.

The Hon. Sec. then displayed Mr. Heginbottom's fine collections of Antigua, Bahamas and Bermuda; a treat which the members thoroughly enjoyed.

A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Heginbottom for his kindness in sending his stamps accompanied by his most interesting notes on the issues, was proposed by the Vice-President and carried with acclamation.

The sixth meeting of the Society was held on Wednesday, Dec. 15th instead of on the 16th, at the special request of the members in order that they might attend the performance of the "Mecsiach" in Weymouth.

After the usual business had been performed, the Hon. Sec. read a most interesting paper on the "Solomon Islands" and at the same time he displayed his collection of these Islands.

The meeting closed early and all members then adjourned to a most excellent concert, given by the local Choral Society. Before, however, the members left the Vice-President, in a short speech, said that the Society was small it had been unable to get up a concert of its own to celebrate the completion of the first year of its existence. He was sorry but he hoped that the performance they were about to witness would in some measure make up for this.

He said that he considered it a great pity that Weymouth collectors did not join the Society there being only one member who was a Weymouthian.

The meeting then closed with cheers for the Society and its Officers.

The Palace Philatelic Exchange Society (Three Sections).

A NETT CLUB.

Secretary: C. A. Squire Cox, 3, Seymour Terrace, Anerley, S.E.

The September Packets have returned from circuit and all credits have been paid and sheets returned to owners. Sales were very fair. Several new members have joined the Society lately and there are still a few vacancies for reliable collectors, whether contributors or buyers. The Club is divided into three Sections—Colonial, General, and Junior—and three packets are circulated each month. The packets take from 11 to 13 weeks to circulate and sheets and credits where due are returned promptly on return of each packet. The Secretary will be pleased to receive sheets from members residing abroad and if desired will purchase stamps for them from the Club Packets up to the amount of their sales.

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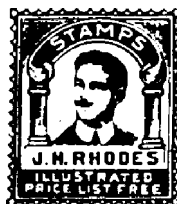
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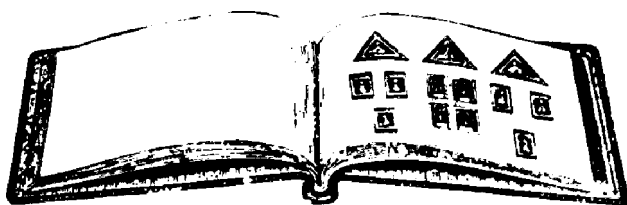
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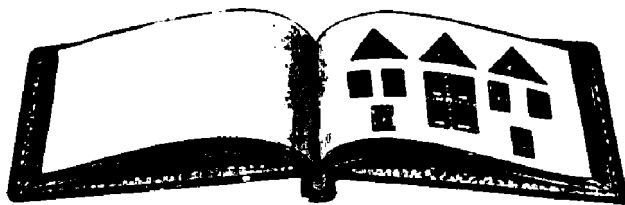
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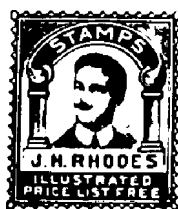
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Royal Philatelic Society.

At the fourth meeting of the season, held on Thurs. Dec. 2nd, 1909, the chair was taken by the Vice-President, the Earl of Crawford.

A letter from the International Secretary of the American Philatelic Society intimated that the R.P.S. Philatelic Society had been elected a corresponding member of the A.P.S.

The resignation was announced by Mr. John H. Clark, and the following program was presented: Royal Letter, Letter to Capt. Arthur S. Bates, and Mr. W. M. H. Verrill.

A display was loaned by members of Limited numbers of stamps, accompanied by explanatory notes. H. H. Verrill, President, sent a large lot of the 1872 stamp of New Zealand, 1872, Plate 1, most types, showing numerous varieties. Earl of Crawford showed a collection of British and other rarities. Mr. W. D. East, contributed a selection of the Lane and stamps of New South Wales. Officers comprising displays were: Mr. J. L. H. Hensberg, Sir James Clark, Mr. T. W. H. Pinner, Baron Vane, Warrington, Mr. Dandy, Maxwell, Mr. Harvey, Clark, Mr. D. C. Gray, Mr. Stuart Dalby, and Mr. J. W. Fisher.

The fifth meeting of the season was held on Thurs. Dec. 9th, 1909.

The chair was taken by Mr. J. L. R. Hensberg. The resignation of Mr. H. Harold Kyllström was accepted with regret.

A paper was read by Mr. H. W. Hansen, upon the stamps of Schleswig-Holstein, accompanied by a display of his collection. The paper will shortly be published in "The Stamp Philatelist." A vote of thanks to Mr. Hansen was moved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Theobald. *Condensed from the London Philatelist.*

Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society.

The annual meeting of the Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society was held at the Victoria Hotel, Bristol, on Dec. 1st, 1909.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting was held at the Victoria Hotel on Jan. 19th. Mr. Gardner presided. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The Hon. Secretary, Mr. A. J. P. ... and financial statement, which were adopted by the meeting. Upon the motion of Mr. D. H. M. ... and seconded by Mr. H. Alsop, Mr. Gardner was elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. D. H. M. ... was re-elected Vice-President. The Committee elected were as follows: Mr. R. Dolton, Mr. G. H. ... Mr. J. H. ... and Mr. G. H. ... The Hon. Sec. (Mr. Alsop) was re-elected, and it was again decided to have the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* as the monthly organ of the Club, and that it should be free to members who apply to the Hon. Sec. Some of the members finding Wednesday an awkward day for the meeting, it was resolved to alter it to Thursday in the future.

Herts Philatelic Society.

The fourth general meeting of the season 1909-1910 was held at No. 1, Southampton Row, London, W.C. on Tuesday, January 18th.

Present: Messrs. H. F. Hyslop (Vice-President), W. G. Cook, W. A. Boyes, P. F. ... A. H. ... W. J. ... W. H. ... A. D. ... W. H. ... C. H. ... A. J. ... J. C. ... Hon. L. ... and H. A. ... In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair.

The following were elected members of the Society: As life members, Messrs. L. F. Hensberg, J. L. ... P. ... As ordinary members, Messrs. Humphrey, Robert B. ... and J. ...

Mr. L. B. ... presented his work on "United States Stamps" to the Library, and the donation was acknowledged with thanks.

Arrangements had been made for a display of Mr. Hensberg's collection of the stamps of Victoria, but owing to the disruption of the train service, Mr. Hensberg was unable to arrive in time, and the meeting was adjourned early.

Junior Philatelic Society.

The 5th ordinary meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, the 15th January, 1910, at Prince Henry's Room, 47, Fleet Street, E.C.

After the usual business, etc., the President called the meeting to order at eight o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. The President proposed, in his own words, then introduced to the Society Mr. A. J. Warrington, who was kindly presenting the programme for the evening. Mr. Melville presided, and Mr. Warrington presented a paper on the stamps of the Society.

Mr. Warrington proceeded to display a magnificent collection of British stamps, including the 1872 issue of the Victoria stamps. The collection was evidently the result of a long and interesting collection of stamps. Mr. Warrington, by means of a paper, explained the various shades of the first set of 1872 have been arranged in a very interesting way. The collection of British stamps and recent issues were fully dealt with by Mr. Warrington in an interesting manner. The remainder of the collection proved particularly interesting, and after listening to Mr. Warrington's discourse on the stamps of this country, could have left the room without feeling what a large amount of study was necessary to understand the stamps. Amongst the many rarities were noticed a most beautiful 10c. ... 1st issue (thin variety), a block of four 15c. orange (1st issue) used, the 10c. ... and 10 of the 1872 issue, as presented amongst others by the 15c. ... 20c. ... of the 2nd type. Amongst the later issues were a complete set of the 1872-8 issue, and the 10c. ...

A vote of thanks was moved by Mr. Warrington and seconded by Mr. D. S. Munnich, the meeting terminated at ten o'clock.

Brighton Branch.

The Brighton Branch of the Royal Philatelic Society met on Dec. 2nd, 1909, at the Victoria Hotel.

The annual meeting of the Society, and incidentally the 5th meeting of the Brighton Branch, was held at the Royal Hotel on Thursday, 25th January.

The President, Mr. F. ... took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. ... and Mr. H. ... were appointed Delegates to the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, to be held at the Victoria Hotel, London, on Dec. 2nd, 1909.

A letter from Mr. ... stating that he was leaving the district and that his resignation was presented to the Society. The Secretary was requested to convey the minutes of the meeting to Mr. ... and to wish him a happy recovery.

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Liverpool Philatelic Society.

The Liverpool Philatelic Society met on Dec. 2nd, 1909, at the Victoria Hotel.

At a meeting held on the 20th ult., the number of members present, some 20, was small owing to the Christmas holidays being so imminent. The meeting, however, was a most interesting one being devoted to a discussion entitled "Stamps damaged and withal repaired." The subject was very able, and withal humorously opened by Mr. W. C. ... and he gave the members present the benefit of his judgment based on long experience in matters philatelic. As would be reasonably expected the views expressed by the members varied considerably, but it was generally admitted that repairing was quite permissible in the case of a really rare stamp so far as a member's own collection was concerned, and provided that the stamp was so marked in his collection. The danger naturally arising when the stamps passed into the hands of others. A pleasing feature of the discussion was that every one of the members present took part. The chair was ably filled by the President, Mr. A. S. Alkender. The exhibits for the evening were 4 x Stamps of Portugal and British Guiana, and some really nice collections of these countries were shown.

At the usual fortnightly meeting on the 10th inst., a paper on the Stamps of the New Guinea and Papua was read by Mr. N. ... with the subject in a very exhaustive manner. It was abundantly evident from Mr. ... that those who collect in this class should subscribe to a new issue, or at least to a new issue, if the papers that he is in a position to know of the modern stamps, as detailed by the lecturer. The most philatelic would in turn be published. The highly specialized collection of the stamps of the country which Mr. ... exhibited found every interesting addition to his paper.

The other country exhibited was Thailand, and there were some very nice stamps, particularly Mr. A. ... collection of this interesting Colony.

Messrs. ... and Woodhouse were nominated as Delegates to the Philatelic Congress which is to be held at the end of April next.

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Royal Philatelic Society.

President: H.R.H. the Prince of Wales.
Hon. Secretary: J. A. Tilleard.
Meetings: 4, Southampton Row, W.C.

At the fourth meeting of the season, held on Thursday, December 2nd, 1909, the chair was taken by the Vice-President, the Earl of Crawford.

A letter from the International Secretary of the American Philatelic Society intimated that the Royal Philatelic Society had been elected a corresponding member of the A.P.S.

The resignation was announced of Mr. John H. Clapp, and the following new members were elected: Baron Erick Leijonhufvud, Capt. Arthur S. Bates, and Mr. W. M. H. Artman.

A display was then given by members of limited numbers of stamps, accompanied by explanatory notes. H.R.H. the President sent an entire sheet of the 2d. stamp of New Zealand, 1872, Plate 2, first type, showing numerous retouches. The Earl of Crawford showed a choice selection of British and other rarities. Mr. M. P. Castle contributed a selection of the Lauricated stamps of New South Wales. Others contributing displays were Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg, Sir James Clarke, Mr. T. W. Hall, Mr. Pinner, Baron A. de Worms, Mr. Dendy Marshall, Mr. Harvey Clarke, Mr. D. C. Gray, Mr. Stuart Dudley, and Mr. L. W. Fulcher.

The fifth meeting of the season was held on Thursday, December 16th, 1909.

The chair was taken by Mr. L. L. R. Hausburg. The resignation of Mr. L. Harold Kjellstedt, was accepted with regret.

A paper was read by Mr. H. M. Hansen upon the stamps of Schleswig-Holstein, accompanied by a display of his collection. The paper will shortly be published in "London Philatelist." A vote of thanks to Mr. Hansen was moved by Mr. Hall and seconded by Mr. Tilleard. — Condensed from the "London Philatelist."

Bristol and Clifton Philatelic Society.

President: Alderman Gardner, J.P.
Hon. Sec. and Treas.: Henry Alsop, Filton Lodge, Filton, near Bristol.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING.

THE annual meeting was held at Filton Lodge on Jan. 19th. Ald. Gardner presided. The minutes of the previous meeting having been read and confirmed, the Hon. Secretary (Mr. Alsop) presented his report and financial statement, which were adopted by the meeting. Upon the motion of Mr. D. H. McPherson, and seconded by Mr. H. Alsop, Ald. Gardner was re-elected President for the ensuing year. Mr. D. H. McPherson was re-elected Vice-President. The Committee elected were as follows: Mr. R. Dalton, Mr. G. Harrington, Dr. Evans, Mr. J. H. Reynolds, and Mr. G. H. Boucher. The Hon. Sec. (Mr. Alsop) was re-elected, and it was again decided to have the *Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly* as the official organ of the Club, and that it should be free to members who apply to the Hon. Sec. Some of the members finding Wednesday an awkward day for the meeting, it was resolved to alter it to Thursday in the future.

Herts Philatelic Society.

President: Franz Richenbrin.
Hon. Secretary: H. A. Slade, Nine Fields, St. Albans.
Monthly Meetings: Third Tuesdays (October to May inclusive), at 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C.

THE fourth general meeting of the session 1909-1910 was held at No. 4, Southampton Row, London, W.C., on Tuesday, January 18th.

Present: Messrs. H. L. Hayman (Vice-President), W. G. Cool, W. A. Boyes, R. Frentzel, A. H. Giles, W. T. Standen, Percy Ashley, J. R. Laing, W. H. Eastwood, A. D. Sanderson, W. A. Gunner, L. Sauer, C. H. Garnett, A. J. Schi, J. C. Sidebotham (Hon. Librarian), and H. A. Slade (Hon. Secretary). In the absence of the President, the Vice-President took the chair.

The following were elected members of the Society:—As life members—Messrs. L. L. R. Hausburg, J. L. Corser, Percy C. Bishop; as ordinary members—Messrs. Humphrey Bennett, B. Pinner, and J. Stacey Hooker.

Mr. E. B. Power presented his work on "United States Stamps" to the Library, and the donation was acknowledged with thanks.

Arrangements had been made for a display of Mr. Hausburg's collection of the stamps of Victoria, but owing to the dislocation of the train service, Mr. Hausburg was unable to arrive in time, and the meeting was adjourned early.

Junior Philatelic Society.

President: Fred J. Melville.
General Secretary: Ralph Wedmore, 54, Park Road, West Dulwich, London, S.E.

THE 8th ordinary meeting of this Society was held on Saturday, the 15th January, 1910, at Prince Henry's Room, 17, Fleet Street, E.C.

After the usual bourse, etc., the President called the meeting to order at eight o'clock. The minutes of the previous meeting were then read and confirmed. The President, in a few well-chosen words, then introduced to the Society Mr. A. J. Warren, who was kindly providing the programme for the evening. Mr. Melville pointed out that Mr. Warren was a recent addition to the ranks of the Society, and that he had very great pleasure in welcoming him to-night.

Mr. Warren now proceeded to display (accompanied with copious notes) his splendid collection of the stamps of Holland. The collection is evidently the result of much labour and investigation on the part of Mr. Warren, and by means of dated copies the various shades of the first issue (1852) have been arranged in chronological order, as they were issued. The retouches of both this and the next issues were fully dealt with by Mr. Warren in an interesting manner. The remainder of the collection proved particularly interesting, and no one, after listening to Mr. Warren's able discourse on the stamps of this country, could leave the room without feeling what a large amount of study was necessary for understanding these stamps. Amongst the many nice things were noticed a mint block of ten 10c. carmine (1st issue), used. The rare issue, perf. 10½ and 10 of the 3rd issue is represented amongst others by the 15c. chestnut, 20c. green, and 25c. purple of the 2nd type. Amongst the later issues were a complete set of the 1872-8 issue, perf. 14, large holes, used.

After a hearty vote of thanks, to which Mr. Warren briefly replied, had been proposed by the President, and seconded by Mr. J. O. S. Mummery, the meeting terminated at ten o'clock.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.

THE ninth meeting of the Session, and incidentally the 50th meeting of the Branch was held at the Royal Hotel, on Thursday, 27th January.

The President, Mr. Fred J. Melville took the chair. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed. Mr. W. Mead and Mr. H. Clark were appointed Delegates to the Second Philatelic Congress of Great Britain. Messrs. R. E. Jex, E. E. Jex and W. A. Oram were elected members of the Society.

A letter from Mr. Corner Spokes was read, stating that he was leaving the district, and that indisposition prevented his attendance that evening to make his adieu. The Secretary was requested to convey the members' regrets to Mr. Spokes, and best wishes for his speedy recovery.

Mr. J. R. Boulton was appointed Hon. Assistant Secretary.

The display, "Sarawak," given by Mr. Melville was most interesting. The collection was divided into three sections: (1) documents relating to postal matters of Sarawak; (2) proofs and unperfected copies; (3) original stamps, in shades, etc. Singles, blocks and sheets being included in this section. The stamps were arranged according to perforation, from low to high.

The collection included two used copies of the first and second issues, printed from engraved dies on surfaced coloured paper, perforated 12 instead of 11. Of the second issue (1871) only one other specimen exists, namely, the one in the British Museum.

Two copies of the 3c. (1871) lithographed, perforated 10½, were shown. Both specimens were on original covers: in one case the 3c. Sarawak was used in conjunction with a Straits Settlement stamp, proving beyond doubt the former's authenticity. Also a most valuable and interesting item, namely, a sheet of 50, 4c. on 8c. on laid paper, which sheet is unique. Mr. Melville also possesses two copies of the so-called bogus stamp, Two CENTS on 3c. (1871). The above only touches very lightly on some of the most interesting inclusions. The collection is rich in complete sheets, and blocks, even of some of the rarer stamps; and is probably the largest and most valuable collection of Sarawak extant. Mr. Melville stated he was certain that the general issues were printed in sheets of 200, instead of in sheets of 100, as is generally supposed.

A vote of thanks to Mr. Melville was proposed by Mr. Mead, seconded by Mr. Anthony, and carried with enthusiasm.

The names of four new members were omitted from the last report—namely, Messrs. G. H. Boswood, A. N. G. Forbes, W. E. Smith, and Basil Striack, all elected at the meeting held on Jan. 13th.

Liverpool Philatelic Society.

President: A. S. Allender.
Hon. Secretary: Woodthorpe, Garrwood, Blundellsands, near Liverpool.
Meetings: St. George's Restaurant, 5, Redcross Street, Liverpool.

AT a meeting held on the 20th ult., the number of members present—some 20—was small, owing to the Christmas holidays being so imminent. The meeting, however, was a most interesting one being devoted to a discussion entitled: "Should damaged stamps be repaired." The subject was very ably—and with humorous—opened by Mr. W. C. Taylor, and he gave the members present the benefit of his judgment based on long experience in matters philatelic. As would be reasonably expected the views expressed by the members varied considerably, but it was generally admitted that repairing was quite permissible in the case of a really rare stamp so far as a member's own collection was concerned, and provided that the stamp was so marked in his collection: the danger naturally arising when the stamp passed into the hands of others. A pleasing feature of the discussion was that every one of the members present took part. The chair was, as usual, ably filled by the President, Mr. A. S. Allender. The exhibits for the evening were the Stamps of Portugal and British Bechuanaland, and some really nice collections of these countries were shown.

At the usual fortnightly meeting on the 10th inst., a paper on the Stamps of British New Guinea and Papua was read by Mr. N. Clissold, who dealt with the subject in a very exhaustive manner. It was abundantly evident from Mr. Clissold's remarks that those who collect new issues do well to subscribe to a new issue service, and one can only fear that if the powers that be in High Finance knew of the unearned increment which arises in connection with some of the modern stamps—as detailed by the lecturer—the "hen-roost philatelic" would in turn be robbed. The highly specialised collection of the stamps of the country which Mr. Clissold exhibited formed a very interesting adjunct to his paper.

The other country exhibited was Trinidad, and there were some very fine stamps—particularly Mr. A. Nender's collection of this interesting Colony on view.

Messrs. Gill and Woodthorpe were nominated as Delegates to the Philatelic Congress which is to be held at the end of April next.

Birmingham Philatelic Society.

President: Mr. R. Hollick.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. G. Johnson, B.A., 308, Birchfield Road, Birmingham.

DEC. 2nd, 1909. Over 260 lots belonging to members were disposed of at the Auction, held at the Imperial Hotel.

DEC. 16th, 1909. Paper, "St. Helena," Dr. T. Groom. Messrs. R. Hollick, G. Johnson, T. W. Peck and W. Pimm were elected Delegates to the second Philatelic Congress.

Dr. T. Groom then gave his paper on St. Helena, which included all published information and a considerable amount of research work especially on the postmarks. Carefully copied impressions of these were shown in all known varieties.

JAN. 6th, 1910. Lantern display by Mr. J. A. Margoschis. By means of the aphergoscope a large number of rarities and interesting varieties were displayed on the screen. They were lent by Messrs. Tilley, Pimm, Stephenson, Collier and Grindall.

International Philatelic Union.

Hon. Sec.: T. H. Hinton, 26, Crumford Rd., East Putney, London, S.W.

THE fourth meeting of the season was held at Essex Hall, on Thursday, Jan. 13th, present J. C. Sidebotham (chair), W. Schwabacher, W. Schwarte, W. Hadow, A. B. Kay, F. E. Lamb, W. E. Lincoln, Guy Sempie, P. L. Pemberton, W. S. King, R. H. Whapham (visitor), and the Hon. Sec.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed, and three delegates were appointed to represent the Society at the forthcoming Congress, Messrs. W. Hadow, W. E. Lincoln, and T. H. Hinton. Mr. P. L. Pemberton then read an interesting paper on Forgeries and Frauds to deceive Post Offices.

The Hon. Sec. in moving a hearty vote of thanks, noted the fact that this paper furthered one of the objects of this Society, "The detection and prevention of forgeries and frauds" and also mentioned the Society's Collection of Forgeries as being formed to this end. Mr. W. Schwarte ably seconded, and the vote was carried unanimously together with thanks to the chairman, concluding a pleasant evening.

Next meeting at Essex Hall, Thursday, Feb. 10th, Display, Mr. E. Heginbottom, "St. Vincent."

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Liverpool Junior Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: J. H. M. Savage, 44, Cavendish Drive, Rock Ferry, Birkenhead.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Monday, January 17th, Mr. Allender being in the chair and about 20 members present.

There was a small display of stamps of Baden in the competition, Mrs. Burton receiving highest marks.

Mr. Bate then gave a most instructive and entertaining paper on "The Stamps of Baden," illustrated by his collection of same. The paper dealt with the various issues in detail, and then turned to the forgeries of the stamp and shewing how they might be detected.

The usual stamp exchange concluded the meeting.

City of London Philatelic Society.

President: J. Reud Burton.

Hon. Secretary: D. H. Jackson, 80, Huntley Road, Straud Green, N.

The January meeting of this Society was held on Wednesday, the 12th, at Mills' Restaurant, Liverpool Street, E.C., the President, Mr. J. R. Burton, being in the chair for the first half of the meeting, and one of the Vice-Presidents, Mr. W. H. Westcott, for the concluding portion.

Mr. Heginbottom's excellent collections of India and Hong Kong were displayed and much admired, amongst the rarities which created great interest being the 2 annas green, properly postmarked.

Before these collections were displayed five new members were nominated, various routine business disposed of, and new issues and curiosities shown round. These included the new King's Head

issue of New Zealand, new stamps of Portugal, showing King Manuel, and the Italian stamps overprinted "Janina."

The evening concluded with a competition display of fifteen stamps issued prior to 1860, the prize being awarded to Mr. A. H. L. Giles, R.S.

The next meeting will be held at Mills' Restaurant on Wednesday, Feb. 9th, when a very fine collection of Australians will be displayed by Mr. W. Phillips, and Mr. Jackson will also show his choice collections of Northern and Southern Nigeria. It is hoped that a good muster of members will be present, as at the last meeting, and it is pointed out that though the formal business commences at 7 o'clock, many of the members foregather in the Restaurant from 6 o'clock onwards for social intercourse, refreshments, exchange, etc.

Northampton Philatelic Society.

President: H. E. Archer.

Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.

Meeting Place: The Divan Cafe, Northampton.

The second portion of the series of West Indian displays from the collection of Mr. J. E. Heginbottom, B.A., of Rochdale, was shown at the meeting on Dec. 15th. A fair number of members were present, and the magnificent lot of Barbados stamps on view were much admired, and at the conclusion a hearty vote of thanks was accorded Mr. Heginbottom for his kindness in sending the stamps, also the accompanying notes, which explained the rather intricate varieties of some of the earlier issues. The most noticeable feature was a page containing six specimens of the rare provisional 1d. on half of 5/- dull rose, showing the varieties of overprint, some uncatalogued. A fine range of shades of many of the early Britannia types and several split provisionals on pieces of original were included.

On Wednesday, Jan. 12th, the programme for the evening consisted of short papers from members on "My Favourite Country." The following contributed papers:—Mr. R. A. Floyd, "Turkey and The Levant"; Mr. E. T. Phillips, "Great Britain, early issues"; Mr. W. Nichols, "Malta"; Mr. B. A. Swift, "Egypt."

In several cases the papers were supplemented by a display of the member's collection of the country in question, and a pleasant and instructive evening was passed. It is to be hoped that these short papers will lead members on to give other and more ambitious papers in the near future.

Isle of Thanet Philatelic Society.

President: A. Leon Adutt.

Vice-President: Dr. F. E. Nichol.

Secretary: D. B. Armstrong.

The inaugural meeting of this new Society was held at the Queen's and Highcliffe Hotel, Cliftonville, on January 22nd, when the President, Vice-President, and Secretary were elected as above, and other business proper to the occasion was transacted.

There are many ardent philatelists in the Isle of Thanet, and a good membership for the new Society is confidently anticipated.

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Many desirable stamps have been circulated in the Club packets, and the Society has a few vacancies for reliable collectors, whether as contributors or buyers. A commission of 10% is charged on sales, but if a member so desires he may pay a subscription of 2/6 per annum, and be charged 5% on sales; this includes contributions to all three sections. With this exception, there are no fees or subscriptions of any kind. Packets take from 11 to 13 weeks to circulate, and sheets are returned promptly with credits where due. Any collector who is thinking of joining an exchange that is run on business lines, should apply for full particulars and rules to the Secretary, as above.

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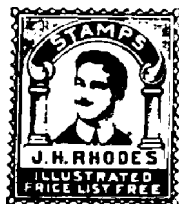
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Ditto, 20 rupees, green, ditto ..	1	16	0
Ditto, 50 rupees, mauve, ditto ..	4	0	0
B. South Africa, 1896, One Penny on 3d. grey* ..	2	12	0
Ditto, One Penny or 4/- grey* ..	1	14	0

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Cape of Good Hope, 1855-8, 1/- yellow green, a pair ..	2	17	6
Ditto, Woodblock, 4d. blue ..	2	12	0
1880, 3 on 3d. dull rose, a pair, one without surcharge ..	6	0	0
Mauritius, 1848, Post Paid, 1d. orange on yellowish, medium impression ..	4	17	6
Ditto, ditto, worn impression ..	4	4	0
Ditto, 2d. blue, medium ditto ..	4	5	0
Ditto, ditto, worn ditto, the error Penoe ..	3	7	6
1859, Greek border, 2d. blue ..	1	7	6
1854-59, Britannia, imperf., Four Pence black and green ..	2	6	0
Envelope, 1862-63, 1/- yellow on thin bluish* ..	2	2	0
Sierra Leone, 1896-97, £1 purple on red, with name and value misplaced, mint ..	1	2	0
Zululand, 1894-96, £1 purple on red, mint ..	1	16	0
Canada, 1852-57, imperf., 10d. blue on thin paper ..	1	0	0
Barbados, 1873, small star, 5/- rose ..	1	2	0
1878, 1d. on left half of 5/- rose ..	4	17	6
Grenada, 1881, broad star, 2 1/2d. claret mint ..	3	0	0
Do., 4d. blue ditto ..	2	7	6
St. Lucia, 1864, CC, p. 12 1/2, 1/- pale orange, mint ..	1	6	0
1883-4, CA, one shilling orange and black, mint ..	2	2	0
Tobago, 1879, CC, 5/- slate, mint ..	2	10	0
£1 mauve, mint ..	6	15	0
1880, CC, 6d. stone, mint ..	2	2	0
1884, CA, 6d. stone, mint ..	4	4	0
Trinidad, 1852-60, lithographed, 1d. dull blue, early impression ..	3	10	0
Virgin Isles, 1867-8, perf. 15. 6d. rose on toned, mint ..	3	7	6
British Honduras, 1882-7, CA, 1/- grey ..	1	18	0
New South Wales, 1850-51, 1d. lake, plate 1 ..	2	5	0

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Germany, Confederation, Official, 1870, grey net, 2k. ..	1	7	0
Great Britain, 1864, 1d. black, the so-called Royal Reprint, with large Crown inverted, mint ..	1	5	0
1858, 1d. rose-red, plate 225, mint ..	1	4	0
Italy, Sardinia, April, 1854, 40c. rose, a pair ..	2	12	6
Oldenburg, 1852, 4g. green ..	1	18	0
Servia, 1866, perf. 9 1/2, 2 paras brown ..	1	13	0
Tuscany, 1851, 60c crazie ..	13	0	0
Ceylon, 1861, 2/- blue* ..	1	18	0
Hong Kong, 1879, 10c. on 16c. yellow, mint ..	1	9	0
India, Service, 1866, 4 annas purple ..	3	3	0
Straits Settlements, King, single CA., 100 dollars, mint, surcharged Specimen ..	2	4	0
British East Africa, 1891, 1 anna, manuscript surcharge on 4 annas, mint ..	10	0	0
Cape of Good Hope, 1855-8, 1/- yellow-green, a pair ..	2	2	0
Gambia, 1874, CC., imperf., 6d. deep blue, mint ..	1	5	0
Zululand, Fiscal Postal, 5/- red and lilac, mint ..	2	15	0
Ditto, 9/- red and lilac, mint ..	2	15	0
Barbados, 1873, 5/- rose ..	1	1	0
Mexico, 1884, 5 pesos blue green ..	3	3	0
Nova Scotia, 1851, 6d. yellow-green on bluish ..	1	0	0
St. Vincent, 1881, 3d. on half 6d. yellow-green, a mint pair ..	2	10	0
1881, 4d. on 1/- vermilion ..	6	10	0
Trinidad, O.S., 1894, 5/- lake, mint ..	1	12	0
Queensland, 1879-80, 2d. deep blue, variety with burelé band ..	1	0	0
Tasmania, 1853, 1d. blue ..	3	3	0
Western Australia, 1857, 6d. bronze-black ..	2	0	0

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LIBERIA, 1881, 3c. black	6d.
LEVANT, French P.O., 1902, 40c., scarce value	4/0
" " Brit. P.O., Queen, 4 piastres	1/9
" " " King, 3d., obsolete	6d.
MAURITIUS, 1898, 36c. orange and blue	1/0
" " " 1902, 12c on 36c.	3d.
NYASSA, 1901, 24r. to 300 reis, set	1/8
NIGER COAST, 1893, 2d. green	3/3
NICARAGUA, 1907, Costa Atlantica Bor Costa At-	10/0
lantica C. 1c. to 5 cents, scarce, each set	10/0
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" " " 1899, 2 gulden 50c. lilac, cat. 7/6	3/6
SWISS, 1908, 20, 30, 40, 50c., 1 or 3 francs	1d.
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SEYCHELLES, 1893, 3c./4c. (block of four 1/-)	3d.
" " " 12/16, 15/16, cat. 3/-	9d.
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BR. SOMALILAND, King, 1a., mult., bi-col.	1d.
ST. KITTS, 1904, single CA, 2d.	6d.
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" " " " 1 lou, 8d.; 2 lou	1/8
" " " " S.G. 27/36, 1, 3, 5, 10b.	1d.
" " " " 15 or 25 bani	2 1/2d.
" " " " 25b. grn & blk, error	6d.
" " " " 40b. or 50b.	4d.
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" " " " Complete set of 11	2/9

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CEYLON, 1857, imperf., 8d. brown, v. fine,	65/0
" " " " 1/9 yel.-grn., superb unused	36/0
" " " " 1863, no wmk., red-brown, superb	11/0
" " " " rough perf., 6d. olive-brown, v. fine	10/0
" " " " 9d. " " fine	10/0
" " " " 9d. deep brown " "	12/0
CC., 9d. deep brown, mint	9/0
1899, 2r. 25c. yellow, mint	6/0
" " " " 2r. 25c. purple on red, v. fine	6/0
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FALKLAND IS., Queen, 2/6, mint	30/0
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GAMBIA, 1874, CC., 4d. brown, superb unused	16/0
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B.E. AFRICA, Nov., 1897, 1 rupee dull blue, superb	16/0
" " " " 1 " ultramarine	18/0
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GRNADA, single CA., 10/-, mint	56/0
" " " " 10/-, superb used, on piece	25/0
" " " " mult. ord., 5/- mint	6/0
LAGOS, 1864, 2/6 olive black, mint	18/0
MAURITIUS, 1848, 1d. red on blue, medium	£5/5/0
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N. NIGERIA, single CA., 2/6, superb	5/0
ST. VINCENT, 1872, 1/- rose-red, exceptionally fine	3/0
SEYCHELLES, 1893, 90c. on 96c., mint	5/0
" " " " 12c. on 16c., superb block	3/0
" " " " 1897, 1 rupee, mint	5/0
" " " " 2, 25c., v. fine	3/0
" " " " Single CA., 1r 50c., superb	6/0
" " " " 2r. 25c.	2/6
SIERRA LEONE, Queen, 2/-, v. fine, on piece	6/0
S. NIGERIA, single CA., 2/6, mint	6/0
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TASMANIA, 1857, imperf., 2d sage-green,	6/0
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1852, thick paper, 12c. lilac	9	0	0
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" " " " 6R. blue	2	2	6
" (Madrid), 1c. bronze, unused	2	0	0
" " " " " used	13	10	0
" " " " 3c. bronze, unused	12	10	0
" " " " " used	2	2	6
1854, thin paper, 2c. green, unused	1	5	0
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" " " 9d. deep brown	12/0
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" " " 6R. blue, unused	0 5 0
" " " " used	2 5 0
" " " 10R. green, used	1 2 6
" " " " used	2 0 0
1851, thin paper, 12c. lilac, unused	2 5 0
" " " " used	2 5 0
" " " 2R. red, unused	0 6 6
" " " " minute tear	18 0 0
" " " 5R. rose, used	0 6 6
" " " 6R. blue	1 12 6
" " " 10R. green	0 11 6
1852, thick paper, 12c. lilac	0 5 0
" " " 2R. red	9 0 0
" " " 5R. green	0 3 6
" " " 6R. greenish-blue, used	0 12 0
1853, thin paper, 12c. reddish-purple	0 6 0
" " " 2R. red, used	5 0 0
" " " 5R. green	0 3 0
" " " 6R. blue	0 13 6
" (Madrid), 1c. bronze, unused	2 2 6
" " " " used	2 0 0
" " " 3c. bronze, unused	13 10 0
" " " " used	12 10 0
1854, thin paper, 2c. green, unused	2 2 6
" " " " used	1 5 0
" " " 1R. indigo, unused	3 0 0
" " " " used	0 9 0
" " " thick bluish paper, 1R. light blue, pair, used	27 0 0

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South Essex Philatelic Society.

President: A. H. Clark.
Hon. Secretary: R. H. Clarke, 290, Blitchhorse Lane, Walthamstow.

The first ordinary meeting of this Society was held on Thursday, 10th inst., at "Ivydene," Rectory Road, Walthamstow, at 8 p.m., eight members and two visitors being present.

The President having taken the chair, donations to the Forgery Collection were acknowledged from Messrs. L. Minner and A. H. Clark, and a "Ewen's Album" in which to house the Society's Permanent Collection was also acknowledged from the President, together with index box for forgeries, from Mr. R. H. Clarke.

The formal business having been completed, Mr. R. H. Clarke then read a paper on "Gambia, my favourite Country, and why," which was followed by Mr. Elsbury, on "Why I Collect." A very interesting display was then given by the President, which was shown to the meeting, accompanied with copious notes, on "The Bye-Paths of Philately," in the course of which subject he fully treated Essays, Plate and Die Proofs, Colour Trials, Imprimatur Sheets, "Specimens" (on production of a "Postage Stamp"), Postmarks, Control Letters, Fiscals, Locals, College and Telegraph Stamps, Postcards, Stationery and Forgeries, concluding his display by showing a re-constructed (partly) sheet of the Old English Penny Red, which he had plated specially for the occasion.

A slight delay then occurred, owing to Dr. S. Jackson not having arrived, and pending his arrival, the President stated that the programme revealed the fact that he was down for a "General Display," but Dr. Jackson having arranged to show his superb collection of "King's Head Colonials," he would carry his display forward until the April meeting. In introducing Dr. Jackson, who arrived shortly after 9 p.m., he stated in a few well chosen words that it was very appropriate that a Vice-President should be present at the Society's first meeting.

The members then availed themselves of the opportunity to study some of the "Treasures and Gems" contained in the collection, and during the inspection the Vice-President kept the meeting interested by relating many little episodes which had occurred during his "Philatelic Career," some of which showed how keenly he was absorbed in his hobby. His collection is practically complete in all known "King's Heads," and the superb condition of this collection, which contained only mint stamps, was much admired by all present.

Mr. A. H. Clark proposed, and Mr. M. J. Elsbury seconded, a hearty vote of thanks to the Vice-President for having shown his collection, in response to which members were cordially invited to visit Dr. Jackson, who will conduct them through his various collections.

The next meeting will be held on March 10th, at 8 p.m., when a debate has been arranged on "Old Issues versus New," followed by a paper and display on the "Hong Kong Postmarks," by Mr. Elsbury.

Croydon Philatelic Society.

Hon. Sec.: G. W. Shaw, 39, South End, Croydon.

The usual fortnightly meeting was held on Wednesday, Jan. 26th, at the Y.M.C.A., North End, Croydon. Mr. H. H. Harland (Vice-President) occupied the chair at 8 p.m.

The programme consisted of a display, with notes, of the early issues of the following countries, from the general collection of Mr. S. R. Turner: Belgium, Bulgaria, Chili, France, Spain and Turkey.

The display was highly interesting and much appreciated, and contained quite a number of rarities. A few remarks by the Chairman, followed by a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Turner, brought the evening to a close.

The eighth ordinary meeting of the season was held at the Y.M.C.A., on Wednesday, Feb. 9th.

The President (Mr. F. G. Bing) occupied the chair at 8 p.m.

After the minutes had been read and confirmed, and the usual business completed, the Chairman called upon Mr. Albert Ashby to give the display for which he was down on the programme for that evening. "Some Islands of the Great Pacific."

The countries shown were collections of German New Guinea, Solomon Islands, New Hebrides, Samoa, and a few rare items from Mr. Ashby's well known collection of Papua.

The special feature of the exhibit was the very interesting entires, used locally, and between the

Islands named, also including to and from Thursday Island.

Among the Papuan entires we noticed that every-one of the eight post offices were represented by envelopes used locally upon the Island.

The number of entires with Queensland stamps used in British New Guinea previous to the special issue, called for special attention, also the entire with the unique stamp, type II., 6d. double surcharge, No. 10 of sheet.

Among the many interesting pieces of unused, Mr. Ashby showed an unchronicled variety of the 2½d. first issue Solomon Islands, complete double vertical rows from two sheets, imperforate at margin.

All members present were most interested in the collections, and the meeting closed with a hearty vote of thanks to the exhibitor.

Weymouth and Portland Philatelic Society.

Hon. Secretary: W. Haworth, Chaplain's House, Portland Dorset.

On December 30th, 1909, the above Society held the seventh meeting of the season. As Miss Henley, unfortunately, had to resign, she could not give her promised paper. Mr. de Gruchy, however, kindly stepped into the gap and gave his paper on "Proofs and Essays," which was omitted from the programme of the last meeting owing to pressure of time. Under the title of "Posts before 1840," Mr. W. Haworth gave a most interesting and amusing discourse on Posts from the time of Adam to King Charles the Martyr. Hearty votes of thanks were accorded the two gentlemen who had made such an enjoyable evening.

The eighth meeting was held on Jan. 13th, 1910, when the fine collection of Barbados belonging to Mr. E. Hegnbottom, of Rochdale, was displayed, accompanied by most extensive notes. The superb condition of the specimens was a cause of much remark among the members and the page of "Id. on ½ of 5." Provisionals made the mouths of all water, philatelicly speaking.

On the proposal of the Vice-President, a vote of thanks was passed to Mr. Hegnbottom for his courtesy in sending his collections for inspection.

On January 7th too few members turned up for the proposed "Ten Minute Papers" to be given, but several had sent their collections for the competitive display.

The medal was awarded to Mr. T. J. de Guchy, for his fine collection of Jamaica.

On February 1st a further instalment of Mr. Hegnbottom's series of displays was given: the countries shown were Caymans, Dominica, and Grenada. As was the case with the Barbados collection, the members were continually in danger of breaking the tenth commandment.

A vote of thanks was passed, on the motion of Mr. W. Haworth, to Mr. Hegnbottom, for his kindness in sending the display.

North London Philatelic Society.

President: Alexander J. Sell.
Hon. Sec. and Treasurer: C. S. Marston, 29, Fletching Road, Lower Clapton, N.E.
Meetings: 1st and 3rd Thursdays, Central Y.M.C.A., 7, Highbury Place, N.

The 39th ordinary meeting took place on Thursday, Feb. 3rd. Mr. Alex. J. Sell occupied the chair.

After the usual formalities, Mr. E. Hegnbottom's Collection of St. Vincent with notes, was passed round for inspection. Among stamps specially noticeable was a copy of the 1886 1d. rose red, compound perf. 11 to 12½ by 14 to 16, also a well centred copy of the 1880 5. rose-red. In the "Provisional" issues were included two separate halves of the 1880 1d. on half of 6d. blue-green, an unsevered pair of the 1d. on half of 6d. yellow-green, the "ONE PENNY" on 6d. yellow-green, and the 1d. on 1-vermillion. All the other issues to date, being well represented by fine used copies.

The next item consisted of a display by Mr. D. H. Jackson, of the stamps of Nigeria. This included the stamps of Lagos, Niger Coast, and Northern and Southern Nigeria. Very few stamps being missing from any of the countries, excepting Niger Coast, in which Mr. Jackson does not include the provisionals. The King's Head issues were complete in all values, in the single and multiple watermarks, and also the ordinary and chalky papers, most of them being in mint condition.

After the display, votes of thanks to Mr. E. Hegnbottom and Mr. D. H. Jackson, brought a most enjoyable evening to a close.

North of England Philatelic Society.

The usual monthly meeting of this Society was held at the Y.M.C.A., Newcastle, on Thursday evening, February 3rd.

The President, Mr. M. H. Horsley, J.P., took the chair at 7.30, and there were 31 members present.

After formal business, Messrs. T. F. Marriner and Thos. H. Seed were elected members, the membership now standing at 101.

The Chairman then showed part of his superb collection of Victoria, containing, among other fine stamps a brilliant unused copy of S.G. No. 2; twelve

unused copies of Campbell & Ferguson's printing; ten unused copies of later printings of the 2d. and a block of six, used; two beautiful mint copies of No. 17; an unused pair, perf. 12; fifteen unused copies of 2d. Queen on Throne, mostly with gum, and three used pairs showing errors of lettering; superb unused copy of 1/- octagonal, rouletted; the Emblem series complete, used and unused, including the 1d. Star; an unused pair of 2d. serrated, beaded oval; two 3d. blue on laid, unused; superb copy of 6d. orange, unused, the rarest Australian stamp; an unused block of nine of the 3d. pale blue, and two copies of 4d. rose, wmk. 5j.; Laureated series, fine unused copies showing errors of wmk.; the 5j-V and Cr. was represented by a mint copy on yellow paper and eight mint copies of other varieties.

At the conclusion of the display Mr. W. Waite Sanderson moved a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Horsley for the great treat he had given the members. Mr. Hume seconded, and it was carried with acclamation. Mr. Horsley, in reply, promised to show the second portion of his stamps of Victoria next session.

Northampton Philatelic Society.

President: H. E. Archer.
Hon. Sec.: W. Nichols, 70, Stimpson Avenue, Northampton.
Meeting Place: The Swan Cafe, Northampton.

At the meeting held on Jan. 26th, Mr. M. Wetherell showed portions of his general collection, including France, Holland, Norway, Russia, British South Africa, Cape of Good Hope, Transvaal, United States, etc. Among the French were a number of stamps showing "La Suisse" private perforation, several being unused, also lithographed and other varieties of the unpaid letter stamps. The Russian included an unused copy of the 2 kop black and red of 1875, on vertically laid paper. Among the British South Africa were many unused sets and high values, also specimens of the extremely rare Bulawayo Provisionals. The Transvaals included a good number of the first type, both German and Local Prints, also the same surcharged V.R. in the various types, several being unused.

The United States included a complete mint set of the Columbus Issue, also of the handsome stamps for Newspapers and Periodicals up to a face value of \$100.

At the conclusion, Mr. Wetherell was heartily thanked for his kindness in giving the display and the clear way in which he explained the various points of interest.

CONGRESS DELEGATES.

A committee meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb. 2nd, to consider the election of delegates to the Second Annual Philatelic Congress, to be held in London in April next. It was unanimously decided that the Vice-President, Mr. Humphrey Bennett, who represented the Society last year at Manchester, should again be appointed a delegate, and it was also decided that the Hon. Secretary, Mr. W. Nichols, should act as the other delegate, as Mr. Jolleyman, the other Vice-President, was unable to accept an invitation to act in this capacity. Several other matters in regard to the Library and Exchange Section were also discussed, and the meeting terminated with a vote of thanks to Mr. E. H. Neilson, who had kindly allowed the committee the use of a room for this occasion.

Junior Philatelic Society.

Brighton Branch.

Chairman: W. Mead.
Hon. Secretary and Treasurer: J. Ireland, 103, Western Road, Hove.

On Thursday, 10th inst., the Brighton members of the J.P.S. gathered together in goodly numbers to enjoy a double-barrelled programme. Mr. J. C. Dallimore giving a paper and display of Great Britain postcards, and Mr. W. Mead a display, with notes, of the stamps of France.

Mr. Dallimore pointed out that entires and postcards were usually neglected by the ordinary philatelist; he, personally, thought they were more worthy of attention. In this, Mr. Dallimore was supported by several members present. The paper, which was excellent, gave a brief account of all the postcards of Great Britain in the order of their issue, and the display, which was practically complete, was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mr. Mead followed with his display of France. This collection contains many rare stamps. The following call for special mention: 1849, the Br. orange-brown and 10c. orange, the latter with the variety larger 4 in 40; 1861, complete set of Suisse perforations; and a pair of the Br. carmine-brown (1849), on piece of original. This, though not the rarest, was certainly the finest piece in the collection.

Mr. Mead has done much useful philatelic research re the various obliterations, and showed stamps of nearly every issue bearing curious postmarks.

Mr. G. Lumgar proposed a vote of thanks to the two gentlemen who had so kindly given much time and trouble towards making the evening a success. This was ably seconded by the Rev. H. C. Bond, and carried unanimously.

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Ditto, 10 reales green ..	2 2 0
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1865, imperf., 19c. brown & rose	1 1 0
Switzerland, Geneva, 1843, 5x5c. black on yellow-green, a pair	21 10 0
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Sierra Leone, 1893, CC., Half Penny on 1 1/2d. lilac, mint ..	3 0 0
British Columbia, 1867, perf. 12 1/2, 50c. mauve and red ..	1 3 0
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Nova Scotia, 1851-53, 6d. yel.-green	1 2 0
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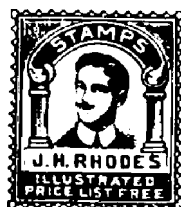
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46	1874, 1d. on 6d., (3); 1868, 4d. on 6d., (30); 1880, 1d. 3 on 3d., (10) and others, nice lot	84	310	ditto, another fine used copy	1
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60	COLOMBIA, PANAMA, 1879, 5c.* and used, 10c. fine used; TOLIMA, 1871, 10c.*; 1 peso*; also DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, etc.	40	312	An envelope containing various	some 100 s
61	including 1867, 5 pesos; 1868, 5 pesos, 10 pesos, etc., a fine Collection	110	317	ditto, ditto, sample of 60,000 1d. red, etc.	
69	EAST AFRICA and UGANDA, single CA. 1c., (100) multiple 1c., (500)	600	318	ditto, ditto, mixed stamps	about 4,000
70	25c. black and green (120) 2 rupees (100)	220	319	ditto, ditto, Gold Coast, 3d. to 1, fine lot	about 400
71	EGYPT, a fine Collection including 1st issue, 5p.*; 20p.*; also DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, ECUADOR, etc., nice lot	119	320	ditto, ditto, mixed Colonials	
83	GAMBIA, 1880, 1d., (4) 4d., 1886, various values, about (100); 1898, 24d., about 50, say	150	321	ditto, ditto, Natal various	about 300
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85	GERMAN Levant, 1884, 10 paras, 1p. on 20p., in black, a mint block of 25 of each	50	323	ditto, ditto, various Asiatics, including scarce, some 100 s	
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			332	ditto, in old Lederer Album	624
			333	ditto, ditto, "Schambek" ditto	about 3,333
			334	ditto, ditto, "Strand" Album	2,280
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47	— Collection including 1855, 1/- yellow-green and fine series of later types	84	311	— 1894, 2 6 (15) 4 - (4), all very fine	19
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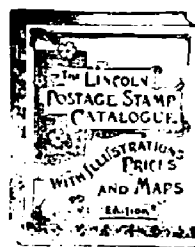
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