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OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

Owing to the press of other matter for publication in our journal, it has been a matter of regret to the Editor that a review of a number of publications has been necessarily delayed and while we are now giving belated notice to these works which have reached our desk, we sincerely hope the publishers will not feel that it is a matter of our wishes, but that it simply has been owing to the great demands upon our space for other items.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF NORWAY. By W. Nichols. Published by "The Philatelic Magazine," 42 Fieldhouse Road, Balham, London. This work is a reprint of the same article which appeared serially in that magazine. It is a very well written treatise on these ever popular stamps, illustrated by four plates of enlarged reproductions of the several types of stamps and surcharges. The various varieties of the early issues are described very fully and much information of a statistical nature is given. The book is of magazine size but it is a matter of regret that its typographical production was not given more care. As a whole, however, students of the stamps of Norway will find it of considerable value

in their study of these issues. Price One shilling.

1916 YEAR BOOK of The Brooklyn Stamp Society. Containing a list of the officers, members and By-Laws. The publication reflects great credit on this local society.

YEAR BOOK of THE SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION, Vol. 7, 1916. Published by Lewis M. Lang, Philadelphia. The copy before us is cloth bound, autographed by the publisher. The work details the proceedings of the Reading Convention, with full reports of all the officers, etc., together with a list of the members of the Association. Great credit is due to those who have pulled the S. P. A. out of the stagnant condition which marked its progress for so many years and it should be a matter of no small satisfaction to its officers, and members as well, to note the steady increases which the Association has shown for the past few years.

KRISTIANIA FILATELIST-KLUB, Membership list for 1916. A list of the officers and members, with the dates of their admission to the Club. Occupy-

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PHILATELIC CARTOONS. The work of Leroy S. Bartlett. Published by The Essex Publishing Co., Lynn, Mass., 1916. These are reproductions of cartoons which originally appeared in the "New England Philatelist" and give us some side lights on many of those who are prominent in stampic circles. Cleverly executed and well worth having in one's library. Price ten cents.

NOTES ON CONTROLS, Part II. Edwardian and Georgian Periods. By Reginald B. Rowell. This is the continuation of a handbook reviewed several months ago in these columns, being devoted to the control, or marginal, marks on the stamps of Great Britain, a side line which is of much interest to the British philatelist. Sixty pages of text and check lists. Well written and printed. Published at the office of "Stamp Collecting," 89, Farringdon St., London, E. C. Price six pence net.

UNITED CATALOGUE AND PRICE LIST, 1916. Published by the United Stamp Co., Chicago, Ill. An illustrated catalogue and price list of United States stamps, both postage and revenue. The illustrations show the types of the various issues. Well gotten up and printed in handy size. Price 10 cents.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' ANNUAL, Thirteenth year, 1916. Edited by Percy C. Bishop. This work has become a fixture with philatelists in English speaking countries and its yearly visit is looked forward to with much pleasure, containing, as it always does, a great deal of interest to every class of collectors. The number for the current year is no exception to the rule established by its predecessors. To attempt to list the entire contents would take up too much space, but there are articles to suit many tastes. The more important articles, as viewed by your Editor, are—"How to identify Greek Stamps," by Mr. P. L. Pemberton, an

authority on these issues; "Random Notes on the Stamps of Belgium," by F. E. Wilson; "The Stamps of Hayti," by Fred J. Melville, whose writings need no introduction to readers of the philatelic press; "How to arrange a collection of Great Britain," by A. B. Creeke, Jr.; and in addition to these are lists of the stamps issued during 1915, philatelic societies, philatelic press and stamp dealers. A number of other features make the Annual well worth adding to our shelves. Well illustrated, but it is to be regretted that the paper and binding, as well as the typographical appearance, are not what we would wish. Price One shilling, net. Published by The Aldine Publishing Co., Ltd., Crown Court, Chancery Lane, London, W. C.

The **STAMP COLLECTORS' QUARTERLY.** The second and third numbers dated April-June and July-September, of the initial volume of this publication have reached us and they bear out all the promises and hopes given by the first issue of this recent philatelic venture. Again we have exceedingly interesting numbers, with a list of papers to satisfy the demands of varying desires. Articles of specialistic interest and articles of the lighter studies go to make up two good numbers. The success of the "Quarterly" seems to be assured, and this surely is an indication of the strong hold which philately has upon the English people, as in face of the strain of the War the hobby apparently continues to prosper in England.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES RECORD. Again we have to chronicle the appearance of another Vol. I No. 1 from England, even in these times of national stress. Edited by Percy C. Bishop, the "Record" is primarily to promote the interests of British Societies and Clubs. The first issue holds forth much promise, as the contents are very interesting. We shall hope that the "Record" will be a constant visitor to our office. Subscription 2sh.6d. per year.

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de Timbrologie, Mr. Albert Coyette, the journal being issued by the society and distributed from 35, Rue de Maubeuge, Paris, France. Two numbers have reached us, and while they do not present anything of special moment, we extend our best wishes for the success of the undertaking.

DANISH WEST INDIES.

In view of the diplomatic correspondence and legislation in connection with the purchase of these islands by the United States, the stamps of the colony have taken another rise in favor and Mr. W. C. Stone sends us the following list of references to the stamps, the list being compiled from his card index of philatelic publications. We are glad to print this in view of the desire of many collectors to read up on these issues.

Historical sketch with map, (Dorpat) Mekeel's Weekly 15:397
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 Varieties of, S. C. Fort. 13:140.

COMMUNICATION.

The International Secretary is in receipt of the following communication which he has translated from the German.

The Royal Library

Berlin, Unter den Linden 38,
 May 31, 1916.

As the Royal Library has acquired the great philatelic Library of Doctor Rommel, it is the intention to keep it up to date and to fill existing vacancies. Assuming that all Publishers, Authors and Editors of philatelic publications, as well as philatelic societies, stamp dealers, and collectors of philatelic Liter-

ature have a living interest in seeing the literature of their hobby brought together as completely as possible, and placed where it will be readily available for use and study, the Royal Library makes an earnest appeal to all mentioned for the presentation of missing items as well as of future numbers of their periodical publications. Where old and rare pieces are concerned the Library stands ready to purchase and invites kind offers.

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RUSSIA.

1 Rouble, Perf. 11½, Issue of 1902-03.

BY L. C. ERNST.

There is a variety of Russia which perhaps should be entitled to a separate place in the Scott catalogue. That is the 1 Rouble of 1902-03 perforated 11½ which is at present listed under No. 66 together with the common 13½ perforation. While of course a desire to simplify the catalogue by omitting numerous perforation varieties is commendable, still in the case of a country which has kept her postal issues as clean and free from provisionals as Russia, an exception might be made. I submit translation of a letter from the late Mr. F. Breitfuss, of St. Petersburg, in regard to this stamp which might interest collectors, both general and specialist, of Russia. Having obtained a copy at the time or soon after it was chronicled, I had written to this well known collector for information, and below is his reply.

"St. Petersburg, Sept. 22, 1910.
Newski Prosp. 24.

"Dear Sir—

Having returned from a long journey I found your letter of June 22nd and therefore am only today able to answer it.

"About two years ago an English firm requested me to obtain for them some used Russian stamps. Among those sent were several hundred 1 Rouble which I forwarded without noticing the large perforation or knowing that they were scarce.

"It was only after reading their journal in which they offered this variety that my attention was called to it and believing that they had obtained them from me I ordered some for myself and others.

"They are hard to get unused and there is also a 5 Rouble blue perforated 11½ which is still scarcer.

"It is not known how many copies were issued and this perforation was not intentional. The 11½ perforating machine was used because the regular 13½ machine was either damaged or being used for fiscal stamps.

Respectfully,
(Signed) F. Breitfuss."

In conclusion it might be noted that both Kohl and Gibbons list this variety. Collectors might do well to examine their Russian issues for this stamp. I have seen it offered unused in a stamp journal at twenty times the price of the regular issue.

Call for Estimates for Printing Society Publications.

CALL FOR ESTIMATES FOR PRINTING SOCIETY PUBLICATIONS.

Bids are hereby solicited for the printing and mailing the publications of the American Philatelic Society to include the AMERICAN PHILATELIST, a semi-monthly publication of from 8 to 32 pages; the Annual Convention Proceedings approximately 100 pages including photograph plate and key to same; the Membership List of the So-

ciety. 1800 copies of each will be issued.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.
125 N. Tejon St., Colorado Springs,
Colo.

Secretary Davis is going after the 2000 mark in real earnest and that he means to do everything possible to attain this figure of membership by Convention time next August is indicated

by the letter which he is sending out with the membership cards for the current year. A copy of the letter is printed below.

HELP WANTED

A Personal Appeal to You. Not Financial

President Howes in his message to the 31st Annual Convention at Boston, set the mark of membership 2000-1917. If possible please read this message. There is much material for earnest that contained therein, especially relating to numerical membership.

He mentions the fact that President Stone in 1907 called for a mark of 1500-1908. It so happened at that time that the writer was the new incoming Secretary, as now, and many pleasant reminders remain of that campaign for new members.

Quoting from President Howes' Message: "This figure (1500) was reached in 1908 by an increase of nearly 40 per cent. for that year alone."

Shall it be 2000-1917? Most assuredly yes. It MUST reach that figure. I assure you that President Howes would never have put forth that "slogan" unless he KNEW it could be done. However, the Secretary cannot do it alone. The Recruiting Committee cannot, without help, attain this splendid increase. BUT, the Secretary, the Recruiting Committee and YOU can attain it with ease. We want the help and cooperation of each member.

Think of it, fellow member! Split our membership in half, and if each member of only one of the halves send in only one application the result will not only be obtained, but nearly a 50 per cent. increase over the figure we are going to work for.

Looks easy, don't it? It is easy thru a little work. But no "stunt" was ever accomplished without work. Nothing of any consequence was ever promoted

without effort. There is not a member on our list but what can obtain at least one new recruit with a little effort put forth in this direction.

It is not necessary to say why we want this increase in membership, nor to recount the benefits received from our organization, for you are a member of this Society.

Now let's get down to "brass tacks." How many recruits are you going to pledge me up to August 1, 1917? I am going to leave this to you, to your loyalty and to your idea of cooperation. There is a card inclosed, all stamped and addressed. Please fill it out and mail today. Perhaps you are a millionaire Banker, maybe you are a clerk in a grocery store, but to me you are a Member in good standing of the A. P. S., a cooperator with me for the benefit of our science or hobby, as you will.

This letter is numbered, so is the card. Please send it in at once so we can commence our campaign. I'll give you any help asked for. Just name it and let's get right down to business. Reinstatements of those dropped or resigned previous to September 1, 1916, will count same as new members. All aboard and here we go 2000-1917.

Most sincerely yours,

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Now let every member help. It is not a hard matter to induce a collector to join the Society. If you only secure one new member by next August you will have done some good work. More members means better work, but get one by all means.

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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

“2000—1917.”

Some Notes on the 1857 Issue, Great Britain.

BY E. BENTLEY WOOD.

Reprinted from "The Stamp Lover."

When war-loans and budget charges absorb all the spare cash which one is wont to spend on stamps, it is a fitting opportunity to turn over one's supposed duplicates to provide not only a relief from the thoughts of war and its consequences, but maybe some unsuspected item for one's albums which had hitherto been overlooked.



I have just had a forage through an accumulation of Penny reds, that most prolific of our British series for search, and I would advise collectors who have a stock of these on hand to devote some of their spare time to a similar overhauling. Particularly would I suggest the examination of the latest "star" issue, the large crown, 14, of 1857-1864, generally treated as the despised and rejected of the series, but which provides varieties galore which put even the Penny blacks and Penny imperfs. to shame. Many of the items are well known and need no comment, but I will attempt a brief recapitulation of the chief things to look for in the hope that it may be of use in inducing further study; for there are heaps of minor things which may be picked out and given album rank according to the fancy of the individual.

Watermark.

The earlier form of the large crown watermark (A) was introduced in 1855, the old small crown not being considered sufficiently distinct. The new crown had beneath the arches two little vertical "bits" inserted to represent the

fleurs-de-lis above the rim, but in 1861 it was modified by their omission (B), and was so continued till the line-en-



"A"



"B"



"C"

graved stamps were superseded by the surface-printed series of 1880.

In the later form a curious variety or error (C) occurs, normally falling on the stamp lettered MA, but if the paper was reversed—as often happened—on the ML. This was first discovered by Mr. V. H. Gregory about 1897, and has since been found not only on the "stars" but also on several of the early plate numbers.

Both types of watermark occur in conjunction with all three types of alphabets, so there are six main distinctive varieties to note. These again are all found inverted, and, in cases where the marginal watermark POSTAGE betrays it, reversed. The vagaries of the present Georgian issues are therefore only old troubles repeating themselves.

Perforation.

There is naturally little to be said about perforation, though the temporary return to the 16 gauge at the beginning of 1858 may be taken as a variety rather than a separate issue. As this was in use at the same time, and on sheets from the same plates as those perforated 14, many of the varieties of lettering and re-entries may be found in both gauges, but only the 1855 type of watermark and alphabet iii. occur with the 16 perforation.

Short and long stamps, caused by the wrong adjustment of the perforating machine, are fairly common, generally occurring in the A row, whence it was corrected. Double perforation is not in-

frequent, and imperforate copies are known, though these are scarce. Broken needles, making one or more holes missing, are minor varieties of little importance, but interesting when traced on copies the whole depth of the sheet.

Check Letters.

The issue is interesting as providing examples of three different types of check letters, viz., alphabets ii., iii. and iv. Of these, alphabet iii. is the general one, only two plates each of ii. and iv. being brought into use for this series.

Alphabet ii. came into use as far back as 1852, in the time of the early imperforate stamps, and is found all through the succeeding line-engraved penny issues till superseded by the sans-serif type on the plate-numbers. In the issue under consideration it appears only on two Reserve plates, R15 and R16, which were made in 1855, but which do not seem to have been printed from until 1861. Most of these stamps can be picked out at sight, the small size and distinctive form of the letters A, B, C, D, G, I, J, N, O, Q, R being the more noticeable. It is also fairly easy to "plate" these, for in R15 the letters are usually placed low in the letter squares, and in R16 they are more often high.

Alphabet iii. is, as before stated, the common type, but it provides some interesting variations, notably the "Gothic K" and wide M, both of which occur on plate 27, a plate remarkable for its long life—1,011,900 impressions having been taken—and from the fact that it contains the well-known "Star in D square" variety.

Alphabet iv. seems to have been of a somewhat experimental nature, only two plates (50 and 51) being constructed with this lettering. The letters are larger and more coarse looking than those of the other types, the C, G, J, K, Q, R, S being the easiest to pick out. Subsequent plates to the end of the issue returned to the old normal alphabet iii.

Letter Varieties.

In addition to the instances mentioned above, there are a few other interesting varieties of lettering. The S, which appears to have been a source of trouble in previous issues, is also to be found inverted in this, though it is by no means a common find.

A writer recently gave a list of double letters to be found in this issue, but they seem for the most part to be faint and indefinite, and imagination must play a part in determining some of them, the J over an inverted J being, perhaps, the best.

There are a few cases of retouched letters, long serifs to the B of BJ (alph. ii., pl. R16), and to the D of DL, making fairly prominent varieties. The latter curiously occurs on the same lettering in both alphabet ii. and alphabet iii., one having a long serif at the bottom, the other at the top of the D.

Re-Entries.

Except in the early copies of the imperforate series, there is none so rich in re-entries as this last issue of the "star" type. A re-entry may be explained thus:—When an impression on a plate was imperfect or in an inaccurate position, the defect was remedied by applying the roller a second time. Traces of the initial impression remain on the plate, generally more noticeable in the "star" corners, which show double lines to the rays of those ornaments.

The AD, with its traces of stars in the bottom corners, is the best known, and is not at all a rare stamp. It appears to have been produced by the BD below it being originally impressed too high, and was really an error therefore of the lower stamp, which, when corrected, naturally showed the main re-entry there. The result is, however, not so striking as on the AD, but consists of a mass of blotches, from the engine-turned borders, in the star squares and top margin.

Several other more or less definite examples may be found, among the best being those of stamps lettered BH, BI,

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CA, IB, QG and TF, the last being particularly good, showing a double impression not only in the star squares, but also in the POSTAGE and ONE PENNY, and faintly on the head! These form some of the most interesting varieties of the issue.

Minor Varieties.

Of further minor varieties the number is legion. They include irregularly placed and imperfect letters, scratches, blots, blotches, and lesser defects of many kinds.

In irregular lettering the CK, pl. R16, alphabet ii., cannot very well be overlooked. The C is in the extreme S. W. corner, and the K in the N. E. corner of the letter-blocks, and the small size of the letters makes the position still more noticeable.

In imperfect letters the J of OJ, and Q of QG both look as though they have been badly bruised.

Very heavy and evident scratches occur on DI (across O of POSTAGE), GJ (on right "star"), PI (on P of POSTAGE), and TL (crossing the corner of the T square and emerging through the O of ONE like the tail of a Q); and smaller blots and blotches are very numerous in both the "star" and letter squares.

An irregular outline to the S square of SH, and a very narrow spacing between the penultimate and last stamps of some of the rows (e. g. MK, ML) are items worth picking out.

All smaller and less defined blots and lines should be carefully examined, as they may indicate other re-entries, double letters, or damage to the plate. When found in duplicate, denoting a permanent character, they should certainly not be lightly discarded.

I have notes of about two hundred of these lesser varieties, the majority of which I have been able to duplicate, and I still do not feel to have reached the limit of possibility of further interesting finds.

O. U. S.

The Oxford Union Society's overprint

first made its appearance on this issue in 1859; it therefore occurs in conjunction with all the alphabet types and on both papers, though on alphabet ii. it appears to be scarce.

The firms' underprints, which form an interesting series in the plate-numbers, are also represented in this issue, J. & C. BOYD & CO., 7, FRIDAY ST., being, apparently, the first firm to take up the system. As these were, however, printed at this date over the gum, it is very difficult to find a clear copy which has survived the soaking off the the envelope.

Cancellations.

As a side line which no collector can afford to ignore, the cancellations on this issue are particularly attractive. The "Scotch locals" made their exit in 1858, and are frequently found on the earlier printings. The beautiful "Brunswick Star" of Edinburgh commenced its course in 1860, and may be found in several varieties of thick and thin rays, with and without smaller stars at top and sides. The interesting but short-lived "Salisbury trial" with its central puncturing points appeared at this time. Pearson Hill's first machine cancellation marked in 1857 a new departure caused by the increasing quantity of letters to be dealt with. These and many other interesting postmarks may be picked out showing changes and developments in the working of our wonderful postal system.

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My notes on these varieties are necessarily very incomplete; they are intended as giving not much more than hints of the many interesting things to be found on this issue. As it is, perhaps, the commonest of our British line-engraved series, it is open to the collector with the slenderest of purses to pursue his investigations therein, and I think he will soon discover that this unconsidered issue is after all one of the most interesting in the whole range of our classic Penny reds.

E. BENTLEY WOOD.

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EDITORIAL.

PUBLICITY FOR COLLECTING. At the Boston Convention there was considerable discussion regarding the matter of publicity for stamp collecting and a committee will be appointed by President Howes whose duty will be to cooperate with certain philatelists of New York in a publicity campaign looking to

an effort to interest the general public in our hobby. This will not entail any expense on the part of the Society but will simply mean giving the stamp of approval of the A. P. S. to the movement.

Undoubtedly a publicity campaign, properly staged and carried out, would be a great stimulus to stamp collecting and should result in a considerable increase in the number of collectors.

We do not at the present know the plans of this Publicity Committee, but collectors should lend every assistance in their power to make it a success, for an increase in the number of earnest collectors will bring a corresponding increase in the value of the stamp holdings of every philatelist.

ST. NICHOLAS STAMP CLUB. While on the subject of publicity, we should not overlook

the good work which "St. Nicholas," a magazine for young people, is doing in the interest of stamp collecting. In their issue for September an announcement is made of the formation of the "St. Nicholas Stamp Club," an organization for boys and girls interested in stamp collecting. Membership will be limited to subscribers and members of their immediate families. It is the intention to interest the young collectors in stamp matters and encourage them in the study of their stamps, offering the assistance of their stamp department to this end. No dues will be charged and there is no age limit.

Such work as this should meet with the endorsement of the more serious collectors, and should the opportunity arise, those who are advanced in the studies of collecting should feel it a pleasure to assist in this commendable work, for it is only by training the young collector that we can expect to meet the philatelists of the future.

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ST. NICHOLAS STAMP PAGE. Among the many interesting features for young folks that regularly appear in "St.

Nicholas," that of chief interest to us is "St. Nicholas Stamp Page," edited by Mr. Samuel R. Simmons, a member of this Society. The page before us in the September issue of the magazine is of interest on account of several lit-

tle stamp stories entertainingly told. No doubt this page proves quite an attraction to the collecting subscribers of St. Nicholas and we should like to see other publications devoted to the rising generations inaugurate philatelic departments, thereby educating the young collector and preparing them for the more serious work of philatelists in the days to come.

Historical Note on the First Issue of Postage Stamps of the United States.

Through the kindness of Mr. Wm. Lloyd, A. P. S. 4525, of New Orleans, we have had the privilege of examining a copy of "The Daily Union" published in Washington, D. C., dated Friday, June 18, 1847, and the following extract from the issue is reprinted in the hope that it will be of interest to students of our postal issues. Mr. Lloyd calls attention to the regulation requiring post offices not equipped with a cancelling stamp to use a cross mark to indicate the cancellation of the stamp.

Post Office Stamps.

We are gratified to learn that the Postmaster General has made a contract with Messrs. Rawdon, Wright, Hatch and Edson, engravers in the city of New York, for furnishing stamps for the Post Office Department, in accordance with the provisions of the 11th section of the act of Congress at its last session, for the establishment of certain post routes, and for other purposes. The stamps will be prepared and ready for use by the 1st of July, and cannot fail to be a great convenience to the larger offices, as well as to citizens desirous of prepaying their correspondence.

The rules adopted for the government of postmasters in relation thereto, are contained in the 68th chapter, in the edition of the Post Office Laws just published; and which we

are requested to publish for the information of those interested—

Chapter 68.

Stamps for the prepayment of postage on letters.

497. Postage stamps, one printed in black, representing the head of Washington, of the denomination of ten cents, and the other, printed in brown, representing the head of Franklin, of the denomination of five cents, will be transmitted to any postmasters at important points, upon their application in writing, addressed to the Third Assistant Postmaster General.

498. Any postmaster receiving stamps, will, by the next mail, acknowledge the receipt of the amount. At the expiration of each quarter, and with his quarterly postage accounts, he will render an account of stamps, charging himself therein with any amount which remained on hand at the close of the preceding quarter, and with the amounts received during the quarter just ended, and crediting himself with the amount then remaining on hand. The balance of the account so stated, representing the amount of stamps he has sold or disposed of, the postmaster will add to the balance due on his return for the same quarter for postages.

499. In case of resignation, removal, or death, the postmaster, or his representative, will not be allowed a credit for any stamps turned over

to his successor, unless such successor has duly qualified, by giving bond, and shall forthwith transmit his receipt for the amount to the Auditor for the Post Office Department.

500. Any letter, or packet, with one or more stamps affixed, equal in amount to the postage properly chargeable thereon, may be mailed and forwarded from any post office as a prepaid letter or packet; but if the stamps affixed be not adequate to the proper postage, the postmaster receiving the letter or packet for transmission, will rate it with the amount deficient in addition.

501. Stamps so affixed are to be immediately cancelled in the office in which the letter or packet may be deposited, with an instrument to be furnished to certain of the post offices for that purpose. In post offices not so furnished, the stamps may be cancelled by making a cross (X) on each with a pen. If the cancelling has been omitted on the mailing of the letter, the postmaster delivering it will cancel the stamp in the manner directed, and immediately report the postmaster who may have been delinquent to the Department.

502. Stamp-letters and packets will be entered in the post bills, and

also in the abstract of mails sent and forwarded, as prepaid by stamps. The amount of stamp letters sent will, in the computation of the postmaster's commissions, and for that purpose only, be added to the amount of postages received.

These old documents and extracts from official orders relating to the early history and use of our stamps are always of interest to the collectors of our country's stamps. They show some of the inside workings of the department when the use of stamps was being inaugurated.

It is worthy of mention that no provision is made by which it was obligatory to use the stamps for the prepayment of postal charges, but to the contrary it is clearly evident that the matter of prepaying the postage on mail matter was left entirely to the wishes of the sender.

We thank Mr. Lloyd for the favor of using the copy of the paper for the above extract.

Responsibility for Return of Approval Selections.

The following copy of letter from the Board of Vice-Presidents sets forth the position which the Board will take in dealing with matters of this character.

September 14, 1916.

George S. Chapman, Esq.,
67 Victoria Street,
Montreal, Canada.

Dear Sir:—

Your letter of August 16th sent in to the Credentials Committee with your ballot, and requesting a ruling on the question as to who shall be held responsible for the loss of an approval selection in transit from the customer to the owner, has been referred to the Board of Vice-Presidents for reply. We

beg to advise you, that it is our opinion that by well established custom the recipient of an approval selection is bound to return it through the same channels as those through which it came to him. If he does this his responsibility is at an end, and any risk of loss in transportation must be borne by the owner after the customer has despatched it. This Board will so hold in all matters which come within its jurisdiction. Naturally the owner of the stamps is at liberty to procure a specific agreement from the customer to be responsible for loss in the mails before he sends out the approval selection.

Respectfully yours,
WILLIAM B. SPRAGUE,
Recorder.

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AN APPRECIATION BY PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Reprinted from The Philatelic Societies' Record and Exchange Club Journal.)

Consider the Hon. Secretary, how he works! And what does he get for it all? Criticism that is frequent and free. Plenty of kicks and no ha'pence whatever.

I have studied the Hon. Secretary at close range; I know him for what he is, or what he generally is—a tireless worker for his Society and his fellow-members, seldom a grumbler if things go awry, and almost always a good fellow, genial and helpful to all.

Let us honour the Hon. Secretary; let us apprise him at his due worth. Better still, let all of us who are members of Philatelic Societies strive, by loyal and punctual adherence to rules, to lighten his labours so far as lies in our power. Between appreciation and indifference what a world of difference there is—from the Hon. Secretary's point of view.

The "slacker" is far too much in evidence in British Philatelic Societies—the man who just joins up in order to be able to say that he is a member, and lets it go at that. Such members, far from being a help to a society, are in many instances merely a hindrance. To the harassed Hon. Secretary, often a man who has only a limited amount of time to divert from his own business affairs, they are a source of constant trouble and vexation. Dues remain unpaid, changes of address remain unreported, and in a dozen trivial ways there is that failure to loyally co-operate with the Hon. Secretary which every member of every Society should regard as a duty inseparable from his membership.

The various officers of a Philatelic Society should, and I think in most cases do, work in the most cordial harmony together, each performing his allotted task, but all co-operating loyally with the two officials who must of necessity constitute themselves the head and brain of the organization—namely, the President and the Hon. Secretary. All honour to the Presidents of our Philatelic Societies, too. We owe them much, and not only for their skill as chairmen, their eloquence, and what we may call, for want of a better term, their managerial ability—not only for these things, but on occasion for the more practical help that takes the form of pounds, shillings, and pence. In Philatelic Societies, as in business houses and in private families, financial crises are not unknown! Yet when a full meed of praise is tendered to the Presidents of our Societies I submit that there is still a margin left in favour of the Hon. Secretary if we judge them according to their works. The President is a man whose work is very largely that of a chairman, and is most in evidence at the Society's meetings. He is thus very much in the public eye, and we are perhaps prone to make the mistake of supposing that he is doing all the work! The Hon. Secretary, on the other hand, works not only at the meetings, but also "between meetings."

Let us honour the Hon. Secretary, I repeat. And, honouring him, let us help him also. Let us co-operate with him, do our duty by him, contribute our own little share of the loyalty, the punctuality, the helpfulness that mean so much to the smooth working of a Philatelic Society.

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BRANCH SOCIETIES.

We are always glad to publish reports of minutes of Branch Societies and the Secretaries are requested to furnish the Editor with copy for this purpose.

BRANCH No. 44.

Minutes of meeting Sept. 14th, 1916.

Pres. J. M. Bartels called meeting to order. It was decided to participate in the Get-To-Gether Dinner which was being planned by all the Stamp Societies of Greater New York.

Messrs. Bartels, Staeb, and Mouhib were selected to act as a committee in conjunction with other committees.

Mr. Percy McG. Mann showed his Aeroplane service, which was very interesting and instructive, showing the various cancellations and posters used by the different governments to commemorate the occasions.

Eight members and two visitors were present.

W. O. STAEB, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 45.

The Indianapolis Collectors' Club held its first annual banquet at the Avenue Café, Indianapolis, Ind., on the evening of September 28th. Twenty-four

were present, including the wives of members and other collectors.

A very enjoyable evening was had. President Bushnell presided and responded for call for speech in a very able manner. Messrs. Hollis, Pond, Wallis, Wunderly, Curtis, Noble and Christian all contributed with short speeches which were each distinctly of interest and were received with applause.

The ladies also came in strongly with their opinions of stamp collecting in a very able manner.

Our genial Sales Manager, Mr. Ernest Schneider, and wife being unable to attend, were remembered and a token of the high esteem this young couple are held in by all present was dispatched.

I believe all went away well pleased that they had attended.

Several applications were received on the spot and many promised to attend our Oct. 12th meeting, which promises a large gathering for this Branch.

B. F. EGAN, Secretary.

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Burnett, Douglass, 615 Falls Road Terrace, Roland Park, Md.; Age 44; Mgr. Coml. Dept. Gas & Elec. Co.; Reference, Continental Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, #2279.

Herman, Clarence William, 202 S. Lincoln St., Chicago, Ill.; Age 22; Physician and Dealer; Reference, L. A. Lauritzen and W. C. Smith, Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Fred Michael, #938.

Knox, Guy, Guardian Trust Bldg., Denver, Colo.; Age 40; Dealer in Stocks and Bonds; Reference, Jno. W. Bradbury, #4452; R. W. Stoess, 17th & California Sts., Denver, Colo.; Proposed by Charles A. Nast, #1838.

Post, Frank M., 97 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Age 40; Ph. G. The Harvey Co., Manfg. Chemists; Reference, D. E. Harrington, P. M., and Rev. Geo. C. Douglass, 114 Carolina St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Roberts, Dr. M. D., Lock Box 394, Hancock, Mich.; Age 36; Physician; Reference, First Nat'l. Bank, Hancock, Mich.; Proposed by Henry L. Baer, #999.

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Lazell, Theodore S., Monticello, Ia.; Age 45; President Cross Hardware Co.; Reference, E. G. Hicks, Monticello, Ia.; Proposed by F. S. Parmelee, #1804.

Tragle, W. Irving, 19 Harrison St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.; Age 21; Salesman; Reference, Broad Street Bank, Richmond, Va.; Proposed by John E. Holloway, #4777.

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Djurling, Hilmer, 30 Str. Eriksgatan, Stockholm, Sweden; Age, Legal; Merchant; Reference, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Scranton, Pa.; Proposed and recommended by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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2349 Sisson, W. A., 510 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Resignations Accepted.

4586 Sprague, DeWitt C., Rockford, Ill.
 4257 Storey, F. S., New York City.

Deceased.

4067 Ramsay, Major W. G., Wilmington, Del.

Change of Address.

1530 Bartlett, J. D., from Box 536, Paris, Tex. to 313 Wyoming St., El Paso, Tex.

4637 Hollers, Victor D., from Passaic, N. J. to 2301 Morris Ave., New York City.

3934 Hyde, Mrs. T. R., from 705 Orange St., New Haven, Conn. to 191 Christian St., Wallingford, Conn.

1937 Jenkins, C. A., from The Leader to 240 Leader Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

4321 Kelleher, Daniel F., from 4040 Mass. Ave., Cambridge, to 61 A Prichard Ave., Somerville, Mass.

3316 Lighthipe, Wm. I., from 176 Walnut St., to 61 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, N. J.

2452 Linn, Geo. W., from Clinton Bldg. to 335 S. High St., Columbus, O.

3126 MacBride, Van Dyk, from 85 Ascension St., Passaic, N. J., to 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

1646 Mendel, Edward, from 4348 Ellis Ave., to 5492 Everett Ave., Chicago, Ill.

4295 Miller, Wm. T., from 1326 Hyde St., San Francisco, to 2439 W. 9th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

4784 Rickseeker, Wheeler, from 501 S. J. St. to N. P. Headquarters Bldg., Tacoma, Wash.

4355 Schernikow, Ernest, from 235 W. 75th St., to 17 Battery Pl., New York City.

2314 Siddall, Theodore, from Manila, Philippines, to Shanghai, China.

4817 Vawter, W. S., from Care W. U. Tel. Co., Dallas, Tex. to 315 E. 4th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Oct. 1st, 1916	1544
New Stockholders admitted	11
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	1556
Resignations accepted	2
Deceased	1 3

Total Membership Oct. 15th, 1916 1553

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

“2000—1917.”

The following is a copy of a letter Secretary Davis is sending out. Read it over carefully. There is a branch prize and an individual prize. You can get one by increasing the membership of the Society as Dr. Davis tells you, and if you are a member of a Branch, you can assist that branch in securing the other. Either is worth trying for. With all the advantages the Society has to offer a stamp collector to become a member, it will not take a great deal of persuasion to get that philatelic friend to send in his application.

Dear fellow Members:

You who have paid your dues and received your card know all about our campaign “2000—1917”. It is desired that those who have not remitted to the Treasurer, do so at once, so we can get down to business, for satisfactory results from this campaign can only be obtained by a concerted action all along the line. I trust that I may have your cooperation.

We need an appointive officer in every Branch whom I shall designate for the present as “Promoter”. It is desired that this office be filled by a volunteer, the Secretary of your Branch for obvious reasons to have the first chance to volunteer.

We are now advertising in two philatelic journals. The number of inquiries received asking for information and application blanks fully justifies us in broadening the scope of this method of recruiting.

I have two follow-up letters to use in this connection, and a third letter referring the inquiry to a local member in that vicinity. This would be one of the duties of the Promoter, to use his influence with the inquirer and see that the application is sent to the Secretary.

About this time of the year we also have a few resignations. In a great many cases, a personal talk with these members will lead them to withdraw the resignation. To see that members send in their dues promptly so we can issue the membership list as early as possible; to urge members to fulfil their pledge as specified, and in fact to be a general promoter of membership in each city where a Branch is located, will be the duties of the promoter.

Will Branch No. — cooperate with

me by appointing an officer for this purpose? If so, please make the appointment as soon as possible, sending me the name and address.

To make it interesting, I personally offer a five dollar gold piece to the Branch, and the same to the individual who sends in the largest number of applications who are elected to membership during this fiscal year. Altho the amount is small, yet it may be looked upon as an honor medal and well worth striving for.

Each Branch will be credited with the members elected who are proposed by any and all members of the Branch.

Trusting that I may hear from you at your earliest convenience and to be favored with your cooperation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

MAJOR WILLIAM G. RAMSAY.

Mr. Eugene Klein sends us the following clipping, announcing the death of Major William G. Ramsay, A. P. S. 4067, of Wilmington, Del.

Wilmington, Del., Sept. 28th.—Major William G. Ramsay, a vice-President and director of the duPont Powder Company and chief engineer of its construction department, died suddenly here today, after a brief illness of pneumonia. He was the principal factor in the physical development of the duPont plants caused by the extraordinary demands put upon the company by the European War. He was born at the Presidio, San Francisco, August 23rd, 1866. When the Spanish-American War broke out in 1898 he joined the United States Engineering Volunteers and did much work in Porto Rico in rebuilding bridges and roads. For these services he was made a captain, then major and awarded a service medal. Until a few months ago he was inspector of rifle practice of the Delaware militia.

The sympathy of the Society is extended to those who, with us, will mourn the passing of our fellow-member.

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EDITORIAL.

ARE YOU DOING YOUR PART. From time to time a member will deplore the money spent in the publication of the Society's journal, stating that the paper contains little of real interest, presumably to him; but how few stop to think how THEY could do their part to make the American Philatelist of greater value to every member of the Society. It is not possible for one member, nor for those to whom are delegated the official duties

incident to the workings of the Society, to produce a publication which would meet the needs of the membership, but if the journal is to take its proper place among philatelic magazines, then it becomes the duty, and should be the pleasure, of every member to support it to their fullest extent.

Since the day when the Post Office rulings made it impossible for the Society to provide for each member a philatelic paper as part of their dues, that is, a publication in which the Society was not otherwise interested, various methods have been tried to furnish each member with the complete news of the affairs of the Society. First the publication of reports in the independent press was tried, but as this called for individual subscription by every member to that publication, the result was that but few members were aware of what the Society was doing. The establishment of the Quarterly issuance of The American Philatelist was a step forward, but this still did not supply that majority of our members with enough details of the Society to sustain their interest, although as a literary publication the Quarterly was decidedly the best that has been accomplished by the Society in recent years. At the Springfield Convention, in 1912, it was realized that some means would have to be found to sustain interest in the Society, and the publication of The American Philatelist as a monthly seemed to be the most desirable move. Accordingly the dues were increased, in face of predictions freely made that the Society would lose half of its membership, and the monthly American Philatelist was launched.

We are now entering the fifth year of continual publication of the revived American Philatelist, during which time it has been changed to a semi-monthly, the causes of which are of such recent history that repetition would be useless. Contrary to predictions, the Society has more than held its own during this time and it is a pleasure to know that among the greater portion of our membership the American Philatelist

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has found favor, and that it is doing its work in the promotion of the Society is shown by membership figures, which in spite of the fifty per cent. advance in annual dues is growing.

But if we are to produce a journal which will be a means of winning new members and holding and creating greater interest among the old members, then, Mr. Member, to use a certain expression, it is up to you to do your part. There is, or should be, a great pride in your membership in the Society. There should be a corresponding pride in the journal which stands forth as the mouthpiece of the Society, and as a matter of pride, if not one of duty, you should support that journal. It wants you to use it for the publication of your philatelic writings, to give other members the benefit of your knowledge or researches, to help others in their study of our hobby as you would like to be helped in your study. If those who are able, and that there are many is quite evident from a glance through the current philatelic press, would but contribute one paper or article during the course of twelve months there would never be the necessity of reprinting from other magazines, and surely this is asking but little when we

consider what the American Philatelic Society has done for you, possibly not individually, but for Philately, in which you are interested, and when Philately is benefited, so in like measure are you.

Let us all help. Make The American Philatelist what it should be. You do YOUR part and others will do theirs. But do YOUR part anyhow.

"2000-1917." Secretary Davis means it and he is getting right down to work in a manner which should make "2000-1917" a reality by next August. Elsewhere in this issue is reprinted a letter which he is sending out. Read it over carefully. It has real news value. Help him and the Society to attain the mark by next Convention time.

THAT PRIZE FOR A SUGGESTION. Mr. Chester Myers offers a prize of \$10 for a suggestion of what will make the A. P. S. of greater benefit to our members. The announcement was made in the issue for Sept. 15th. Here's your chance to earn the prize and put forward what may be the means of greatly increasing the value of the Society to you and every other member.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

BRIGHT & SON'S "A. B. C." DESCRIPTIVE PRICED CATALOGUE OF THE STAMPS OF THE BRITISH EMPIRE. 11th Edition, 1916. The copy before us has been received through the courtesy of the publishers, Messrs. Bright & Son, 164, Strand, London, W. C., England. The cover is a striking arrangement of the British flag. The size is such that it can easily be slipped into one's coat pocket and in arrangement it follows the same form used in previous editions of the cata-

logues of this firm, and while we do not think this is as convenient as our Scott catalogue, yet is sufficiently clear to any one who has studied these stamps. The book is well illustrated and the text is very clear. A noteworthy feature is the inclusion of what seems to be a complete list of British stamps used abroad, these being for the greater part priced and the dates of use given. Many explanatory notes are scattered throughout the work. A list of stamps issued

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by other countries incident to the War is also included, but those issued by enemy countries to Great Britain are omitted. As a whole, students of the stamps of Great Britain and Colonies will find the catalogue of considerable benefit. Price 1 sh. 3 d. post free.

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BRIGHT & SON'S PRICED CATALOGUE OF WAR STAMPS. Publish-

ed by Messrs. Bright & Son, 164, Strand, London, W. C., England. August, 1916. War stamps are the ever popular item in England and this is but one of the numerous catalogues which have been issued in the past eighteen months. Fifteen pages are necessary to fully list the various stamps which have had their birth caused by the great War. A valuable check list to those who are interested in these stamps. Price 3½ d., post free.

CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS OF THE WESTERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION. The Secretary, Mr. Oliver G. Beardslee, favors us with the copy. The complete by-laws are given, together with the list of officers and the membership list shows a total of 45 members, located for the most part in California.

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BY THE EDITOR.

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| THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VII, No. 1-2, Aug.-Sept. 1916. | THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY BULLETIN, Vol. 2 No. 1, Sept. 15, 1916. |
| UNITED STAMP CO. HERALD, Vol. V No. 10, Oct. 1916. | THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. II No. 5, Sept.-Oct. 1916. |
| THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' RECORD and EXCHANGE CLUB JOURNAL, Vol. I No. 2, Sept. 1916. | THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. IX No. 3-4, Aug.-Sept. 1916. |
| THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VI No. 9, Sept. 1916. | COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. I No. 12, Oct. 1916. |
| NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. V No. 11, Sept. 20, 1916. | EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VII Nos. 5, 6 and 7, May, June and Sept., 1916. |
| THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. I No. 10, Sept. 1915. | THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. II No. 10, Oct. 1916. |
| THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIII No. 151, Sept. 1916. | THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. I No. 7, Oct. 10, 1916. |
| HET PHILATELISTISCH MAANDBLAD, Nos. 55 and 56, Aug. 14 and July 15, 1916. | STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VI Nos. 22, 23, 24 and 25, Sept. 9, 16, 23 and 30, 1916. |
| THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 67, Sept. 5th, 1916. | THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XVIII Nos. 24, 25 and 26, Sept. 9, 16 and 23, 1916. |
| NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSSKRIFT, Vol. 23, No. 7, July 31st, 1916. | |

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THE SWEDISH "LANDSTORM" ISSUE.

BY L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.,

International Secretary, A. P. S.

The Swedish word "Landstorm" means the military reserves of the country, the civilians who in times past have undergone military training. Closed in by belligerent countries, Sweden was forced to take extensive measures for the protection of its rights as a neutral. One of these measures was the mobilization of the reserves, besides a general strengthening of the military and naval resources of the country. The drain on the national treasury became extremely heavy and it was found that insufficient funds were available for the proper clothing of the "landstorm." A big society of voluntary workers was organized, the central council of which is presided over by Crown Princess Margaret of Sweden, who is a daughter of the Duke of Connaught. This central council put forth the proposition that remainders of older postage stamps, and of the postage due stamps, should be overprinted or "surcharged" so as to cover postage rates and besides furnish an additional amount for the "Landstorm" purpose. The Postoffice Department recommended the granting of the request and the King of Sweden gave his sanction.

From one of the daily Stockholm papers which has come to hand some very

interesting data has been obtained. As the remainders of the postage due stamps were not sufficient for the issue, surcharging was also done on the 5 Kronor stamps of 1903, and on different values of postage stamps of the 1877 and 1886-91 issues **after reprints of these issues had been made for the purpose.** The overprint gives the nominal value of the stamps as well as the additional amount which is to go to the "Landstorm." Thus on the 24 ore value (Scott #34) we see the figures of value obliterated by three crowns. In the surrounding ring we find the inscription "ORE 10 ORE. FRIMARKE." and in two lines at the bottom of the stamp "TIO ORE TILL LANDSTORMEN." (Ten ore to the "Landstorm"). The surcharged postage due stamps and the 5 kronor stamps are sold through the agencies of the society mentioned above while the surcharged reprints are sold through the post offices. As head of the bureau of distribution Mr. Harry Wennberg, the well known Stockholm stamp dealer, has been appointed. It should be stated right here that THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF SWEDEN has not been consulted in the matter, and had nothing whatever to do with the suggestion of an issue which will always be charg-

ed against Sweden as a philatelic disgrace. It is too bad that the splendid philatelic record of this country should be tainted with such a mongrel issue as surcharged reprints. Here would have been the occasion for an artistic issue depicting some of the beautiful scenery of the "land of the midnight sun." Such an issue would have met with the approval of stamp collectors while the surcharged issue only merits philatelic condemnation. The purpose, worthy of the best efforts of the nation, was also worthy of better and cleaner methods for its accomplishment, especially as a large foreign sale is expected, an expectation which I predict will not realize.

The quantities to be overprinted were as follows—

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

140,000	1 ore, overprinted	5 ore, to sell for 10 ore.
160,000	3 ore, overprinted	5 ore, to sell for 10 ore.
140,000	5 ore, overprinted	5 ore, to sell for 10 ore.
130,000	6 ore, overprinted	5 ore, to sell for 15 ore.
90,000	12 ore, overprinted	5 ore, to sell for 20 ore.
90,000	20 ore, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 30 ore.
130,000	30 ore, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 30 ore.
65,000	24 ore, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 50 ore.
76,000	50 ore, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 50 ore.
18,000	1 Krona, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 1 krona.
90,000	5 Kronor, overprinted	10 ore, to sell for 5 kronor.

REPRINTS.

500,000 of each of the 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 ore, values of 1886-91 issue. These reprints are to be overprinted with a value of 5 ore and will sell for 10 ore.

500,000 of each of the 12 and 24 ore values of the 1877, and of the 20, 30 and 50 ore values of the 1886-91 issues. All these reprints will be surcharged 10 ore and will sell for 20 ore.

The figure with which the stamp is surcharged indicates its value for franking purposes and the rest of the amount for which it is sold goes to the outfitting of the "Landstorm." The surcharged 5 Kronor stamp will thus only have a franking value of 10 ore and as it is sold for 5 kronor, an amount of Kronor 4.90 will go to the "Landstorm."

The sale is to continue until the close of 1919. The designs for the overprints have been made by the well known Swedish artist, Professor Olle Kjortzberg. He has also designed the covers for little stamp booklets which are to contain all the surcharged series.

As the remainders of the surcharged postage due stamps vary considerably in numbers—of the 1 krona value there are only 20,000 copies left—and as no reprints will be made of these stamps, it has been decided to sell these in complete series which will include the 5 kronor stamps and at a price which will be announced later. This measure is intended to stop speculation in values of which the remainders are comparatively small.

As a stamp dealer is at the head of the distribution bureau, it is a safe guess that all minor varieties of "philatelic value" will receive due consideration.

I am sure that every American fellow collector of the stamps of Sweden will feel with me keen regret that such an ill advised issue should have been permitted to spoil an otherwise clean philatelic record.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 5. November 1, 1916.

Applications Pending.

Costales, Eugene N.

Clarke, John Lee

Burnett, Douglass

Herman, Clarence William

Knox, Guy

Post, Frank M.

Roberts, Dr. M. D.

Rotnem, V. W.

Lazell, Theodore S.

Tragle, W. Irving

Application for Reinstatement Pending
1993 Djurling, Hilmer, Stockholm, Sweden.

Applications Posted.

Baldwin, Melvin D., 566 S. College Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich.; Age 30; Firm, Baldwin, Tuthill & Bolton; Reference: Grand Rapids National City Bank; Proposed by A. W. Filstrup, #4031.

Black, Arthur G., 606 Commerce Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 36; Attorney at Law; Reference: S. W. Natl. Bank of Commerce, Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by William C. Michaels, #209.

Bransford, Edgar M., 301 California St., San Francisco, Calif.; Age 48; Clerk, Aetna Insurance Company; Reference: M. C. Nelson, 931 Clayton St., San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by John M. Holt, M. D., #1080.

Hagenauer, Nikolaus, 224 Dilworth St., Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age 32; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: The Hussman Stamp Company, St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Arc d' Olivier, Quebec, Canada; Proposed by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

Parks, Henry Francis, Box 928, El Paso, Tex.; Age 21; Musician; Reference: H. C. Taefel Electric Co., Louisville, Ky.; Proposed by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

Wood, Wilson D., 402 Finance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 31; Real Estate and Loans, Firm, Wilson D. Wood & Co.; Reference: Townley Culbertson, V. Pres., Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by William C. Michaels, #209.

Resignations Received.

4378 Falkenhagen, A. H., 3119 Ave. "J", Galveston, Tex.

3012 Hore, H. C., 404 Roselle Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

4502 Lovegren, D. M., Gen. Delivery, Seattle, Wash.

4550 Longnecker, J. W., care Hartford Fire Ins. Co., Hartford, Conn.

4747 Oppenheim, Laurent, Taft School, Watertown, Conn.

3972 Pearson, P. H. R., 2 Summit Place, Newburyport, Mass.

4162 Whipple, H. C., Manchester Center, Vt.

4535 Young, A. E., 41 Hazleton St., Toronto, Canada.

Resignation Withdrawn.

4547 De Cou, B. M., 163 William St., E. Orange, N. J.

Resignations Accepted.

3994 Muerman, J. C., Washington, D. C.

4592 Hopwood, Rudolph, Detroit, Mich.

4661 Perine, Fred A., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Deceased.

118 Chandler, N. W., Collingsville, Ill.

3561 Scheid, Paul, Newark, N. J.

2684 Wharton, Jacob N., Maywood, Ill.

Corrections.

Report of Oct. 1st, under "New Stockholders" #4832 should be Charles "R" instead of "E".

In Membership List Address of #4424 Haggett, Edward G. should be 9 "Casco" St. instead of "Cairo."

Change of Address.

- 2092 Aldrich, W. L., from 41 Kenwood St., Brookline, Mass., to 5 Bromfield St., Boston, Mass.
- 2315 Allen, H. D., from 70 Williston Road, Boulevard, Mass., to 70 Williston Road, Coolidge Corner, Mass.
- 2497 Askbrook, Stanley B., from 20 Wiggins Block to 720 Union Trust Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 4699 Battenchon, Chas. F. F. from Rue Herold 41, Villa Chantelouve, Nice, France, to 137 W. 94th St., New York City.
- 2439 Bennett, Don. R., from 2173 W. Grand Blvd. to 328 Hogarth Ave., Detroit, Mich.
- 4452 Bradbury, John W., from 1562 Eliot St. to 2712 West Lake Place, Denver, Colo.
- 3938 Bresler, Victor, from 1717 Dime Bank Bldg., to 1750 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.
- 4015 Buckingham, C. H., from 203 Lincoln Ave., Orange, N. J. to Pittsfield, Mass.
- 3539 Buckminster, Irving H., from 47 Main St., to 138 East Ave., Lockport, N. Y.
- 4633 Casper, M., from 1884 Seventh Ave., to 2 East 127th St., New York.
- 2192 Charlat, L. W., from 5th Ave. & 30th St., to 537 Fifth Ave., New York City.
- 3740 Conrad, H. V., from 32 W. 40th St., to 122 E. 40th St., New York.
- 4518 Corner, K. R., from 1905 E. 105th St. to 400 Erie Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
- 4632 Curtis, Fred A. from 3240 Kenwood Ave., to 3608 Graceland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
- 2531 Doyle, G. A., from 175 Fairview Ave., Bridgeport, Conn., to 987 Washington St., Boston, Mass.
- 3951 Emery, Walter, from 34 W. 44th St. to 43 W. 52 St., New York.
- 4721 Farrar, Waldo, from 39 Oliver St. to Box 2336, Boston, Mass.
- 4014 Garrett, P. L., from Church Bldg. to 400 Ford Bldg., Wilmington, Del.
- 344 Gerberding, E. O. from Hueneme to 1411 Fuller Ave., Hollywood, Calif.
- 4697 Gordon, Wm. D. from care Mine & Smelter Supply Co. to 412 San Francisco St., El Paso, Tex.
- 4070 Hatfield, A., Jr., from 145 W. 58th St. to 175 W. 58th St., New York City.
- 4455 d'Hemecourt, Geo. A., from 4034 St. Claude Ave., to 130 N. Hagan Ave., New Orleans, La.
- 4314 Herrick, Chas. E., from 3816 Ellis Ave. to 3809 Ellis Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 936 Hopkins, S. B., from Brownsville, Tex. to Box 50, Laredo, Tex.
- 3823 Huber, A. W. from 3930 Pine Grove Ave., to 931 Winona Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 2409 Hunt, Chas. F. from 344 Main St. to 7 Winslow St., Worcester, Mass.
- 4275 Davis, Dr. W. F. from 262 Berkeley Ave., to 24 Fremont St., Bloomfield, N. J.
- 3928 Gosabass, Michael, from Columbus, Ga., to 118 W. Central Ave., Albuquerque, N. M.
- 2042 Kleinman, H. J., from 808 N. E. Blvd. to 810 N. E. Blvd., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 3727 King, Dr. W. W., from Box 366, to U. S. Public Health Service, San Juan, Porto Rico.
- 4720 Mac Nutt, Barry, from Annisquam Sta., Worcester, Mass. to Dept. Physics, Lehigh University, So. Bethlehem, Pa.
- 4411 Menager, L. C., from R. F. D. #4 to R. D. "B", Box 3, Jacksonville, Fla.
- 4225 Moore, C. B., from 200 Devonshire St., to Box 5110, Boston, Mass.
- 3165 Newmark, M.H. from 1248 Wholesale St., to 905 Beacon St., Los Angeles, Calif.
- 1868 Parrish, Percival, from 1010 to 1015 Real Estate Trust Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

- 4730 Pflanz, Hans, from Litchfield, Conn. to 140 Nassau St. R. 209, New York City.
- 969 Redfield, H. S. from care Stedman & Redfield to 1060 Prospect Ave., Hartford, Conn.
- 3711 Roulet, C. B., from 138 Whitney St. to 665 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Conn.
- 2848 Saltmarsh, Thos. W. from 14 W. Belmont St., to 422 N. Bayleu St., Pensacola, Fla.
- 4703 Sautter, A., from 415 N. Lawrence St., to 1415 S. Emporia, Wichita, Kans.
- 4809 Schneider, Ernest, from 835 W. 29th St. to 918 Hamilton Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
- 4588 Shaw, Guthrie, from 29 Montgomery Pl., Brooklyn, N. Y. to 43 Nassau Blvd., Garden City, N. Y.
- 4316 Spalding, Fred M., M. D., from 390 Commonwealth Ave., Boston, to 87 Evans Road, Brookline, Mass.
- 2098 Stevens, K. K., from 3387 Park View Ave., to 2110 Murray Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 4495 Stiles, H. Raymond, from 306 Summit Ave. to 366 McClellan St., Schenectady, N. Y.
- 4303 Timm, A. J. C., from Rector Bldg. to 810-208 S. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.
- 4743 Tufts, Nathan, from Box 213, Madison, Conn. to 677 Yale Sta., New Haven, Conn.
- 4414 Welsh of F., Thomas W. from 234 W. Lafayette Ave. to 611 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.
- 4523 Willett, Walter M., from 2028 Scott St., to 725 3 St., San Francisco, Calif.
- 2575 Wilson, J. R. from 18 Chelsea Pl. E. Orange, N. J. to 1100 Garrett Bldg., Baltimore, Md.
- 4349 Wolter, John R. from 551 N. 52 St. to 32 S. 17th St., Phila., Pa.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Oct. 15, 1916	1553
Resignations accepted	3
Deceased	3
	6

Total Membership Nov. 1, 1916 1547

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

“2000—1917.”

Two months have gone by, let us look over the field and see how we are progressing towards the “Mark”.

We have had 24 resignations and 5 deaths, making a total loss of 32 members. On the other hand we have received 27 applications for membership. Not much progress is it?

No, we are not frightened, not a bit, but it does behoove us now to gather our Forces and throw out the Lines into a formation that is going to win.

I urge all members of local branches to attend the branch meetings where you will come in contact with enthusiasm. The Branches are going into this

fight for new members in a way that success must and will be the result.

Pledge cards are coming in nicely. Have you sent me yours? If not please do so at once even if you cannot pledge more than one recruit. I look for every card to be returned to me if nothing more than your signature is written thereon. I must have the return of these cards in order to plan the work as time advances.

Let us get busy now and make up for the last two months.

Yours for the “2000-1917”,

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

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EDITORIAL.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOURSELF AND OTHERS. A society such as ours is not for one member, neither is it for a group of members, but is intended to serve in a general way ALL its members and, in a broader sense, further the interests of stamp collecting. It is not possible for one member to do that which will bring these things about; to the con-

trary, unless all our members shoulder their share of the burden and co-operate each with the other and with the Society, we cannot help but fail in the fullest achievement of our objects.

The Society cannot do more than offer the means of advancing your interests as a member, for without your assistance you cannot, or should not, expect to reap the benefits which your membership should bring. It is not given all of us to do things in the same measure, nor the same thing as others, but each member, in his own way, can not only assist the Society to attain its fullest usefulness but at the same time he can, in like measure, help himself in his study of his chosen hobby.

It is useless to think that any Society can be managed so that each member will find it exactly suited to his ideas, as with so large a membership there must necessarily be a great difference of opinion on many subjects, but it is the desire of the Society to satisfy, as far as possible, the general wishes of its membership, and its officers are always open to the reception of suggestions looking to the betterment of the Society.

By co-operating with those who have been chosen to control the affairs of the Society, each member can materially help himself and, helping himself, will contribute much of benefit to his fellow-members.

Especially does this apply to The American Philatelist. We want to make this journal of real assistance to the membership at large, and have its contents such as will prove of interest and value to its readers. We want them to consider it as their paper and, as we have so many times in the past, we extend to each member the invitation to use its columns not only for the vehicle of publication for their studies and researches, but also for seeking information along lines and concerning subjects of philatelic interest. One member, nor a few members, cannot bring about such a condition of the journal; it calls for the full and hearty co-operation of every member.

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We invite criticism as well as praise, although the former will give us better grounds upon which to work for an improvement than the latter, but when a particular issue of the journal does please you, tell us so and why, so that we may always work with a better knowledge of what is desired. Use the journal to propound your inquiries on philatelic subjects, and you may be

sure that among the members there will be found some who will gladly give the desired information.

Help others to a better knowledge of philately and you will be surprised how much you will help yourself. Help yourself and you will do much to assist the Society and its journal in accomplishing bigger and better things for its members—and for YOU.

OUR REVIEW.

BY OTTO C. REYMANN.

YVERT-TELLIER—CHAMPION CATALOGUE.

The twenty-first edition of the well known French catalog issued by Yvert and Tellier of Amiens in conjunction with Theodore Champion of Paris, appeared promptly during the first half of September as advertised. The extraordinary conditions caused by the war did not delay its appearance although they brought about an increase in its price, same now being 5 francs (one dollar) plus postage. The cover this year is sky blue, a color which the publishers designate the most truly French color, because it is the exact shade of their soldiers' uniform. Their desire to make the whole world acquainted with this color under which the soldiers of France are fighting decided them to select it as the most appropriate. Certainly a remarkable way for the European war to make its influence felt upon philately.

The new edition, unlike the latest issue of our Standard Catalog, shows no improvement in make-up over former ones. The same inferior quality of paper and print is in evidence, although the text is easily readable and admirably arranged. Two types of print are used, a large type for main varieties and a smaller type for sub-varieties. In addition to the stamps usually listed in the principal standard catalogs as main varieties, we find a full list of of-

icial stamps, issued by Guatemala and the states located in Australia, the distinguishing mark of which consists of perforated letters; war tax stamps (Spain); revenue stamps used for postage; telegraph and telephone stamps and parcel post stamps. These stamps are not only listed, but also priced with very few omissions in the price columns, a feature appreciated by all collectors who are accustomed to whole columns of blank spaces in our Standard Catalog. The sub-varieties are indicated by print in a small type and their great number distinguishes the French Catalog most favorably from others and makes it much more valuable to its users. Under this classification we find certain provisional stamps issued in countries troubled by war, like the Balkan States and Mexico, stamps that actually have been used for legitimate postal purposes, but have never been officially issued as postage stamps or were issued by postoffice employees without proper authority from their chiefs; stamps commonly designated as errors; shades of color in great number; differences in paper, although no distinction is made between ordinary and chalky paper; variations in design or type due to re-engraving of stamps listed as main varieties. Furthermore stamps which exist with a variety of perforations are separately listed and priced for each distinctive per-

foration. This feature appeals strongly to those collectors who specialize, as our Standard Catalogue is lamentably weak in that respect and in some instances lists perforations that do not exist or worse yet, quotes only one price for various perforations although there is actually a great difference in the price of the stamps according to their perforation, for instance the 1 Rouble stamp of Russia mentioned on page 11 of *The American Philatelist* has been listed in the French Catalog for a number of years and an used copy perforated 13½ is listed 4 cents, whereas the same stamp but perforated 11½ is catalogued at \$2.50, or over sixty times the price of the common variety. **Pen and Punch** cancelled stamps are especially mentioned and priced as sub-varieties, also high face value stamps with **fiscal cancellations** which are frequently found among English colonial stamps and the value of which is always more or less a puzzle to the average collector. We also note that in many cases prices for reprints are given and stamps which were cancelled to order and then sold at special reductions are especially mentioned, like the Costa Rica stamps of recent issues cancelled with a number of horizontal bars. There are also many descriptive notes throughout the catalog and attention is called to such stamps of which dangerous counterfeits are in existence. The catalog is profusely illustrated and small differences in type are not only minutely described but illustrated by special drawings. This appeals particularly to U. S. collectors as many U. S. stamps are shown and the different types explained by special large scale sketches.

The publishers state in their foreword that the prices of stamps issued before 1880 had again to be raised, principally because collectors of early issues become more and more critical and perfect specimens are harder to find each year. The prices of late issues were advanced on account of the abnormal state of the exchange market which has affected the value of the franc adversely (one franc is worth 19½ cents

normally, but at present only 17 cents, a depreciation of 13%). In spite of these unfavorable factors the publishers feel confident that they will be able to furnish most of the stamps catalogued, except those which were issued abroad since May 11th of this year, at which date a law was enacted that prohibits the importation into France of stamps for collections. Furthermore German Colonial stamps of the ship type cannot be furnished, because the publishers sold out their stock and the new French law as well as their own sentiments forbid them to replenish their stock, although the Postoffice in Berlin continues to sell these stamps in spite of the fact that the German colonies are in actual possession of the Allies. Their catalog prices have not been raised, as they should have been for the reasons indicated above, because the publishers did not desire to induce collectors in neutral countries to send their money to Germany for the purpose of purchasing these stamps and help the Central Powers.

The stamps recently issued by countries in war against France have been included in the catalog for the special benefit of collectors in neutral countries, but no prices are given, as the stamps could not be furnished for the reason given above.

In conclusion it may be said that this last issue is a worthy addition to its many predecessors and undoubtedly will make many new friends, not only for the two great French stamp dealers, Yvert-Tellier and Theodore Champion, but also for Philately in general.

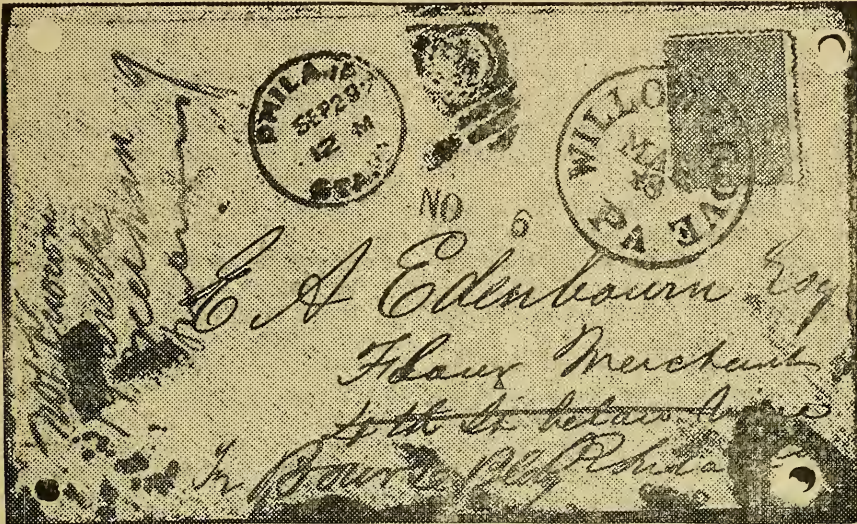
A NEW STAMP SHOP.

Mr. Geo. W. Linn advises that he has opened a stamp shop in Room 202, 335 S. High St., Columbus, Ohio, where he will be pleased to meet all A. P. S. members who may be in his city. He extends the invitation to use his office as their mail address while in Columbus. We trust the new venture will prove a success in every way.

Letter 57 Years in Mails Reaches Addressee's Son.

Posted in Willow Grove and Supposed to Have Turned Up When
Old Building Was Razed.

(Syndicated by the Philadelphia Public Ledger and furnished us through the kindness of Mr. Otto C. Reymann.)



A letter mailed from Willow Grove, Pa., fifty-seven years ago was delivered only last Saturday, years after the writer of the letter and the person to whom it was addressed were dead. It is believed that this letter holds the record, as, if it kept in motion, it traveled an average distance of less than a third of a mile a year.

The letter was intended for E. R. Edenborn, a flour merchant, who had a store on Fourth street, below Vine. However, it was addressed to E. A. Edenbourne, at that address. The letter, which was written by A. G. Hines, a brother-in-law, on March 28, 1859, told of the funeral of Mr. Edenborn's mother-in-law.

This letter, with other mail, was delivered on Saturday last to Harry M. Edenborn, a grain and feed broker in the Bourse Building, who is a son of the man to whom the letter was addressed. Mr. Edenborn said that he did not know whether his father ever

learned of the funeral in time to attend it.

The envelope was a dark one of the old-fashioned variety. On it was a three-cent stamp, brown in color. On the back of the letter was an oblong blue label, which bore the inscription, "Officially sealed, United States of America." It is supposed that this letter was dropped into some crevice in the postoffice building and that recently the letter was recovered while the building was being razed. It was postmarked Willow Grove, March 28, but no year. The Philadelphia postmark was September 29, 1916.

Mr. Edenborn made a complaint to the man in charge of the Bourse postoffice. This official told him that he could throw no light on the matter, as the letter came in with hundreds of others. He said there was no way of learning where the letter had been since it was originally posted.

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AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Being items which seem of general interest as viewed by the Editor.

In our own opinion of ourselves, we often forget how we appear to others, but "The Postage Stamp" under the heading "Modern U. S. Stamps" shows how our English friends view the recent issues and varieties of our stamps:

Our Birmingham contemporary comments on the vagaries of the confusing modern U. S. stamps:

Until recent years the philatelic novice always found the collecting of U. S. A. stamps a fairly straightforward undertaking.

Latterly, however things have become considerably complicated.

Stamps printed in coils, and showing many strange methods for separation, are in use, some being printed from rotary, others from flat plates; the "dandy rolls" used in the manufacture of the paper for impressing the watermark, and hitherto exported from this country, are so worn that it is difficult to discover whether certain varieties have been issued on unwatermarked paper or not.

The dye shortage is also responsible for numerous shades of colour, while in perforations the U. S. come a good second to Bosnia. Perf. 10, perf. 11, and perf. 12, together with various compounds, are all to be found in recent issues. As we write these notes we learn that the 1c., 2c. and 3c. printed in coils are now being issued perf. 10.

If any of our friends across the pond would supply a check list of modern issues it would be of considerable value to a large number of our readers.

United States stamps offer one of the most productive fields for philatelic literary work. Already the literature dealing with our country's postal emissions is very comprehensive, but there seems always room for one more good work. The "Postage Stamp" announces the forthcoming appearance of a new

book on U. S. stamps in the following terms—

There is no more engrossing philatelic study than that provided by the collecting of the fine old issues of the United States. Dr. Carroll Chase has been opening up some of this wonderful interest to my readers by his very thorough treatise on the two stamps of the 1847 issue. As announced in an advertisement in these pages last week, a new work is shortly being published on the stamps of the United States by Mr. N. E. Waterhouse, a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society. This will be entitled "A Comprehensive Catalogue of the Stamps of the United States of America." It is to be a substantial volume in six parts, embracing the Postmasters', General Issues, Officials, Unpaid, Periodicals, and Carriers stamps, with careful descriptions of all minor varieties, papers, re-issues, special printings and even "specimen" stamps. A remarkable feature of a work of this kind is that the author is attempting to give the relative values of all the stamps in used and in the unused conditions, and it will be interesting to see how a collector accomplishes this delicate and difficult task. Mr. Frank Godden, of 359 Strand, W. C., is to publish the work at 10s. 6d. net; there will also be a limited edition de luxe at 21s.

"Stamp Collecting" gives us some interesting statistics regarding the recent Argentine Republic Commemorative issue—

The stamps will remain current until December 31 next, and we are indebted to Le Bulletin Mensuel for the totals of printings of each value given below:—

1816. 8th July, 1916. Postage stamps commemorating Centenary of Declaration of Independence, ½c. to 4c., portrait of Dr. F. N. Laprida, perf. 13½

x12½; 5c. and 10c., representing act of Oath of Independence, perf. 13½; 12c. to 50c., portrait of San Martin, perf. 13½.

½c., lilac	1,400,000
1c., pale chestnut	1,800,000
2c., purple-brown	6,000,000
3c., pale green	430,000
4c., purple	170,000
5c., rose red	18,000,000
10c., apple green	500,000
12c., blue	1,400,000
20c., ultramarine	60,000
24c., pinkish brown ...	60,000
30c., rosy mauve	60,000
50c., grey	50,000

A little nonsense now and then will do none of us any harm, but it is rather odd how some of those who never appreciate the joys of stamp collecting write "jokes" about us. The following is one clipped from a recent "humorous" column—

The Time of His Life.

"Spinks is back from his vacation already?"

"Yes. He says he had the time of his life."

"A round of gayety, I presume?"

"Nothing of the sort. Spinks is a stamp collector. He met another crank

with the same hobby. They sat around for ten days discussing stamps and then Spinks came home."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

CUBAN POSTAL AND TELEGRAPH SERVICE.

Through the courtesy of Dr. Francisco Penichet, a member of our Society, of Havana, Cuba, we have received a copy of the new telegraph stamps of Cuba, the one before us being of one centavo value. The design is very striking, representing man's mastery of electricity. Dr. Penichet also sends us a copy of the official bulletin of the Department of Communications, containing official notices in regard to the issue. In addition to the above, we have also received through the same source a copy of "Bohemia," a monthly journal issued in Havana, the issue being devoted to a complete account of the postal and telegraph service of the island. It is profusely illustrated with pictures of the various officials, public buildings, views of the departments having charge of the posts and telegraphs, together with many articles relating to these branches of public service. In some future issues we shall hope to publish some notes to be taken from these sources.

COUNTERFEITERS SENTENCED.

Contributed by F. R. CORNWALL.

An interesting case was finally disposed of in the United States District Court at St. Louis last week wherein the Government prosecuted four men for conspiracy to counterfeit Two Cent Postage Stamps. The plan was to print the stamps here and dispose of them in Chicago and other large cities at Sixty Cents on the Dollar. The idea was to print one-hundred thousand stamps and all the paraphernalia was gotten together for the purpose, but before the plates were made one of the conspirators gave

the scheme away with the result that the Government immediately made arrests before the counterfeiting was actually accomplished. Two of the conspirators, Harry Howard and Roy Jones, entered pleas of guilty and were sentenced, respectively, to eighteen months and six months in jail. Charles F. Watson went to trial and, after the testimony of the Government's witness, Williard F. Smith, pleaded guilty, and was sentenced to two years in the Penitentiary and fined One Thousand Dollars. Smith was fined One Dollar.

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SWEDEN.

Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt writes as follows—

"The President of the Philatelic Society of Sweden informs me that of the 50 ore official stamps on paper water-marked wavy lines, one sheet was issued by mistake and three used copies of this stamp are known. Great numbers of this value on the crown paper are still on hand in the Postoffice Department. It is not expected that the 1 Krona value, official, will appear on paper with the new watermark for years to come."

A MEXICAN ERROR.

Mr. J. A. McNabb, Jr., A. P. S. 4603, submits a cover bearing a block of twelve, six by two, of the current Mexican postage series, 4 centavos, together with a single copy of the 2 centavos stamp. One of the former contains an error in the word of value, reading "CEARTRO" instead of "CUARTRO", this word, of course, being equivalent to the English "four." From our examination of the block of stamps shown us we believe a careful study would reveal many things of interest to the specialist, as we notice several minor differences in the stamps, as well as a variation in the spacing between them. We would like to hear from our members who have studied this issue.

INKS FOR U. S. STAMPS.

Mr. W. C. Stone sends us the following clipping from the New York Times, printed in reply to a query by one of its readers. As it is of interest to collectors we hope the information will be acceptable—

In the work of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, which comprises the printing of stamps, paper money, bonds, and all securities of the Government, there are used daily about 8,300 pounds of dry colors in powdered form, and when these colors are mixed with oil to make plate-printing inks, the total

weight of the ink used per day is approximately 10,000 pounds.

The dry colors used by this bureau are not dyes in the technical sense of that term, but are colors in powdered form prepared by the use of dyes and other materials which are precipitated upon white bases.

WANTS AND EXCHANGES.

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IF YOU DESIRE to sell your collection, write me first. Will buy promptly. No delays. H. R. Stiles, Box 807, Schenectady, N. Y. A. P. S. 4495.

WOULD LIKE to correspond and exchange with revenue collectors. Specialty—United States, Canada, Mexico and Argentine Republic. O. N. Sanford, 152 7th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

General Collectors.

Send me your society number and I will forward you a JUMBO BOOK of one thousand stamps marked at net. prices. Average price per stamp about three cents.

S. E. COLMAN,

634 Keefer Place,
Washington, D. C.

A. S. D. A. Member A. P. S.

CLEANING HOUSE. Chance for someone. Part of Dealers surplus stock, also odds & ends in the stamp line, from all countries, some common, some very good. This lot will contain stamps that even a large collection will lack. To clear at once—price \$4.75. Ten or fifteen of the stamps alone will catalog twice the price of the entire lot. Write now. Money refunded if sold.

H. R. STILES,
366 McClellan St., Schenectady, N. Y.

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GOVERNMENT ISSUE of Postal Cards and Letter Cards. Approval selections to responsible collectors. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

U. S. 1869 wanted—especially covers, pairs, strips and blocks, odd cancellations, varieties of grill, paper and manufacture, and other oddities. Used or unused, common or rare, in large or small lots. **DUPLICATES OF THESE FOR SALE**, and will be sent on approval to U. S. specialists furnishing references. V. D. MacBride, 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

WANTED—Commemorative stamps of the World, unused preferred. Will give good U. S. and foreign in exchange. A. P. S. 4509. Carle Schafer, Niles, Mich.

AUCTION Buyers send name for my monthly sales cats, cat. of single stamps, sets, packets, accessories, etc., free. M. Ohlman, 75-77 Nassau St., New York City.

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Graves, Eugene Brainard, 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I.; Age 11; Student; Guaranteed by Eugene S. Graves, V. Pres. and Gen. Manager Franklin Process Co., Providence, R. I.; Proposed by C. A. Howes, #1951.

Hackett, Roger, 744 Adams Ave., Evansville, Ind.; Age 17; Student; Guaranteed by A. M. Hackett, Capt. Steamer "Speed"; Reference: Lee Howell, Pres. E. & B. G. Packet Co., Evansville, Ind.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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Merillat, Lieut. L. A., Jr., West Point, N. Y.; Age 25; Lieut. U. S. A.; Reference: Capt. F. R. Kenney, R? O, 505 S. State St., Chicago; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Burner, Clarence A., 106 Broadway, Normal, Ill.; Age 38; Ed. & Pub. "The Normalite"; Reference: C. O. Hamilton, Normal, Ill.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Hutchinson, Elbert C., 91 Meldrum, Detroit, Mich.; Age 37; Secy. Brown-Hutchinson Iron Works; Reference: Schimed-Sismars Co., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Geo. W. Rice, #3495.

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Will all members who have received their membership card please mail to the secretary the postal card sent them? This is very important in conducting and carrying out the details of our campaign 2000-1917. Quite a number have failed to mail me this card. I trust I may have your cooperation to this extent.

Our campaign ends with the secretary's report for August 1st. This means 22 reports for the fiscal year. 2000-1917 means that we must have an average of 23 applications per secretary's report every two weeks.

This being the 6th report we should have published 138 applications. As a matter of fact we are 104 behind. Now let us all get our efficient harness on, and get active and make up this deficiency as soon as possible.

You will note the "— 104" (minus 104) at the head of this report. Let us see how soon we can eliminate the — (minus) sign.

Shall we endeavor to add a plus mark there?

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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We are always glad to publish reports of minutes of Branch Societies and the Secretaries are requested to furnish the Editor with copy for this purpose.

Branch No. 44.

Meeting called to order by Pres. J. M. Bartels. Minutes of previous meeting were read and adopted. Messrs. Stypman, Dr. Laporte and Dr. Keidanz sent in their resignations. Mr. J. Hatfield, Jr. showed us his wonderful collection of Columbian Republic, in six volumes, which certainly made a beautiful display. Mr. Herrmann gave a little talk on what is the most beautiful stamp and why, which was very instructive. He stated that in his estimation it was the 1 shilling New South Wales. Mr. E. Klein exhibited some stamps which he had received from different members. After a vote had been taken on the stamps exhibited the hon-

ors fell to Mr. Forrest P. Hand, who had sent in the \$50 U. S. Revenue, Second Issue. He was awarded the Club's Certificate. This being nomination night the following were nominated for 1917: Messrs. Schlesinger and Meininger, President; C. Lehmann, Vice-Pres.; V. Mozian, Treasurer; Weiss, Mouhib and Moye, Secretary; Hermann, Wagner and Moye, Trustees. The next meeting will be held Nov. 16, Auction and Exchange. The members of the Dinner Committee will be in attendance, refreshments will be served. The election is to be held Dec. 5, with a little celebration. Fourteen members and one visitor were present.

W. O. STAEB, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

SENTIMENT AND PHILATELY There is a sentimental side to everything that pertains to us, although in some things it is not so plainly evident as in others. In a society such as ours this feeling has developed to a great extent, especially in those who have been mem-

bers for years, and that this is true has been brought to the attention of the Editor many times during the past four years. Many of our members have long since passed an age when the labors of collecting are too exacting to be followed with old-time fervor, but the sentiment which has become a part of their membership is not to be cast aside and they retain their connection with the Society. It is this feeling which has done an untold amount of good for the Society and it becomes a very natural feeling after years of active association with those of kindred tastes.

It is unfortunate that, on account of the great expanse of our country, which tends to limit the attendance at the annual meetings principally to those who are situated close to the Convention seat, it is impossible to foster a closer feeling of interest in the yearly gatherings; but with those who have made convention attendance a sort of habit, sentiment has played a very important part for the welfare of the Society.

Even if there were no other reasons for a collector to be a member of the American Philatelic Society, sentimental ones should make every stamp collector not only desirous of being identified with the organization, but these same reasons should keep him on the membership roll. When we look back over the thirty years of life of the Society and think of those who have been members, those who have been the brightest lights of our philatelic history, there is a natural pride in the thought of being a member of the same Society for which they worked and in which they took such an important part in the years which tested the very existence of the A. P. S.

When we hear of a member who deplores the small annual cost of membership and offers this as an excuse for his resignation, we cannot help but feel that such member has failed to make much of his membership. He

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certainly has failed to grasp the wider significance of the aims and meaning of the Society and he has undoubtedly missed the greatest pleasure and the greatest benefit which his membership could bring to him. If that member had but done his part to make his association with the Society bear its full fruit, he would unconsciously have developed a sentiment which would have insured his seeing the matter in a broader sense.

The Society is but the means to the end. It lies with every individual member to gather to himself the real benefits which are possible and within the reach of every member and if he has failed in this, then the fault should be placed where it belongs. It is impossible for an organization the size of the American Philatelic Society to cater to every individual taste and it is more than probable that there are many members who could point out ways in which affairs could be handled to HIS particular benefit, but it must be borne in mind that the other 1500-odd members must also be considered.

When we become big enough to overlook the individual and think of the Society as a whole, then is when we can pluck the real fruits of membership. Let us encourage that spark of sentimentality which lies in the makeup of us all and feel that when we work for the Society we work in just as equal measure for ourselves. What the A. P. S. has done for the good of philately in this country in the past thirty years is being reflected in our hobby today for each of us. Let us foster the spirit of cooperation and there will grow a sentiment that will cause us to behold the Society in its true light.

AT THE DAY'S END. It is always a sad duty to chronicle the visits of Death among us and especially so when it makes its constant presence felt in such a measure as it now calls us to note the pass-

ing of so many members. We can only bow to the inevitable end of all things of this world and in the breaking of ties recall the days that have been.

NATHAN W. CHANDLER.

We just learn of the death of our member, Mr. Nathan W. Chandler, A. P. S. 118, of Collinsville, Ill., who died Jan. 21st, 1916. Mr. Chandler was born at Andover, Mass., Sept. 13th, 1843, locating in Collinsville in 1871. In Sept. of that year he married Miss Clara L. Berkey who, with one daughter, survive. Mr. Chandler took a prominent place in the life of his adopted city, serving at one time as postmaster and being for many years Secretary of the Collinsville Building and Loan Association. At one time he was a member of the School Board and was a trustee and prominently connected with the Presbyterian Church. In active work he was an expert accountant.

His Society number indicates his long connection with the Society, but in the list of charter members compiled by Mr. E. R. Aldrich Mr. Chandler is given as No. 115. During the years of 1892 to 1897 Mr. Chandler served the Society as Treasurer.

In the passing of one who has been so long and prominently identified with the Society, there is an added grief and we extend our sincerest sympathy to those who are left to mourn.

PAUL SCHIED.

Mr. Paul Schied, A. P. S. 3561, died June 14th, 1916, aged 39 years, the cause being spinal meningitis. Mr. Schied at the time of his death was a resident of Newark, N. J.

JACOB N. WHARTON.

On August 5th, 1916, Mr. Jacob N. Wharton, member No. 2684, died at his home in Chicago, Ill. No details are available at this time.

MRS. GODFREY SCHIRMER.

Mrs. Godfrey Schirmer, wife of Mr. Godfrey Schirmer, A. P. S. 4476, died at their home in Denver, Colo., Nov. 6th, 1916. Mr. Schirmer was President of the German-American Trust Co. of Denver and ex-president of the Mountain States Philatelic Society. The members of the A. P. S. join in express-

ing their sincere sympathy in the hour of his loss.

P. W. KOEBIG.

Mr. P. W. Koebig, A. P. S. 3131, died July 27th, 1916, although this is the first notice that has reached us. No details have been received. Mr. Koebig was in the mill supply and asbestos business at 116 Broad St., New York.

A WAR TIME STAMP AUCTION IN VIENNA.

From the Svensk Filatelistisk Tidskrift.

Translated by L. Harald Kjellstedt.

The 29th, 30th and 31st of May, this year, an auction was held at the Dorotheum in Vienna at which was sold an unusually fine collection, the property of a gentleman residing in Vienna. The illustrated catalogue and all the preliminary work for the auction had been prepared by the well known dealer and stamp expert, Mr. Rudolph Friedl. The auction hall was crowded and the results were sensational.

The collection had been started in 1860, and, as is usual with such collections, all the stamps were in first class condition. All the great and lesser rarities, of which there was an abundance, were exhibited in glass covered trays. This exhibition was so arranged that it proved of interest to non-philatelists also. Every stamp had a little tag giving the price at which the bidding would be started. Not only was the entire collecting fraternity of Vienna on hand, but also a great number of prominent philatelists and dealers from other parts of Austria, as well as from Germany. On account of the fine condition of all the stamps, the bidding was spirited and the rivalry very keen.

In the following quotations from the results, the first figure gives the price at which the bidding on a stamp was started and the second figure the price at which it was sold. The prices are in Austrian kronen.

Tuscany 1860, 3 lire, was started at 2,000 kronen and sold for 5,280 kr.; Saxony 1850, 3 pfg., 750.—2,255; Switzerland 1843, double Geneva, 850.—2,420.; Switzerland 1849-50, 4 cts., 700.—2,090.; Spain 1851, 2 reales, 550.—1,540.; Moldavia 1858, 27 parale, 900.—2,035.; 54 parale, 500.—1,265.; 108 parale, 1,000.—2,530.; France 1849, 1 franc red orange, 375.—1,001.; Naples 1860, trinacria, 400.—1,155.; Oldenburg 1859, ½ groschen, 450.—1,375.; same value, 1861, moss green, 350.—891.; Sweden 1872, the error "20-tretio" was started at 300 kr. and sold for 1,012 kronen.

This auction, in a country supposed to be about exhausted financially as well as in other ways, and in the throes of a struggle for its very existence, is a striking proof of the wonderful vitality of stamp collecting as a hobby and as a sound investment when wisely engaged in.

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Balance		\$4544.66	
Receipts		24.00	
			\$4568.66
General Fund.			
Balance	\$ 205.66		
Receipts	1515.95	\$1721.61	
Expd. by vouchers		\$ 806.02	\$ 915.59
Insurance Fund.			
Balance		\$1804.81	
Expd. by vouchers		\$ 17.74	\$1787.07
Exchange Account.			
Balance	\$ 67.06		
Receipts	1.35	\$ 68.41	
Trans. to General by vouchers		67.06	\$ 1.35
Suspense Account.			
Balance	\$ 55.25		
Receipts	1.80	\$ 57.05	
Trans. to General Dues & A. P. Sub.		46.40	10.65
Total			\$7283.32
Resources.			
Bonds		\$3489.34	
Cash in Bank		3792.38	
Check not cashed		1.60	\$7283.32

C. F. HEYERMAN, Treasurer.

NOTES.

The Treasurer trusts the following will make some impression on our members, so that the Treasurer and Secretary next year may have a little easier time of it by not having so many members disobeying the rules.

It is fine the way the dues have been coming in but then we always have the early ones and I trust those who are putting off attending to this matter will send in their dues at once. The members perhaps would not believe the careless way in which the matter of sending dues is attended to. The failure to fill out the slip legibly causes an endless lot of trouble. It is always cheering when the slip is taken out and found to be neatly filled in by typewriter, but there are entirely too many cases of not filling out the slip at all. Letters are sent containing no remittance. I am very glad to say only a few have insisted on sending stamps and these have had to be returned. One

member sent a cashier's check and the only way the member got credit was after the treasurer wrote to the bank for the name of the party who purchased the draft. It is quite important that your Society number be given. Exchange is not necessary. One member sent a check for \$3.32, which on being returned to him he acknowledged was the amount of some other bill he had in mind. One member remitted his dues in silver, which cost him sixteen cents, whereas a postal order would only have cost him five cents including the postage. Quite a number have sent a \$2.00 bill requesting the twenty cents change, which is an imposition to say the least. I might cite a number more of strange freaks that the members indulge in, but I trust calling these to your attention will perhaps make those who have not yet remitted a little more thoughtful in doing so.

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SARAWAK.

The Four Cents of 1875.

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Since writing my little handbook on the postage stamps of Sarawak in 1906 much new information has been unearthed regarding the various printings of the lithographed stamps. Though most of this information has since been published in the columns of the WEST-END PHILATELIST, in looking over an accumulation of notes and jottings a little time ago I came across an interesting record of a sheet of the 4c of 1875 which never appears to have been described in print.

Specialists in Sarawak stamps will know that of all the values of the 1875 series there are five distinct types due to the fact that the lithographic stones were made up from transfers of five impressions in horizontal strips. The five types of the 4c are as follows:

Type I.—The letters in the value label at base are all fairly large with the exception of the "FO" of "FOUR". The "S" of "CENTS" is abnormally small at the top.

Type II.—All the letters of the words of value are rather small except the "F" of "FOUR", and the space between the words is wider than in the other types.

Type III.—The letters "FO" of "FOUR" are thin and well formed, and are smaller than the other letters.

Type IV.—The "O" of "FOUR" is very small, while the "S" of "CENTS", which is large, is smaller at the top than at the base.

Type V.—The "F" of "FOUR" has a long top, while the "CE" of "CENTS" are smaller than the other letters of this word.

In my book (page 30) I described a number of flaws none of which occur in the sheet I now have to describe, thus proving that there were two printings for this value or that the stamps were printed in large sheets of 200 which were cut up into "post-office" sheets of 100 before issue.

The most interesting thing about this sheet is that stamps #49 and 50 are types I and II respectively, instead of IV and V which they should be to follow the normal arrangement. A similar transposition of types has long been known in connection with the 12c but not in any of the other denominations. There are numerous flaws on this sheet so that it would not be a difficult matter to reconstruct it from blocks. I give a list of the more prominent flaws, viz:—

1.—The left frame of the "R" in the left lower corner is broken.

4.—The top frame around the "C" in the upper left corner is broken and there is a triangular shaped flaw after the "R" of "FOUR".

6.—The vertical stroke of the "T" of "CENTS" continues upwards until it touches the frame line above.

7.—Is similar to number 1 but with the break near the bottom of the line.

9.—The left hand frame line is damaged and there is a small uncolored dot above and between the letters "UR" of "FOUR".

10.—There is an uncolored dot under the third "A" of "SARAWAK" and another after the "E" of "CENTS".

11.—The frame line is damaged at its top left corner.

15.—There is a colored smudge across the lower part of the "S" of "SARAWAK".

16.—The left outer frame line is broken near its base and a small colored dot is shown after the "R" in the same angle.

17.—There is a small uncolored dot under the "N" of "CENTS".

18.—The right hand frame line around the corner "R" extends upwards and the right hand frame line is broken in several places.

19.—The left frame line is broken near the top and the left frame line around the corner "S" is also broken.

20.—There is a small uncolored dot between the letters "OU" of "FOUR" and another after "SARAWAK".

24.—There is a small uncolored flaw above the "W" of "SARAWAK."

26.—A colored line runs through both frame lines to the right of the corner "B" and there is a small uncolored dot between the "OU" of "FOUR."

27.—A large colored dot is shown in the center of the corner "C".

31.—The righthand frame line is broken into several small sections.

33.—There is an uncolored dot between the letters "NT" of "CENTS".

35.—There is an uncolored flaw on the line below the "C" of "CENTS".

41.—There is an uncolored dot in front of "SARAWAK" and a colored dot in the lower half of the corner "R".

42.—The left frame line around the corner "S" is broken and there is a small uncolored dot under the "S" of "CENTS".

43.—There is a small white spot in the top part of the "R" of "FOUR".

55.—There is an uncolored dot un-

der the "C" of "CENTS" and another under the right leg of the last "A" in "SARAWAK."

58.—A small white line is attached to the top of the "S" of "CENTS".

60.—The "N" of "CENTS" is badly blurred.

64.—Both frame lines at the left of the corner "C" are broken.

66.—There is an uncolored dot in the centre of the "U" of "FOUR".

67.—There is an uncolored circular flaw on the base of the neck.

68.—The "O" of "FOUR" is very like a "Q" and there is a small uncolored dot in the centre of the "C" of "CENTS".

71.—The top part of the left hand frame line is cut away.

77.—There is a thick blot of color on the bottom of the upright column at left.

80.—Most of the top frame line is missing.

82.—The left half of the top frame line is cut away.

85.—The serif at the right of the top stroke of the "F" of "FOUR" is greatly elongated.

90.—There is an uncolored dot under the centre of the last "A" of "SARAWAK".

91.—There is a colored dot on the "N" of "CENTS".

94.—The left part of the top frame from the corner to the "S" of "SARAWAK" is cut away.

95.—There is a tiny uncolored dot between the words of value.

97.—Evidently this transfer was badly damaged and then roughly redrawn on the stone so far as the first three letters of "SARAWAK" are concerned. The "A" is much too small, the "S" is badly drawn and slants, and the "R" is quite deformed.

98.—The "R" of "SARAWAK" is connected to the top frame by a small uncolored line.

99.—There is a large flaw under the letters "ENT" of "CENTS".

100.—There is a small uncolored flaw on top of the left arm of the "U" of "FOUR".

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

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Applications Pending.

Baldwin, Melvin D.
Black, Arthur G.
Bransford, Edgar M.
Hagenauer, Nickolaus.
Parks, Henry F.
Wood, Wilson D.
*Graves, Eugène B.
*Hackett, Roger.
Kornik, I. J.
Merillat, Lieut. L. A., Jr.
Burner, Clarence A.
Hutchinson, Albert C.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

3863—Patterson, W. O.
3971—Hinchman, Theodore H.

Applications Posted.

Yewell, Fulton E., 2845 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.; Age 22; Student; Reference, Jno. H. Duncan, Title Bldg., Baltimore, Md.; Proposed by Geo. Winship Taylor, #4417.
Herzfeld, Herman S., M. D., 1574 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 45; Physician and Surgeon; Reference, Herman Elch, 1576 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by B. Grant Jefferies, #1578.
Erickson, Chas. A., M. D., 8101 S. Peoria St., Chicago, Ill.; Age 40; Physician and Surgeon; Reference, H. F. Holden, 2458 Wentworth Ave., Chicago, Ill.; J. E. Lord, 1504 Fisher Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, #65.
Johnson, Thomas, 2306 Dupont Ave., North, Minneapolis, Minn.; Age 41; Motorman; Reference, C. L. Sathre, 1831 E. Lake St., Minneapolis, Minn.; Proposed by Olaf J. Olson, #4648.
Sutton, C. R., 4131 Cornelius Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Age 31; Ass't Mgr. R. Y. Sales and Service Dept., The Prest-o-Lite Co., Indianapolis Ind.; Reference, The Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., Indianapolis, Ind., The

Wm. H. Block Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; Proposed by Ernest W. Schneider, No. 4809.

Clarkson, Roger, 791 Yonge St., Toronto, Ont., Canada; Age 31; Secy.-Treasurer Parkers Dye Works; Reference, Royal Bank of Canada, Toronto, Bank of Toronto, Toronto; Proposed by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

Torin, H. J., Fuhecta 36 B, Havana, Cuba; Age 36; Swedish Director of Gymnastics; Reference, Mendoga y C.a, Havana, Cuba; Proposed by S. Steen-Johnson, #4609.

Wallis, Edward T., 420 Saks Bldg., Indianapolis, Ind.; Age 35; Mgr. Indiana Stamp Co.; Reference, Indiana Natl. Bank, Indianapolis, Ind., Dr. R. J. Kemper, 29 Highland Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Proposed by Clifford W. Kissinger, #343.

Coyette, A., 35 Rue de Maubeuge, Paris, France; Age 56; Merchant; Reference, Association Nouvelle de Timbrologie, Paris, France, Past President de la Societe Francaise de Timbrologie; Proposed by H. A. Davis, No. 1925.

Denbo, J. W., Post Office Clerk, Trinidad, Colo.; Age 34; Postal Clerk; Reference, Hinman & Chamberlin Merc. Co., Trinidad, Colo.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Dunham, H. H., 614 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Mason City, Ia.; Age 29; Architect, with J. H. Felt & Co., Mason City, Ia.; Reference: L. H. Moore, Citizens' Bank, Galena, Kans., E. Fischer, Cashier, First Natl. Bank, Hiawatha, Kans.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Foster, Winslow H., 9238 Pleasant Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 47; Architect and Engineer, with W. R. Ashton & Co.; Reference: Frank Pearson, Tacoma Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Hohenstein, C. J., Box 327, Gibbon, Minn.; Age 30; Teacher and Organist; Reference: Citizens' State Bank, Gibbon, Minn.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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Mueller, Otto, 109 N. Main St., Liberty, N. Y.; Age 37; Barber; Reference: National Bank of Liberty, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Potter, W., 16 S. Washington St., Spokane, Wash.; Age 27; Mgr. Film Exchange, Universal Film & Supply Co.; Reference: Washington Trust Co., Spokane, Wash., E. A. Southwick, Portland, Ore.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Deaderick, Wm. H., M. D., Dugan-Stuart Bldg., Hot Springs, Ark.; Age 40; Physician; Reference: Arkansas National Bank, Hot Springs, Ark.; Proposed by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

Herdman, Serj. Maj. Nicholas, P. O. Box 76, Khartoum, Sudan, Africa; Age 41; Serj. Maj. H. E. The Sirdar's Staff; Reference: The National Bank of Egypt, Khartoum, Sudan, Africa; Proposed by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

Lott, Charles I., 83 W. Main St., Westfield, N. Y.; Age 33; Chemist, Welch Grape Juice Co.; Reference: Citizens Bank, Westfield, N. Y., C. F. Hanks, Grocer, Westfield, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Applications for Reinstatement.

3702—Webb, Wm. C., 369 W. 56th St., New York City; Age 23; Atty. at Law, with Legal Aid Society, New York; Reference: J. A. H. Hopinks, Ins., 49 Wall St., New York, A. E. Carpenter, II, 64 Dey St., New York, H. W. Mason Hackettstown, N. J.; Proposed by J. M. Bartels, #356.

1142—Brodstone, L. T., Superior, Neb.; Age Legal; Publisher Philatelic West; Reference: Citizens' State Bank, Superior, Neb.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

2958—Sandoz, Jules, A. Spade, Neb.; Age 58; Ranchman, Fruit Grower, Storekeeper; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

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4850—Knox, Guy, Guardian Trust Bldg. Denver, Colo.

4851—Post, Frank M., 97 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

4852—Roberts, M. D., M. D., Lock Box 394, Hancock, Mich.

*4853—Rotnem, V. W., Mabel, Minn.

4854—Lazell, Theodore S., Monticello, Ia.

4855—Tragle, W. I., 19 Harrison St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

Reinstated.

1993—Djurling, Hilmer, 30 Str. Eriks-gatan, Stockholm, Sweden.

Resignation Received.

4522—Rochester Philatelic Association, Branch No. 41 Paul C. Wild, Pres. H. J. Haddleton, Secy. (Both officers non-members A. P. S.)

Resignations Accepted.

4267—Bacon, T. S., Schenectady, N. Y.

4666—Blackmarr, E. F., Duluth, Minn.

2187—Hardy, Jas. S., Chicago, Ill.

4185—Henriques, Rev. Hoyt E., Salt Lake City, Utah.

2923—Hunter, Frank E., West Newton, Mass.

4445—Kissinger, Harald W., Reading, Pa.

3749—Leonhardt, F. C. S., Collingdale, Pa.

3553—Osborne, C. F., New Haven, Conn.

4429—Soper, E. K., Moscow, Idaho.

3384—Voss, Rev. Louis, New Orleans, La.

2616—Walter, Rev. L. C., Okmulgee, Okla.

Change of Address.

2636 Brewer, O. D., from Perry and Columbus Sts., to Cloverdale, Montgomery, Ala.

2531 Doyle, G. A., from 987 Washington St., Boston, Mass., to 359 State St., New Haven, Conn.

4044 Drury, Edw. M., from Westholme Hesse to 125 Colman St., Hull England.

3730 Fanning, Geo. W., from 39 Broad St., to 67 Exchange Place, New York City.

2990 Farnham, Fred E., from Chicago, Ill. to 197 Le Master St., Memphis, Tenn.

4006 Hatch, Andrew J. from 160 Nicoll St., to 268 Nicoll St., New Haven, Conn.

4345 Julia, J. Juan, from Santiago, Dominica to Salcedo, Dominica.

3759 Lazos, Louis from Albuquerque, N. M. to U. S. Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Colo.

4353 Lehman, Mrs. Geo. M., from 236 W. Craig St. to 1230 N. Craig St. Pittsburgh, Pa.

1792 Michael, Leonard from 447 W. 14th St. to 120 Broadway, New York.

4063 Ryall, Geo. D. from Ocean Park to care Jonathan Club, Los Angeles, Calif.

4366 Stuck, Oliver J. from 363 McKinstry Ave., to 1204 W. Lafayette Biv., Detroit, Mich.

- 1790 Waeden, Joseph, from 739 Dueber Ave. to 1137 Dueber Ave., Canton, Ohio.
- 3227 Weissheimer, Lieut. J. W. from Eagle Pass, Tex. to 17th Infantry Columbus, N. M.
- 4651 New York Stamp Society, Branch No. 44 from W. O. Staeb, 557 Park Place, Lyndhurst, N. J. to New York Stamp Society, Branch #44, Tuxedo Hall, 59th St. and Madison Ave., New York City.
- Applicant #6 Report, Merillat, Lieut. L. A. Jr., from West Point, New York to 3rd U. S. Infantry, Eagle Pass, Texas.

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	9
	1556
Resignations accepted	11
	1545
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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.	

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Matters are now shaping up in good form. Many members have buckled on

the harness of enthusiasm, prepared to make the goal. Among the Branches thus far heard from, Louisville, Berkeley and Indianapolis have promised their cooperation for a larger and better Society.

Will you not help too? Every member added to the Society means another lot of stamps to draw from, it also means another prospective purchaser for your duplicates, this through the Sales Department.

Many pledge cards sent out have not been returned to me. This is very, very important in planing the success of our campaign. Please send it in even if you do not make a mark on it. May I have your cooperation to this small extent?

You will note that the minus sign is still at the head of this report, however we have decreased the deficiency and are only 90 behind. Let us get rid of this minus sign and then keep even and the 2000 will take care of itself.

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

REPORT OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, Nov. 1, 1916.
 Mr. Wm. B. Sprage, Recorder
 Board of Vice-Presidents, A. P. S.
 54 William St., New York City.
 Dear Sir:—

I submit herewith a report of the business transacted by the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society covering the period from July 20th, 1916 to Nov. 1st, 1916.

1864 Books in circulation	
valued at	\$36,560.12
105 New books received	
valued at	1,991.19
	38,551.31
1969 Total	\$38,551.31
204 Books retired (sales	
\$1,159.47) valued at..	3,676.88
	34,874.43

1765 In circulation Nov. 1st
 1916 valued at

The insurance on the 204 books retired was \$24.85, for which amount a check has been forwarded to the Treasurer to be credited to the Insurance Fund.

The cash sales for this period were \$1,074.46.

For the third successive time this report shows more books retired, than were entered, and more money paid out than was received for sales from the books on circuit.

One reason that so few books were received was undoubtedly the fact that the 1917 Standard Catalog was advertised to appear early, and the members were waiting to take advantage of the latest prices. Possibly in a short time many new books will come in. A large number of blank sales books have been sent to the members, which I trust will

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be sent back filled with desirable and fine stamps at attractive prices.

I want to appeal to the members again to push the Circuits along and not keep them over the three day limit. This holding up of the circuits delays retirement of books to such an extent that it takes more than twice the usual time for owners to get their books back. Naturally they do not feel like sending in desirable material because it takes so long before the books are retired. If you are an offender in this respect, please turn over a new leaf and help the Superintendent to hurry the circuits along.

Also do not mark up the books or write comments on the pages. Tell the Superintendent by letter if you notice anything wrong that the Examiner has overlooked or that appears to be marked wrong, etc. Keep the books neat and clean and guard them carefully while in your hands. Do your figuring on a separate sheet and not on the White Route Sheet or covers of the books.

If you have any good United States Stamps among your duplicates send them in, for they are called for more often than any other kind. Particularly the early issues before 1870, and the imperforate issues of 1847 to 1857 in Pairs, Strips and Blocks.

Next in popularity are the early imperforate European stamps, also in Pairs and Blocks.

Also in demand are the stamps of British North America before 1880.

Members having these to dispose of will find a ready sale for them among the patrons of the Sales Department.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

JACOB N. WHARTON.

Through the kindness of his friend, Mrs. E. P. Wood, we are now able to give some details of Mr. Wharton.

Jacob Norton Wharton, a veteran of the Civil War, died July 15th, 1916, at the Baptist Old People's Home in Chicago, which he and his wife entered in 1913, turning over to the Home his property of considerable value. He was born in 1846 at Cassville, Pa., the son of Rev. Keeber Wharton. He enlisted in 1864 in Co. A of the 101st Pennsylvania Volunteers. At the close of the War he removed to Bureau County, Illinois. He graduated in 1876 from the University of Illinois. After teaching school for several years, he removed to Chicago in 1887, where one year later he married Mrs. Emily R. Bailey, and the same year entered the postal service in Chicago, remaining there for twenty-four years. He was a collector of coins as well as stamps, a constant student of science and history. Paralytic strokes suffered in May and June last were the immediate causes of his death.

Among those who had the privilege of knowing him, Mr. Wharton was most highly esteemed, his virtues of courtesy, fidelity and kindness having endeared him to many.

P. W. KOEBIG.

We are glad to be able to add to the short notice published in our last issue.

Mr. Koebig died July 27th last, due to heart trouble after an illness of three weeks. He was 41 years of age, being born in New Braunfels, Texas. He died at his home in Chatham, N. J., leaving a widow and two sons, aged two and seven years. Mr. Koebig was in business for himself for the past six years, the nature of his business being mechanical rubber goods. He built up a very successful business and had a wide circle of acquaintances and was admired by his great many friends.

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EDITORIAL.

LITERARY FEATURES Recently your Editor addressed a number of our members of known ability in an endeavor to arouse interest in our journal, and it has been most gratifying to note the ready response from a majority of them, each promising to contribute an article or paper for publication during the coming months; and this now enables us to announce that our membership can expect a magazine of greater interest during its pres-

ent volume than it has had during the past four years.

It gives us much pleasure to thus acknowledge the kindnesses of the following members: Messrs. J. M. Bartels, K. A. Pember, Dr. William Evans, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Wm. B. Sprague, Julian Park, F. R. Cornwall, E. B. Sterling and Joseph Pullen. None of these need an introduction to our members at large, for their past work in the line of philatelic writings is sufficient to cause their papers to be looked forward to with interest. The subjects will be of their own choosing and with the assured assistance of such philatelists we confidently hope that the pages of our journal will prove of great value to our members.

Of these, Mr. Kjellstedt has been a frequent contributor to The American Philatelist and his translations from the Scandinavian philatelic press are such that the live news of these ever popular countries is constantly before our members.

From Mr. Pullen we have received the manuscript of an expert specialized article on the stamps of the first type of Greece, and who is there who has not had innumerable difficulties with the proper placing of these issues! Much has been written on this subject but Mr. Pullen now puts this information in shape where we can readily locate these difficult varieties. Part of this paper was published in a journal which has suspended, and we feel very fortunate in being able to secure the privilege of using this article in our columns.

We feel sure that we have a philatelic feast in store for our members in the months to come.

SOCIETY PROGRAMS. Through the kindness of Mr. T. H. Hinton, we have been favored with a copy of the program for 1916-17 of The International Philatelic Union, which shows how seriously our English cousins arrange for attractions at their society meetings. The list before us gives the schedule of meetings for each

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month from October to May, at each of which a display of stamps by some member is announced. It is undoubtedly an excellent means of stimulating interest in the society gatherings when arrangements are made for a full season's meetings with a set series of displays or papers to be presented, and if more of our local societies and clubs would but follow such an example a greater interest would be the result. In this issue we give an account of a recent meeting of the I. P. U. which will show the class of entertainment which is provided.

YULETIDE WISHES. Again the season of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men" is with us and to all our friends and their friends, friends, we wish a Most Merry Christmas with the hope that the New Year will be one of much Happiness and Many Hopes realized.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

Sales of Stamps on Commission.

The following letter from The Board of Vice-Presidents sets forth very clearly the attitude which they will assume in connection with matters relating to the sale of stamps on commission about which complaints reach them.

New York City, N. Y.

November 20, 1916.

William E. Ault, Esq.,

Editor of American Philatelist,

728 E. Court Ave.,

Jeffersonville, Ind.

Dear Mr. Ault:—

On several occasions recently, it has come to our attention that a member of the Society has sold stamps on commission, either at auction or at private sale, for account of another, and has delayed in remitting the proceeds, on the ground that he was temporarily short of funds; in other words, treating the obligation as if it were an ordinary debt. This mistaken attitude has unfortunately become somewhat common, and has, we regret to say, been occasionally adopted by members who, in other respects, are beyond reproach.

It is, therefore, high time that steps be taken to correct this erroneous assumption, and we request that you publish this letter in full.

We frequently receive a complaint that a member has bought stamps on credit, and has neglected to pay for them, sometimes for months. These cases, the Board has consistently held, are for the Society's attorney, being a purely legal obligation, and not necessarily reflecting on the moral qualifications of the member in question, unless he affirmatively repudiates or attempts to escape payment of a just debt, such as by refusal to answer letters on the subject.

Purchasing stamps, however, is a very different matter from selling another's stamps on commission, as regards the obligation to settle. In the latter case, it is the opinion of the Board that the proceeds of the sale, less commission, belong absolutely to the owner of the stamps, and, in the absence of an understanding to that effect, the agent has no more right to use them for his own purposes than if he had taken the money out of his principal's pocket. We believe that it is his duty to keep the proceeds intact, treating them as a trust fund, and after deducting his commissions, remit the balance, as soon as possible, to the owner of the stamps sold. It is probable that, in every state in the Union, an agent who did convert such funds to his own use, and who was ultimately unable to make good, would be liable to arrest.

We, therefore, are notifying the members of the Society through the official organ, that we will regard such cases as come within our jurisdiction in the future, as calling for discipline. As to those cases which have already occurred, we are disposed to be lenient where the offending member shows a disposition to correct his error with all the means in his power.

Respectfully yours,
Board of Vice-Presidents of
American Philatelic Society.

by Wm. B. Sprague,
Recorder.

(Written for The American Philatelist.)

NEW NORWEGIAN STAMPS.

Free translation from "Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidsskrift."

By L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT.

At a meeting of the Christiania Philatelic Club in September Mr. Henrik Dethloff furnished the following information:—

In July, 1906, the Norwegian "Storthing" adopted new parcel post rates which increased the weight limit for the 30 ore postage from $\frac{1}{2}$ kilogram to 1 kilogram. At the same time the schedule was simplified so that instead of rising with each $\frac{1}{2}$ kilo., one rate was adopted for 1 kilo., one for 3, and one for 5 kilo., namely 30, 50 and 75 ore.

In accordance with this change, the Post Office Department decided to issue 30 ore stamps, and discussed at the same time the advisability of 15 and 75 ore values, but took no action on these. As we know, it was not so long after that the 15 ore value was introduced but the 75 ore stamp was still held back. The daily press voiced no demands from the public for such a value, while, on the other hand, the Postoffice Department, from time to time, received requests for a 40 ore stamp for the franking of registered letters and for ordinary letters requiring double postage. After the adjustment of international rates a few years ago those requests were not repeated.

About a year ago, the P. O. Department moved for the adoption of 8 and 75 ore stamps, the 8 ore for use in connection with certain rates to Sweden and Denmark, and the 75 ore for the franking of 5 kilo. parcels. The matter was referred to the postmasters for their opinions, and at the same time it

was proposed to discontinue the 60 ore value of which in the last three years hardly half a million have been used, and in the first two quarters of the present year only 7000.

A majority of the postmasters favored the 75 ore value, but practically none wanted the 8 ore stamp. One postmaster, looking to the future, proposed a 5 kroner stamp. When this stage in the proceedings was reached the Department proposed that remainders of the 24 and 2 skilling be changed to 75 and 40 ore provisional stamps, but the higher authorities would not sanction this scheme. Suddenly the question of another revision of the parcel post rates comes up. The reduction in rates made in 1906 caused an increase in the patronizing of the parcel post far beyond expectations. The war, with its high freight tariffs, has thrown an increased business to the parcel post, taxing its capacity to the utmost. The Post Office often has to pay the railroads and the steamship companies far more for their part of the transportation than it receives from the senders.

For this reason it was decided to postpone the issue of the 75 ore stamps until the revision question has been settled but the issue of the 40 ore value was ordered. This stamp will have the same olive green color as the current United States 8 cent stamp, and the 75 ore, when it is issued, will have the same blue violet color as the current Swedish 35 ore stamp. The new 40 ore stamps will make their appearance either in November or December.

THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIC UNION.

An account of their meeting of November 2nd, 1916. Contributed by
T. H. HINTON.

At the monthly meeting of the International Philatelic Union held at their headquarters, Essex Hall, Essex Street, Strand, London, on Thursday Novem-

ber 2nd, N. E. Waterhouse, Esq., M. A., F. R. P. S. L., gave a display of his highly specialized collection of the stamps of the United States.

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This collection has been some years in the making and since the dispersal of The Crawford Collection is probably the finest collection of these stamps in this Country.

The first page is from the Crawford collection, and shows the die proof and specimen of a Virginian Bank Note, from which the die of the 5c New York was taken, and Lord Crawford's notes thereon.

Following is a most complete collection of this stamp, including a reconstructed plate of 50 specimens, lacking only one specimen; also a profusion of pairs, strips and singles, including some unused and used on Entires; also die and plate proofs and reprints.

All the remaining general issues are well represented used and unused, and include a very fine range of rare shades of the older issues; whilst among the rarities of the modern issues are the 4c Columbian error of colour, and the Pan-American 1901 with inverted centre.

The early 5c 1847 are well represented by pages of singles, pairs, strips and a superb block of eight.

The early Postmaster stamps include specimens of the St. Louis 5c on original, and two copies of the 10 cents, and there is a fine lot of the early Carrier stamps, and the Departmentals of 1873 are complete.

In moving a vote of thanks, Mr. T. H. Hinton, speaking as a member of the A. P. S., voiced the appreciation of those present of this magnificent display, and referred to the general excellence of the work of the U. S. A. Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Mr. P. L. Pemberton in seconding contrasted the prices which rule for some of the rarities in 1872 with those of the present day.

Mr. Fulcher, Vice President, in the chair, in supporting the motion referred to many interesting points of study of these stamps, and the vote was carried unanimously, and suitably acknowledged by Mr. Waterhouse.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman concluded the meeting.

This collection furnishes the material on which the U. S. A. catalog, just published, was compiled.

OUR REVIEW.

BY ALVIN GOOD.

Being a critical examination of "A Comprehensive Catalogue of the Postage Stamps of the United States of America."

Well it is here, but whether it is here to stay in large quantities or not, remains to be seen. I refer to the book entitled "POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA" by N. E. Waterhouse, published by Frank Godden, London. No doubt many collectors who specialize in U. S. Stamps have been quite anxiously waiting to see a copy of this advertised publication, perhaps simply out of curiosity to see what our philatelic brethren on the other side knew about our stamps. A copy has just come into my hands

which I have examined in a rather cursory manner. I rather suspect that the greater part of this work has been copied from previous publications on the subject and not from a study of the stamps themselves. There is no doubt a good demand for a new book on United States Stamps which has been carefully brought up to date, but I am frank to say that this book does not fill the bill.

Starting with the Postmasters, for instance, the very first item, viz: the Alexandria Stamp. He only mentions

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the 5c black on buff and says nothing whatever about a copy on blue paper. Evidently he did not have a copy of the Scott Catalogue at hand in which this has been listed for many years. For his further information would also state that there are two very distinct types.

He attempts to give us the number of existing St. Louis stamps, but evidently he has never heard of the Philadelphia find. His list of some of the other issues is not complete.

But let us get over where the fun begins, that is, among the General Issues. He tells us why they were made, who made them, how they were made, etc. So did Luff's book years ago. There is not much to comment on of the 5c and 10c 1847. But just look and see what he says about the 1c and 10c 1851-57.

On page 25 he mentions that the only true Type I of the 1c is #7 on Plate #1; in other words, just one on a sheet. This he prices at £7. While his Type Ia is from the bottom row of Plate 3 from which ten were made at every printing, and perhaps twenty. This stamp he prices at £20. Number 7 on Plate 1 is a mighty rare stamp; it is the only stamp of the Imperf. Issue which shows the complete design, and I would like to buy some at £7 each.

He states Type Ib comes mostly from the top row of Plate 1. Numbers 6 and 8 from the top row do show some signs of the turned under scrolls when found in the earliest state of the plate. As a matter of fact, his Type Ib all come from the body of Plate 3.

His illustrations of Type II and III are correct, but why mention IIIa? He has entirely overlooked the interesting varieties from the tops of Plates 1 and 3, showing complete tops and short bottoms. There are also three or four distinct and interesting varieties of Type IV, but no mention is made of them.

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Now for the 10c of the 1851 issue. Mr. Waterhouse states "There are two main types as described in the Standard Catalogue, Type I being with the side ornaments complete and Type II with these ornaments partly erased." Would advise him by all means to buy a later edition of the Standard Catalogue published by the Scott Co. Plate 2 or Type II was not made until after they began perforating stamps all so called imperforate stamps being simply trimmed copies. The Scott people did list this Type II some years ago, but soon discovered their mistake and have since eliminated it from their catalog.

Mr. Waterhouse specifies Types Ia, Ib, Ic. Type Ia he describes as follows:

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"The lines above and below the labels containing the words at the top and bottom of the stamp are complete." Wish he would send me a copy of such a stamp; I have never seen one. Even his illustration does not show it, but does show a stamp from the bottom row of the sheet with the bottom line almost complete. Types Ib and Ic are correct. Then he adds "Type IIa, IIb and IIc as above." Please forget it. Neither Type IIb or IIc exists even in the perforated stamp of Plate 2, which is listed by Scott as Type II and has the side ornaments erased, the bottom line complete even to the lower corner ornaments, but the top line broken as formerly. The three cuts marked IIa, IIb, IIc do not even illustrate what he attempts to explain. On page 33 he exhibits a photograph of a wonderful block of six of these 10c stamps, (wish I owned it!). The first two stamps he has marked as his Type Ia, when as a matter of fact they are his Type Ic, both stamps being recut at the bottom. Stamp # 4 is recut both top and bottom and # 5 is recut at top.

As these 1c and 10c stamps are illustrated so profusely I take it that the author intended to make a special feature of the interesting varieties of these two stamps. The idea was good, as much attention has recently been paid to these stamps by collectors in this country. Without illustrations they are difficult to understand, but with the subject treated incorrectly it is discouraging to those who are looking for information.

I will not attempt to cover the entire publication, otherwise some may think my sole object is to condemn the book. As a matter of fact I don't see much fault to find with the later issues, but there is nothing new.

The entire catalogue, which concludes with the 1908 issue, is nicely gotten up and no doubt at considerable expense. It has quite a number of interesting illustrations of the earliest stamps, and also of the errors and varieties of the later issues.

The book is printed on one side of the page only, of which there are 115, or rather that many sheets. The illustrations are most excellent. Cloth bound. Published by Frank Godden, 359, Strand, W. C. London, England. Price 10 sh 6d net.

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A Short Note By

BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

Little seems to be known concerning the provisional stamps issued in Mexico in 1901, which were made by surcharging "VALE—UN—CENTAVO" (i. e. "Value one centavo") on each horizontal half of the 2c. vermilion of 1899. These stamps are listed in Scott's current catalogue under numbers 303a, 303c and 303d, with a sub-variety of the first named (b) which has no bar across the top of the "A" of "CENTAVO." I can find nothing whatsoever about these stamps in my library and though they are undoubtedly very rare, their status does not appear to have been satisfactorily settled and it is interesting to note that they are not listed in any of the foreign catalogues. I have recently had the opportunity of examining a block of twenty-five whole stamps (making fifty of the provisionals) in five horizontal rows of five and as this shows the arrangement of the types in the complete setting as well as many interesting errors it appears a good plan to place this information on record.

There are three chief types described in Scott as follows:

I.—"CENTAVO" in fancy capitals.

II.—"CENTAVO" in wide Roman capitals.

III.—"CENTAVO" in narrow Roman capitals.

I find in the complete setting of fifty half-stamps there are 17 of type I, 21 of type II, and 12 of type III so that the catalogue quotations hardly illus-

trate their relative rarity. Again I find that in type I nine of the 17 stamps are the sub-variety without the bar on top of the "A" so that this variety is slightly more common than the normal. In the diagram shown below I list this variety as type Ia, and in addition the following are found:

Type Ib.—The "N" on "UN" is omitted. This appears on the top half of the third stamp in the top row.

Type Ic.—The "V" of "VALE" is omitted and there is a large "U" in "UN". This occurs on the top half of the second stamp in the second row.

Type Id.—There is a large "U" in "UN". This is found on the top half of the fifth stamp on the second row.

Type IIa.—The thick "slugs" at the sides are perfectly square at the top instead of being pointed. This variety occurs on the lower half of the first stamp on the fourth row.

Type IIb.—The "V" of "CENTAVO" is below the level of the other letters. This occurs on the top half of the fourth and fifth stamps on the fourth row.

Type IIc.—The "L" of "VALE" is omitted. This is found on the lower portion of the fourth stamp on the fourth row.

Type IIIa.—The "N" of "UN" is omitted. This occurs on the top half of the second stamp on the third row.

Type IIIb.—Has the first word incorrectly spelled "VANE". This occurs on the lower half of the third stamp in the bottom row.

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Type IIIc.—Has the “slug” at right omitted. Occurs on the lower half of the fourth stamp on the bottom row.

Type IIIId.—Has both slugs and the “C” of “CENTAVO” omitted. This occurs on the lower portion of the fifth stamp on the bottom row.

The arrangement of the three types and the above named errors in the complete setting is as follows:

I	Ia	Iab	Ia	Ia
Ia	Ia	Ia	I	I
I	Ic	Ia	Ia	Id
I	I	III	III	III
III	IIIa	III	II	II
II	II	II	II	II
II	II	II	IIb	IIb
IIa	II	II	IIc	II
II	II	II	III	II
III	III	IIIb	IIIc	IIId

There is an old saying and quite a common one, that “it takes a live fish to swim up stream, any dead one can float down,” which should remind us that in numerical strength, we are going up or down.

We cannot stand still, we must go up or down. We are either swimming or floating, and if floaters, we are going down and not up.

“2000—1917” means we must swim. We have quite a little bunch of swimmers now, but we need more. Won't you swim up with us? If so fill out your pledge card and mail to me today. In the next issue I hope to publish the list of “live wires” who say we must have that 2000.

Philadelphia Branch No. 18 is the latest to enter the arena and is boosting for the two thousand.

Can you use some A. P. S. booster stickers on your letter heads and envelopes? If so drop me a card saying how many you can use. The holidays are now over; let us eliminate the minus sign at the head of these reports.

Hope you had a merry Christmas and here's wishing you a very prosperous and enjoyable 1917.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

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 *Hackett, Roger
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 Burner, Clarence A.
 Hutchinson, Albert C.
 Clarkson, Roger
 Coyette, A.
 Deaderick, W. A., M. D.
 Denbo, J. W.
 Dunham, H. H.
 Erickson, Chas. A., M. D.
 Foster, Winslow H.
 Herdman, Nicholas
 Herzfeld, Herman S.
 Hohenstein, C. J.
 Johnson, Thomas
 Lott, Chas. I.
 Muller, Otto
 Potter, W.
 Sutton, C. R.
 Torin, H. J.
 •Wallis, E. T.
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Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

1142 Brodstone, L. T.
 3971 Hinchman, Theo. H.
 3863 Patterson, W. O.
 2958 Sandoz, Jules A.
 3702 Webb, Wm. C.

Doughty, Judge Jas. K., Box 16, Lamar, Colo.; Age 63; Atty. at Law; Reference: Lamar National Bank, Lamar, Colo.; Proposed by John W. Bradbury, #4452.

Stoess, Rudolf, 609 East 16th Ave.; Denver, Colo.; Age 40; Bookkeeper; Reference: The Interstate Trust Co., Denver, Colo.; Proposed by John W. Bradbury, #4452.

Carleton, George W., 1402 "I" St., Bedford, Ind.; Age 26; Stenographer and Clerk; Reference: Henry Owen, Bedford, Ind.; Bedford National Bank; Proposed by Chas. L. McNutt, #4259.

Clark, Hubert Lyman, 9 Ashton Place, Cambridge, Mass.; Age 46; Curator Museum Comparative Zoology, Harvard Univ.; Reference: Charles River Natl. Bank, Cambridge, Mass. Proposed by James H. Lyons, #1313.

Prichett, Karl, 749 Grand Ave., Astoria, Ore.; Age legal; Teacher; Reference: Dr. John M. Holt, Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by Mary I. Fossett, #4059.

Rood, E. A., Brodowntown, Fla.; Age 28; Merchant; Reference: First National Bank, Brodowntown, Fla.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Schumacker, C. W., 2147 Blake St., Berkley, Calif.; Age 42; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: R. Hughes, 2509 Shattuck Ave., Berkley, Calif.; Proposed by A. L. Stern, #4565.

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Bradley, T. P., 1112 ½ East 2nd St., Duluth, Minn.; Age 35; Lumber; Reference: Duluth Log Co., Duluth, Minn.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Cremer, John D., 112 "C" St., S. E., Washington, D. C.; Age 54; Short-hand Reporter, Service House of Representatives; Reference: H. H. McKee, Cashier National Capitol Bank, Washington, D. C.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Whitfield, George W., Box 3113, Montreal, Canada; Age 56; Accountant; Reference: I. O. Dupuis, St. Francois Xavier St., Montreal; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Application for Reinstatement.

3966—Twichell, Harry S., 225 W. 5th St., Erie, Pa.; Age 35; Mgr. Goodyear T. & R. Co., Branch.; Reference: Chas. Steiner, Commerce Bldg., Erie, Pa.; Geo. Graham, Fidelity Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.; Proposed by W. H. Barnum, #585.

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4858—Bransford, Edgar M., 301 California St., San Francisco, Calif.

4859—Hagenauer, Nickolous, 224 Dilworth St., Mt. Washington, Pittsburgh, Pa.

4860—Parks, Henry Francis, Box 928, El Paso, Tex.

4861—Wood, Wilson D., 402 Finance Bldg., Kansas City, Mo.

Resignations Received.

4455—d'Hemecourt, George A., 130 N. Hagen Ave., New Orleans, La.

4748—Hawley, A., 917 Citizens Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

4554—Hoose, Martin W., Warnerville, N. Y.

Resignations Accepted.

4378—Falkenhagen, A. H., 3119 Ave. J, Galveston, Tex.

3012—Hore, H. C., 404 Roselle Ave., Jacksonville, Fla.

4550—Longnecker, J. W., c/o Hartford Fire Ins. Co., Hartford, Conn.

4502—Lovegren, D. M., Gen. Delivery, Seattle, Wash.

4747—Openheim, Laurent, Taft School, Watertown, Conn.

3972—Pearson, P. H. R., 2 Summit Place, Newburyport, Mass.

4162—Whipple, H. C., Manchester Centre, Vt.

4535—Young, A. E., 41 Hazleton St., Toronto, Canada.

Change of Address.

3654 Ballentine, D. L., from 121 Blaine Ave., to 174 Congress St., W., Detroit, Mich.

4519 Banfield, Elwood, from Prospect Park, White Plains, N. Y., to 26 East 23rd St., New York City.

585 Barnum, W. H., from 1865 E. 81st St. to 9512 Hough Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

1717 Champagne, T. J., from Chester, Pa. to 2057 S. 60th St., W. Phila., Pa.

4146 Colburn, W. B., from 704 Penobscot Bldg. to 1430 Penobscot Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

4475 Cooper, C. J., from 902 Green St. to U. S. Customs Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

3278 Dole, W. Herbert, from 154 Nassau St. to Room 2444, 120 Broadway, New York City.

4513 Hall, Harwood R., from 20 Shore St. to 122 Shore St., Petersburg, Va.

4584 Hawaiian Philatelic Society Branch #42, C. J. Cooper, Secy., from 902 Green St. to U. S. Customs Service, Honolulu, Hawaii.

- 748 Kay, John, from 2988 E. Grand
Boulev. to 600 Iroquois, Detroit,
Mich.
- 367 Lachasse, G. de, from 618 33rd
St. to Apt. 1, 206 23rd St., Oak-
land, Calif.
- 2279 Mozian, Vahan, from 198 Bedford
Ave., Rutherford, N. J. to 140
Nassau St., New York City.
- 4235 Stein, Alan N., from 119 Wall St.
to 123 Wall St., New Haven,
Conn.
- 3631 Tudbury, Warren C., from Los
Angeles, Calif. to Box 734, Wash-
ington, D. C.
- 2250 Wagner, F. E., from 54 Am. Natl.
Bank Bldg. to 54 Iroquois Life
Bldg., Louisville, Ky.
- 4096 Walleck, Walter, from Galesburg,
Ill., to c/o Twin City Ptg. Co.,
Champaign, Ill.
- 2752 Wolfram, Bruno, from 204 E.
19th St. to 221 Third Ave., New
York.
- 4817 Vawter, W. S., from Los Angeles,
Calif. to 308 N. Main St., Arkan-
sas City, Kans.

Election of Officers.

- 4651 New York Stamp Society, Branch
44, New York City, N. Y.
Baldwin Schlessinger, President.
Edward Weiss, Secy., 1497 Third
Ave., New York City.
Meets at Tuxedo Hall, 59th St. &
Madison Ave., New York.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Dec. 1, 1916..	1545
New Stockholders	6

	1551
Resignations accepted.....	8

Total Membership Dec. 15, 1916.	1543
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.	

Texas Celebrates.

TEXAS CELEBRATES.

Through the kindness of Mr. O. R. Bertram, of Austin, Texas, we have been favored with a copy of the San Antonio "Express" of November 12th, 1916, containing a very excellent write-up of the Convention of the Texas Philatelic Association which held its annual convention in San Antonio on Nov. 13th. The article shows great care in its preparation and publicity of this character should do great good for our hobby.

The article is illustrated with cuts of five of the Confederate locals issued by Texas cities, together with photographs of Brig.-Gen. J. L. Clem, U. S. A. Retired, H. S. Parsons, Edward Heusinger and Alvert Steves, Sr.

The T. P. A. is twenty years old and the membership numbers 124, of which 80 are residents of Texas.

An exhibit had been arranged and judging by the list of entries this should have been a very enjoyable feature of the meeting.

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EDITORIAL.

PUBLICITY The advertisements of our Sales Department, through the Sales Superintendent, Mr. Wolsieffer, cannot fail to attract many collectors who are not members of the Society, and in his last catalogue of auction sale, the last page of the cover is devoted entirely to this feature. While Mr. Wolsieffer has advertised the De-

partment regularly in the A. P. since the start in its present form, his advertisements are now appearing in other philatelic papers. This publicity should be the means of increasing our membership and incidentally bringing in new material for the Sales Department.

BOOST

Occasionally we hear **DON'T KICK.** some member complain about the stamps offered in the sales department of a society. How many of us stop to think that the circulation of books of stamps from such a department is not a matter of choice with the officer in charge, but rather the quality of the stamps offered are such as the members themselves choose to submit for purchase by others. If in our opinion the quality of the books is lacking, do we try to remedy the trouble by sending in more desirable goods? The fault does not lie with the official, as he can only circulate the stamps that are sent to him. If the members wish to improve the quality, it is their place to see that this is done, and there is never a better place to start than right at home. Again, some members have the idea that the Sales Department of a society is the logical place to unload their holdings of stamps which are to them undesirable property, under the supposition that, with low valuations, others should take that which they, the owners, do not want, and when the results are poor, lay the blame on the Department. If you have an overstock of undesirable goods, there are probably others who have an equal quantity. Send your good stamps, those you want to sell, to the Department, pricing as you would wish to buy similar stamps from your fellow-members, and the chances are ten to one that you will be highly pleased with the proportion sold and the opportunity to get the other fellow's goods on the same basis. Just

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try this, and then see if you have a complaint to make. Boost—don't kick.

HAS HISTORY FAILED? Gen. C. A. Coolidge sends us a copy of the past issue of U. S. two cent stamped envelope in which a flaw gives the Father of His Country every appearance of indulging in the use of a cigarette. What odd vagaries the printing press will sometimes perpetrate!

INTEREST CONTINUES. In our last issue it was the Editor's pleasure to make an announcement concerning the coming literary features of The American Philatelist and now it is our privilege to add other names to the list of those who will contribute for the benefit of our members. Our friend, Mr. Chas. A. Nast, of Denver, will be represented on

our pages in a future number and needless to say his article will be looked forward to with much interest. It is also very gratifying to know that Mr. R. McP. Cabeen will have something to tell us in the coming issues.

We feel much elated over the prospects of presenting many numbers of more than usual interest for our members and again we wish to thank those who have and those who will contribute papers to make this possible.

HELP WANTED. We would appreciate the assistance of any of our members who can translate from the Spanish language, as from time to time matters of interest reach us that we should be pleased to present to our members. But little demand will be made upon the time of the member who so feels inclined to render this service to the A. P. but you may be sure the kindness will be highly appreciated.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Being items which seem of general interest as viewed by the Editor.

There are so many interesting items to be found in our regular visitor from England, "The Postage Stamp," and while we have made such liberal use of extracts from this publication, we cannot pass the opportunities to let our readers know some of the things served up for our benefit. We reprint below an extended notice regarding the Red Cross stamps of Tunis, a really remarkable issue, the like of which has only been equalled by the recent emission of "Landstorm" stamps by Sweden.

Tunis.

Our French contemporaries tell of an extraordinary issue of Red Cross stamps for Tunis. Champion's Bulletin quotes

from the "Depeche Tunisienne" of Aug. 3rd:

A new issue of postage stamps specially surcharged with a Red Cross will be put on sale commencing August 7th in the post offices of the regency.

This issue, of which the colours differ from the normal issue, comprises:

120,000 postage stamps of 0.fr. 15 surcharged, value 10 cent.; 120,000 of 0.fr. 20, value 10 cent.; 84,000 of 0.fr. 25, value 10 cent.; 64,000 of 0.fr. 35, value 10 cent.; 63,750 of 0.fr. 40, value 10 cent.; 21,750 of 0.fr. 75, value 10 cent.; 23,250 of 1 fr., value 10 cent.; 27,000 of 2 fr., value 10 cent.; 18,750 of 5 fr., value 10 cent.

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Each stamp will be sold at its face value, but it will only be valid for franking correspondence for 0.fr. 10, and only in the domestic post and in postal relations with France, Algeria, Morocco and the French Colonies.

By the terms of an order of the Director-General of Posts and Telegraphs, the administration forbids any increase in the number of stamps printed in this special issue.

The proceeds of this sale, after deducting cost of manufacture, and the regular discount of 1 per cent., is to be devoted to the Tunis Committee for assisting prisoners of war in Germany.

The novel scheme of turning out a set of stamps of different face values, from 15 centimes to 5 francs, each of which will only pay 10 centimes worth of postage, is not one to commend itself to philatelists. Regarded from a strictly philatelic point of view, each of these nine denominations is only a 10 centimes postage stamp, and to issue nine varieties of 10c. stamps at one fell swoop is a tall order for Tunis. Philatelists in all the Allied countries have not been lacking in war charity, but an issue of alleged postage stamps in which the postal purpose is almost eclipsed by the charitable tax can scarcely be admitted to the category of postage stamps at all. It is no lack of sympathy with the objects for which the Tunis Committee is working that makes us regard their latest venture as an improper intrusion upon the interests of philatelists.

From "Stamp Collecting," another sufferer from our scissors, we cull the following items, the first relating to forgeries intended to defraud the post-office of France, and the latter telling us of some varieties of French Offices in Morocco, together with the correction of date of issue—

Forgery of French 10c. Stamp.

Forgeries of the 10c. vermilion, of the "Sower" type of France, 1906 issue, are reported by the "Circolo Filatelico Italiano," which illustrates the genuine and the spurious, the latter having passed through the post. The most obvious discrepancies are in the hair and the shape of the arms and left shoulder. The forgery illustrated bears the postmark "Nice 31-3-1910," and the perforation gauges 13 all around instead of the genuine 14x13½.

Morocco Varieties.

Messrs. Bensimhon & Benate, of Tangier, show us a copy of the 4c. of the adapted type of France of 1900, with Spanish currency surcharged, post-marked "December 1907."

Hitherto, we believe, copies with 1907 postmarks have not been noticed, and this particular example, we are informed, has been submitted to experts, who pronounce it genuine. Messrs. Yvert & Tellier have corrected their 1917 catalogue accordingly.

The same correspondents send us the following errors, postally used, of the adapted type of 1902, overprinted "PROTECTORAT FRANCAIS":—

10c. carmine; error "ROTECTORAT"
 20c. claret; error "ROTECTORAT"
 (in pair with normal).

And yet again we draw from the same journal for the following bit of legend in connection with the stamps of Hungary—

The Bent Cross of Hungary.

The tradition attaching to the bent Cross on the Hungarian Crown is well known to philatelists, but, being of topical interest, it will bear repetition.

We take the following paragraph from the "Daily Mail":—

If Germans feel the loss of their traditional outpost at Hermannstadt, the Hungarians mourn one of their sacred places in the abandonment of Orsova. Just outside the town is the little Chapel of the Crown, where the Hungarian crown was buried in a well from 1849 to 1853. A cross on the top of the crown was bent during burial, and is still so shown on the Hungarian stamps and coinage. This at least is the Orsova legend, which adds that, when Orsova and the Chapel of the Crown are lost to Hungary, the fate of the monarchy is sealed.

Again from "The Postage Stamp" we spread the warning regarding the latest frauds from the hands of fakirs who seek constantly to prey upon the pocket-books of collectors—

The Faker's Latest Fancies.

"Le Reveil" warns its readers against a number of changelings manipulated by fakirs, which have lately been put upon the market. The 5 pesos and 10 pesos blue of Mexico, 1884 (Hidalgo) were deep blue in colour, but they have been converted into the rare blue-green of the 1892 issue (S.G. 367 and 368). The 1884 stamps are catalogued 35s. and 60s. respectively unused, but the 1892 varieties are priced at £12 and £24. The latter, however, should be on the correoseum watermarked paper, whereas the deep blues were not watermarked.

The error 5 bani blue (instead of bistre) of Roumania, 1876, is also on the list of warnings, the 5 bani bistre being quite a common stamp it has been a convenient basis for the faker to create 5 bani blue errors.

From the same source I gather that the market is infested with the 15c. grey of Guinee, Guyane, and Mayotte faked from the 15c. Indo-Chine or Reunion in the old French colonial key plate type.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, No. 7, Vol. XVII, Aug. 15th, 1916. Published at Stockholm by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

MADRID FILATELICO, No. 211 and 212, Vol. XIX, August and September, 1916. Published at Madrid, Spain, by Manuel Galvez Rodriguez.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, No. 169,

Vol. XVI, August, 1916. Published at Barcelona, Spain, by Orestes de Mora.

THE JOURNAL OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY, Vol. IX, No. 3, July, 1916. Published by the Society mentioned in London, England.

PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY; STATUTES. List of Members. Publications. London, 1916.

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BY THE EDITOR.

LINN'S STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I, Nos. 3 and 4, Oct. and Dec., 1916. Plenty of special news for those interested in current Mexican philatelic matters.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28th and Nov., 1916. This journal changes with the issue of November to a monthly after eighteen volumes of weekly issues. The publishers state "it is a change that is forced upon us by the increased difficulties and cost of production." We shall certainly miss the weekly visits of this always interesting exchange, from whose columns we have drawn rather freely in the past. We still hope to cull from the P. S. many items of interest to our readers.

PRICE LIST, 1917, issued by L. M. PASSMORE, 927 S. Main St., Los Angeles, Calif. Wholesale, but listing many single stamps in large sets.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VI Nos. 5, 11, 26, Vol. VII, Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, May 13, June 24, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18, 25 and Dec. 2, 1916. Always full of interesting news items, mixed in with some article of more lasting nature. We have drawn many notes from the columns of S. C. and have one now on the early stamps of Great Britain which we will print in an early number.

In this connection we cannot refrain from patting ourselves on the back, figuratively, that the American Philatelist has become pretty well known on the other side of the world, for the issue of June 24th has just reached us after traveling all the way to India, in Asia, and the correct address of Indiana, U. S. A., having evidently been supplied at the Bombay postoffice, if we are to judge by the several postmarks which the wrapper bears.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVI No. 170. Sept., 1916. We are sorry that we cannot publish some of the articles which appear in this journal, but Spanish translations are not among our accomplishments.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VI Nos. 10 and 11, Oct. and Nov., 1916. This is a philatelic magazine of more than usual merit, and is always of particular interest to the students of our country's stamps, but this does not mean that there are not plenty of other good things in every issue. We only wish we could tell our readers more about them.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST Vol. XIII Nos. 152 and 153, Oct. and Nov., 1916. Mr. Field is a specialist in "War" stamps and the pages of the W.-E. P. never fail to have something of interest for those who collect these issues.

PRICE LIST, issued by Maurice Lescut, 24 Rue du Quatre-Septembre, Paris, France.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. I No. 8, Nov. 10th, 1916. Indiana's only philatelic paper improves every month and it is of special interest to those who collect "precancels," a catalogue of these stamps running serially in its columns.

EL PETIT FILATELIST, Vol. II No. 11, July-August, 1916. Published at Ybor City, Florida, U. S. A. Although apparently twenty-three numbers have been issued, this is the first notice that has reached this office and we were not aware of a philatelic paper printed in Spanish being published in the U. S.

THE SOUTH AFRICAN STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I Nos. 3 and 4, September and October, 1916. A rather interesting magazine and particularly welcome with its news of philatelic Africa. While only four numbers have appeared, it gives promise of being here

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to stay and we shall look forward with pleasure to its continued visits to our desk. We shall give our readers an insight into the nature of its contents in a future issue of our own A. P.

COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, Vol. II Nos. 1 and 2, Nov. 5 and Dec. 5, 1916. Many items worth the reading and chronicle of the doings of the Washington State Philatelic Society.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' RECORD and Exchange Club Journal, Vol. I Nos. 3 and 4, Oct. and Nov., 1916. Very full accounts of the affairs of English philatelic societies and exchange clubs, and in the latter number a start is made by publishing matter of broader interest. May its visits never cease.

THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY BULLETIN, Vol. 2 Nos. 2 and 3, Oct. 15th and Nov. 15th, 1916. No less than 207 members are dropped in the latter number for non-payment of dues, reducing the membership of the N. P. S. from 448 to 250, which latter figure includes nine new members admitted on that date.

THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VII No. 4, Nov., 1916. Mr. Lindquist's magazine is always extremely interesting, and many articles of interest to those who go in for the minute varieties of U. S. stamps. In this number Dr. Wm. Evans contributes a short paper on the varieties of the Two Cent stamp of U. S. Issue of 1883. It seems we are just beginning to realize what a number of things there are to be learned about our stamps.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSSKRIFT, Vol. 23, No. 8, August 31st, 1916.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' QUARTERLY, Vol. I No. 4, Oct.-Dec., 1916. Another highly interesting number of the Quarterly, one fully up to the standard set by the earlier issues, in fact, we believe it grows better with each num-

ber. There is enough variety of reading matter to satisfy every taste and the illustrations leave nothing to be desired.

THE ALBERMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. II Nos. 11 and 12, Nov. and Dec., 1916. Devoted largely to Mexican philatelic matters. Announces the revival of the Philatelic Journal of America in January.

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A Comparative Check List OF THE "Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.

(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)



In the compiling of the following "Check List" I have made use freely of all the matter obtainable that has heretofore been written regarding these stamps, having as the paramount wish the hope of making as complete a list as was possible, and also one that would be so plain that it would be equally as clear and understandable to the general collector as to the "specialist", and while I have no desire to reflect any special credit on myself, or the wish to display any great degree of erudition, I will say that great pains have been used to prevent as well as to avoid errors, in order that this list may possess some little philatelic value to others who I am sure have experienced some of the few troubles that I have had in trying to solve the lucid (?) descriptions in the various catalogues, and which have certainly been "Greek" to me indeed.

The one particular trouble I have found has been in the color names used, and in the preparation of this list I have adopted and used throughout those color names as used by Mr. W. Dorn-
ing Beckton, President of the Manchester (Eng.) Philatelic Society, as well as much other pertinent matter from his eminent pen, and to whom I take

much pleasure in rendering due credit and thanks. I beg also to state that I have derived much assistance from the work in French of Georges Brunel.

The numerous minor varieties due to defects in the inking and printing of the stamps, as well as those errors (?) in the numerals on the backs of the various denominations, I have quite severely let alone, feeling that with the guide before us each individual collector can diminish or enlarge the scope of his collection at will. The following list of varieties will prove, I am sure, sufficiently numerous to meet the desires of the most ardent enthusiast.

Regarding the perforated, pin perforated or rouletted varieties as found in this type, I have made no mention, having at no time found mention of any decree authorising their sale or emission in this condition, and hence, without reflection in any manner on the catalogues listing them, can only assume that such modes of separation are of a private or speculative nature. It appears that the first perforating machine was put in use about 1889, some time after the second or "small Hermes head" type were emitted, and my belief is that stamps as listed in this "Check List" were never placed on sale

for public use in a perforated, rouletted or pin-perforated condition.

I find that the first Royal Decree under date of June 8th, 1860, authorizes the following issue of adhesive postage stamps, viz:

- 1 lepton Black.
- 2 lepta Pale.
- 5 lepta Green.
- 10 lepta Blue.
- 20 lepta Purple.
- 40 lepta Red.
- 80 lepta Orange.

As will be noted the above color scheme is entirely different from the first issue as made under Royal Decree of August 24th, 1860, which were as follows, viz:

- 1 lepton Chestnut.
- 2 lepta Pale.
- 5 lepta Green.
- 10 lepta Orange.
- 20 lepta Blue.
- 40 lepta Purple.
- 80 lepta Red.

It was endeavored to adhere to these colors in the several subsequent printings, which in the following list have been divided into "periods" for the sake of classification and the grouping into sets and arrangement in albums, the presumption being, of course, that the Album used is of the blank sheet style. With this kind, a collector will experience no difficulty in a proper and agreeable arrangement, while those using the various printed standard style of albums will be much benefitted, and I feel that these stamps which apparently have been so long neglected on account of the difficulty in identifying and arranging, will be taken up by philatelists generally, and GREECE become one of the most popular, as it is now one of the most interesting of countries.

FIRST PERIOD.

The "first period" of the Hermes Type of the stamps of Greece is, according to best authorities, in two printings, one usually designated by the compilers of the catalogues as "Paris Prints" and the second often

erroneously termed "First Athens Print".

The dies for these stamps were engraved by A. Barre at Paris, and printed by Ernest Meyer, Rue de Verneuil 22, in Paris, from the plates constructed from the Barre engraving. There was never but one engraving made, and this was used for all values and types, having a space at bottom left blank to insert the different denominations as the plates were completed. From this matrix plates of 150 electros (15 rows of 10) were made for each value, and these interesting varieties are due to variations in inking, printing (i. e.: press work), condition of wear in plates, and texture and tint in the papers used. The dies were made to print stamps in accord with Royal Decree, and to be 18x22 m.m., with head of Hermes in a circle of 16 m.m. in diameter.

The paper on which these two first printings were made was manufactured by Lecroix Fils., the celebrated French paper makers, and was manufactured as white wove, somewhat thin and of good texture; this paper, however, before printing was coated with a chemical preparation, with the idea in view of preventing the stamps from being reproduced by lithographic process (some writers claim that this has been done, and these stamps are being counterfeited, but my experience with such counterfeits as have come under my observation is that they are very poor and could hardly deceive an amateur) and the endeavor was made to tint the paper in corresponding tints to the colors in which each value was made.

The first emission was made in Athens on October 1st, 1861, and all values with the exception of the 10 lepta had no figure of value on the back. The engraving was very fine and the printing shows the press work to have been most excellent. These "premier gravures" or Paris Prints can always be distinguished by the shading on the cheek being in broken dashes or dots

or lines, and with at times little or no shading on the lower centre of neck. The gum used on the first printings was a clear colorless smooth gum, and did not "crinkle."

The figures of value printed on the back of the 10 lepta in these printings are in orange vermilion, and measure 8 m.m. in height.

We will now take up the stamps comprising the "FIRST PERIOD" being those as embraced in the First and Second Paris Printings.

FIRST PERIOD.

FIRST PARIS PRINT: No figures of value at back except the 10 lepta. 1861.

Engraved, imperforate, very fine artistic impression,—the lines of shading on cheek of "Hermes" being composed of fine broken lines and dots, with little or no shading on neck.



*No. 1. (S. G. #1. Scott #1.) 1 lepton, Chocolate Brown on cream paper.

*No. 1a. (S. G. #—, Scott #1a.) 1 lepton, Black Brown, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 1b. (S. G. #2. Scott #1b.) 1 lepton, Red Brown, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 2 (S. G. #—, Scott #2a.) 2 lepta, Olive Yellow, on yellowish tint paper.

*No. 2a. (S. G. #3. Scott #—.) 2 lepta, Olive Bistre, on yellowish tint paper.

*No. 2b. (S. G. #4. Scott #2.) 2 lepta, Brownish buff, on yellowish tint paper.

*No. 3. (S. G. #5. Scott #3.) 5 lepta,

Lt. Emerald Green, on greenish paper.

*No. 4. (S. G. #9. Scott #7.) 10 lepta, Bright Orange on bluish tinted paper.

*No. 5. (S. G. #6. Scott #4.) 20 lepta, Clear Blue, on bluish tinted paper.

*No. 6. (S. G. #7. Scott #5.) 40 lepta, Bright Violet, on greenish blue paper.

*No. 7. (S. G. #8. Scott #6.) 80 lepta, Rose, on cream tinted paper, pink tint on surface.

SECOND PARIS PRINT. 1861-'62.

Second Paris Printing. No figures of value at back. 1861—1862.

This printing is almost identical with the First Paris Printing in the main characteristics; has no figures of value at back except the 10 lepta, and can readily be distinguished from the First Paris Printing by the deepness of tones of color and by the heavier impression which brings out the shading on the cheek and neck in nearly clear fine lines each distinct. The impression being heavier, the lines on the cheek and neck are now to be seen that were barely perceptible in the first printing. This printing in some respects has been erroneously designated by some as the First Athens Printing.

The 10 lepta Vermillion Red, on greenish blue paper, S. G. #13, without figures of value at back,—the 1 lepton Black Brown on cream paper, and the 20 lepta Prussian Blue on thin bluish paper, S. G. #14, are now considered by many authorities as proofs, or more properly speaking, as stamps prepared for use but not issued.

*No. 8. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 1 lept. Reddish Chocolate, on cream tint paper.

*No. 8a. (S. G. #—, Scott #8a) 1 lept. Maroon, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 8b. (S. G. #10, Scott #8) 1 lept. Deep Chocolate, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 9. (S. G. #—, Scott #9) 2 lept.

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- Ochre Bistre, on yellowish tint paper.
- *No. 9a. (S. G. #11, Scott #—) 2 lept. Yellow Brown on yellowish tinted paper.
- *No. 9b. (S. G. #12, Scott #—) 2 lept. Brown, on yellowish tinted paper.
- *No. 10. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 5 lept. Green, on greenish tinted paper.
- *No. 11. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 20 lept. Blue, on bluish tinted paper.
- *No. 12. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 40 lept. Deep Violet, greenish blue tinted paper.
- *No. 13. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 80 lept. Carmine, on cream tinted paper, pink tint on face.
- *No. 13a. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 80 lept. Rose, on cream tinted paper, pink tint on face.
- *No. 13b. (S. G. #—, Scott #—) 80 lept. Dull Rose, on cream tinted paper, pink tint on face.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

THE EGYPTIAN ISSUES OF 1872-1879.

SOME NOTES AND A DISCOVERY.

BY H. G. WATSON.

(Reprinted from "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain.")

A note in Gibbons' catalogue at the foot of the list of the Alexandria and Boulac printings of 1872-1875, suggests that there is room for further investigation of this series, and any serious collector of Egyptian stamps must become aware of this after a very short examination of these interesting issues.

Having only taken up the study of Egyptian stamps comparatively lately, I have felt somewhat diffident about rushing into print on the subject, inasmuch as I am by no means *au fait* with all that has been written about them; but the excellent little book on the stamps of this country, published only a few months ago (Melville Stamp Books, No. 20, Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.), doubtless contains most of the information that has been published on the subject of the issues under consideration, since M. Moens published his "Timbres d' Egypte et de la Compagnie du Canal de Suez" in 1880.

The object of the first part of this short article is, however, rather to invite further investigation and criticism than to presume to impart information; but in my search for facts I have felt compelled to question some of the statements made in the little book by Mr. Melville mentioned above, a book that I have taken as my guide,

philosopher, and friend, during my study of the stamps of Egypt:

Now, in the first place, I find that the watermark of this third issue is described as being "impressed," and, having read articles written by Mr. Melville on paper manufacture, I feel that to disagree with his statement on the subject of watermarks is to trespass on territory where angels may well fear to tread. Nevertheless I am personally inclined to doubt if the watermark of the 1872 issue is impressed at all, and it is certainly not impressed in low relief as is that on the previous issue. It would interest me greatly to know the opinion of experts in the matter of watermarks on the Crescent and Star watermark of this issue, for I am convinced that the statement that it is impressed demands further consideration.

The difficulty of separating the Alexandria and Boulac printings, is one that will, I think, remain with us until some more definite information is obtained from the archives of the Egyptian Post Office or from some other authoritative source, but meanwhile I believe that the character rather than the gauge of the perforations is one of the best tests, for whereas the perforations of the Alexandria printings are always clean cut those of the Boulac

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issue are generally very rough. In the check list at the end of his little book, Mr. Melville includes among the Boulac issues a 1 piastre, rose-red, perf. $12\frac{1}{2}$. I have never had the good fortune to see a specimen of this stamp, and therefore can offer no opinion with regard to it, but it seems to me a most unlikely stamp (in that shade) to be issued from the Boulac press. It is not possible that the perforation only can be attributed to the Government works.* It seems to me that there was most probably a considerable stock in hand of the Alexandria printings of the 1 piastre when, in 1874, the Government took over the printing of its stamps, for the evidence of dated postmarks shows that the Alexandria printings were in use quite late in 1875.

There is, I believe, some danger of including all blurred prints among the Boulac issues, but an examination of the dates on postmarked copies will show that the lack of detail on some printings of the Alexandria issues is much more pronounced than in the Boulac printings, and is due doubtless to wear of plates, over-inking, or otherwise careless work on the part of the printers. I have copies at any rate of the 10 paras, mauve, and the 1 piastre rose-red, perf. $12\frac{1}{2} \times 13\frac{1}{2}$, with an almost entire absence of the finer lines of the design; and I suggest that this peculiarity is more likely to be found in the case of these two values, since they were probably printed in much larger quantities than the other values.

There are of course characteristic differences in the printing of the stamps of these two issues, though I do not find it easy in all cases to differentiate between the two printings of the 2 and 5 piastre, so far as single copies are concerned; but this question must be left for the present, in order that I may get to the main object of these notes.

That object is to place on record what

*I am certainly of opinion that some of the 5 and 10 paras (on $2\frac{1}{2}$ piastres) of 1878 are Alexandria printings with Boulac perforations.

so far as I can gather is a hitherto undiscovered fact, and to correct a mistake which has been hitherto undetected. The general opinion as regards the dies used for making up the plates is I believe embodied in the following statement, quoted from Mr. Melville's book (p. 35):—

“An examination of even a few stamps will disclose the fact that the entire sheet of 200, in 20 horizontal rows of 10, was in each case made up by reproductions from a common stock die for the central part and upper and lower labels, and from separate dies for the two end labels, including the corner figures and a portion of the top and bottom lines of the frame immediately above, these separate dies varying, of course, for each value.”

For six of the values, viz.: the 5, 10 and 20 paras, and the 2, $2\frac{1}{2}$, and 5 piastres, I believe the above statement to be correct with a slight modification, for I believe the outer frame of each value to be a separate part of the die in each of these six values, being that part of the die which binds the other three parts together.

But I feel sure that the statement is incorrect as regards the 1 piastre, for which a different die must have been used.

My attention was drawn to the true facts of the case by my inability to see any evidences of the composite nature of the die in the 1 piastre stamps, although it was so evident in the other values, and a further examination of this value showed me very clearly that an entirely different die was used in this instance, and I do not think that there is any reason to suppose that the die was in more than one piece. That the central portion of the die, between the two side labels indicating the value, is different in the 1 piastre from that in other values admits of no possible doubt. * * * * *

It is necessary in considering the value of the statements made hereafter to accept two hypotheses, (i.) that all

the values except the 1 piastre were printed from plates made from the same die, so far as the central portion of the stamp is concerned, and (ii.) that the Boulac plates were made from the same die for each value as was used for the Alexandria plates. Nor do I imagine that there will be any difficulty in accepting these hypotheses. * *

NOTE:—The article was illustrated with (A) a photograph of a Boulac printing of the 2 piastres; chrome yellow, and (B) a photograph of an Alexandria printing of the 1 piastre rose.—Ed.

I will now proceed to point out the differences that exist between the two dies in the various portions of the design.

Top Inscription.—The Arabic inscription differs in every character more or less. The most striking variations are shown in the third and fifth characters (counting from the right). In the third character the two dots are immediately underneath in A, but on the left in B. In the fifth the two dots are to the left of the character in A, underneath in B. But the most characteristic difference consists in the fine scroll-work, filling up the label underneath the Arabic inscription, which is found in B only.

(N. B.—This scroll-work is the first part of the design to disappear on stamps where the printing is not clear, but it is quite clear in the finer printings of both the Alexandria and Boulac series of the 1 piastre).

Lower Inscription.—The differences in the forms of the letters are quite noticeable in almost every case, e. g. the K and D of KHEDEUIE and the E, G, Z, A of EGIZIANE.

Corner Ornamentation.—The scroll-work differs in design in the two dies, and the crescent and stars also show slight differences; note especially the shape of the stars in the left-hand top corner.

Sphinx.—The uncoloured portions in the top of the head-dress differ in size and shape in the two dies.

The eyes are very differently treated in the two designs.

The shading of the left of the face and forehead is very different.

The whole of the base of the figure is very different in the two dies.

Pyramid.—The lines of the shading on the front face are regular and horizontal in A, but rough and irregular in B, and the shading of the darker face is differently treated in the two dies.

The apex is much more pointed in B.

To those who wish to make a further examination of these differences in the stamps themselves, I should suggest that they compare the 1 piastre with the 20 paras, bright blue, of the Alexandria printing, as this latter stamp is, in my opinion, the easiest to work with, though a bad colour to reproduce by photography. It is interesting also to notice how these various characteristics continue to be apparent, though not in all cases so clearly, in the Boulac printings.

If sheets of the 1 piastre in these later printings be examined, cases may be found in which, while some stamps of a sheet have the five lines of the design fairly clear, many rows of the stamps show an almost entire absence of the scroll work both in the top label and in the corners.

In conclusion, I may remark that it seems to me somewhat remarkable that during all these years since the issue of this series of stamps in 1872, no one has discovered, or at least (so far as I know) put on record, this fact of the differences that exist in these stamps, and I hope that these few notes may prove of some interest to the collectors of the stamps of this country. But I suppose it is as true in the matter of stamps as in other more important matters—*ex Africa semper aliquid novi*. Africa is the land of surprises!

Note—Since the above article was in the hands of the printers, I have seen Mr. R. E. R. Dalwick's very interesting book, "The Stamps of Egypt", and I notice that he recognises that the 1 piastre stamp stands on a different footing to the other values of the 1872 issue; but he speaks of the central portion of that stamp as being "reproduced" in the other values, which I consider does not represent the facts of the case.—H. G. W.

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EDITORIAL.

SOCIETY LIBRARIES. In the November issue of "The Philatelic Societies' Record," Editor Bishop suggests that this adjunct of philatelic societies be one to be increased by direct purchase by such societies and not, as is too often the case, depend largely, if not wholly, on the benevolence of members. When a library depends on gifts from members it grows in a hap-hazard way and on

account of the necessarily disconnected manner and character of the additions, rarely becomes of much worth to the membership.

Societies could well afford to consider this highly important matter in the light presented by Mr. Bishop, as by direct purchase of the more important works of reference and study, no very great outlay per member would be involved to obtain a working library, one that would be of great value to the members; and this could be obtained in a comparatively short time, while by depending upon gifts progress would be slow and the library would present but little of solid value.

To get close to home, we have only to take the case of our own Library, which has been housed in the Carnegie Library at Pittsburgh for some years. While we have a number of works of recognized merit, there are many, very many, of the more recent publications which should be on our shelves. These can be obtained only by purchase by the Society, and to make this possible there should be a standing appropriation made for the purchase of such high class works as they appear and not have to depend upon an appropriation made by a Convention for such purposes. For many years we have had members on our Literary Committee who would be fully competent to judge of the merits of any work which might make its appearance and if this Committee had the powers to make the purchase at the time with the knowledge that their action would be recognized by the official board of the Society, our Library could shortly rank with that of any Society of equal importance.

It is a matter which admits of no argument that a well balanced library is a great asset to any society and if the contents were such as to appeal to the membership, forming a source from which they could freely draw in the study of their stamps, we would undoubtedly find the service a very popular one.

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U-BOAT POSTS. Mr. Geo. H. Beans sends us a clipping from the "Public Ledger" detailing the inauguration of a postal service by the submarine merchant vessels from Germany to the United States. According to this information, a charge of approximately fifty cents will be made for a post card or letter not exceeding twenty grams, or a little less than an ounce, or fraction. This service may supply a considerable need and if it is put into effect we shall have a very interesting series of covers to add to our collections, as undoubtedly special cancellations will be used, and these would probably be as popular in a way as are the cancellations by aerial postal services.

"2000-1917." Let us help Secretary Davis realize the high mark of membership by next August. All it takes is a little effort on the part of our members, not every one, but the more the merrier. The goal set is not impossible and if we but put our best foot forward, it will be a fact when the thirty-second Convention is called to order. We can—now will we? Get

busy and give your answer to this question before another month goes by. One new member will entitle you to say "I have done my part."

NEW STAMPS FOR MEXICO. Mr. M. Gomez y Orejan sends us a copy of "El Economista" published in Mexico, dated Nov. 29th, 1916, containing an official notice of a new series of postage stamps to appear Jan. 1st, 1917, comprising values from one centavo to five pesos. Just as soon as we can secure a translation of the notice we shall publish it in full.

MORE PUBLICITY. It is very gratifying to note the amount of publicity which the campaign for new members is getting. Mr. Eugene Kleine has recently devoted a considerable space in his auction catalogue for this purpose and but a short while ago Mr. Vahan Mozian did the same service in the interests of a greater membership. These advertisements have appeared without any cost to the Society. Thanks are due to all our dealer-members who assist in this cause.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

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Applications Pending.

Clarkson, Roger.
Coyette, A.
Deaderick, W. A., M. D.
Denbo, J. W.
Dunham, H. H.
Erickson, Chas. A., M. D.
Foster, Winslow H.
Herdman, Nicholas, (Serj. Maj.)
Herzfeld, Herman S., Serj., Maj.
Hohenstein, C. J.
Johnson, Thomas.
Lott, Chas. I.
Muller, Otto.
Potter, W.

Sutton, C. R.
Torin, H. J.
Wallis, E. T.
Yewell, Fulton E.
Bradley, T. B.
Carleton, Geo. W.
Clark, Hubert L.
Cremer, John D.
Doughty, Judge J. K.
Prichett, Karl
Rood, E. A.
Schumacker, C. W.
Stoess, Rudolf.
Whitfield, Geo.
Applications for Reinstatement Pending.
1142 Brodstone, L. T.

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3702 Webb, Wm. C.
 2958 Sandoz, Jules A.
 3966 Twichell, Harry S.

Applications Posted.

Crittenden, James L., 392 Lake Drive, Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 30; With Cudahy Bros. Co.; Reference: Dr. W. L. LeCron, 304 Goldsmith Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis., Karl Klauser, 1218 1st. Natl. Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D., # 4785.

Forester, O. H., M. D., 772 Marietta Ave., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age legal; Physician; Reference: M. T. MacLaren, 1st. Natl. Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis., Dr. W. LeCron, 304 Goldsmith Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D. No. 4785.

Le Cron, Wilbur L., M. D., 444 Kenilworth Place, Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 35; Surgeon; Reference: Caesar Marks, American Surety Co., Milwaukee, Wis., James Crittenden, Cudahy Bros., Cudahy, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D., No. 4785.

Marks, Caesar D., 320 Wells Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 38; Atty. at Law; Reference: Dr. Wilbur Le Cron, Goldsmith Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis., Myron MacLaren, 1st Natl. Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D., # 4785.

Weingart, Wm. E., M. D., 525 12th St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 42; Physician and Surgeon; Reference: Chas. Schloegle, 453 15th St., Milwaukee, Wis., Caesar Marks, Wells Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D., # 4785.

Alker, James W., 30 E. 42nd St., New York City; Age 33; Portland Cement Mfr., Pennsylvania Cement Co.; Reference: Farmer's Loan & Trust Co., New York City; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

Newman, Henry B., 114 Ave. "C", Bayonne, N. J.; Age 53; Insurance; Reference: Chas. Beamish, 21 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

Lang, E. G., 27 Park Place, New York City; Age 46; Manufacturer, E. G. Lang Mfg. Co.; Reference: B. W. H. Poole, Washington Bldg., Los Angeles Calif., H. W. Doscher & Co., 217 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif. Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

Taylor, Lee G., 120 Linden St., Camden, N. J.; Reference: Walter J. Staats, Camden, N. J.; Age 29; Cost Accountant, Victor Talking Machine Co.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

*Carson, Roberts, Box 265, Ancon, Canal Zone, Panama; Age 14; Student; Guaranteed by Rev. H. R. Carson, Box 265, Ancon, Canal Zone; Reference: Commercial National Bank, Panama; Proposed by Rev. Clarence Clark Sylvester, # 4811.

Shaw, Douglas A., Box 9, Montreal, Que. Canada; Age 26; Leather Merchant. Anglo Canadian Leather Co.; Reference: Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Ont., Canada, Messrs. Ewens, London, England; Proposed by C. R. Lacey, # 4537.

Weissich, Otto, 428 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley, Calif.; Age 21; Bookkeeper; Reference: Chas. F. Gromdona, Bank of Italy, San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by H. W. Doscher, # 395.

Austin, Wallace K., care Y. M. C. A., El Paso, Tex.; Age 25; Raliway Mail Service; Reference: J. Delano Bartlett, 313 Wyoming Ave., El Paso, Tex., H. W. Browder, Western Coffee Co., El Paso, Tex.; Proposed by Ora E. Stark, # 4497.

Frabe, H. G., 1123 San Pasqual St., Santa Barbara, Calif.; Age 27; Labrer; Reference: Morton & Co., 803 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif., Gutienny Drug Co., 635 State St., Santa Barbara, Calif.; Proposed by J. E. Guest, # 4215.

Allen, B. W., 20 Gaston St., Boston, Mass.; Age legal; Reference: H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Proposed by A. W. Dunning, # 251.

Lopez, Cap. Pascual, Infantry Barracks, San Juan, Porto Rico; Age 36; Cap. 2nd Infantry, U. S. Army; Proposed by Waldemar E. Lee, # 4831.

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Roth, Percy, 260 Fourth Ave., New York City; Age 41; Silk Merchant, Roth & Squires; Reference: Sam Bachvach, 251 5th Ave., New York City; Proposed by John R. Miller, #2191.

Gifford, George M., 198 Main St., Fairhaven, Mass.; Age 42; Laundryman; Reference: Arthur M. Borden, 132 Chancery St., New Bedford, Mass.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Huber, Prof. L. L., A. B., Hanover, Indiana; Age 24; College Professor. Dept. Chemistry and Biology, Hanover College; Reference: Hanover Deposit Bank, Hanover, Ind.; P. F. Collier & Son, New York City; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

New Stockholders.

4862* Graves, Eugene B., 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I.

4863* Hackett, Roger, 744 Adams St., Evansville, Ind.

4864 Kornik, I. J., 1053 Oakview St., Memphis, Tenn.

4865 Merillat, Lieut. L. A., Jr., 3rd U. S. Infantry, Eagle Pass, Tex.

4866 Burner, Clarence A., 106 Broadway, Normal, Ill.

4867 Hutchinson, Albert C., 91 Meldrum St., Detroit, Mich.

Reinstated.

3863 Patterson, W. O., care Minas La Union, Miramar, Costa Rica.

3971 Hinchman, Theo. H., 223 Seminole Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Resignation Received.

4242 Works, William F., Brookfield, Worcester County, Mass.

Change of Address.

172 Cooper, W. A., from Foreign Branch P. O. to Room 5, Ferry St., P. O., San Francisco, Calif.

4028 Edgar, Robert C., from Box 362 to 211 Spruce St., Wichita, Kans.

3732 Felhaus, Wm. from Bolley Str. 44 to Streuli Str. 39, Zurich, Switzerland.

4581 Herr, A. W., from Dallas, Tex., to Flatiron Bldg., Ft. Worth, Tex.

4727 Jukes, E. W., from 908 Walnut St. to 4220 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

4278 Klein, Joseph, from 53 N. 62nd St., to 530 Tasker St., Phila., Pa.

4850 Knox, Guý, from Guardian Trust Bldg., to Commowearth Bldg., Denver, Col.

2077 LaForce, W. F., from Litchfield, Ill. to Gen. Deliv., New Orleans, La.

2628 Mercer, Rev. Henry W. from 1461 6th Ave. to 1374 13th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

1732 Munroe, Robt. C., from South Park Terrace to 34 Woodlawn Place, Longmeadow, Springfield, Mass.

4109 Schliekert, Chas. from 2219 Seminary Ave. to 6525 N. Ashland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

4561 Van Kirk, R. P. H., from 901 Ridge Ave., to 2527 Kingsbury Road, LaPorte, Ind.

3037 Wilson, Clarence W., from 69 Theodore St. to 106 Owen Ave., Duluth, Mich.

4497 Stark, Ora E., from Omaha, Neb. to care Depot Quartermaster, El Paso, Tex.

Membership Summary.

Membership December 15,	
1916	1543
New Stockholders	6
Reinstated	2
	8

Total Membership January 1st, 1917 1551

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

CONCERNING THE COMPETITION.

On account of special facilities for recruiting, our Sales Superintendent, Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer writes that he is not competing for the prize of \$10.00.

There are very favorable indications that another five dollars in gold will be added to the ten dollars now offered for the largest number of new members secured; making a total of fifteen dollars. Due notice will be given later.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To December 1st, 1916.			Exchange Fund.	
Stock Fund.			Balance	\$1.35
Balance	\$4568.66		Receipts	.85
Receipts	2.00	\$4570.60		2.20
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General Fund.			Suspense Fund.	
Balance	\$915.59		Balance	\$10.65
Receipts	\$440.79		Receipts	16.20
Expenditure	207.10 233.69	1149.28		26.85
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			\$7560.91	
Insurance Fund.			Resources.	
Balance	\$1787.07		Bonds	\$3489.34
Receipts	24.85	1811.92	Cash in Bank	4069.97
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			\$7560.91	

C. F. HEYERMAN, Treas.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

We are always glad to publish reports of minutes of Branch Societies and the Secretaries are requested to furnish the Editor with copy for this purpose.

BRANCH No. 18.

The regular meeting of Branch No. 18, A. P. S., was held in the Club room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club on the evening of Dec. 1st, 1916. President Hahman in the Chair. The following members were present Green, Hand, Hahman, Henkels, E. Klein, Liebeck, Mann, Pierce, Wolsieffer and Woodhouse.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The election of officers was then in order, and upon resolution Mr. Pierce was instructed to cast the Ballot of the Branch for the nominees with the result that:

Mr. F. Hahman was elected President.

Mr. E. Klein was elected Vice President.

Mr. A. F. Henkels was elected Secy. and Treasurer.

Mr. J. W. Haseltine was elected Sales Manager.

A letter from Secretary Davis was read and Mr. Wolsieffer was appointed Promoter as per the suggestions in said letter.

The following gentlemen made application for membership in the Branch:

Julius H. White, J. Weer Chews, Francis H. Earp, and Mark H. Harris.

There being no further business before the Branch, the meeting was adjourned.

A. F. HENKELS,
Secretary.

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In several instances pledge cards have been returned to me with the following; "I'll do the best I can." Someone has said; "angels can do no more", and I am satisfied with this promise if faithfully kept. But in the matter of recruiting, do we always do the best we can?

A few cards have reached me containing the following statement: "I have no time to devote to this work." To these I wish to cite a circumstance recently happening in New York at the big Dinner.

Several prominent Philatelists were grouped in conversation. One, who always has the advancement of the A. P.

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S. in mind, turned to his neighbor with the question: "Why don't you become a member of the A. P. S.?" The reply was—"Well, I have never received an invitation." Think of it! How many, I wonder, are now waiting for this invitation? This application was secured, and by one of the most busy men in the country, yet he seems to find the time to send in many applications. It seems to me that there cannot be a member of our Society but who can find the time to at least inquire if his neighbor is an A. P. S. member.

If we really have the success of this campaign at heart, there are many opportunities that come to us for recruiting; if we can realize them and take advantage of each one, not much time will be lost from our business.

And to you who have not become interested, will you not please decide to send in at least one application? If you will earnestly make this decision, you will find a way to accomplish the task.

To name the reason or cause for this campaign or specify why each member SHOULD be interested, seems superfluous. The reasons are obvious.

To those who have sent in pledges, I thank you sincerely, and success to you. I am like the Sales Manager looking for orders—I am hungry for applications; get busy, boys and try and cover this office up with work. It is much to be desired that we might interest more of our dealer members in this campaign—persuade them to become "boosters". The benefits would be mutual. I note that Mr. Wolsieffer of the Philadelphia Stamp Company gives a page advertisement to the A. P. S. in his 207th sale catalog. Mr. Eugene Klein also boosts the A. P. S. with a quarter page adv. in his 17th sale list. Several dealers are also sending out blanks and recruiting leaflets with their correspondence. Those who have come to notice are S. E. Colman, John R. Miller, Alfred Neilsen and Harold K. Bowen. The Secretary will gladly send literature and blanks on request

for a definite number if discretion is used in mailing them.

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NEW ISSUE OF MEXICAN POSTAGE STAMPS.

Exchange of Old Stamps Prohibited.

Translated by JOHN J. KRIVANEK.

An article with the above headline appeared in Mexico City in the financial periodical "El Economista" under date of Nov. 29th, 1916, which translated from Spanish reads as follows—

The Postmaster General has sent out to every postal administration of the Republic the following important circular regarding the issue of new postage stamps which are to be put in circulation on the first day of the next year.

POSTMASTER GENERAL—MEXICO.
Bureau of Stamps.

Circular No. 79.

With reference to official information issued under date of November 1st of the present year, in which notice was given to the public to cease using on December 31st of the present year postage stamps intended for prepayment of postage on mail of all four classes, commencing January 1st, 1917, a new series of postage stamps to take the place of the present series will be put into use by the administration, the remaining stamps of the present issue to be duly checked on the fixed date by Postmaster General (Bureau of Stamps); further, the remaining old stamps shall not be exchanged for any reason to the public for stamps of the new issue.

The new series of stamps will consist of values and colors which are described as follows—

- 1 Centavo, color lilac, bust of General Zaragoza.
- 2 centavos, color green, bust of General Ildefonso Vazquez.
- 3 centavos, color sepia, bust of Jose Maria Pino Suarez.

- 4 centavos, color red, bust of General Jesus Carranza.
- 5 centavos, color bright blue, bust of General Maclovio Herrera.
- 10 centavos, color dark blue, bust of C. Francisco I. Madero.
- 20 centavos, color bright cherry red, bust of Dr. Belisario Dominguez.
- 30 centavos, color dark coffee, bust of C. Aguiles Serdan.
- 40 centavos, color purple, map of Republic of Mexico.
- 1 peso, colors blue and black, Light-house Building, Vera Cruz.
- 5 pesos, colors green and black, Post Office Building, Mexico City.

At the earliest opportunity every branch office will be notified by telegraph of the manner in which these stamps shall be sold. Those returned to the Postmaster General will be further used for the prepayment of postage on international mail, also parcel post in domestic and international service; stamps that are actually used with the surcharge "G. P. de M.", as well as the 2 centavos stamp surcharged 60, of the "Centenario" issue, to be payable in silver coin, also postal cards, envelopes and wrappers in actual circulation. Correspondence mailed with stamps of the old issue on day following the issue of the new series shall be considered as unpaid and will be subjected to the provision of articles 179-183 of the postal regulations in force.

Constitution and Reform.

Mexico, D. F., November 27th, 1916.

Cosme Hinojosa,
Postmaster General.

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Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

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Applications Pending.

Bradley, T. B.
 Carleton, Geo. W.
 Clark, Hubert L.
 Cremer, Jno. D.
 Doughty, Judge J. K.
 Prichett, Karl
 Rood, E. A.
 Schumacker, C. W.
 Stoess, Rudolf
 Whitfield, Geo.
 Wallis, E. T.
 Alker, J. W.
 Allen, B. W.
 Austin, W. K.
 Carson, Roberts
 Crittenden, J. L.
 Foerster, O. H.
 Frabe, H. G.
 Gifford, Geo. M.
 Huber, L. L.
 Lang, E. G.
 Le Cron, W. L.
 Lopez, Pascual
 Marks, Caesar D.
 Newman, Henry B.
 Roth, Percy
 Shaw, Douglas A.
 Taylor, Lee G.
 Weissich, Otto
 Weingart, William
 Dederick, Wm. A.

Application for Reinstatement Pending.
 3996 Twichell, Harry S.

Applications Posted.

Arca, Otto, 104 E. 14th St., New York City; Age legal; Actor; Vaudeville; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau & Co., New York City; Proposed by J. E. Guest, # 4215.
 Caum, Edward L., Box 79, Honolulu, Hawaii; Age 24; Pathologist; Ha-

waiian Sugar Planters Assn.; Reference: First National Bank, Honolulu, Hawaii; Proposed by C. J. Cooper, # 4475.
 Craver, Harrison W., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age 41; Librarian; Reference: H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Proposed by Adam E. Daum, # 1828.
 Gibbs, Harold N., West Barrington, R. I.; Age 30; Grocer; Reference: W. F. Goerner, 130 Gladstone St., Arlington, R. I.; Proposed by Frank M. Mason, # 1902.
 Hatzakordzian, M., 614 12th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.; Age 46; Oriental Rug Merchant; Reference: H. F. Dunkhorst, 1005 7th St., N. W., Wash., D. C.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, # 2275.
 Hutter, Albert E., Box 547, Beaver Dam, Wis.; Age 28; Contractor; Hutter Construction Co.; Reference: D. T. Eaton, Muscatine, Ia.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, # 1925.
 Jacobs, Frank, 92 Park Ave., Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Age 35; Bookkeeper; Reference: Ben. Horn, M. Horn & Son, Wilkes-Barre, Pa.; Proposed by Charles J. Higgs, # 4618.
 Kraepelien, Oskar, Stockholm, Sweden; Age 43; Merchant; Reference: Any Bank in Stockholm; Proposed by L. Harald Kjellstedt, # 1906.
 *Patchel, Richard, 1011 Taylor Ave., Darby, Pa.; Age 16; Student; Reference: C. Mandell, Chicago Ferrottype Co., Chicago, Ill.; Guaranteed by Harlan B. Fox, 9th & Main Sts., Darby, Pa.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, # 1925.
 Roush, G. A., Box 87, South Bethlehem, Pa.; Age 33; Professor Lehigh University; Reference: Peoples Trust Co., S. Bethlehem, Pa.; Proposed by Barry Mac Nutt, # 4720.

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Jansen, Thomas W., 32 Lembeck Ave., Jersey City, N. J.; Age legal; Policeman; References: H. H. Holum, Contractor, Danforth & Garfield Sts., Jersey, City, N. J.; Proposed by H. D. King, #3850.

*Zink, Wilford J., 1196 Holmden Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 18; Prosthatic Dentistry; Reference: C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by W. H. Barnum, #585.

New Stockholders.

- 4868 Clarkson, Roger, 791 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada.
 4869 Coyette, A., 35 Rue de Maubeuge, Paris, France.
 4871 Denbo, J. W., Trinidad, Colo.
 4872 Dunham, H. H., 614 1st National Bank Bldg., Mason City, Ia.
 4873 Erickson, Chas. A., M. D., 8101 S. Peoria St., Chicago, Ill.
 4874 Foster, Winslow H., 9238 Pleasant Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 4875 Herdman, Nocholas, Box 76, Khartoum, Sudan, Africa.
 4876 Herzfeld, Herman S., 1574 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 4877 Hohenstein, C. J., Box 387, Gibbon, Minn.
 4878 Johnson, Thomas, 2306 Dupont Ave., N. Minneapolis, Minn.
 4879 Lott, Chas. I., 83 W. Main St., Westfield, N. Y.
 4880 Muller, Otto, 109 N. Main St., Liberty, N. Y.
 4881 Potter, W., 16 S. Washington St., Spokane, Wash.
 4882 Sutton, C. R., 4131 Cornelius Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.
 4883 Torin, H. J., Fuhecta 36 B, Havana, Cuba.
 4884 Yewell, Fulton E., 2845 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, Md.

Reinstated.

- 1142 Brodstone, L. T., Superior, Neb.
 2958 Sandoz, Jules A., Spada, Neb.

3702 Webb, Wm. C., 369 W. 56th St., New York City.

Resignation Received.

3712 Smith, Edw. E., Route 2, Ft. Calhoun, Neb.

Resignation Accepted.

4522 Rochester Philatelic Association Branch #41, Rochester, N. Y.

Expelled.

- 4467 Bishop, Bertrand J., Lock Box 1732, Los Angeles, Calif.
 4767 Yunker, James A., 649 S. Jackson St., Louisville, Ky.

Changes of Address.

- 4479 Colman, H. F., from 2nd National Bank Bldg., to 509 7th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 2519 Hamilton, Capt. C. S., from Douglas, Ariz., to 11th Infantry, Deming, N. M.
 4821 Krivanek, John J., from 3458 E. 53rd St., to 1351 Chester Ave., N. E., Cleveland, Ohio.
 4659 Leavy, Jos. B., from U. S. Natl. Museum, to 1413 Newton St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
 4738 Ossege, Walter J., from 3 Park Row to 4 Park Row, Cincinnati, Ohio.
 1563 Simmons, Sam. R., from Box 36 Station R. to 309 W. 51st St., New York City.
 4058 Slusser, W. F., from Manila, to Corregidor, Cavite, Philippines.

Membership Summary.

Membership January 1, 1917	1551
New Stockholders	16
Reinstated	3
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	1570
Resignation accepted	1
Expelled by Board of Trustees	3
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Total Membership Jan. 15, 1917	1567

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

The Board of Directors have made the following appointments for the fiscal year 1916-17—

Committees.

Expert—John N. Luff, John A. Kleemann, J. M. Bartels.

Philatelic Literature—Wm. R. Ricketts, E. R. Aldrich, Charles A. Nast.

Philatelic Index—Wm. R. Ricketts, Clifford W. Kissinger, C. A. Howes.

Obituary—Julian Park, Rev. L. G. Dorpat, F. H. Burt.

Recruiting — Ross O'Shaughnessy, Chairman Western Committee, 636 Market St., San Francisco, Calif.; Vahan Mozian, Chairman Eastern Committee, 140 Nassau St., New York City, N. Y.

Hand Book—H. L. Lindquist, Wm. C. Stone, Wm. E. Ault.

Catalogue—A. E. Owen, W. B. Sprague, Dr. Carroll Chase, J. N. Luff, Geo. H. Worthington, J. M. Bartels, C. K. B. Nevin, W. L. Stevenson.

Certified December 30, 1916.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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Recruiting is by no means an easy matter when one happens to be the only collector in the town in which he lives. But with the will and an evening spent with pen and paper plus a few cents postage, results are sometimes very gratifying.

In our last issue I told you how easy the “trick” was turned by one of our members which perhaps is an extreme case of the “easy side.”

I have a letter from one of our members which illustrates the other extreme—where some energy was expended.

It seems he is the only stamp collector residing in his locality. He is an enthusiast and an ardent believer in the A. P. S. and wished to do something for the Society in appreciation of what the A. P. S. has meant to him and his collection, besides putting some other collector “next to a good thing”.

He pledged one new recruit, but wrote—“Where it's coming from I do not know at this time.”

This is the way he accomplished it: From a current philatelic magazine he sorted out fifteen stamp men whom he found by consulting the A. P. S. mem-

bership list, were not members of the G. O. S. (Grand Old Society) as he puts it. To each of these fifteen collectors he wrote a personal letter and included an application blank and a recruiting leaflet. In less than fourteen days he had received two applications for membership. The references of these applicants have been investigated and found O. K., in fact one of them is a fairly well known collector.

This is what I call an enthusiastic A. P. S. member. He writes—

“At first it seemed like a lot of work and inconvenience, but after I had gotten warmed up to it, it really was a pleasurable task. I am now very glad to send you these two applications at a cost to myself of only 30c postage and a dime's worth of stationery and as I now look back to it, an evening of pleasure, I have fulfilled my pledge with 100% increase.”

Great! Isn't it? Last clause Luke X:37 quod vide.

Boys write me your unusual experiences in recruiting for the benefit of others. If you are too modest to have your name mentioned, just say so.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

APPRECIATION. In our issue for January 1st the Editor made an appeal for assistance in the translation of philatelic matters from Spanish papers which reach us from time to time, and it is a source of much gratification to acknowledge the kindness of no less than five of our members, Mr. John J. Kravinek, of

Cleveland; Mr. H. R. Hendricks, of Waxahachie, Texas; Mr. Henry Bennett, of Havana, Cuba; Mr. E. P. Seebohm, of San Francisco; and Mr. S. L. Israel, of Havana, Cuba, all of whom have most generously offered their services in this connection. Without placing any burden on any of these members, it will now be possible for us to occasionally reprint articles of interest from the above papers, as well as others, as Mr. Seebohm also kindly offers to render the same service in other languages. While we have personally thanked each of the above for their letters, we wish to take this means of extending the appreciation of the Society for the services to be rendered and we feel sure that we will thus be able to bring to the notice of our members much information that would otherwise not be available.

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN.

The goal set by Secretary Davis is not yet in sight, but with the continued support of our members we shall undoubtedly be able to show a satisfactory increase in membership at the coming Convention. Read Secretary Davis' chat on this subject in this issue and see how a member went about securing an application to make good his pledge, and, take his word for it, the member found it a real pleasure to do this work for the Society. There is not a one of us who could not do likewise, and remember, when you do a good turn for the Society, you are in just the same measure doing yourself a favor. Besides there is always a great satisfaction in knowing that you have done something to assist others. Just try it and see for yourself. Let us all pull together and the result will be most pleasing to all.

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A VISITOR FROM SWEDEN.

December 23rd last, our International Secretary, Mr. Kjellstedt, received an unexpected visit of the President of the Philatelic Society of Sweden, Mr. Oscar Kraepelein, F. R. P. S., of Stockholm. Mr. Kraepelein made his first trip to this country to place a large order for motorcycles. The wholesale firm of which Mr. K. is a member sold not less than 150,000 bicycles in Sweden during 1915 and will now open up a market for American made motorcycles. Mr. Kraepelein is widely known in athletic circles and was a member of the managing committee of the Olym-

pic Games of 1913. An ardent philatelist, Mr. K. can be said to specialize the whole world, but the issues of Sweden and U. S. A. are his favorites. His present collections are valued at \$30,000.

When Mr. Kraepelein was asked by the International Secretary why he is not a member of the A. P. S. he replied—"because nobody has asked me to join." This oversight was remedied on the spot. Mr. K. sailed for Sweden Dec. 28th on the Scandinavian-American liner Oscar II.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. XVII Nos. 8, 9 and 10, Oct. 15th, November and December, 1916. Published in Stockholm by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

Sept.-Oct. 1916. Published at Buenos Aires by the Argentine Philatelic Society.

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XIX Nos. 213 and 214, Oct. and Nov. 1916. Published at Madrid by Miguel Galvez Jimenez.

REVISTA de la SOCIEDAD FILATELICA ARGENTINA, Vol. XX No. 5,

By THE EDITOR.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 1, Nov. 30th, 1916. Several months ago it was a matter of much regret to know that the "Stamp Trade" as published in Omaha would be no more, and so we were much pleased to have the S. T. come to us again, under a new and more attractive form, now, from Denison, Kansas. This is a publication decidedly worth while and we shall hope that the new venture will prove equally as interesting and valuable as the former issues.

but still the S. L. continues to be a very readable publication. A tribute to Capt. Lionel Crouch, who was killed in action July 21st, 1916, with extracts from his letters, shows what class of young men England is sending forth to do battle for her beliefs.

THE NATIONAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY BULLETIN, Vol. 2 No. 4, Dec. 15, 1916.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVI No. 171, Oct. 1916. Taken up for the greater part by the continuation of the catalogue of the stamps of Cuba, now listing the revenue issues.

THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. IX No. 5-6, Oct.-Nov., 1916. Double numbers have appeared rather frequently of late,

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THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' RECORD and Exchange Club Journal, Vol. I, No. 5, Dec. 1916. An interesting number detailing the doings of the British societies and clubs.

THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4 No. 4, Jan. 1917.

THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. I No. 13, Dec. 1916.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VI No. 12, Dec. 1916, with Index for Vol. VI. We wish there were more journals of this class, as the contents are always such as will prove of interest to a great variety of readers, especially specialists in the issues of our country.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY. Vol. VI No. 2, Dec. 20th, 1916. We almost forget this is a house organ, as the articles of current philatelic history are always of much interest.

COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. II No. 3, Jan. 5, 1917.

THE PHILATELISTISCH MAANDBLAD, Vol. 5 No. 58, Oct. 14th, 1916.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX No. 6, Dec. 1916. The first of the regular monthly issues to reach us and it presents a very readable and well illustrated number.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 70, Dec. 1st, 1916. The principal article is a history of the stamps of The Great Barrier Island Pigeon Post, the island being situated near New Zea-

land. In the philatelic journals of some eighteen years ago these stamps came in for considerable discussion, with the result that on account of their strictly local use, paying the carrying charges on mail only between the Island and New Zealand, they were finally classed as Local stamps and thus omitted from the catalogue; but representing a unique mail service, the stamps possess considerable interest. The article in question sets forth the history very completely.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. I No. 10, Jan. 10th, 1917. Of great value to collectors of precancelled stamps.

PRICE LIST, Rod. Docquet & Co., 84, Rue de Rennes, Paris, France. Listing French and British Colonial and War stamps.

PRICE LIST, E. T. Parker, Bethlehem, Pa. Adhesive, Revenue and Envelope stamps of the U. S.

PRICE LIST, H.F. Colman, 2nd Natl. Bank Bldg., Washington, D. C. United States and Colonies.

PRICE LIST, Wendover Neefus, Hudson, N. Y. United States and Colonies.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 2, Dec. 30th, 1916. A very readable number of a journal alike of interest to dealer and collector.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VII Nos. 9, 10, 11 and 12, Dec. 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, 1916. Always interesting. Four newsy numbers of our English weekly visitor.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

A CHECK LIST OF THE STAMPS OF HAWAII—and more. From the pen of our fellow-member, Mr. C. F. Richards, A. P. S. 18, who is also the publisher, we have an interesting and

comprehensive check list of Hawaiian stamps, including postage and revenue stamps, envelopes, cards, proofs, essays and other items of interest to the specialist. Readers will remember the pub-

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lication of a check list by Mr. Richards in our journal which ran for several numbers, and while the book before us is gotten up on similar lines, much new data and considerable text has been added, the latter setting forth much of interest in the history of these stamps. The work is of great value both to specialists in these stamps as well as to any collector, and the treatment of the subject is unique, each stamp being treated separately, the date of issue given and in most cases the quantity printed. As an indication of the work which the author has done to produce the book, in his own words "I have been more than six years collecting the data and a specialist in Hawaii more than sixteen." That Mr. Richards is well qualified to write on the subject needs

no further remarks. The book should be seen to be fully appreciated. The copy before us is No. 22. 38 pages of text, title, Index and photograph of the author. Size 10 by 6½ in. Paper covers. Price \$2.00 postpaid. Published by the Author, Box 77, Grand Central P. O., New York City.

CATALOGUE of Postal Cards, Letter Cards, Envelopes, Wrappers, etc., of France and Colonies. Being the third part of the catalogue of Yvert & Teller, bearing the imprint of Robert Leroy, 5, rue des Verjus, Suresnes (Seine) France, to whom we are indebted for the copy under review. A complete illustrated priced list of the entires of France and Colonies. Price 1 fr. 50 c. (about 29 cents), postage extra, (3c).

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 30.

Annual Report of the Secretary for the Year 1915-1916 of The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club has finished one of the greatest years in its history under the able and every-trying leadership of its President, Dr. Tubman. He has been very conscientious in his work and always striving to give the members the best possible Club. Perhaps if he had had a Secretary who would have co-operated with him to greater degree, his work might not have been so trying. He was ever faithful in attendance and his record surpassed by none.

The past year saw the Club move from its old quarters in the Arcade to the rooms of the Downtown Service Club in the Frederick Building, and back again to the rooms in the Arcade, bringing out the fact that the Club

ought to have its own permanent meeting place. The prevailing trouble with the Service Club as a meeting place was the failure of privacy and the limited time.

Perhaps the biggest feature of the past year was the Entertainment plan which made the work of entertaining a minimum for each member and no overwork for an entertainment committee for a whole year. This was made possible by the donation to the Club of the Hanford Silver Cup. This cup was to go to the member who gave the best entertainment.

A synopsis of the entertainments is given below:

First Team—McLaren & Henn.

First Meeting—59 boy collectors present. Packets passed out to each one. Lively auction for benefit of boys. Number of collections exhibited.

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Second Meeting—Exhibition of revenue collection of G. C. Kimbark of Canton, Ohio.

Second Team—Geuder & Young.

First Meeting—Two contests—one series of questions on personal collections and identifying 20 stamps by a small part of each specimen.

Second Meeting—Annual meeting took up all the time.

Third Team—Beatty & Crowell.

First Meeting—Mr. Heyerman of Detroit exhibited his collections.

Second Meeting—Geo. F. Hammond exhibited his collection of 12 volumes U. S. and Mr. I. F. Hatton, New York City, gave an exceedingly interesting performance with cards.

Fourth Team—Good & Barnum.

First Meeting—Exhibition of one of the best Confederate collections in the world, owned by John Klemann, New York City.

Second Meeting—Exhibition of Mr. Good's own U. S. collection.

Fifth Team—Korner & Roby.

First Meeting—Failed to appear.

Second Meeting—Contest. Identifying stamps on cover of special issue of "Mekeel's Weekly."

Sixth Team—Moses & Oettinger.

First Meeting—Trading Contest. Each member given twenty varieties and to get all of one country by trading.

Second Meeting—Mock trial of Louis Hanford.

Seventh Team—Lloyd & Preston.

First Meeting—Commemorative issue contest.

Second Meeting—Talk on Penny Postage by Mr. Chas. Burrows.

Eighth Team—Mader & Lewis.

First Meeting—Contest. Answering questions to show knowledge about

certain stamps, samples of which were handed to each member.

Second Meeting—Old and past members' night. Among those present—Vorce, Kendel, Lehr, Kress, Brodie and McLaren, Charter Members.

The First Team—Beatty & Crowell, received the most votes, and these two will now compete against each other. The Secretary will volunteer to hold all bets on the outcome.

The quality of these entertainments was above the average. Every team worked faithfully and a great variety given. The Secretary hopes that the plan will be adopted for another year because entertainments were furnished which made our meetings attractive and well worth attending.

Perhaps never before has the Club in any one year had the number of distinguished and well known visitors that it had in the past year. Among those who were present are: Mr. Heyerman, of Detroit, Treas. of the A. P. S., who showed his collection; Mr. George F. Hammond, of Cleveland, who showed his collection; Mr. I. F. Hatton of New York City, a nationally known card performer; Mr. Floyd, Ex-Postmaster of Cleveland; Geo. W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio; A. C. Stewart, Toledo, O.; Dr. Holt, President of the Pacific Philatelic Society, who is now a member of our Club; Mr. Chas. Burrows of Cleveland, President of the National One Cent Letter Postage Association; and A. C. Wood of Detroit. It might be stated at this point that altho Mr. John Klemann of New York City was not present, his collection was exhibited at the Club.

Members of the Club also exhibited their collections, most notable of which were those of Mr. Good and Mr. Langdon.

The attendance of the Club was very good during the past year. The average attendance for all the meetings was slightly in excess of 20. However, the average should be better than this with

an active membership at the present time of 62 members. The average ought to be at least half this number, or above 30.

The year just closed has been a good

one, and the incoming officers have the best wishes of the writer for even a better one next year.

Respectfully submitted,
RALPH H. HENN, Secretary.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Being items which seem of general interest as viewed by the Editor.

From our English weekly visitor, "Stamp Collecting," from which we have so liberally quoted in the past, we have culled the following from among the many interesting notes which constantly appear.

Spain seems to be able to find some excuse for another colonial issue, this time from Africa, as the following will show—

CAPE JUBY—This newly acquired Spanish colony, situate on the West Coast of Africa, adjacent to Rio de Oro, is shortly to have a distinctive set of postage stamps, in a definite type.

Errors will always be with us, and it appears that proof reading of surcharges is never thought of. From Eritrea and Grenada, we have a rather long list of such varieties to add to an already overburdened catalogue, as witness the following extracts—

ERITREA—We are indebted to Mr. M. Z. Booleman, of Amsterdam, for sight of a complete sheet of the 20 + 5c. Red Cross stamp of Italy, overprinted "ERITREA," in which the interesting error "EPITREA" occurs. The sheets consist of fifty stamps, in ten rows of five, and the error is found on the eighth stamp in the bottom row.

GRENADA—We are indebted to Mr. E. D. Bowie, of Edgware, for kindly showing us the following type varieties of the local overprint "WAR TAX"—now superseded by the London-printed surcharge:—

- (a) Small "A" in "WAR".
 - (b) "T" with long upper serifs.
 - (c) No foot to "T".
 - (d) Left-hand bar of "A" in "WAR" missing.
 - (e) One foot to "T".
 - (f) Crossbar of "A" in "TAX" missing.
 - (g) Abnormal type "R" in both words.
 - (h) "Tax" with "webbed foot."
 - (i) Smudged "W".
- Doubtless other varieties can be found.

In these days when cancellations of stamps are receiving considerable attention, the following will be of interest to specialists in Great Britain—

The Maltese Cross Obliteration—For some time some interesting notes on the Special British Varieties in Gibbons' Catalogue have been published in the "British Philatelist" by Mr. Nissen, who, it will be remembered, compiled the list of Special Varieties for the red "Part I."

From the April number we extract the following regarding the Maltese Cross (with number) obliteration:—

"This cancellation mark was used in London offices, during the period from March, 1843, to May, 1844; it is known in black only.

There are twelve different numbers, running from 1 to 12: except (usually) in the case of number 3, there is a

small " " at the top of the postmark, and this feature does away with the difficulty of distinguishing "6" from "9".

No official information is available as to for what purpose these numbers were used. All the catalogues and books on postmarks we have seen, always give the dates known from May, 1843, to May, 1844, but we have had the red 1d. on the entire envelope with this cancellation used in March, 1843, the earliest impression we have seen being No. 1 dated 21st March, 1843, on 1d. Mulready.

We incline to the opinion, however, that certain offices had a full set of numbers, which were used to denote the various collections; and this view is supported by the fact that we have

seen many of the twelve numbers which have emanated from the same office.

Naturally, this numbered Maltese Cross is rare on the black Penny and the Twopenny of 1840, both of which had been obsolete for over two years when the new obliteration was brought into use.

There is little difference in the value of the different numbers, the cheapest being number 5 or 6 on the red Penny and number 12 on the 1841 Twopence.

Herewith is the list with the 1843 Maltese Cross, in black only:—

- 1d., black, 1840—Nos. 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12.
- 2d., blue, 1840—Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12.
- 1d., red, 1841—Nos. 1 to 12.
- 2d., blue, 1841—Nos. 1 to 12."

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CLASSIFICATIONS OF U. S. 1867 GRILLS.

BY DR. WILLIAM EVANS.

Until quite recently the subject of grills on United States stamps has received very little attention from collectors and philatelic writers. This has probably been because very few understood them or were able to satisfactorily classify them. The catalogue classification is unsatisfactory, inaccurate and incomplete. It pays no attention to any attributes of the grills themselves except their measurements. It would be just as logical to collect stamps because they measure so many millimeters each way as it is to collect grills in that manner.

Lately we have been given some real information on the subject and incidentally some new grills have come to our knowledge through the efforts of Wm. L. Stevenson. His classification is based upon the character and number of the grill units instead of upon the area they cover and is consequently much more logical than previous classifications, and instead of being arbitrary it is based on the fact that each family or class comes from a different source, and that the members of two families cannot occur together in a pair.

For the period under consideration this classification is as follows:—

Biscuit Grills, points up—

“A” grill, covering entire stamp.

“B” grill, length of rectangle horizontal.

“C” grill, length of rectangle vertical.

Cross Grills, points down, unit ridges vertical—

“D” grill, 15 units horizontally.

“E” grill, 14 units horizontally.

“F” grill, 12 or 11+ units horizontally.

Cross Grill, points down, unit ridges horizontal—

“Z” grill, 14 or 13++ units horizontally.

The names “biscuit grills” and “cross grills” are fairly descriptive of the shape of the tops of the units as they appear on the rollers and are not wholly imaginary, and they also fairly describe the impressions made by the units in the paper of the stamps.

It is an easy matter to place a grill which is not too faint in any one of these classes or families, and for the ordinary collector this will be sufficient. For those who desire specialism, however, the matter needs further detail, and that is provided by the number of units found in the vertical direction. The units are not always complete. This is due to the methods employed in the making of the roller and will not be explained in detail here. These incomplete units sometimes appear at one end only of the grill rectangle, and sometimes at both ends, of all the cross grills except the “Z” grill. When they occur in the “Z” grill they appear at

the sides and possibly at the ends also. When seen in the "B" or "C" grills they may be at either the sides or the ends, or both. For the purposes of this article it is not necessary to give them all here.

The "B" grill may have several varieties. Those recorded are $21+ \times 18+$, $21+ \times 19$, and $21 \times 17+$, but others may exist. The catalogue describes this grill as measuring 18×15 mm. and this size may exist, but the varieties mentioned above do not measure up to it, and this description is inaccurate and one who has not studied the subject might be easily misled by it, so much that he might and probably would let a grill with the above mentioned units go as being bogus because it did not conform to the catalogue description.

The "C" grill is likely to have a large number of varieties of sizes. This can be readily understood when it is realized that the "A" grill roller was changed by cutting out vertical and horizontal rows of units to reduce the size of the grill area, and that the work was not done with great accuracy. The following sizes have been noted— $17 \times 19+$, $17+ \times 18+$, $16+ \times 20$, $16+ \times 18+$, 16×21 , 16×20 , 16×19 . The catalogue calls this 13×16 mm. $16+$ units measure 13 mm. so that for two of the varieties the catalogue is correct, and for the other five it is inaccurate, and one just beginning to study grills would be misled by it. The later classification would, however, keep him from being confused. If he wanted only one grill to represent the family and found one with biscuit units, points up, and the long sides of the grill rectangle vertical he would know that he had a "C" grill.

These three grills all differ from the later ones in the shape of the units and the direction from which they were applied to the stamps. The catalogue makes no mention of these facts, and the beginner, who would undoubtedly come in contact with the later grills first, would naturally think that all grills are of the same character, and would be likely to reject these because

of the difference in their appearance. The new classification, on the other hand, calls attention to these things and informs him that the differences exist.

"D" grill. As there are only four varieties known they are given in full and are $18+$, 18 , $17++$, $17+$ units vertically. The catalogue comes nearer to being correct in regard to this grill than to any of the others. It describes it as measuring 12×14 mm. and this fits the last variety, the other three being $\frac{1}{2}$ mm. wider. This is not enough out of the way to be a cause for great complaint, but the sure way is to count the horizontal number of units which is always fifteen.

The "E" grill has seven varieties running from $17+$ to $15+$ units vertically. The catalogue description of this is 11×13 mm. That this is inaccurate is shown by the fact that $17+$ units cover a space of 14 mm. while $15+$ units measure only $12\frac{1}{2}$ mm. This is likely to cause confusion. One finding a grill of 14 mm. long thinks at once that he has the "D" grill. It is a full millimeter longer than the catalogue says it should be. True it is a millimeter narrower also. It does not fit anywhere, and as a result he does not know where it belongs. The new classification does away with all uncertainty. If it is 14 units wide and the grill ridges are vertical it is an "E" grill.

The "F" grill is so much narrower than any of the others that it is not likely to be confused with them, but the catalogue is still inaccurate as regards its length.

The "Z" grill is the new one. Until its characteristics were described by Stevenson no one knew of its existence. Its most pronounced characteristic is the direction of the unit ridges. These run horizontally instead of vertically, as they do in the other grills. Another distinguishing feature of part of them is the appearance of part instead of full units at the sides of the grill rectangle, but this condition does not obtain in

all of them and some may have part units at the ends of the rectangles. The catalogue would place this in the 11x14 class, as it measures nearly that. Therefore, one working by the catalogue would not recognize any difference between this and the "D" grill, when there is in reality a great difference. They could not have been produced by the same grill roller. They do not occur upon the same stamps except in two instances. The "D" grill is found only upon the Two cents and Three cents values. The "Z" grill is found upon the One cent, Two cents, Three cents, Ten cents and Twelve cents values. It is rare. Fewer copies are known than of any of the other grills, except possibly the first two. Because the catalogue gives the One cent, Ten cents and Twelve cents with only two sizes of grills, no one looks for any other size upon them, or at least no one has done so until recently. It would be well to scan them more closely.

This finishes the normal grills of this period. There are abnormal ones. Double grills are known and a few of these are of such a character as to puzzle even an experienced collector, and doubtless some of these have been the cause of some of the confusion in the lists compiled by former writers upon this subject. Some of them show the second impression falling so nearly upon the first one, that an extra row of units, or in some instances more than one extra row, is the only evidence of the doubling. Some of these specimens upon close scrutiny disclose a slight obliquity in these extra rows and thus their character may be determined. Others, however, do not show this obliquity and these miraculously doubled grills are at first puzzling because they appear to be grills with areas not conforming to the normal sizes. Several of these are known and their existence can best be explained by classifying them as double grills.

A number of writers have compiled lists giving the numbers of grill units

found upon the different values of stamps and there is a great disparity in these lists. This is possibly due in part to different methods of observation, and in part to examination of an insufficient number of stamps.

The differences in the lists of biscuit grills are probably due to the different number of specimens examined, and to the fact that some authors do not recognize the part units in the grill rectangles.

The differences in the lists of cross grills are doubtless partly due to these causes and partly due to a failure to recognize abnormal grills. An attempt to compare and analyze these differences would be too complicated for this article.

Besides these differences there are discrepancies in the lists compiled for the different values. Some of these will be mentioned. First in connection with the "E" or 11x13 mm. grill.

One author gives the following list—

- One Cent—14x18 units, 14x17 units, 14x16 units, 14x15 units;
- Two Cents—14x18 units, 14x16 units;
- Three Cents—14x18 units, 14x17 units, 14x16 units, 14x15 units;
- Ten Cents—14x17 units, 14 x 16 units, 14x15 units;
- Twelve Cents—14x18 units, 14x16 units;
- Fifteen Cents—14x17 units, 14x16 units.

A slight analysis of this list will show that there is something wrong with it. In the first place it is believed that one grill roller existed for the application of this grill. If this be true then all the values must have had all the different grill rectangles applied to them and the list is incomplete. It is possible that two rollers were used and working upon this hypothesis the list is still incomplete and inaccurate. Four sizes of rectangles are given in connection with

the One Cent and Three Cents, only two in connection with the Two Cents, Twelve Cents and Fifteen Cents and three in connection with the Ten Cents. If one roller produced four varieties, the other must have produced either two or three varieties and there is therefore incompleteness. Say that it produced only two varieties and there is still confusion because a roller with only two sizes of rectangles upon it could not produce 14x18 and 14x16 units on the Two Cents and Twelve Cents and 14x17 and 14x16 upon the Fifteen Cents. Is it not more reasonable to believe that the list compiled by Stevenson for the Three Cents represents the true state of affairs, and that if sufficient specimens of the other values are examined they will all be found upon them?

And the same is true of the "F" or 9x13 mm. grill.

It is true that these things are only details and that few of even the most advanced specialists will care to collect all the sizes of rectangles in connection with all the values, but accuracy even in minor details is to be desired, and cannot produce the confusion attendant upon inaccuracy and incompleteness. Accuracy is an aid to students, inaccuracy is a stumbling block for them, and sometimes a cause for discouragement.

It is also true that the study of these

details was necessary for the proper ungrills. It is unnecessary for those who are not so inclined to follow the footsteps of the leaders into all of them derstanding and classification of the now, but for those who are so inclined the trails have been blazed.

Since the above was written the 1917 catalogue has arrived. It contains this—"The attention of collectors is called to an essay which is often mistaken for No. 79. The essay shows the points of the grill as small squares faintly impressed in the paper but not cutting through it. On the issued stamp the grill breaks through the paper and forms tiny crosses within squares," in reference to the grill covering the entire stamp.

This is all right for the essay, but it certainly does not describe the grill on the issued stamp, though it does describe the later grills of the "D", "E", "F" and "Z" families. The breaks in the paper do not show crosses on the stamp in question, nor can they do so from the nature of the units which produced them, and this description is almost sure to lead astray those who do not know grills.

Let us hope that we may soon have a revision of the classification of grills by the cataloguers, which will be an aid to the student.

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to January 1st, 1917.

STOCK FUND.			
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Receipts	\$14.		
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Balance		\$1,149.28	
Receipts	264.53		
Expend:	191.68	72.85	\$1,222.13

INSURANCE FUND			
Balance			\$1,811.92

EXCHANGE FUND.			
Balance		\$2.20	
Expend		.30	1.90

SUSPENSE FUND.			
Balance		\$26.85	
Receipts		4.85	31.70
			\$7,651.31

RESOURCES.			
Bonds		\$3,489.34	
Cash in Bank		4,161.97	\$7,651.31

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A Comparative Check List

OF THE

"Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

(Continued from page 90.)

SECOND PERIOD, 1862 to 1870.

The stamps as embraced in the "Second Period" are all those printed in ATHENS, from the original plates, and before they were cleaned. All values in this printing, except 1 lept. and 2 lept. denominations, have figures of value on back, presumably in the color of the stamp. The FIRST ATHENS PRINTINGS were made by workmen sent from Paris to Athens for the purpose of instructing the local workmen, and were printed on papers and with inks brought with them, hence they more nearly resemble the Second Paris Printing.

There has never been any retouching of electros as has commonly been supposed, the heavier lines in this printing being occasioned by different press work, and other conditions affecting the appearance of the stamps. They may be properly sub-divided into three distinct classes, viz: A—Printed by French workmen using the remainders of papers and inks brought from Paris. B.—All by local workmen on papers and inks prepared in Greece. C.—Those printed after the plates were cleaned in 1870, and made under the direction of German workmen engaged for the purpose.

FIRST ATHENS PRINTING "A". 1861 to 1862.



Figures of value on all stamps except the 1 and 2 lept. The 5 lept has figures at back in type I. only.

*No. 14, (S. G. #10, Scott #8.)

1 lepton, Deep Chocolate Brown, finely executed; lines of shading on neck thin; paper highly glazed resembling the Paris print in color and tone; clear impression. (1861)

*No. 15, (S. G. #11, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Yellow Brown, on cream tinted paper, highly finished and glazed; clear impression resembling the Paris print, and no doubt on a remnant of the Paris paper; shading on neck thin and distinct. (1861)

*No. 16, (S. G. #15, Scott #10.)

5 lepta, Blue green, varying but slightly in shade, on highly glazed

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green tinted paper, presumably a remnant of the Paris; good execution and fine impression; figure of value at back in type I. only, and measures $6\frac{1}{2}$ m.m. high. This stamp differs materially in number at back from all subsequent printings except 16a. (1862).

(Note: There is one stamp of this printing on each plate that presents the peculiarity of having the shading on cheek broken up into dots and lines, and otherwise show defects in the plate such as in the tablets and spandrels.)

*No. 16a, (S. G. #16, Scott #—.)

5 lepta, Yellowish Green, varying slightly in shades, on greenish tinted paper; fair execution, but impression is heavier and not so clear. Figure of value in Type I. only. Rarer than #16. (1862).

*No. 17, (S. G. #13, Scott #—.)

10 lepta, Yellow Ochre, on bluish tinted paper, glazed and well finished; well executed and clear impression; without numerals on back. A very rare variety. (1861).

*No. 17a, (S. G. #17, Scott #11.)

10 lepta, Yellow Ochre, on bluish tinted paper, and identical with #17 but has numerals at back $6\frac{1}{4}$ m.m. high in orange. These stamps are rare in used condition. A distinguishing feature is the greenish cast on face of stamp. Quite rare in used condition. (1861.)

*No. 18, (S. G. #14, Scott #—.)

20 lepta, Dark Blue, on thin bluish tinted paper, slightly glazed; fairly well executed, and the lines of shading on cheek and neck are slightly heavier than the Paris, but still showing the broken lines. The spandrels appear worn. **Without figures of value at back.** These stamps are quite rare, but not so much so as #17. (1861.)

*No. 18a, (S. G. #18, Scott #12.)

20 lepta, Dark Blue, on thick bluish

tinted paper, very slightly glazed; the execution and printing same as #18. Has figures at back $6\frac{1}{4}$ m.m. in blue. A scarce variety. (1861.)

*No. 18b, (S. G. #19, Scott #12a.)

20 lepta, Steel Blue, on bluish tinted paper, but which has the peculiarity of being yellowish on face, and may be readily distinguished by this feature. Well executed; lines of shading on face and neck clear; but much heavier, however, than #18a. Numerals on back in blue. (.)

*No. 19, (S. G. #20, Scott #13.)

40 lepta, Bright Violet, on blue paper which is well made and glazed; good execution and clear impression; has numerals at back; the whole design stands out well, and somewhat resemble the Paris. (1862.)

*No. 19a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)

40 lepta, Dull Violet, on blue paper same as #19. Good execution and clear impression. Numerals at back as usual; the design on this stamp appears flatter, and the color duller than #19, but it still has a good tone. (1862.)

*No. 20, (S. G. #21-22, Scott 14-14a.)

80 lepta, Rose, varying in shades from Bright Rose to Carmine; well executed and on paper slightly rose tinted and glazed; clear impression. This stamp has the numerals at back in **Vermilion**, and is a distinguishing feature from any other "80". (1862.)

SECOND ATHENS PRINTING "B."

1862 to 1870.

This printing is all from LOCAL WORK, and before the plates were cleaned in 1870, and with inks and papers prepared in GREECE. Figures of value on all stamps except the 1 lepta and 2 lepta. The 5 lepta has figures of value in Type II. only.



- *No. 21, (S. G. #10, Scott #8.)
1 lepton, Chocolate brown, varying in shades from light to medium; lines of shading on neck are more pronounced but clear; paper glazed and is slightly cream tinted. This stamp is popularly called 1st. Athens print in error. (.)
- *No. 21a, (S. G. #27, Scott #—.)
1 lepton Brown, varying in shades; on vertically ribbed paper, unglazed; slightly cream tinted as #21. Fairly well executed and clear impression. (1862.)
- *No. 21b, (S. G. #24, Scott #15a.)
1 lepton, Olive brown, and identical otherwise as #21a.
- *No. 21c, (S. G. #24, Scott #—.)
1 lepton, Pale Brown, warmer in tone than #21b, but not so well executed the lines of shading on neck being more pronounced, and the impression is not so clear, the plate showing wear; on cream unglazed paper. (1863.)
- *No. 21d, (S. G. #26, Scott #—.)
1 lepton, Black brown; a distinctive color; quite inferior in execution the lines of shading on neck and down the cheek bone having a tendency to run together; paper varying from opaque to a semi-transparent. (1865.)
- *No. 21e, (S. G. #28, Scott #15b.)
1 lepton, Purple brown, on opaque cream paper, unglazed; better executed than #21d; light impression the solid colored parts appearing flecked with white.
- *No. 21f, (S. G. #25, Scott #15.)
1 lepton, Reddish brown, warm in tone and quite different from any of the others; poor execution; inscription on some stamps from margin of plates being hardly legible; the lines on neck and cheek run together forming a blotch; blurred impression; on opaque cream tinted paper. (1867.)
- *No. 21g, (S. G. #29, Scott #15c.)
1 lepton, Reddish brown, the same color as #21f, but being printed on few remaining sheets of the glazed paper the impression is better and the lines of shading being so clearly defined as at once to locate this stamp. A very rare variety. (1867.)
- *No. 22, (S. G. #30, Scott #16a.)
2 lepta, Yellowish brown, on cream tinted paper, highly finished but unglazed; execution good and impression fair. The color of these stamps is darker than #15. (1863.)
- *No. 22a, (S. G. #31, Scott #16b.)
2 lepta, Bistre, varying in shades to Deep Bistre, on thick deep tinted paper; fine execution but the impression is heavy. Paper is of good quality but is unglazed. (1864.)
- *No. 22b, (S. G. #32, Scott #16.)
2 lepta, Very Deep Yellowish brown, on cream tinted paper slightly thinner than #22a; impression not so good showing a deterioration in plate. Quite a rare variety. (1865.)
- *No. 22c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
2 lepta, Yellowish bistre, on deep cream paper the same as #22b; impression and execution poor, being quite blotchy in appearance. (1869.)
- *No. 23, (S. G. #56, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Blue green, on greenish tinted paper similar to #16; execution and impression good but not so clear as #16. Figure of value in type II. Quite a scarce variety. (1863.)

*No. 23a, (S. G. # 57, Scott # 17a.)

5 lepta, Light Green, on greenish paper; the execution, impression as color is quite different, being much well as paper similar to # 16; the lighter, and not a blue green. Figure of value in type II. (1863.)

*No. 23b, (S. G. # 33, Scott # 17.)

5 lepta, Green, varying in shades, on greenish tinted paper; the execution and impression varying, the lighter printings show wear in the plates. Figures at back in Type II. Quite a common variety. (1864-1870.)

*No. 24, (S. G. # —, Scott # 18a.)

10 lepta, Orange, varying in shades; on well finished paper tinted green; well executed and clear impression; figure of value at back in orange $6\frac{1}{4}$ m.m. This is the variety most usually found. (1862.)

*No. 24a, (S. G. # 36, Scott # 19.)

10 lepta, Dull Orange, on blue paper; the execution, impression and paper is inferior to # 24. The color of the paper is quite a distinguishing feature of this stamp. Shades from light to very dark the darker impressions having a more blotched appearance. Figure of value at back. (1865.)

*No. 24b, (S. G. # 37, Scott # 19a.)

10 lepta, Reddish orange, varying from light to dark; execution and impression not as clear as # 24a; the color and impression is a good guide to this printing, as the impression is deep and the color is rich. Figure of value at back as usual. (1866.)

*No. 24c, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

10 lepta, Orange yellow, on greenish paper; light impression; this printing may be distinguished by the light color, nearer approaching the yellow than any other printing. Figure of value at back. (1869.)

*No. 25, (S. G. # 38, Scott # 20c.)

20 lepta. Pale Milky Blue, on bluish

tinted paper; well executed and the lines of shading on face the same as # 18b. Clear impression but heavy. Numerals at back. (1862.)

*No. 25a, (S. G. # 39, Scott # 20a.)

20 lepta, Bright Blue, on bluish tinted paper; is identical with # 25 except in the color. Numerals at back. A very common variety. (1863.)

*No. 25b, (S. G. # 42, Scott # 21.)

20 lepta, Blue, varying in shades from light to deep on greenish tinted paper; execution variable from clean to blurred; this printing can readily be distinguished by the color of the paper. Numerals at back as usual. (1865.)

*No. 25c, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

20 lepta, Full Blue on bluish tinted paper; impression fair. There is on special characteristics in this printing, but it can be distinguished from # 25a by the color, which in this stamp is much duller and deeper, and from # 18b, by the paper not being tinged yellow, and while the color is somewhat similar it is by no means identical. Numerals at back. (1866.)

*No. 25d, (S. G. # 41a, Scott # 20b.)

20 lepta, Black Blue, on tinted paper; heavy impression, and showing signs that plate needed cleaning; specimens are found that are very blotchy. The impression which is heavier, and the color deeper than any of the other blues, makes this printing easily distinguished. Numerals at back. (1867.)

*No. 26, S. G. # 45, Scott # 22a.)

40 lepta. Pale Violet, on blue paper, unglazed; the execution and impression inferior. This printing can be distinguished by the pale violet color of the stamp, which is the lightest of all the violets and it has a faded appearance. Numerals at back. (1864.)

(To be continued.)

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EDITORIAL.

HELP ONE ANOTHER. Under this caption Mr. M. Casper, A. P. S. 4633, sends out a little circular which is certainly worthy of wide circulation and not only that, but if the suggestions contained therein were followed by all of us in our correspondence with those who collect stamps, many interesting little varie-

ties would thereby be added to our collections and these would have a personal side to them which would make them doubly valuable.

The circular we feel is worth reprinting in full, being as follows:—

"In this age of specialization, when every Philatelist wants oddities, varieties and shades, and when our postoffice offers so much along these lines, we should all try to help the cause by using 'Something Different'.

"Philatelists of today should help their Philatelic brother by using some stamps that may be needed to-morrow.

"If we must use the every-day two cent, red stamp, why not ask for the marginal stamps with plate numbers, or the Bureau names, or even the arrow points margins? And put the whole thing on the letter!!

"This is only a little thing but it means so much when they are wanted, and everyone will return the favor. Use Commemorative issues when possible, but by all means show that you are trying to help a Hobby that is no longer a 'fad' or a 'craze', but a recognized 'science' that is followed by kings and queens and educated men in all walks of life."

This is along the line of what has been written in this column many times under various headings, but it is only another form of co-operation which should be practiced by every member of the Society. That many do this very thing is well attested by numerous "original covers" preserved by the Editor but there is still room for extension and if we would but try such a course, even as an experiment, we feel sure the results would be gratifying.

APPRECIATION. In our last issue we had occasion to thank several of our members for their ready response to our appeal for help.

"2000—1917."

Since those lines were written, Mr. Henry Francis Parks, of El Paso, Texas, has also kindly volunteered to assist in translations and we thus acknowledge our thanks for the offer. We shall avail ourselves of the services proffered when the opportunity presents.

FUTURE FEATURES. From Mr. B. W. H. Poole, whose writings need no introduction to collectors, we have received the manuscript of a complete and excellent article on the stamps of Denmark, treating all the issues in a most interesting manner and giving considerable information about these popular stamps which will unquestionably find an appreciation among our membership. The publication will begin in the issue for March 15th.

In the near future we shall begin the publication of the excellent articles on the stamps of Argentine Republic written by Senor Federico Schnieder, and published in the "Revista de la Sociedad Filatelica Argentina," the official journal of the Argentine Philatelic Society. This will be made possible for us through the kindness of Mr. H. R. Hendricks, who has offered to translate the papers for our journal.

It is a matter of much pleasure to us to be able to thus express our thanks to both Messrs. Poole and Hendricks for the articles which are and will be available for the use of our members.

REPORT OF BOSTON CONVENTION.

While the publication of the convention proceedings has been somewhat delayed, this is not to be attributed to any lack of a desire on the part of any of the officers, but is caused solely by the necessity of completing arrangements for the awarding of the contract for the Society's printing, and on account of the extraordinary conditions existing in the printing trades at this time, the matter could not be closed until a short time ago. At this writing

(Feb 3rd) all the matter is in type and it is expected that the Report will either accompany this issue or will be mailed out shortly thereafter.

It is to be regretted that conditions over which the Society has no control should have arisen to cause the delay in this publication, but there will be no reason why the membership list should not make its appearance on time, as Secretary Davis expects to get the list in the mails within a short time after the annual closing of the membership books.

RALPH N. STEPHENS.

Mr. Ralph N. Stephens, aged 43, A. P. S. No. 3364, died at his home in Norfolk, Va., Jan. 22nd, 1916. For many years he has been prominently identified with business, church and Masonic circles of his home city. The Society extends its deepest sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

JULIUS LOSSAU.

Secretary Davis has received a notice, without details, advising him of the death of Mr. Julius Lossau, in March, 1916; at his home in Hamburg, Germany. We hope to be able to publish a sketch of Mr. Lossau in a future issue. Mr. Lossau held stock certificate No. 682, and the Society thus loses a member of many years standing. Our sincere sympathy is expressed for those who thus lose a loved one.

NEW CANAL ZONE.

Mr. Gerald D. Bliss, Postmaster at Cristobal, C. Z., writes that he has just received the twelve, fifteen and twenty-four cents values, showing Canal views.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

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No. 11. **February 1, 1917.** Battenberg, Domingto de, Box 2028, Havana, Cuba. Age 39; General Agent. Reference: Edward Stern, 87 Nassau St., New York. Proposed by S. L. Israel, #3504.

Applications Pending.

Alker, J. W.
Allen, B. W.
Austin, W. K.
Carson, Roberts,
Crittenden, J. L.
Foerster, O. H.
Frabe, H. G.
Gifford, Geo. M.
Huber, L. L.
Lang, E. G.
Arco, Otto
Lopez, Capt. Pascual
Marks, Caesar D.
Newman, Henry B.
Roth, Percy
Shaw, Douglas A.
Taylor, Lee G.
Weissich, Otto
Weingart,
Wallis, E. T.
Deaderick, Wm. A.
Caum, Edw. L.
Gibbs, Harold N.
Hatzakordzian, M.
Hutter, Albert E.
Jacobs, Frank
Kraepelien, Oskar
*Patchel, Richard
Roush, G. A.
Jansen, Thos. W.
*Zink, Wilford J.
Le Cron, W. L.
Craver, Harrison W.

Fooke, Herman T., 6 Hanover St., New York City. Age 43; Clerk, (attorney) G. Amsinck & Co., Inc. Reference: J. W. Scott Stamp & Coin Co., 36 John St., New York. Proposed by Willard O. Wylie, #1689.

Fry, Howard M., 124 N. 7th Ave., Bethlehem, Pa. Age 27; Instructor, Lehigh University. Reference: E. P. Wilbur Trust Co., S. Bethlehem, Pa. Proposed by Barry Mac Nutt, #4720.

Goldammer, Hans G., 6053 Delancy St., Philadelphia, Pa. Age 38; Clerk. Reference: Henry Rohuer Co., 5th & Race Sts., Philadelphia, Pa. Proposed by A. F. Henkels, #1959.

*Graves, Albro Newton, 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I. Age 13; Student. Reference: Franklin Process Co., Providence, R. I. Guaranteed by E. S. Graves, 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Haberle, Warren J., 2013 James St., Syracuse, N. Y. Age 23; Asst. Mgr., Haberle Bottling Dept. Reference: C. J. Knapp Co., Clothing, Syracuse, N. Y. Proposed by N. H. La Vaute, #3906.

Applications Posted.

Amick, Carl, 143 ½ 16th St., Wheeling, W. Va. Age 28; Office clerk, Wheeling Corrugating Co. Reference: S. W. Rice, German Fire Ins. Co., Wheeling, W. Va. Proposed by Charles H. Jacobs, #4335.

Huntington, Frederick L., 767 Broad St., Meriden, Conn. Age 54; Treasurer, Kelsey Press Co. Reference: A. B. Aubrey, Atty., Meriden, Conn. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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- Jordan, Joseph R., 418 Olive St., Scranton, Pa. Age 31; P. O. Clerk. Reference: Third National Bank, Scranton Bank, Scranton, Pa. Proposed by Alfred Nielsen, #2792.
- Kittredge, D. W., P. O. Box 1615, Washington, D. C. Age 37; Journalist. Reference: P. J. Goodhart & Co., New York. Proposed by Eugene Klein, #2275.
- Kranhold, A. A., Anoka, Minn. Age 32; Supt. Minneapolis, Anoka & C. Railway Co. Reference: Inland Press, 322 S. 4th St., Minneapolis, Minn. Proposed by Eugene Klein, #2275.
- Mac Laren, Myron T., 448 Summit Ave., Milwaukee, Wisc. Age 30. Reference: W. L. Aldrich, Boston, Mass. Any Milwaukee Bank. Proposed by Dr. H. G. Oakland, #4785.
- Porter, Frank S., Box 1045, Station C, Toronto, Canada. Age 29; Medical Asst. Imperial Life Ass. Co., Toronto. Reference: Geo. A. Lowe, Adelaide and Victoria Sts., Toronto; H. T. Roesler, 20 Victoria St., Toronto, Canada. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Macpherson, W. A. Jr., R. R. #2, Lamar, Colo. Age legal, Agriculturalist. Reference: Lamar National Bank, Lamar, Colo. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Smith, Reuel W., Box 245, Auburn, Me. Age 41; Lawyer. Reference: National Shoe and Leather Bank, Auburn, Me. First Nat'l Bank, H. C. Day, Cashier, Auburn, Me. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Charters, George M., 1409 St. Louis Av., Kansas City, Mo. Age 44; Mgr. & Sales Agt. Saml. Cupples Wooden Ware Co. Reference: First National Bank, Kansas City, Mo. Proposed by Wilson D. Wood, #4861.
- Ziegele, William J., 270 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 60; Retired; Reference: Buffalo Trust Co., Buffalo, N. Y. German Insurance Co., Buffalo, N. Y. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Penney, J. W., 34 Mullock St., St. John's Newfoundland. Age 28; Clerk. Reference: W. W. Mackall, B. A. Life. Ed., St. John's. Proposed by L. L. Batchelder, #3667.
- *Swanson, Roy E. Box 194, Argyle, Minn. Age 17; Student. Reference: F. E. Stillwell, Pastor, Argyle, Minn. Emory Renoll, Hanover, Pa., Guaranteed by H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo., Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Application for Reinstatement.

- 3353—Kendall, O., 334 Main St., Winnipeg, Canada. Age 38; Printer & Publisher. O. K. Press Winnipeg. Reference: F. H. Alexander, Gt. Western Penna. Loan Co., Winnipeg. W. F. Moor, Secy. Y. M. C. A., Winnipeg, Canada. Recommended by R. C. Osborne, #3416.

New Stockholders.

- 4870—Bradley, T. P., 1112½ E. 2nd St., Duluth, Minn.
- 4885—Carleton, Geo. W., 1402 "I" St., Bedford, Ind.
- 4886—Clark, Hubert Lyman, 9 Ashton Place, Cambridge, Mass.
- 4887—Cremer, Jno. D., 112 "C" St., S. E. Washington, D. C.
- 4888—Doughty, Judge J. K., Lamar, Colo.
- 4889—Pritchett, Miss Karl, 749 Grand Ave., Astoria, Ore.
- 4890—Rood, E. A., Brodentown, Fla.
- 4891—Schumacker, C. W., 2147 Blake St., Berkeley, Calif.
- 4892—Stoess, Rudolf, 609 E. 16th Ave., Denver, Colo.
- 4893—Whitfield, George, Box 3113, Montreal, Canada.

Reinstated.

- 3966—Twichell, Harry S., 225 W. 5th St., Erie, Pa.

Resignations Received.

- 2953—Dietrich, C. G., 212 Broadway, New York City.
- 3446 Michael, Edward, 119 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.

4165 Altman, S. St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchinson, Kans.

Resignations Withdrawn.

3712—Smith, Edw. E., Ft. Calhoun, Neb.

Resignations Accepted.

4455 d'Hemecourt, Geo. A., New Orleans, La.

4554—Hoose, Martin W., Warnerville, N. Y.

4748—Hawley, A., Cleveland, Ohio.

Deceased.

682—Lossau, Julius, Hamburg, Germany.

3364—Stephens, Ralph N., Lynchburg, Va.

Correction.

Under "Applications Posted" 10th Secretary's report, the address of Richard Patchel should be 1011 Tyler Ave., instead of Taylor.

Change of Address.

2063—Cabeen, R. Mc P., from 322 E. Garfield Blvd. to 1442 E. 69th St., Chicago, Ill.

184—Cosby, Colonel Spencer, from Paris, France to 2027 Massachusetts Ave., Washington, D. C.

4615—Gibson, Henry C., from Jenkintown, Pa., to 2001 Walnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

4482—Harris, F. M. from 309 Hodges Bldg. to 260 1/2 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.

4865—Merillat, Lieut. L. A. Jr., from Eagle Pass Tex. to 3rd U. S. Infantry Del Rio, Texas.

4021—Murray, Edwin W., from Monroe, La. to 422 Porter St., Helena, Ark.

1943—Solomon, John A., from E. Greenwich R. I., to 148 Charles St., Providence, R. I.

3870—Staehle, Emil from 1635 N. Michigan St. to 315 S. Weadock Ave., Saginaw, Mich.

4366 Stuck, Oliver, from 1204 W. Lafayette St., to 359 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit, Mich.

3541—Thiede, W. O., from 764 College Ave., to 776 Ida St., Appleton, Wis.

Membership Summary.

Membership January 15,		
1917		1567
New Stockholders	10	
Renistated	1	11
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		1578:
Resignations accepted	3	
Deceased	2	5
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Total Membership February		
1st, 1917		1573
		H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

President C. A. Howes has made the following appointments:

Committee on National Charter:

Messrs. C. W. Kissinger, Albert E. Gorham and Alvin Good.

Committee on Publicity:

Messrs. John Klemann, M. Casper and H. M. Clark.

Certified January 25, 1917.

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

THE A. W. DUNNING PRIZES:

Our member, Mr. A. W. Dunning of Brookline, Mass. writes the Secretary as follows:

"As a little inducement towards increasing the membership of the A. P. S., I will offer a packet of good postage stamps cataloging \$5.00 to the member securing the greatest number of new members in each calendar month from now until September 1917.

Also to the member securing between now and September 1917 the second largest number of new members, a sheet of 100 10c C. S. A. stamps with imprint and plate number. Re-instated members count same as new members. Officers of A. P. S. barred from competition. The Secretary to be sole judge and his decision final."

(Signed), "A. W. Dunning."

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 30.

REGULAR MEETING OF GARFIELD-PERRY STAMP CLUB

Jan. 4, 1917.

Regular meeting called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.50 P. M. The following members were present: Tubman, Moses, Chamberlain, Young, Geuder, Holt, Preston, Lloyd, McLaren, Whittaker, Lewis, Mader and visitor H. C. Armstrong.

Accounts of the Treasurer were audited and found correct. The Board of Directors reported receipt of application of Mr. J. Krivanik but action was postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. McLaren "of permanent club quarters fame" made a preliminary report and announced that a committee consisting of two other members and himself would give the G. P. S. Club a permanent home within the coming year, the quarters to consist of one or two rooms centrally located.

Mr. H. C. Armstrong of St. Louis was called upon for a few remarks. His interesting talk on stamps and stamp finds was appreciated by all present.

The members were urged to submit to the Auction Mgr. Mr. Good philatelic items for the auction to be held next meeting. The Hanford Cup which was won by Mr. Beatty after a spirited competition was ordered to be presented to him after being suitably engraved.

After offering several excellent suggestions for the disposition of the Hanford Cup for the ensuing year Dr. Holt asked the members for submission of news items to his paper "Everybody's Philatelist". Following a motion by Mr. Whittaker, Mr. Otto Moses was elected Publicity man for the club.

The following bills were ordered paid: Multiletter Co., \$3.03; Excelsior Stamp Co., \$1.10.

Meeting adjourned 10.00 P. M.

C. W. Mader, Secy.

BRANCH No. 35.

Los Angeles, Calif.

The 38th regular meeting of this Branch was held on the evening of December 6th, 1916, in the rooms of the Palm Stamp Co., Washington Bldg., Los Angeles.

Pres. Poole presided and other members present were—Jackson, Goodman, Kunkel, Grant, Burton, Robbins and Davis. Mr. C. C. Conroy, an A. P. S. member, was present as a visitor.

The nominating committee reported the names of the present officers for the next year. The Secretary presented his resignation to take effect Jan. 1st. Same was protested by the members.

The question of a banquet was discussed and it was decided that Pres. Poole confer with Secretary Blakley of the local Society and if possible arrange a general banquet of local stamp collectors.

With business disposed of, the members looked through two volumes of 20th Century British Colonials, the property of Mr. Oscar Jackson. The countries shown were highly specialized and shown in unused pairs, blocks and sheets. The usual vote of thanks was extended Mr. Jackson.

The regular drawing for the prize stamp, which has become a popular feature in our Branch, resulted in Mr. Goodman securing a P. O. block of four Thirty-cent Columbians.

The meeting adjourned at 10 P. M. to meet again after the holidays, early in January.

JOS. S. DAVIS, Secy.

CANADA COMPOUND PERFORATIONS.

Mr. Geo. S. Chapman submits two copies of Canada, No. 32, and one each of No. 34 and 42, the perforation of which gauges exactly $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$. The stamps are uniformly perforated $11\frac{1}{2}$ at top and bottom and 12 on the sides. Mr. Chapman writes very interestingly as follows—

“Last summer I read in Mekeels Weekly that some early Canada’s might exist compound perforated and as I had fifteen pounds of the varieties on hand, (Scott Nos. 32, 34 and 42) I proceeded to gauge them with the result that I found 30 of the one cent and 25 of the three cent perforated $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$ in ten pounds, not a very large percentage. I know of no catalogue that lists them and think they are scarce.” He also states he has some perforated $11\frac{3}{4} \times 12$.

This all goes to show that what has been said so many times in the philatelic press is true, it pays to study your stamps, even those varieties which we are sometimes inclined to consider beneath our notice on account of their great abundance. We are very glad to have had the opportunity of inspecting these stamps.

[NOTE.—This so-called “compound perforation” in the Canadian stamps was first noted eighteen years ago in the “Monthly Journal” (IX:125) as follows:—

“It appears that almost all the values of the issues from 1868 to 1893 exist perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$, and that some are more common in this state than perf. 12 all around. A correspondent very kindly

sends us the following lists of what he has found:

1868—Large Stamps.

Perf. $11\frac{1}{2} \times 12$.	Perf. 12×12 .
2c light green	2c deeper green
3c bright red	3c dull red
6c red brn, dark brown	6c brown, red brn.
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ c blue	15c gray, light gray
15c light gray	blue gray

1868-76—Small Stamps.

$\frac{1}{2}$ c black	$\frac{1}{2}$ c greenish black
1c yellow	1c yellow, orange
2c green	yellow
3c light bright red	2c green, yellow
flesh red	green
5c gray (large)	3c dull red, brown
5c gray (small)	red
6c brown, brownish chestnut	6c brown, chestnut brown
10c pink, dull pink, reddish pink	10c carmine pink, reddish pink

1882—Smaller Stamps.

$\frac{1}{2}$ c black	$\frac{1}{2}$ c black, black on yellowish
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1893.

8c gray, blue gray 8c blue gray

The Canadian stamps were perforated by a “single line” or “grillotine” machine and if there were a separate machine gauging $11\frac{1}{2}$ it would seem entirely probable that stamps perf. $12 \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ as well as $11\frac{1}{2}$ all around would be found, but such does not seem to have been the case. The problem seems thus far entirely without explanation.—
C. A. HOWES.]

A. P. S.
 "2000 — 1917"
 Are You Helping?

The campaign is becoming quite interesting and the competition strong. A little later we will publish the list of the leaders each month.

Note the A. W. Dunning prize offers in this issue. Five dollars catalog value of good stamps each month for eight months.

On account of this notice not appearing until late in February, I am going to ask Mr. Dunning to award the January and February prizes with the March prize. The competition for March should be interesting. Fifteen dollars in stamps to the winner, beside a good showing towards the gold prize of ten dollars which, as stated in the Jan. 15th issue is liable to be increased to fifteen dollars in gold.

The second grand prize for the year—the Dunning prize of a sheet of 100 C. S. A. 10c with imprint and plate number should stimulate the competition.

I still have a good supply of "booster" gummed labels for your correspondence both with members and non-members; a postal card request will bring the quantity asked for of each.

Have you paid your dues? If not please communicate with the Treasurer as we wish to publish the membership list early and cannot wait for the too-long delinquent.

Applications for the Dunning monthly prize contest will be counted and scheduled by the post mark date on the envelope carrying them to the secretary. For instance: March 1st to March 31st will be counted for March. Remember the Dunning prizes are for the members at large, all officers of the Society being barred from the competition.

The winner will be announced each month. March ought to make that minus sign look sick. Will it?

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

MARCH 6th & 7th SALE

Entire First Night a Magnificent 20th Cent. Collection in Finest Possible Condition. The Second Night Will Contain a Very Fine Lot of Old U. S. & Part I of the Fine 20,000 Var. Collection of Mr. A. Gunther of N. Y., Cat. Over \$8,000.

M. OHLMAN,

Auction Specialist.

75-77 NASSAU ST., NEW YORK CITY.

WANTS AND EXCHANGES.

Members only will have the use of this column. Rates—Per line, including address single insertion, 5 cents. Standing notices, one year per line, 12½c. Minimum charge for yearly notice, 50c.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS—Choice Manila Cigars: Perfectos, 25, \$2.50; semi-blunts, 25, \$2.00; panatelas, 50, \$2.50; Regalias, 50, \$2.50. Sent registered and all charges prepaid. Send for circulars. **U. S.-Philippine Coins:** 1-peso, 50c, 20c, 10c, 5c & 1c, all silver except last two, the set by registered mail, \$1.55. **U. S.-Philippine Stamps:** Current postage, mint & fine, 2c, 4c, 6c, 8c, 10c, 12c, 16c, 20c, 20c special delivery, 26c, 30c, 1-peso, 2-pesos, 4-pesos & 10-pesos. The set of fifteen, registered, \$10.50. Photo post-cards: Rare views of native life and the Islands, set of ten, postpaid, \$1.05. First class goods. Satisfaction guaranteed. W. F. Slusser, Corregidor, Philippine Islands. Member: A. P. S., A. S. D. A., S. P. A. & Etc.

TURKEY—25 varieties 15c. I buy Turkish blocks, strips and single stamps. Send me all your Turkish duplicates. Mouhib, 608 W. 135th St., New York City.

WANTED—19th Century stamps of Egypt and Greece. Large or small lots if priced right. H. A. Davis, 125 N. Tejon St., Colo. Spgs., Colo.

USED BLOCKS of U. S. postage, 1847 to 1898 only, wanted by collector who will pay high prices for the rare ones. Also wanted, pairs and strips of 1847, 1851 and 1869 issues. Cash or good exchange. J. W. Sampson, 132 Nassau St., New York.

CASH or good exchange for old U. S. before 1870, especially 1c & 3c 1851. Stamps on approval at 50% and net prices. Want lists solicited. Thos. R. Johnson, Saltsburg, Pa. A. P. S. #1644.

APPROVAL sheets of Indian States Postage Stamps sent on application. C. S. Iyer, Attungal, Travancore, India. A. P. S. #4549.

"2000—1917."

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GOVERNMENT ISSUE of Postal Cards and Letter Cards. Approval selections to responsible collectors. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

U. S. 1869 wanted—especially covers, pairs, strips and blocks, odd cancellations, varieties of grill, paper and manufacture, and other oddities. Used or unused, common or rare, in large or small lots. **DUPLICATES OF THESE FOR SALE**, and will be sent on approval to U. S. specialists furnishing references. V. D. MacBride, 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

WANTED—Commemorative stamps of the World, unused preferred. Will give good U. S. and foreign in exchange. A. P. S. 4509. Carle Schafer, Niles, Mich.

WANTED—Manuscript for articles of interest to our members written by members for publication in this journal. Address The Editor.

MY ALBUM for entires is the only perfect album on the market, having 50 interchangeable leaves. Price \$6.00, sent on approval. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

NETHERLANDS—FRANCE before 1875 Want to buy large or small lots in fine condition. R. H. Mower, 609 Trust Bldg., Rockford, Illinois.

CHOICE Manila Cigars—Direct from factory to you by parcel post. Send for prices and descriptive list. Satisfaction guaranteed. W. F. Slusser, Corregidor, Cavite Province, P. I. (Formerly of Key West).

MR. U. S. SPECIALIST—If you desire your collection to represent the postal issues of our country fully, you cannot ignore the Booklet Issues. They are fast becoming scarce, and many of the sub-varieties are absolutely unobtainable. I have prepared a series of approval books containing stamps of these issues only, priced net and averaging about \$10 per book. Here are three favorites

BOOKLET-BOOKLETS.

- No. 1 A General Selection of the Booklet Issues for the man who just wants them represented in his collection.
- No. 4 The 2c 1903 (Shield) Issue Specialized.
- No. 8 The 1914 Issue Specialized. Rich in War Shades.

Other books cover the remaining issues. Now, Mr. U. S. Specialist, which booklet would you like to see first?

Yours truly,

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BUREAU PRINTED PRE-CANCELLED STAMPS.

BY JOSEPH B. LEAVY.

A number of years ago the Post Office Department authorized the use of pre-cancelled stamps, by parties holding permits, in order to lighten the work of the clerks in the cancelling division of numerous post offices throughout the country, and thereby save congestion of the mails. While the cost of pre-cancelling has been paid by the Post Office Department, the work has until now always been done locally and there has been a wide divergence in cost as claimed by the various post offices.

Recently the Post Office Department called for an estimated price from the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for the pre-cancelling of stamps, with a view to having the work done there for all post offices using 4,000,000 or more pre-cancelled stamps in a year. Twenty offices come within this class:

At only three of these offices was the cost of pre-cancelling in excess of the estimate of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing: Augusta, Maine, New Orleans, La. and Springfield, Mass. Accordingly an estimated year's supply for each of these three offices was ordered pre-cancelled at the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, in hopes that after operating the Bureau would find that a cut could be made in the estimated price which would bring it to a figure equal to or below that of several more offices. It is not the intention to pre-cancel stamps at the Bureau for those offices where the work is being done, or can be done, cheaper locally.

The denominations and quantities pre-cancelled for each of the three offices were as follows:

Augusta, Maine.	1c.	4,000,000
Baltimore, Md.	1c.	3,600,000
Buffalo, N. Y.	2c.	50,000
Chicago, Ill.	3c.	50,000
Cincinnati, Ohio.	6c.	10,000
Cleveland, Ohio.	1c Due.	20,000
Dayton, Ohio.	2c Due.	270,000
Des Moines, Iowa.	Springfield, Mass. 1c.	3,000,000
Detroit, Mich.	2c.	600,000
Kansas City, Mo.	3c.	30,000
Louisville, Ky.	4c.	30,000
Milwaukee, Wis.	5c.	30,000
Minneapolis, Minn.	6c.	20,000
New Orleans, La.	7c.	30,000
New York, N. Y.	8c.	20,000
Philadelphia, Pa.	9c.	50,000
Pittsburgh, Pa.	10c.	20,000
St. Louis, Mo.	11c.	10,000
Springfield, Mass.	12c.	20,000
Springfield, Ohio.	15c.	20,000
	20c.	30,000

The cancellation is practically uniform for all three cities, the usual heavy horizontal bar top and bottom, with "Augusta-Maine" in two lines, "New-Orleans-La" in three lines, or "Springfield-Mass." in two lines, in tall heavy line capitals.

The overprints were type-set at the Bureau in blocks of twenty-five, five by five rows. The type-set frames of twenty-five were then sent to the Govern-

ment Printing Office where a number of electrotypes were made of each frame, the electrotypes and type-set frames were returned to the Bureau, the electrotypes cut into blocks of fifteen, five by three, and blocks of ten, five by two, and set up in frames of four hundred, spaced so as to meet the shrinkage of the paper in the sheets of stamps. The stamps were pre-cancelled in sheets of four hundred and perforated after being pre-cancelled.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

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No. 12. February 15, 1917.

Applications Pending.

Arco, Otto
 Caum, Edw. L.
 Craver, H. W.
 Deaderick, Dr. Wm. A.
 Gibbs, Harold N.
 Hatzakordzian, M.
 Hutter, Albert E.
 Jacobs, Frank
 Kraepelien, Oskar
 *Patchel, Richard
 Ziegele, Wm. J.
 Roush, G. A.
 Jansen, Thos. W.
 *Zink, Wilford J.
 Wallis, E. T.
 Amick, Carl
 Battemberg, Domingo de
 Focke, Herman T.
 Fry, Howard M.
 Goldammer, Hans. G.
 *Graves, Albro N.
 Penney, J. W.
 Haberle, Warren J.
 Huntington, F. L.
 Jordan, Jos. R.
 Kittredge, D. W.
 Kranhold, A. A.
 Mac Laren, Myron T.

Porter, Frank S.

*Macpherson, W. A., J. R.

Smith, Reuel W.

Charters, Geo. M.

*Swanson, Roy E.

Applications Posted.

Billings, Franklin S., Woodstock, Vt.; Age 54; retired; Reference: Woodstock National Bank, Woodstock, Vt.; Proposed by Karl A. Pember, #4322.
 Brookfield, R. M., 208 N. 33rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 23; Stamp Dealer; Fidelity Stamp Co.; Reference: Evans Products Corporation, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
 Canfield, M. O., c/o P. O. Dept., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 48; P. O. Clerk; Reference: Groves Bros. R. E. Co., Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by Wilson D. Wood, #4861.
 Carlson, C. A., 724 N. 18th St., Omaha, Neb.; Age 56; Coach Carpenter; Reference: (will be given next report); Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
 Ferry, Robert P., 902 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 34; Lawyer; Reference: First Natl. Bank of Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by H. G. Oakland, M. D., #4785.

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- Hussman, A. A., Garrison & Clark Aves., St. Louis, Mo.; Age legal; Merchant; Columbia Supply Co.; Reference: C. E. Hussman Stamp Co., St. Louis, Mo.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.
- Speer, John H. B., Box 166, Delano, Calif.; Age 49; Asst. Cashier First Natl. Bank, Delano, Calif.; Reference: E. H. Ramsey, Druggist, Delano, Calif., Delano Hdw. Co., Delano, Calif., R. M. Wilbur, Jeweler, Delano, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, # 1925.

Application for Reinstatement Pending.

3353 Kendall, O., Winnipeg, Canada.

Applications for Reinstatement.

- Bartlett, Dr. S. R., 1103 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo. (3309); Age 47; Mining Engineer; Reference: H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Recommended by Willard O. Wylie, # 1689.
- Young, Carl, 112 N. Fifth St., Philadelphia, Pa. (2674); Age 42; Stamp Dealer; Reference: H. J. Kleinman, Philadelphia, Pa.; Recommended by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

New Stockholders.

- 4894 Allen, B. W., 20 Gaston St., Boston, Mass.
- 4895 Alker, Jas. W., 30 E. 42nd St., New York City.
- 4896 Austin, Wallace K., c/r Y. M. C. A., El Paso, Texas.
- 4897 *Carson, Roberts, Box 265, Ancon, Canal Zone.
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- 4906 Marks, Caesar D., 220 Wells Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 4907 Newman, Henry B., 114 Ave. "C", Bayonne, N. J.
- 4908 Roth, Percy, 260 Fourth Ave., New York City.
- 4909 Shaw, Douglas A., Box 9, Montreal, Canada.
- 4910 Taylor, Lee G., 120 Linden St., Camden, N. J.
- 4911 Weissich, Otto, 428 Sycamore Ave., Mill Valley, Calif.
- 4912 Weingart, William, M. D., 525—12th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

Resignations Received.

- 4654 Braun, Julius, 821 S. Meriden St., Indianapolis, Ind.
- 4594 Burns, Howard P., 1823 Plainview Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 4161 Fritschel, Rev. Gottl., New Hampton, Ia.
- 2389 Koehler, Robt., 1256—8th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- 4552 Marcus, Frank G., Box 16, Menlo Park, Calif.
- 4829 Rosenfeld, M. M., 728 E. 5th St., Duluth, Minn.

Resignation Accepted.

- 4242 Works, Wm. F., Box 373, Brookfield, Mass.

Corrections.

- Report # 9: The address of 3037 Wilson, C. W., under "change of address" should be Detroit, Mich. and not Duluth, Mich.
- Report # 11: Under "applications posted", change W. A. Macpherson to read as follows:
Macpherson, W. A., Jr., Box 80, Lamar, Colo.; Age 12; Student; Reference: Lamar Natl. Bank; Guaranteed by W. A. Macpherson, Sr.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, # 1925.

Change of Address.

- 2147 Ackerman, H. S. from 175 Smith Ave. to 223 Pasadena Ave., Highland Park, Detroit, Mich.
- 3171 Beatty, R. H., from 8010 Hough Ave. to 1834 E. 75th St., Cleveland, O.
- 4771 Bennett, M. W. from 342 Ellicott Sq. to 507 D. S. Morgan Bldg., Buffalo, N. Y.
- 4357 Davis, Dr. Wyth W., from 614 W. Grace St., to 1001 Grove St., Richmond, Va.
- 4571 Falisse, Fred F., from 115 W. 90th St. to 68 W. 88th St., New York City.
- 4243 Fuller, Perry W., from c/o R. M. Sutton Co. to Park Heights Ave., Baltimore, Md., Station E.
- 4286 Heyland, Henry, from Chicago, Ill. to 62 W. 66th St., New York.
- 2426 Hotz, R. S. from 1367 N. State St., to 1423 McCormick Bldg., Chicago, Ill.
- 4537 Lacey, C. R. from 13 Thorold Ave., to 84 Yorkville Ave., Toronto, Canada.
- 2664 Musgrove, C. F., from Denver, Colo. to 712 Atlantic Ave., Long Beach, Calif.

- 1838 Nast, Chas. A., from 1009—16th St. to 1335 Milwaukee St., Denver, Colo.
- 3704 Parke, Hervey C., from 31 Amity St., to 50 Main St., Amherst, Mass.
- 4539 Porter, Willard H., Jr., from 501 Delaware Ave., to 6 The Donaldson, Wilmington, Del.
- 4698 Preston, Wm. D. from 1808 E. 60th St. to 7404 Lexington Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
- 4653 Schumacher, A. H. from Houston, Tex. to Box 32, University Station, Austin, Tex.
- 3001 Telfer, Eugene, from Blvd. & 8th Ave., to 344 Lafayette Blvd., Detroit, Mich.
- 3920 Lincoln, Leo B., from 112 W. Adams St. to 215 W. Superior St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Membership February 1st, 1917	1573
New Stockholders	19
Resignation accepted	1
Total Membership Feb. 15, 1917	1591

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

To February 1st, 1917.

Stock Fund.			
Balance	\$4583.66		
Receipts	22.00	\$4605.66	

Exchange Fund.			
Balance	\$1.90		
Receipts	.05	\$1.95	

General Fund.			
General Balance	\$1222.13		
Expend.	\$498.24		
Receipts	253.10	245.14	\$976.99

Suspense Fund.			
Balance	\$31.70		
Receipts	7.65	\$39.35	
			\$7435.87

Insurance Fund.			
Balance	\$1811.92		

Resources.			
Bonds	\$3489.34		
Cash in Bank	3946.53	\$7435.87	

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EDITORIAL.

The Society think that in a Society as First. large as the A. P. S., there must always be nearly as many views upon some matters as there are members and how impossible it would be for everything to be done in just the manner which is according to our notions and which, in our judgment, is the only logical course?

But when we pause a moment and think this over, how absurd it becomes for us to even try to imagine that our individual ideas should predominate over those which are manifestly for the good of the Society as a whole, or in other words, the best for the greatest number of individual members.

It is a lesson worth learning that our own ideas, no matter how beautiful they may appear to us, are not always the most desirable for others, and when we become a member of such a society as the A. P. S., we should be big enough to place self in a secondary position, and we will if we have any other aim in life except self-aggrandizement. Be big enough to accept the other view and look at it in the broader light.

A. P. S. BOOSTERS, PLEASE NOTE.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer is not competing for the prizes.

The Dunning prize of \$5.00 worth of stamps each month to the one who sends in the largest number of applications who become members.

The Dunning prize of sheet of 100 10c C. S. A. complete with imprint and plate number to the second winner for the year.

\$5.00 in gold to the winner for the year (it is likely this will be increased to \$10.00 in gold).

\$5.00 to the Branch which proposes the largest number for the year.

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REPORT OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, Feb. 1, 1917.

Mr. Wm. B. Sprague, Recorder,
Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,
54 William St., New York City.

Dear Sir:

This report covers the business transacted by the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society for the months of November, December, and January.

1765 Books in circulation	
Nov. 1, 1916, valued at	\$34,874.43
280 New books received,	
valued at	7,002.65
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2045 Total, valued at	\$41,877.08
272 Books retired (sales	
\$1671.59) valued at ..	4,832.63
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1773 In circulation Feb. 1st,	
valued at	\$37,044.45

The Insurance on the 272 books retired was \$32.05 which amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer to be added to the Insurance Fund.

The cash sales for this period were \$1728.10, an increase of over thirty per cent. over the last quarter.

In my last report I called attention to the fact that for three quarters in succession, I had retired more books than were received, and also paid out more money for stamps that were sold from the books retired than cash received from the books in circulation. This time the difference is very slight, there having been 280 new books received since the last report, and 272 retired, a gain of eight books. In cash received and paid out, the difference was only \$56.51.

There are indications now that more filled books will be sent in very soon, as there has been an active demand for the blank Sales Books. I also hope that the sales will be largely increased. We have quite a number of new mem-

bers participating in the Circuits, and some of the old ones who discontinued when the war broke out have recently requested to be placed on the Circuits again.

While it is not pleasant to remind members continually of the infractions of the Rules, yet I am obliged to again mention the matter of forwarding the Circuits promptly, and also sending reports with remittances promptly. In addition to this I want to request the members to be sure to double check their purchases and figures, as it requires considerable extra time and attention to correspond with members when they make errors in figures.

Several of the members have suggested that I should enforce the fine provided in the By-Laws for infractions of the Rules. I have been very lenient in regard to this matter so long as there were plenty of books in the Department, but now that the demand for Circuits is increasing, and there is a shortage of books of desirable stamps, I will be compelled to enforce the rules and assess a fine.

The attention of members is called to the fact that formerly a fine of 25c was assessed by the Sales Department for errors that were made in reporting amounts that were taken from the Circuits, but I have not put this rule into force, and simply charge for the postage required in notifying them of the error. The most of these errors are occasioned by overlooking some of the stamps that they have taken from the books, or possibly skipping all the purchases out of one book of a circuit.

It will do no harm to repeat the fact that what the Department requires more than anything else at the present time is good books of United States stamps of the early issues before 1870, particularly imperforate pairs and

blocks. The same may be said of early European stamps. The next in popularity and in great demand are the stamps of British North America, and the old issues of the 19th Century of other countries.

There is no demand in the Department for pre-cancelled stamps or very cheap 1c to 5c stamps that are so easily picked up in sets, packets and big discount approval sheets. Practically all the patrons of the Sales Department are asking for better grade stamps and rarities. The cheap stuff is not at all asked for or desired. High priced stamps and rarities, even if defective and marked at reduced prices according to their condition will sell. Many collectors desire to fill spaces of rari-

ties and will purchase a high priced stamp if the condition is not fine, provided the price is made in accordance with the condition.

All members who are sending books into the Department should take into consideration when they mark their stamps with net prices the popularity of the country and then the condition. The pricing of stamps according to the condition means that if it is not fine, it must be priced net at a considerable reduction from which a fine copy would be priced. Overpriced books of stamps usually go back to the owner with but a very small percentage of the stamps sold.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

Branch No. 3.

At the annual meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, officers were elected as follows—G. Folte, President; H. B. Phillips, Vice-President; Wm. C. Crocker, Vice-President; Edgar M. Bransford, Secretary and Treasurer; 301 California St., San Francisco, Calif.

At the same meeting we held an interesting showing of stamps in countries beginning with the letters "O" and "P". At the next meeting the next two letters are to be exhibited.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD, Sec.

Branch No. 30.

Regular meeting of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held Jan. 18, 1917.

The regular meeting of the G.-P. S. Club was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.15 P. M. The following members responded to the roll call: Good, Beatty, McLaren, Holt, Tubman, Geu-

der, Moses, Weigel, Larsen, Lloyd, Preston, Whittaker, Young, Chamberlin and Mader.

The Minutes of the preceding meeting were accepted as read.

In awarding the Hanford Cup for the ensuing year, the following contest rules were adopted by the Board of Directors:

Attendance to meetings, 1 point for each attendance.
Bringing in new member, 5 points for each member.
Buying largest amount from circuit, 10 points.
Buying next largest amount from circuit, 5 points.
Placing largest amount in circuit, 10 points.
Preparing each entertainment, 5 points.
Winner of entertainment contest, 20 points.
Second member of winning team, 10 points.
Any exhibit, 10 points.
Any philatelic article, 10 points.
Every visitor, 2 points.
Anything that will aid the club not enumerated above, 10 points.

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Mr. McLaren appointed Mr. Good and Mr. Henn to act with him as a Committee to give the G.-P. S. Club a permanent home.

It was decided to postpone the revision of the constitution until a date in the near future.

Pres. Tubman appointed Mr. Good and Mr. Beatty as a committee to take charge of the Banquet arrangements in honor of our 27th anniversary celebration; it was also decided to postpone presentation of the Hanford Cup to Mr. Beatty until the anniversary meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to the auction manager, Mr. Good.

Meeting adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

Branch No. 47.

Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch No. 47, Detroit, Mich., held its 63rd meeting in the Society's rooms, Fraternity Halls, Jany. 20th, 1917. President Brisley in the chair, the following 29 members responding to the roll call—Messrs. Hutchinson, Koslowski, Harris, Fratcher, Rocheforth, Jungwirth,

Meyer, Brisley, Dworkowski, Zoller, A. C. Wood, Underwood, McGowan, Albright, H. H. Prager, Butzen, Tarnowsky, Hubel, Leha Cass, Keller, Dr. Lempert, Pootjes, Binder, Schnette, Richmond, Ackerman, Dr. Ells, Hoskins and Lutzeier.

Minutes of the previous meeting approved as read. The Juvenile branch managers, Messrs. Leha Cass and A. C. Wood, reported very good progress and will, with the sanction of the membership, bring the youngsters to the Hall at the second meeting in February for a good time. The approaching Third Annual Banquet arrangements were left in the hands of our serviceable Entertainment Committee to investigate conditions of general H. C. of L. and report.

Mr. James E. Scott was elected member. Mr. Koslowski showed his collection of Russian stamps, which is quite unique and interesting.

Four visitors, Messrs. Geo. Rice, O'Mara, H. Keller and Daw, were present.

Adjourned at 9.40 P. M.

KARL KOSLOWSKI, Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We are always glad to publish letters of general interest from our members, but necessarily cannot be responsible for the opinions expressed therein.

Cancelled Great Britain V. R. One Penny Black.

Woodstock, Vt., Feb. 1, 1917.

Editor AMERICAN PHILATELIST:

In view of the offering for sale of a cancelled Great Britain, V. R. one penny, black, the following should be published to guard against counterfeits.

Great Britain, One penny, black, V. R. in upper corners, 1840. Designed for government use. Wright & Creeke do not mention this stamp. Melville states, "Although specimens were sent out to post offices, the stamp never came into use. * * * Some of the

copies distributed to the post offices (May 7, 1840) appear to have been used, but most of the cancelled copies found are obliterated with trial-marks, some of the sheets being utilized for experiments with cancelling inks".

As these stamps that went through the post were mailed early in 1840 they were cancelled with the ink then used, and in London until September 1, 1840, and in the other offices from that date till March, 1841, red was the only color used. All V. R. penny blacks cancelled, that went through the mails in a regular manner should be on the

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original covers, with an early date in 1840, and with a maltese cross cancellation in RED.

Yours truly,
EDWARD H. WILLIAMS, JR.,
A. P. S. 4706.

Publicity.

New York, N. Y., 1-15-17.

Editor AMERICAN PHILATELIST:

There is only one thing that will help you to reach the aspired Goal of "2000-1917" and that is "Publicity".

What makes a large department-store larger? Publicity.

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What makes the Actor and the Artist and the Writer and all Public men sought after and wined and dined? The answer to all is the same: Publicity.

Publicity, not among our own Fraternity but among outsiders. Among those who we do not know exist but who would be only too glad to join us if they knew that we wanted them.

Have you noticed how many people are interested in our "doings" at the different Conventions? How it brings out people who "used to collect stamps"? These are the ones whom we want to reach and who, if they could be brought again into the ranks, would be even more interested than many of our members who do nothing for our Society at present, as they have other things to occupy their minds.

We all know that lovers of our Hobby never die. They simply sleep or rusticate and if the proper method is used can all be revived. "Once a collector always a collector" still holds good.

After all this "Preface" my point is very short.

Local Societies should advertise their meetings in the Local Papers, and if possible should put Frames and Displays in The Best Windows in the Business Districts. Some merchant is only too pleased to allow this as it is variety for his business.

Our great trouble is that we advertise our movements only in Philatelic Papers, and then only after the meetings are over.

Most of the names that are sent in by our members are members of other clubs and Societies and we dare not have too many "LOVES", as we can not be attentive to any one of them. Get that?

Work for outside and new material and watch the society grow! Not only in numbers but in interest and in real strength for it is the "New Blood" and the "Young Blood" that is the mainstay of any living and growing thing.

We older ones will die and be forgotten but the new Branches will add vigor to the Trunk and will Perpetuate the works and the Names that have always made The American Philatelic Society the Father of all Philatelic Societies, and have made all look up to us as the Foundation for all Philatelic work.

Respectfully submitted by

Yours for a Greater A. P. S.,

M. CASPER.

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Remember the Dunning March prize of \$15.00 worth of good stamps to the one who obtains the largest number of new members during March. Cannot we wipe out that minus sign in March?

Let us all try to do our best in March. Cannot we get 150 new members in March?

Let us all March double quick in March. March in March for that 2000 March, March, "O! you March."

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

- THE JOURNAL OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY, Vol. IX No. 4, Oct. 1916. Published at London, England.
- MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XIX No. 12, Dec. 1916. Published at Madrid by Mr. Migual Galvez Jiminez.
- EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVI No. 172, Nov.-Dec. 1916. Published at Barcelona, Spain, by Mr. Orestes de Mora.
- DE POSTZEGELGIDS, Vol. XX No. 1. January, 1917. Published at Hilversum, Holland, by Mr. J. C. Auf der Heide.
- SEMANARIO FILATELICO, Vol. I Nos. 2 and 3. Dec. 1916. Published at Santiago de Chile by Marcos Rachitoff.

By THE EDITOR.

- NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI No. 3, Jan. 20, 1917. Interesting as always. A timely article on Danish West Indies.
- PARKER'S PRICED LIST OF POSTAGE STAMPS, Jan. 5th, 1917.
- THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 3, Jan. 30th, 1917. A very readable number.
- COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. II No. 4, Feb. 5th, 1917. A priced list of San Francisco Precancels.
- THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2 No. 1, Jan. 1917. A short article on double transfers of U. S. stamps.
- THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 1, Jan. 1917. An issue full of many short and instructive notes.
- UNITED STAMP CO. HERALD, Vol. VI No. 1, Jan. 1917.
- THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 1, Jan. 1917. The only way to give an adequate idea of the value of this number to philatelists would be to reprint it. Articles comprise several on U. S., Confederate States, Belgium and Venezuela. We miss the usual blue cover, but this is evidently due to the paper shortage.
- EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VII No. 10 and Vol. VIII No. 1, Dec. 1916 and Jan. 1917. Two very readable numbers, even though most of the matter is taken from exchanges.
- THE METROPOLITAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXXV No. 2, Feb. 1st, 1917. This is the first issue of the M. P. which has reached us from its new owner and we notice that the paper will be issued as a monthly. That the M. P. is a veteran is seen by the number of its volumes and we hope the new order of publication will prove a success.
- THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. I No. 11, Feb. 10th, 1917. Continues to improve and with the priced catalogue of precancels should prove of much value to collectors of those stamps.
- THE BRITISH GUIANA PHILATELIC JOURNAL, No. 21, Dec. 1916. This paper is issued but twice a year, in June and December, and contains always more or less of interest to collectors of British Guiana stamps. A very good number, but with rather more than usual clipped from other journals.
- THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIII No. 154, Dec. 1916. An exponent of "War Stamps."
- PRICE LIST, Rod. Docquet & Co., French and British Colonials and War Stamps.
- STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VII Nos. 13, 14, 15 and 16, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th and 27th, 1917. Four very interesting and instructive numbers.

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THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX No. 7, Jan. 1917. While a very newsy issue, there is not much of a substantial nature, except the article by our fellow member, Mr. Percy Mann, on the Bolivia issues of 1894. An excellent chronicle of new issues is given.

HET PHILATELISTISCH MAANDBLAD, Vol. V No. 60, Dec. 15th, 1916. A journal devoted mainly to the doings of the Dutch philatelic societies.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVI No. 172, Nov.-Dec., 1916. A short installment of the serial article on Austria, chronicle and continuation of catalogue of Cuba and Porto Rico comprise the main part of this number.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSSKRIFT, Vol. 23, Nos. 11 and 12, Nov. 28 and Dec. 31, 1916. Our lack of ability to translate Norwegian prevents extended notice of this journal. Its issues always present a substantial appearance and undoubtedly contain much of value to the collector of Scandinavian stamps.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. XXVII No. 313, Jan. 1, 1917. One of the most interesting exchanges which reach us. A serial article on Danish West Indies starts in this number. The review of other publications is always interesting and full of many valuable notes.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

COLLECTORS CLUB, Exhibitions and Meetings, 1916-17. Through the Chairman of the Entertainment Committee, Mr. Herman Toaspern, we have a copy of the booklet. Features of the Club are set forth. Announcement of a monograph competition, open to all, is made, four medals being offered. Exhibitions for the months of November to May inclusive are listed, with special medals for each, the most important being that of Feb. 8th, which comprises the stamps of the United States in six classes. A most interesting program indeed.

NESBITT ISSUES (U. S. stamped envelopes) First priced check list of cut squares. Published by J. M. Bartels Co., 99 Nassau St., New York. Listing the various types and papers. Very complete and a list which will be appreciated by those who collect cut square envelope stamps. The prices given are for the cheapest or

most common paper on which the particular type appears. Very conveniently arranged for a check list of the stamps in one's collection. No price named.

PRICED CATALOGUE OF WAR STAMPS, Jan. 1917, published by Bright & Son, 164, Strand, London, W. C., England. Second edition. A list of 20 pages of both English and foreign issues caused by the great War, excepting of course those of countries with which the Entente Allies are fighting. Very complete in its listing of all major and minor varieties, with a very large proportion priced. Will be found of much use to those interested in these issues. Price, post free, 4½d. (9c).

ANNUAL YEAR BOOK, Vol. 4, 1917, The National Philatelic Society. List of officers and members, with branches and By-Laws. Free to all members but 25c to all others.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

I.—Introduction.

 DENMARK, or Danmark as it is called by its inhabitants, is the smallest of the three Scandinavian kingdoms and consists of the peninsula of Jutland and a group of islands in the Baltic. It has a total area of 15,289 square miles and a population a little in excess of two and half millions.

The government of Denmark is a constitutional monarchy, the king being assisted by a cabinet of seven ministers. The national assembly or Rigsdag consists of the Folkething and Landsting—the former being partly nominated by the king and partly elected by the large tax-payers, while the latter, in the proportion of one to every 16,000 of the population, is elected for three years by practically universal suffrage.

The early history of Denmark is lost in the twilight of the saga-period, with its Vikings and their valiant deeds. The Danes coming from the islands occupied the lands deserted by the Jutes and Angles who had in the fifth century migrated to England. The Danish monarchy was founded in 936 by Gorm the Old, whose son became a Christian. Waldemar I (1157-82) ruled Norway also, and conquered Mecklenburg and Pomerania; under his son, Waldemar II, further conquests were made in German and Wendish lands, so that the Baltic became a Danish sea. By the treaty of Calmar in 1397, Norway,

Sweden and Denmark, already under one monarch, Margaret, were formally united into one state. In 1448 the Danes elected as king one Christian of Oldenburg, a descendant of their royal family, who was also Duke of Schleswig and Holstein; and his line continued on the throne until 1523. Lutheranism was introduced into Denmark in 1527 and has since been the national religion. Denmark refused to accede to the third general coalition against France in 1805 whereupon, two years later, England sent her navy which bombarded Copenhagen and carried off the whole Danish fleet. This act of violence threw Denmark completely into the arms of Napoleon. By the treaty of Kiel (Jan. 14th, 1814) she was forced to exchange Norway for Swedish Pomerania, and even this poor equivalent was taken from her by the Congress of Vienna in exchange for Lauenburg and one million thalers. The peace of Kiel left Denmark an unimportant power of the third rank. Frederick VII abolished absolutism in Denmark and shared his power with the Rigsdag, but as the Duchies of Schleswig and Holstein refused to be incorporated in the new Danish monarchy a war resulted which after three years ended in the absorption of the Duchies. A second Schleswig-Holstein war broke out in 1863 when the Germanic peoples refused to recognize Frederick's successor, Christian IX. In December the Danish army retired before the forces of the German Bund, and the subse-

quent refusal of Denmark to grant Schleswig-Holstein a constitution of its own led to the German-Danish war of 1864, after which the Danes were compelled to cede the Duchies to Austria and Prussia. Two years later, after the Austro-Prussian war, the Duchies were incorporated in Prussia.

II.—Early Postal History.

Before dealing with the stamps themselves it will perhaps be of interest to give a brief history of the Post-office in Denmark from the earliest known period until the issue of the first postage stamps. For these notes I am chiefly indebted to the valuable and comprehensive article written by Mr. L. Hanciau, which appeared in the "Monthly Journal" in 1907-08.

In April, 1555, during the reign of Christian II, two Royal Ordinances were issued prescribing certain regulations with regard to the despatch of letters by ferry-boat and horseback. This is the earliest trace which can be found of the Danish Post Office. Prior to this letters were conveyed by the servants of the senders themselves, without the government interfering or affording any facilities, and this conveyance had no connection with any postal service.

At first the postal service was intended only for the transmission of State correspondence and it was not until early in the seventeenth century that private persons were permitted to make use of the posts.

On December 24th, 1653, King Christian IV promulgated the Ordinances which definitely established posts in Denmark. At Copenhagen the management of the Posts was entrusted to four Directors chosen from the mercantile community by the Burgomaster and the Council. The salaries of these officials were paid out of the receipts.

A special Danish Post-office was established in Hamburg on June 12th,

1649, and this office remained active until 1680 when it was handed over to the Postmaster of Hamburg. But prior to this, and indeed before the government made any serious attempts to carry on postal business on anything like extensive lines, the leading merchants of Hamburg and Copenhagen organized a service by messengers between these two cities. This service was gradually extended until it practically embraced the whole country and it was not suppressed by the government until September 30th, 1653.

By an Ordinance dated August 9th, 1650, regular postal communication was established between Denmark and Norway, a mail leaving Copenhagen for Christiania every Friday and one leaving Christiania for Copenhagen every Saturday.

On July 16th, 1653, Paul Klingenberg was appointed Director-General of the Posts of the State, and he farmed out the undertaking on lease, for a period of thirty years at a rental of 6,000 rigsbankdaler per annum. Considerable improvements were introduced during this period, the postage on a single letter at that time being 4 skilling for a distance not exceeding four miles, 6 skilling beyond four miles and not over ten, etc. After the death of Klingenberg in 1690, Count Christian Gyldenlove, a natural son of King Christian V, was given charge of the posts. As he was only eleven years old at the time it is evident the office was conferred on him merely to provide him with an income. Two directors were appointed to take actual charge of the running of the posts. One of whom, Mr. Moth, eventually purchased the underlease for a certain sum of money. After the death of Gyldenlove, the Post passed into the hands of the widow Dorothea Karg, who personally superintended them. Few changes were made while the posts were in her care and in 1711 the State took control of the system once more.

About 1833 the first steam packet appeared, which carried the mails between Kallundborg and Aarhus, and in 1844 the first railway was in operation between Kiel and Altona. Up to that time the mails had been conveyed by carriages or horsemen; for the former a special vehicle was used which would only hold one person, the idea being that the driver would then not be able to give passengers overtaken on the road a lift and thus delay the mails on account of the extra weight to be carried.

The Post Office of Schleswig-Holstein had been united with that of Denmark in 1778 but was seized by the provisional government of the Duchies on April 28th, 1848. It was again restored to Denmark on January 3rd, 1849.

In 1852, after the opening of the railway from Lubeck to Buchener a Danish Post Office was established in Lubeck, and in August, 1855, a Danish Post office then in operation at Hamburg supplied the stamps of Denmark for use on letters mailed through it.

On October 18th, 1842, a Royal Decree was published authorizing the Post-office Department to appoint a committee, consisting of officials of the Department, to make preliminary investigations, in consequence of the Postal Reform which had taken place in England in 1840. The object was to introduce a new and more satisfactory method of collecting the postage on letters and also to lower the postal rates. It was a question of reform which must inevitably cause a considerable loss of revenue at first and it was not until after endless discussion that a decision was finally reached in October 1850. Then there was laid before the Rigsdag a Bill relating to the despatch of letters, etc., the main principles of which consisted of the establishment of fixed and uniform charges for the conveyance of letters within the limits of the kingdom, and pro-

vision for the supplying of postage stamps for the prepayment of these charges. This bill was sanctioned on March 11th, 1851, and the law came into force on the following first of April.

III.—The First Issue.

After the passage of the law referred to above a postal notice was addressed "To all the Directors and Despatchers of the Posts in the Kingdom of Denmark". This dealt with the various postal charges and showed how certain classes of letters were to be dealt with and it is chiefly of interest to us, as philatelists, because it plainly indicates that at this time it was only intended to issue one stamp of the value of 4 rigsbank-skilling. In fact, in neither the Law of March 11th, 1851, nor in the Postal Notice, is any mention made of a local rate. But the Post Office Department, which had for some time carried on the local service in Copenhagen as a private enterprise, put on sale on the day the 4 r.b.s. was issued, although the law said nothing about it, a postage stamp of the value of 2 rigsbank-skilling, for use on letters mailed and delivered within the capital.

The designs of the two stamps are quite dis-similar and some years ago there was much discussion in the philatelic journals of the time as to whether the 4 r. b. s. had actually been issued on the same date as the lower value which it was known had been placed on sale on April 1st, 1851. It is now definitely known that both were issued to the public on the same day.

The design of the 2 rigsbank-skilling consists of a circular band, inscribed "FRIMÆRKE" at left and "K G L POST" at right, with a crown in the centre above and a posthorn below. Within this band is a plain circle containing a numeral "2" above the words "RIGSBANK-SKILLING", arranged in two lines. Outside the circular band is

a square frame showing a fancy pattern of scrolls on a ground of close horizontal lines.

The 4 rigsbank-skilling shows as a centrepiece the Royal Emblems (crossed Sceptre and Sword surmounted by a Royal Crown) on a ground of solid color within a wreath of oak leaves. The wreath is enclosed within a square frame inscribed "KONGELIGT" at the left, "POST" at the top, "FRIMÆRKE" at the right, and "FIRE R. B. S." at the bottom. The letters are all in white on a ground of solid color; in each of the four corners is a small post-horn, and the spandrels are filled with a pattern of dots formed by crossed, uncolored wavy lines. The inscriptions on both values mean literally "Royal Post Free Stamp".

Before proceeding to describe the method by means of which the stamps were printed it will be as well to state that local letters not prepaid were charged 3 r.b.s. on delivery; for the suburbs of Copenhagen the rate was 4 r.b.s. (the same as to any other place within the kingdom), and on all interior letters not prepaid the charge was 6 r.b.s.

The currency in use at the time these stamps were issued had the rigsbankdaler as the unit of value, this being worth about 54c in United States money, which was divided into 96 rigsbank-skilling. The face value of the two stamps was, therefore, $2\frac{1}{4}$ c and $4\frac{1}{2}$ c respectively. So far as the 4 r.b.s. was concerned it was cheaper to buy them in quantity for, while individually they were sold at 4 r.b.s. each, by the 100 they were sold for 4 rigsbankdaler—a saving of 16 r.b.s., or about 18c.

The dies for both denominations were engraved on steel by Mr. W. Ferlaw and the stamps were printed typographically in sheets of 100 arranged in ten horizontal rows of ten each. According to Mr. Hanciau the plates for the 4 r.b.s. were made in the following manner:—"Impressions from the die

were first taken in lead and from these *clichés* were made by electrotyping; the latter joined together upon a base of brass formed a plate for printing the stamps in sheets of 100". There are no varieties in this value. The method followed in manufacturing the 2 r.b.s. denomination was at one time a very vexed question for many prominent philatelists discovered "types" and plate varieties which it was difficult to account for. The matter was finally settled in 1899 as a result of enquiries made by King George V (then H. R. H. the Duke of York) of the postal authorities at Copenhagen. From the original steel die ten matrices were made in plaster and fastened together in one block (in five rows of two stamps each). From this block ten casts were made in type-metal and these were soldered together and mounted on a mahogany base to make the printing plate. It is thus obvious that there cannot be true "types" in this stamp, but owing to the nature of the material used in making the preliminary ten casts minor varieties were caused which are certainly of interest to the specialist. Mr. Hanciau tells us that the second stamp in each block of ten had the "2" damaged, the base of the figure being broken at the left, but most specialists recognize three varieties varying in the manner in which the down-stroke and the tailpiece join. Two plates were prepared for this value and these are still in the possession of the Post Office Department.

When the Copenhagen authorities applied to the British government for information on the subject of the manufacture of stamps they were informed that all British stamps were printed upon a special watermarked paper. Consequently they decided to use a watermarked paper for the Danish stamps and a special contract was made with the paper-makers, Messrs. Drewsen & Sons (known as the "United Paper Mills" after 1889) for a supply of hand-

made paper, with a watermark, the design for which and also for the necessary inscriptions in the margins of the sheets was to be supplied by Ferslew, the engraver. Each stamp was watermarked with a small crown while each of the four margins was watermarked with the inscription "KONGELIGT POST FRIMÆRKE", with a Crown in each of the upper angles and a Posthorn in each of the lower ones. In 1864 machine-made paper replaced that previously made by hand but the same firm supplied it and has, we believe, continued to supply all the paper used for Danish stamps down to the present day. Until 1913 this same crown watermark was used and to prevent needless repetition it will be as well to observe now that the same marginal inscriptions were used until 1864 and after that date until 1913 they were abbreviated to "KGL POST-FRMK."

The first paper was not ready until March 8th, 1851, when 5430 sheets were delivered, and notwithstanding the fact that the primitive machines then in use were only capable of printing 400 sheets of stamps per day the quantity required was obtained by April 1st, the date fixed for the issue of the stamps.

Before the stamps were printed the paper was covered with a pattern of close wavy lines (*burelage*) in various shades of yellow. Some sheets escaped the burelage and these varieties are well worth looking for.

The 2 r.b.s. value differs but slightly in shade but the 4 r.b.s. shows a number of distinct variations. Scott lists two, Gibbons gives three—yellow-brown, chestnut and deep brown—but most specialists can extend this list considerably. Taking the three colors mentioned above as indicating three groups of shades it has been fairly satisfactorily proved from the examination of a large number of dated covers that the deep brown was issued first, then the chestnut, and finally (about 1854)

the yellow brown—just the reverse order to that in which they are catalogued.

According to a sumptuous book issued in Denmark in 1901 entitled "Danske Postfrimærker, 1851-1901" 479,300 of the 2 r.b.s. were printed and 11,788,600 of the 4 r.b.s.

Both stamps were issued imperforate but the 4 r.b.s. is known perforated 12 unofficially.

In 1885 reprints of the 2 r.b.s. were made on white wove paper, on yellowish wove paper, and on yellowish wove paper covered with buff wavy lines. As none of these impressions had watermark they are easily identified. A so-called "reprint" of the 4 r.b.s. was made on the yellowish wove paper with burelage at the same time but, according to Mr. Hanciau these "are of an entirely fancy nature, the type not being that of the originals, but that of the Essay of 1852, engraved by A. Buntzen, in which the word 'POST' is not followed by a hyphen. It was not possible to make use of the old plates, as each of the *clichés* composing them had been defaced. The original die had been destroyed long ago. There was thus no possibility of executing a fresh printing".

Numerous essays are known some of which were submitted as early as 1849. Some of these essays of the 4 r.b.s. are very like the adopted type but have the value expressed as "FIRE SKILL" or "4 R. B. S."

Check list.

April 1st, 1851. Wmk. Crown. Imperf.

2 r.b.s. blue

4 r.b.s. deep brown, chestnut, yellow-brown

(a) Perf. 12 unofficially.

IV.—The Second Issue.

By a Law dated February 18th, 1854, a slight change was made in the cur-

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rency, the rigsbank-skilling being replaced by skilling but with no alteration in their actual value. So far as the postage stamps were concerned the change was anticipated and new stamps antedated the passage of the Law by some months. Mr. Alfred Buntzen had succeeded Ferslew as government engraver and he made arrangements for bringing out stamps with values expressed in skilling somewhat after the style of essays he had submitted in 1850. As the Post Office Department was running short of the 4r.b.s. stamps it became necessary to put the new stamps with values expressed in the new currency in circulation before the date of the promulgation of the law.

In November, 1853, the new 4sk. stamps were placed on sale. They are somewhat like the stamps of the first issue but with the value shown as "4 S" and with the words at the sides abbreviated to "K G L" and "F R M" respectively. In March, 1854, a 2 skilling stamp was issued in the same type to be followed by an 8 sk. value in July 1857 and a 16 sk. almost immediately after. No official notices seem to have been published regarding the issues of the 2sk. and 4sk. denominations—probably because they corresponded in value to those they replaced—but a circular, dated June 27th, 1857, referred to the new 8sk. stamps as follows:—

It is hereby notified that at the commencement of the month of July next, there will be forwarded new stamps, at 8sk., green in color, with the same emblems as the 4sk. stamps at present in use.

On the 24th July following, another circular announced the issue of the 16sk. viz:—

It is hereby notified that there will be forwarded in a few days, new stamps at 16sk., lilac in color, with the same emblems as the 4sk. and 8sk.

All four values were printed in sheets of 100 stamps on watermarked paper like that employed for the first issue. The paper was, also, covered with the yellow burelage before the designs were printed but this was, in many cases, so faint as to be almost invisible.

There was but one die for all four denominations, this having the space for the numerals blank, the necessary figures being added to the subsidiary dies. In each case the same method was followed; ten *clichés* being reproduced from the original die and clamped together and this block then being reproduced ten times and the ten blocks arranged in proper order for the printing plates. This method was found more convenient than having to join up 100 separate *clichés*. However, after the two higher values were made the little blocks were all separated in order that should a *cliché* be accidentally damaged it could easily be replaced on the plate. This system has continued in use until the present day and has only once resulted in confusion when, in 1903, a *cliché* of the 20 ore Official stamp of Iceland was inadvertently placed in the plate of the ordinary 20 ore stamps.

In 1859 Messrs. Alex. Ballin & Co. offered to sell the government a perforating machine for 400 rigsdaler but for some reason or other nothing came of it and the Post-office continued to sell the stamps imperforate. This firm perforated a number of stamps for their own and their customers use and though these varieties are of interest to a specialist they were, of course, entirely unofficial. According to M. Hanciau stamps perf. 10, 11 and 12 are known while Gibbon's catalogue describes the stamps as "perf. 10 to 14."

According to Mr. O. Koefoed's work on Denmark previously referred to the following were the quantities issued of these stamps:—

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2 skilling	7,968,400
4 skilling	19,405,900
8 skilling	1,336,600
16 skilling	565,100

4sk. brown, yellow-brown, red- brown
(a) Perf. unofficially.
8sk. green, yellow-green
(a) Perf. unofficially.
16sk. lilac, grey-lilac, mauve
(a) Perf. unofficially.

All four values differ in shade especially the 4 skilling.

Reprints of the 2sk. and 16sk. were made in 1885 on yellowish, unwater-marked, wove paper so that they are quite easy to distinguish from originals.

Check List

1853-57. Wmk. Crown. Imperf.

2sk. pale blue, blue dark blue.
(a) Perf. unofficially.

IV.—The third Issue.

In 1857 the original die was re-engraved, the chief and most readily distinguished difference being in the spandrel ornamentation which now consists of wavy lines instead of dots. Another important difference is the absence of the period after the "R" of "F. R. M." and a comparison of the two types will show that all the details differ.

Notes on the Postage Stamps of Great Britain.

BY G. RUDORF, Ph. D., B. Sc.

Reprinted from "Stamp Collecting."

This series of notes is intended to draw attention to some of the many points of interest in the postage stamps of Great Britain, and to be of some assistance to those who may desire to form more than a mere general collection of these stamps. The collector who has already specialized in the stamps of this country will probably find nothing in these notes with which he is not already quite familiar.

No. 1: Guide Lines.

Guide lines are lines faintly ruled in the plates of the early 1d. and 2d. line-engraved stamps to assist the workman in getting the 240 impressions, arranged in twenty rows of twelve each, of which each plate consisted, evenly spaced, both horizontally and vertically. It must be remembered that the automatic devices now in use for ensuring

correct alignment were not in existence in those historic years when the world's first postage stamps were produced.

Even with the aid of these guide lines it not infrequently happened that the impression on the plate did not come exactly within the space intended for its reception. In nearly all such cases, the impression was placed either too low or too much to the left, or both. Consequently, when the guide lines show up on the stamps, they are nearly always found running either through the words of value or down the right-hand side of the stamp, just inside the frame. Occasionally, however, the guide lines are found running horizontally through the word *Postage*, but, wherever they occur, they are generally faint and require, especially in the case of the 2d. blue of 1840, careful looking for.

Stamps showing guide lines in various positions are collected by specialists as varieties of the normal stamp. The lines are found on the 1d. black and red and on the 2d. blue. They are not found in any stamps issued after perforation was introduced, and the query has been raised [H. S. Hodson, G. S. W. Vol. X, page 87 (1909)] as to when, and why, their use in the plate ceased.

This query may be answered with a certain amount of probability from the following considerations:—Guide lines do not exist on Plate 4 of the 2d. stamp nor are they found on the 1d. red stamps with the larger check letters (Alphabet B). The first of the 1d. plates with the larger check letters was 132, registered February 6, 1852. Plate 4 of the 2d. stamp was registered December 6, 1849, on which date were also registered Plates 93, 94, 96, and 98 of the 1d. stamp. There was an interval of over six months between the registration of Plates 92 and 93, and with Plate 93 a slight addition was made to the plates in the shape of marks to facilitate division of the entire sheet for Post Office use. Now Plates 90 and 91 were

registered on the same date as Plate 92, and as guide lines are found in some of the stamps of the "frame-line" variety—that is to say, stamps showing a strengthened frame-line all around—and as the majority of these "frame-line" stamps come from Plate 90, it seems probable that with the change of "state" between Plates 92 and 93, the use of guide lines was abolished.

The reason for the abolishing of the guide lines is probably due to their having been found practically useless. Thus the very first stamp (lettered AA) on Plate 3 of the 2d., shows a clear vertical guide line on the right-hand side. Therefore, if the workman, with the aid of guide lines, could not get even the first impression on the plate placed correctly, it is almost obvious that the guide lines were of little assistance. It must not be imagined that a better method of alignment was immediately found, as this is certainly not the case. It was not until several years after the introduction of perforation, where, of course, correct alignment was much more essential, that this problem was solved.

THE P. M. WOLSIEFFER PRIZES.

Our member Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia, Pa., writes the Secretary as follows:

"Please note in your next report that I offer a \$5 gold piece to the member securing the largest number of new members from the time this notice appears until the ending of the time when the applicant will count as a new member for the current fiscal year.

"Also a second prize of a \$3 gold piece for the second largest number, and a third prize of a very fine 5c stamp of 1847 for the third largest number.

"The conditions are that three or more new members must be secured to

win any of these prizes. Officers of the Society barred from the competition."

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Members please note the Wolsieffer Prizes offered in this issue. These with the Dunning Prizes and the prizes offered by the Secretary, should make things lively in A. P. S. recruiting.

A total of about \$30.00 besides the Dunning monthly prize of \$5 worth of good stamps, is well worth working for.

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EDITORIAL.

SPECULATIVE ISSUES.

The older collectors will remember the Society formed in 1895 for the purpose of discouraging the issue of stamps by the various governments for the expressed idea, many times plainly stated, of sale to collec-

tors. During the existence of this Society, which rejoiced in the name of "The Society for the Suppression of Speculative Stamps," many lists of these issues were published, after investigation looking to the establishment of the fact that the stamps were really unnecessary and for the purpose of creating revenue from their sale to collectors.

In the 58th edition of the Standard Catalogue, issued in 1898, a number of such stamps were listed, but with the explanatory note that collectors "were strongly advised to omit them from their collections."

It is interesting to now see what has become of these stamps. Reference to the current catalogues show that many of these once black-listed stamps enjoy philatelic status equal to those of unquestioned standing. The four stamps comprising the 1896 issue of Bulgaria, Type A14; Bussahir, Types A2 to A8; Ecuador, Types A28a and A28b; Paraguay, Type A24; Peru, A23a and A23b; Portugal, St. Anthony of Padura issue; Salvador, Type A59; Johore, 1896 issue overprinted "KEMAHKOTAAN"; the three stamps of the Uruguay issue of 1896 and the Venezuela "map" issue of the same year, were among the stamps mentioned in the list referred to.

These of course were regular government issues and but for the fact that they were brought out primarily for sale to collectors, there is no reason why they should not be accorded a place in a postage stamp collection.

But if the S. S. S. S. existed these days, what a labor it would have to pass on the many, many stamps which appear for which there is little postal need and which undoubtedly are the means of much profit to the country responsible for their being!

A catalogue twenty years ago was not such a volume as it presents today. Undoubtedly if the same process of elimination were applied to many of our present-day stamps as was undertaken

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by the society of a generation ago, there would be a great many emissions which could not pass muster. But the work proved too burdensome even in those days and the Society gave up the effort. This was in part due to collectors not following, or probably caring to follow, the findings of the Society, for the issuance of such stamps went merrily on.

The catalogue of 1898 comprised some 600 pages, but listed everything

of a postal nature except cards, in many cases the envelope and wrapper stamps being a considerable part of the listings of various countries. General collecting was much more popular then, for the simple reason that it was possible to accumulate a far better showing of the countries of the world than it is today. And it was for the general collector that the S. S. S. S. labored in vain.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held Feb. 1, 1917.

The regular meeting was called to order by Mr. Beatty who, in the absence of Pres. Tubman, took the chair for the evening. The following members were present: Weigel, Young, Kreil, Whittaker, Good, Moses, Hanford, Preston, Lloyd, McLaren, Geuder, Beatty and Madder. Visitor Mr. Taylor. Minutes of last meeting accepted as read.

The entertainment Committee announced a junior night to be held in the near future; an auction of some moderately priced lots is to be held in connection and in conclusion each juvenile collector is to be presented with a souvenir packet of stamps.

Mr. McLaren, chairman of the permanent club rooms committee, advised that suitable quarters could be secured

for \$25.00 per month with unlimited service.

As our old club rooms in the old Arcade will not be available for meetings in the future the chairman appointed Messrs. Whittaker, McLaren and Mader to engage temporary rooms until the permanent quarters are secured.

Mr. McLaren announced that Mr. Ralph Henn's collection of U. S. Revenues would be exhibited to the club in the near future. This collection, which is very complete, is without a doubt the finest collection of U. S. revenues extant.

Mr. Moses, the newly elected Sales Mgr., reported 3 circuits out and new books coming in rapidly.

The meeting was then turned over to the Auction Mgr. Mr. Good. Meeting adjourned at 10.00 P. M.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

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Preston, Harry Longyear, Jordan, N. Y.; Age 39; Manufacturer; Jordan Wheelbarrow Co.; Reference: Grover C. Townsend, Jordan, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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3251 Cutler, Marshall from Florence, Italy, to University Club, New York.

4691 Lloyd, M. J., from 2341 E. 89th St., to P. O. Box 117, Cleveland, O.

4585 Noack, M. O., from 27 W. Grand Ave., to 11 E. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill.

4700 Ruellan, Henri, from 633 Market St., to 628 Montgomery St., San Francisco, Calif.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

A Comparative Check List

OF THE

“Hermes” Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

(Continued from page 122.)

*No. 26a, (S. G. # 46, Scott # 23.)
40 lepta, Lake, varying in shades from light to dark; on azure paper. Impression varying, usually of a heavy blotched appearance. The color of the stamp and the tint of the paper is the distinguishing feature. It is often termed as claret by some. Numerals at back. (1865.)

*No. 26b, (S. G. # 44, Scott # 22.)
40 lepta, Rosy Violet, varying in shades on blue unglazed paper, the same as # 26. Impression not so distinct, the spandrels showing the bad condition of the plate. Numerals at back. (1865.)

*No. 26c, (S. G. # 43, Scott # 22.)
40 lepta, Lake Violet, varying in shades, on blue unglazed paper the same as # 26b and which stamp it very much resembles, but is much deeper in color. Numerals at back. (1868.)

*No. 27, (S. G. # 47, Scott # 25a.)
80 lepta, Rose, varying in shades from bright rose to deep rose or carmine; on rose tinted glazed paper. Clear impression and well executed. Lines of shading apparently as # 20. Has figures at back in carmine. (1863.)

*No. 27a, (S. G. # —, Scott # 25.)
80 lepta, Carmine, on rose tinted paper, clear impression; numerals at back in carmine. (.)

*No. 27b, (S. G. # —, Scott # 25a.)
80 lepta, Rose, on unglazed rose tinted paper; poor impression showing signs of dirty plate. Figures at back in carmine. (1866.)

*No. 27c, (S. G. # —, Scott # 25a.)
80 lepta, Deep Rose, varying in shades to carmine; similar to # 27a, but the execution and impression is inferior; on rose tinted paper. Some of the impressions have a very smudgy look. Numerals at back in carmine. (1866.)

THIRD ATHENS PRINTING “C.”



This printing is usually designated in catalogues as “after the plates were

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cleaned". The work shows a decided improvement over the preceding type "B", and the lines of shading are not so heavy or so long. All the stamps of this printing are as a rule well executed and clear impressions.

*No. 28, (S. G. # 52, Scott # 15c.)

1 lepton, Pale Red Brown, with varying shades to Fawn, on highly finished toned paper; lines of shading on neck shorter, and rounds off the cheek from front of the ear to the chin, giving a rounded appearance to the face, and which makes it look fuller. Clear impression. No figures at back. (1870.)

*No. 28a, (S. G. # 50, Scott # 15c.)

1 lepton, Red Brown, varying in shades from light to deep, on cream tinted paper, unglazed. Well executed and fairly clear impression. No figures at back. (1871.)

*No. 28b, (S. G. # 62, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Red Brown, varying in shades from light to deep, on tinted paper orange buff on surface. Lines of shading same as # 28. No figures at back. (1871.)

*No. 28c, S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Full Grey Brown, on orange buff paper, the same as # 28b. No numerals at back. (1871.)

*No. 28d, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Full Grey Brown, on thin canary yellow paper; impression shows through; the shading on face and neck the same as # 28. No numerals at back. (1871.)

*No. 28e, (S. G. # 64-64a, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Coffee Brown varying in shade but slightly, on buff paper. The lines of shading and execution same as # 28. Clear impression. No figures at back. (1871.)

*No. 28f, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Red Brown, on coffee colored paper. This paper appears as if steeped in coffee. (1871.)

*No. 28g, (S. G. # 63, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Deep Brown, and must not be confused with # 21d, which it resembles; the color not being so dark, and having more red in its composition. The paper is of deeper tone; fine execution. The lines of shading on neck are heavy and have a tendency to run together. On light buff paper. Plate shows signs of neglect. No numerals at back. (1871.)

*No. 28h, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Stone Brown, varying from light to deep; execution like # and the paper is cream tinted unglazed and of a clear texture. The impression is heavy and poor. No numerals at back. (1871.)

*No. 28i, (S. G. # 58, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Grey Brown, varying from light to full; execution fine and lines of shading distinct. Light impression, and the paper is a light buff, and not so deep as No. 28e. No figure at back. (1880-1886.)

*No. 28j, (S. G. # —, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Light Fawn Brown, on cream tinted paper of better quality and of varying texture. Fine execution, and impression varying from clear to blotchy. No numerals at back. (1881.)

*No. 28k, (S. G. # 52, Scott # —.)

1 lepton, Reddish Fawn, resembling # 28j, but much deeper in tone, and having more red in its composition. Not so well executed, as these impressions are, as a rule, blurred, some of the outer tablets being almost a solid ground of color, and the Greek border in some marginal stamps being almost invisible. No figures at back. (1881.)

*No. 28l, (S. G. # 53, Scott #—.)

1 lepton, Fawny Brown, of fair execution; the paper and shading same as # 28j, but this printing is easily distinguished by the color which is quite different from it (# 28j) being much lighter and has a yellowish tone. The small engraved numerals of value appear to be clearer and thicker, due to printing. No numerals at back. (1881.)

*No. 29, (S. G. # 55, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Bistre, on cream tinted paper; execution good showing good effects of newly cleaned plate and superior workmanship. Impression is clear and distinct, on unglazed paper, and easily to be confounded with the earlier Athens prints. (1870.)

*No. 29a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Deep Stone on buff paper; execution not so good as # 29, but is a clearer impression. (1870.)

*No. 29b, (S. G. # 65, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Light Stone on dark cream paper; execution is fair and impression is light; the paper is thin and transparent somewhat resembling pelure. On some specimens one or both corners are invisible,

while other adjoining stamps on same sheet may be clear and distinct. They may, however, be easily distinguished by the color and paper. (1870.)

*No. 29c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Ochre Yellow, on deep cream paper; well executed and clear impression. The color is the guide to go by, as it is of a warmer tone of yellow than any other printing. (1878.)

*No. 29d, (S. G. # 54, Scott #—.)

2 lepta, Bistre Yellow, on light buff paper; heavy impression on account of worn plate. Specimens as a rule present a blurred appearance, and the paper is a decidedly deeper tone than that hitherto employed. A very common variety. (1860-86.)

*No. 30, (S. G. # 67, Scott #—.)

5 lepta, Light Green, on green tinted unglazed paper; good execution and clear impression from cleaned plate. This printing is hard to distinguish from # 23, as the color is practically the same, but not so soft as in the former type. Numeral on back in Type II. (1870.)

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Notes on the Postage Stamps of Great Britain.

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No. 2: MALTESE CROSS OBLITERATION.

The early 1d. and 2d. stamps were cancelled with a wooden hand stamp, the obliteration thus produced being of what is usually called Maltese Cross design. This Cross obliteration remained in use until May 1844. The crosses vary somewhat in shape and size, and occasionally two crosses intertwined (double obliteration) are found on the same stamp. The clearness of the impression also varies, being often little more than a smudge. Sometimes, on the other hand, the stamp was not obliterated at all, which may possibly explain the existence of the comparatively large number of "unused" copies of the 1d. black.

Varieties.

Standard varieties of this obliteration are:—

1. Cross with straight outer lines;
2. Cross with dot in centre;
3. Cross with double outer line; and
4. Cross with number in centre.

Variety (1) was used in Ireland only. I know of no data regarding the places from which varieties (2) and (3) emanate, and it would be a matter of considerable interest to compile, from a study of entires, lists of places in which these two varieties were used. Variety (4) was used in London only. The numbers in the Cross run from 1 to 12, and except in the case of No. 3, there is a small cross at the top of the design in-

roduced, probably, to distinguish between Nos. 6 and 9. The significance of the numbers is still obscure. It has been suggested that they represent collections. However, it does not appear certain that there were just twelve collections per day at that time. Another suggestion is that the numbers represent districts, and yet a third that they were intended to identify the stampers using them. The variety was in use from March 1843 to May 1844, and perhaps only at the Chief Office, as it is quite certain that not all London offices used this type of obliteration. The obliteration is, of course, rare on the 1d. black and 2d., no lines, as the stamps had been superseded for more than two years before the obliteration was introduced.

Colour.

The obliteration was at first done with a red ink, each office making up its own ink to a prescribed formula. All sorts of colours, ranging from carmine to orange, and even brown, pass as "red". It was soon found that the red ink could be easily removed without injuring the stamp. Then (June 1840, according to Philbrick & Westoby, p. 58, foot note) a black ink was tried, but this proved to be also ineffective. On August 25, 1840 (Wright and Creeke, p. 22), it was decided to use ordinary black printing ink, and this appears to have been in-

troduced almost immediately, but only in London. In the provinces, red remained, although the ink used was probably of a different composition from that used as first. The use of black ink became general when the colour of the 1d. stamp was changed from black to red.

The 1d. black is commoner with red than with black obliteration, whilst in the case of the 2d., no lines, the reverse is the case. The following calculation may help to explain this latter: The earliest known date of the 2d., with lines (Plate 3), is November 16, 1842. Now, if we assume that the black cancellation became general towards the end of January 1841, and bear in mind that the demand for the 2d. stamp probably increased as time went on, it can be estimated that probably not more than 30 per cent. of the 2d. blue, no lines, stamps were obliterated in red.

Besides obliterations in red and black on the 1840 stamps and in black on the later 1841 stamps, others in blue, green, and violet are known. In the case of the 1840 stamps such coloured oblit-

erations should be taken with the utmost caution, and the same applies to the 1841 stamps, cancelled in colours other than black and blue, which latter is quite frequently found. These coloured cancellations are all rare, and fakes are often seen. They should be taken "on entire" only, and here again a compilation of the offices from which they emanated would be interesting. The variety (4) of the Cross is found in black only.

In conclusion, one other point may be mentioned. The early imperf. stamps, especially the 1d. red, are sometimes found cancelled with town and date stamp only (Towns cancellation). Most of these are dated 1842 or 1843, that is to say, they come within the period of the Maltese Cross obliteration. The explanation may be that the Cross obliterator got broken, and, another not being immediately available, the date stamp, which was, of course, always used, in addition to the obliterator, was temporarily used, therefore, as obliterator also.

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 4531—Palette, Dr. E. M., from 215 W. 6th St. to 1501 S. Figueroa St., Los Angeles, Calif.
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 1977—Steinmetz, Jos. A. from 1204 Morris Bldg., to 736 Westview St., Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

Membership Summary.

Membership March 1st, 1917	1605
New Stockholders	19
	1624
Resignations accepted	3
Deceased	1 4
Total membership Mar. 15, 1917	1620

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

LAST CALL FOR DUES.

Members who wish to retain their name in the Annual List of Members should remit direct to the Secretary \$1.80. The Books will close shortly after the appearance of this notice.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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The Wolsieffer prize of a three dollar gold piece for the second largest number.

The Wolsieffer prize of a very fine 5c U. S. 1847 for the third largest number. At least three recruits must be obtained to win any of the Wolsieffer prizes.

The Secretary prize of a five dollar gold piece for the largest number of recruits for the year, and the same to the Branch whose members send in the largest number of applications who become members.

Please note that Mr. Wolsieffer is not competing for any of these prizes.

Also that the Officers of the Society are barred from the competition.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

LET US In our issue of Feb.
HELP ONE 15th we reprinted a lit-
ANOTHER. tle envelope insert sent
us by Mr. M. Casper en-
titled "Help One Another", suggesting
that all collectors, in their correspond-
ence between themselves, endeavor to

use stamps other than the common varieties, i. e., the plain one and two cents stamps, but to make use of odd combinations with plate numbers, etc., thereby giving to the receiver the benefit of such varieties as will cause him to preserve the covers, adding an interest to the correspondence.

In connection with this, we have just received a letter from Mr. A. W. Filstrup, our member in Benton Harbor, Mich., in which he writes as follows:—

"There has been a considerable amount of this written and it seems to be of no avail, except the smaller collector or dealer. The writer is a collector of U. S. only and has been a purchaser in various parts of the country, and I note that the smaller dealer in the West and also collectors use special stamps, such as imperf., part perf., pairs, etc., but the larger dealers of Boston, New York and Philadelphia use nothing but the most common stamps."

This is a subject in which the dealer is not necessarily interested, but the fact of the matter most probably is that in the course of their business they receive quantities of one and two cent stamps in payment for their goods and they must utilize such stamps in the prepayment of the postage on their correspondence or else be obliged to shoulder a loss on that item.

This matter of using out-of-the-ordinary stamps for postage on our letters is one which the individual collector should cultivate and it seems that there is enough of interchange of letters between collectors to enable them to follow this course. That there are many who do so, is well attested by the mail which reaches our desk, for there is hardly a mail but what brings us an obsolete stamp, or an imperforate or part-perforate one, or even an envelope-stamp of some old issue. It is for collectors themselves to extend the custom as they are undoubtedly obliged to

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purchase all their stamps for postage and it would be possible to secure those not ordinarily used with but slight additional expense and trouble.

We should not look to the dealer to assist greatly in a matter of this kind. We should help each other. That does not mean that it is always possible for all of us to follow such a course but the point is, we should do so when we have the opportunity. This is but one way of co-operating with those of kindred tastes and we should be ever ready to do our best.

NEW YORK STAMP SOCIETY.

Meeting February 1, 1917.

The members had occasion to feast their eyes on the treasures displayed in Mr. Henry C. Gibson's collection of New York Fives. He had the plate complete except four stamps. This plate includes many over-lapped pairs. Other fine pieces in the collection are a strip of three, used from Boston, on cover, a vertical pair from the lower left corner of the sheet, with large sheet margins, also used from Boston on cover, an unused unsigned copy on blue paper, and a block of three. All these pieces are probably unique. There were two single copies shown with RHM signatures and also a cover with two copies of the RHM used together.

Mr. J. R. Stanton's collection of New York Fives was also shown. His stamps were mounted on pages of the Hart book, a very creditable showing, including five singles and several pairs.

Mr. E. R. Jacobs, Chicago, Ill., also entertained the members with a good showing of early U. S. stamps including

1847, 10c pairs, 1851 1c block of four, also a nice page of Great Britain penny blocks including pairs, and several pages of imperforate Netherlands, including pairs and strips. Very amusing were the fancy cancellations shown on the U. S. stamps, such as, Devil with Whiskers, Kicking Mule, Chicken Flapping Wings, Large Shield, Small Shield, Skull and Crossbones, and Pumpkin Head. Someone present remarked that everything was shown excepting a "crowing rooster."

Mr. Herman showed a Prince Edward Islands 12c stamp on cover which is quite scarce.

Mr. Klein showed Great Britain 1847 issue 1 shilling, used block of eight.

It is safe to say that such an array of rarities has not been shown at our meetings for some time.

E. WEISS, Secretary.

MAXWELL W. TURNER

Mr. Turner died at his home in Warren, R. I., Feb. 25th, 1917, after a very brief illness of pneumonia. He held certificate No. 3719 in our Society. Those who were at Boston last year will remember Mr. Turner as an attendant. Mr. H. T. Willcox, who sends us this sad news, writes that Mr. Turner was in Jewett City only a week prior to his death.

Mr. Turner was born in Warren, Oct. 20, 1862. He is survived by his widow and two children.

The members of the Society will join in expressing their deepest sympathy to those who are left to mourn the sudden passing of our fellow-member.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

THE BRITISH GUIANA PHILATELIC JOURNAL, No. 21, Dec. 1916. Published at Demerara by the British Guiana Philatelic Society.

REVISTA de la SOCIEDAD FILATEL-

ICA ARGENTINA, Vol. XX No. 6. Double number for November and December, 1916. Published at Buenos Aires by the Philatelic Society of Argentina.

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SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. XVIII No. 1, Jan. 15, 1917. Published at Stockholm by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

BY THE EDITOR.

THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VII No. 5-6. Dec. 1916-Jan. 1917.

To specialists in the stamps of our country, this journal always has something of interest. A short article on cancellations of early use and another on the damage to plate No. 7582. The remainder of the number is principally reports of societies.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY.

Vol. VI No. 4, Feb. 20, 1917. Two good articles make up the reading matter for this number, one being on the Eagle Carrier stamp and the other on the stamps of Crete.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII

No. 2, Feb. 1917. Two newly discovered dies of the 1886 Two Cent Green envelope are fully described. Continuation of the articles on Confederate States, U. S. Locals, Austria and the Government Collection, with others of less importance, make up a highly interesting issue.

THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 2, Feb. 1917. No

special paper calls for attention, but many small notes of more or less interest.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 4,

Feb. 28th, 1917. Always of interest to both dealer and collector.

THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2 No. 2,

Feb. 1917. A special number devoted to the Southern Philatelic Society and we congratulate both the "Sun" and the S. P. A. on the excellent manner in which the subject is handled.

THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4

No. 5, Feb. 1917, and Vol. 4, No. 6, March, 1917.

MANN'S STAMP MAGAZINE, Vol. II

No. 1, Jan. 1917. The best number that has reached us. In a handy pocket size containing Mr. Mann's

article on the 1894 issue of Bolivia and many other short and interesting notes.

THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST, Vol. I

No. 2, Feb. 15th, 1917. A new name for the Bulletin formerly issued by the National Philatelic Society, containing official reports of that society.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. I No. 12,

March 10th, 1917. For one year the "Herald" has come out on time. Devoted principally to U. S. precancels; but other items of a readable nature will be found in its pages.

LINN'S STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I

No. 5, March 1917. Mexico in all its recent philatelic ventures.

COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. II

No. 5, March 5th, 1917. Nothing for special comment.

PRICE LIST, D. Field. 1917.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol.

XIII Nos. 155 and 156, Jan. and Feb. 1917. Jamaica and Samoa War issues constitute the principal items.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' REC-

ORD and Exchange Club Journal, Vol. 1, No. 6 Jan. 1917. Doings of the societies and an illustrated article on U. S. A. postage-stamp portraits.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL of

GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. XXVII No. 314, Feb. 1, 1917. "The Stamps of the Danish West Indies" is continued. The Review of other journals is full of valuable and interesting notes clipped from the exchanges.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No.

72, Feb. 1st, 1917. While interesting reading, nothing for special notice.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Continuation

of the article on Austrian stamps and list of new issues make up the greater part of the number before us.

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XIX No.

12, Dec. 31, 1916. Articles of more or less importance on the stamps of The Levant, Brazil, Montenegro, Russia and a list of new issues make up the issue.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VII Nos. 17, 18, 19 and 20, Feb. 3, 10, 17 and 24, 1917. Bright and newsy.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' QUARTERLY, Vol. II No. 1, Jan.-March, 1917. A number of articles and illustrations combine to make this number of even more value to a collector than those which have preceded it. The Quarterly is excellently printed and illustrated, which add such a great deal to the pleasure of reading it. "The Stamps of Monaco," a short paper based on the Rev. Barber collection; "The Paris Commune Posts"; a short article regarding Bar-

badoes coat of arms; Ceylon; a page plate of Sydney views; a page or two for ladies; Tasmania first issue; "Errors and Varieties worth Finding;" "the Book Lover's Corner" and a Review, form a most interesting issue. But there is a new feature now appearing for the first time under the heading "Quarterly Literary Index" which will most certainly be appreciated by all readers of the "Quarterly". A number of journals are listed, including the "A.P." and the principal articles are indexed.

PRICE LIST, Covert Stamp Co.

A. P. S. TREASURER'S REPORT

TO MARCH 1st, 1917.

STOCK FUND.			
Balance	\$4,605.66		
Receipts	29.00	\$4,634.66	
GENERAL FUND.			
Balance	\$976.99		
Receipts	\$248.01		
Expend.	136.25	111.76	\$1,088.75
INSURANCE FUND.			
Balance	\$1,811.92		
Receipts	32.05	\$1,843.97	

EXCHANGE FUND.			
Balance	\$ 1.95		
Receipts	.20	\$ 2.15	
SUSPENSE FUND.			
Balance	\$, 39.35		
Receipts	3.50	\$ 42.85	
RESOURCES.			
Bonds	\$3,489.34		
Cash in Bank	4,123.04	\$7,612.38	
C. F. HEYERMAN, Treas.			

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

A COLLECTORS' CATALOGUE of PHILATELIC LITERATURE, with prices, Compiled by Percy C. Bishop. Published by F. Hugh Vallancey, 89 Farringdon Street, E. C. London, 1917. Price 1 shilling, net, paper covers. Cloth 2 sh. 6 d. net. Special large paper edition printed on the Kruger "Z. A. R." watermarked paper, limited to 50 copies, 3 sh. 6 d. net.

This little work of some forty pages will undoubtedly be welcome to those who appreciate the literature side of our hobby. Hundreds of separate works and single numbers and complete

volumes of journals are listed, priced post free to all parts of the world. The lists include only those books and journals printed in the English language, comprising the literature collection of Mr. Vallancey. How many times have we wished some idea of what certain old books, catalogues or journals were worth from a financial standpoint? Such a list as the one noted will readily serve as a guide for such valuation, in addition to offering a known market for the purchase of such works as one may wish.

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AMONG OUR EXCHANGES.

Being items which seem of general interest as viewed by the Editor.

From "Stamp Collecting" we clip the following regarding a new series of stamps for Colombian Republic—

The expected Arms series never having materialized, a somewhat pretentious set has been prepared by Messrs. Perkins, Bacon, & Co., of which the values and printings are as follows:—

½c. yellow, Bust of Caldas.	1,000,000
1c. green, Statue of Camille Torres	1,500,000
2c. red, Statue of Narino	2,500,000
4c. green and blue, Gate of Colombia	10,000
4c. orange, Statue of Serna Santander	500,000
4c. carmine, Facade of the Station at Sabana	10,000
5c. dark blue, Statue of Bolivar	1,250,000
5c. black, a Postman	12,000
5c. maroon, Map of Colombia	25,000
10c. grey, Bust of Cordoba	400,000
10c. blue, Falls of Tequendama	75,000
20c. vermilion, Boyaca Bridge	200,000
50c. carmine, View of Cartagena	75,000
1 peso bright blue, Bust of Sucre	5,000
2 peso orange, Statue of Rufino Cuervo	4,000
5 peso grey, Statue of Ricaurte	1,500
10 peso sepia, Nat'l Arms	1,000

The size of these stamps is 20 mm. by 25 mm., or 45 mm. by 25 mm., according to value; they are marked "Republica de Colombia—Correos Nacionales," with indication of value in words and figures.

The 4c. green and blue and the 10c. blue are intended for use on registered letters, the 4c. carmine and 5c. maroon for receipts, and the 5c. black for express letters.

Mr. W. C. Stone sends us the following newspaper clipping regarding a stamp which Switzerland proposes to issue when the time shall have come to arrange for terms of peace among the warring countries of Europe—

The Berner Bund reports that the competition among eminent Swiss artists for the honor and the material reward to be gained by designing the "peace stamp," which the Swiss Post Office Department intends to put into use at the time of the peace meeting, has been closed and that the winner of the first prize of \$200 is O. Baumberger of Zurich.

Second prizes of \$100 each went to P. Th. Robert and C. D. Vallet. The news of the beginning of the "peace stamp" contest was printed in The New York Times of Dec. 27, 1916.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held February 15, 1917, was called to order by Vice-President Chamberlin at 8.15 in the Club's new quarters in the hotel Statler. The following members responded to the roll call: Wallace, Lewis,

Oettinger, Holt, Beatty, Hanford, Preston, Geuder, Weigel, MacLaren, Lloyd, Whittaker, Camberlain, Young, Good, Volk, Mader and charter members W. H. Schneider and Chas. Kress. Visitors present were Messrs. Hinds, Dority, Butts, Runge, Henderson, Kraus, Newman, Sampliner and Chester.

The minutes of the preceding meeting were accepted as read. The resignations of Messrs. A. W. Batchelder, E. M. Carpenter, Eugene Lutzeier, Geo. Holly were received and accepted.

Mr. MacLaren of the entertainment committee announced that he had a philatelic treat in store for the members at the next meeting.

The meeting was then turned over to one of our charter members Mr. W. H. Schneider who placed his collection of U. S. oddities on exhibition. All who were privileged to view the collection pronounced it a never-to-be-forgotten treat.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

CARL W. MADER,

Secretary.

BRANCH No. 27.

Berkeley Branch No. 27 held its regular meeting Jan. 31st, 1917. Present: President E. C. Prindle; Treasurer, H. B. Phillips; Secretary, Henry Chaloner; A. L. Ott, G. Folte, G. W. Skilling, H. E. Dore, F. Gore, L. Lazarus, Ray Norton, Max Riegel, T. S. Rollins, H. W. Doscher, Conrad Moreno, H. O. Wolcott, L. E. Milligan and W. C. Henry.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

After the regular business was transacted the members proceeded to enjoy themselves at the banquet which the committee had prepared. The surprise was the decorations and that which went with them. Suspended from the ceiling was an airship representing 1917 with Santa Claus dropping bombs on 1916 which were represented as a battleship on the table. From the airship to each place was a ribbon attached to an envelope and at a given signal the airship was started and the presents were then distributed, each of those present drawing his ribbon from the wreckage. Every one enjoyed himself and the secretary was given a vote of thanks for his work in getting up the entertainment.

HENRY CHALONER,

Secretary

BRANCH No. 45.

Indianapolis Collectors Club.

Twenty-ninth meeting convened in the Director's room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind., Julius Braun presiding. Fifteen members were present. Minutes of twenty-eighth meeting read and approved.

New Members Admitted.

Mr. L. A. Wiles, 1119 S. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. A. B. Kundered, Route No. 4, Goshen, Ind.; Mr. J. Henry Orr, 717 W. Main St., Munice, Ind.; Mr. Legrande Payne, 1026 Tecumseh St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. Ben H. Riker, 1807 Ruckle St., Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. Robert G. B. Christian, 1305 N. Jefferson St., Indianapolis, Ind.

Applications for Membership.

Mr. G. W. Matthews, age 33, salesman, 4225 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, Proposed by C. A. Ploch.

Mr. Geo. A. Boas, age 54, manager Telephone Co., Batesville, Ind. Proposed by C. V. Hollis.

Vote on Annual Election of Officers.

For President: C. A. Ploch, 15; Julius Braun, 8.

For Vice President: Charles Pond, 17 Julius Braun, 4.

For Secretary-Treasurer: C. R. Sutton, 16; B. F. Egan, 7.

For Sales Manager: E. W. Schneider, 22.

Speeches of Thanks and Acceptance.

Mr. Ploch made a comprehensive speech outlining a progressive program for the club for the coming year.

Mr. Pond seconded the program outlined by Mr. Ploch and expressed by hope that there would be perfect cooperation and good fellowship.

Mr. Sutton promised earnest cooperation, and endeavored to see that new members were worthy before admission.

Mr. Schneider spoke optimistically of the growth of the sales department, and the splendid lot of stamps already entered in the club circuits. He expressed the hope and expectation that at least 250 books would be entered before the end of the present year.

A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers for their efforts in behalf of the club during the past year.

An amendment to the by-laws, to be known as Article 13, Sec. 3, limiting the membership to residents of the State of Indiana at the time of affiliation, was passed by a unanimous vote.

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Regular business meeting adjourned to permit informal social and Philatelic gossip and stamp exchange.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Thirtieth meeting convened in the regular meeting place, Directors room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind., President Ploch presiding, with fifteen members present. Minutes of the twenty-ninth meeting read and approved.

New Members Admitted.

The following new members were reported favorably and admitted by unanimous vote of the club:

Mr. G. W. Matthews, 4225 Guilford Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; Mr. G. A. Boas, Batesville, Ind.

Annual Report of Secretary-Treasurer.

A condensed annual report of the retiring Secretary-Treasurer was read as follows:

Receipts.

Membership dues	\$13.99
Club auctions	11.10
Donation to club	8.80
Total receipts	\$33.89

Disbursements.

Postage and incidentals	\$ 5.56
Advertising	1.90
Printing	8.25
Club room rent	12.50
Annual A. P. S. dues	1.80

Total disbursements	\$30.01
Balance in treasury	\$ 3.88

Committee Appointments.

President Ploch appointed the following committees to serve for the ensuing year:

Publicity.—C. V. Hollis, chairman; B. G. Bushnell, C. R. Sutton.

Printing.—Julius Braun, chairman; E. A. Smith, B. G. Bushnell.

Entertainment.—E. L. Edwards, chairman; Julius Braun, A. R. Davis, Donald Cunningham.

Program.—Chas Pond, chairman; C. V. Hollis, B. F. Egan, B. G. Bushnell, E. A. Smith, C. R. Sutton, E. W. Schneider.

Auditing.—LeGrande Payne, chairman; Chas. Thieman, C. D. Vawter.

Club Readings.

Mr. E. W. Schneider read an interesting article giving the meaning of initial surcharges on the 1912 issue Official stamps of Argentine Republic. An interesting article was also read by

Mr. Schneider on the various varieties of Belgian stamps, as translated from a leading German Philatelic Journal.

Educational Contest.

A contest of ability to name the stamps on which certain heads or scenes appeared was held, and the first prize, a set of Salvador Official stamps, was awarded to Mr. C. D. Vawter. The second prize, an 1890 ten cent Philippine Islands stamp was awarded to Mr. Chas. Pond. The Booby prize, consisting of a series of over a dozen graduated size envelopes each within the other and in the innermost envelope a 1901 U. S. two cent stamp, was awarded to Mr. E. J. Stanbrough. Much merriment was occasioned in watching Mr. Stanbrough find his prize.

The meeting was then adjourned to be followed by informal stamp chats and exchanges.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

Thirty-first regular semi-monthly meeting convened January 25, 1917, in the Director's room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Vice President Pond presided. Twelve members were present in spite of the inclement weather.

Minutes of the thirtieth meeting were read and approved. A plan was presented by the secretary for building up the membership and sales department, which was approved. An appropriation of \$2.00 for printing was discussed and passed.

Plans were discussed for issuing a monthly calendar of the meetings of the club announcing the program for each evening. The Program Committee announced that Mr. LeGrand Payne would exhibit his specialized United States Collection at the next meeting.

Sales Manager Schneider urged that stamps for the coming auction should be forwarded at once that they might be properly listed, and described some of the fine lots already received. Plans for properly advertising the auction were also discussed.

An interesting article on the new unwatermarked issues of current U. S. stamps, by Mr. Colman of Washington, D. C., was read before the club.

The meeting was then formally adjourned and followed by an enjoyable half hour of stamp chatter and exchanging.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

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All of the 2000 books now on hand are priced by **old catalog values**, many of the stamps having gone up by the **1916 catalog**.

Any information about the Sales Department cheerfully furnished on request either to members or prospective members. Every stamp collector in the United States should be a member of the American Philatelic Society.

**P. M. WOLSIEFFER Sales Supt.
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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 153).

The exact date of issue is not known but while some catalogues, and also Mr. Hanciau in his admirable article, ascribes these stamps to 1858, Mr. Koefoed, who presumably had access to official documents, says both were issued in August 1857.

No official notice was made of the change so far as notifying postmasters by circular is concerned.

Only the 4sk. and 8sk. values were issued in this re-engraved type, both being printed in sheets of 100 produced in the manner already described in relation to the last issue. They were printed on the usual paper watermarked with a Crown and this paper was first of all covered with a pattern of fine wavy lines in buff.

There are very pronounced shades of the 4sk. but the 8sk. varies but slightly. According to Mr. Koefoed there were 50,596,700 of the 4sk. and 777,100 of the 8sk.

Both values were reprinted in 1885 upon white or yellowish wove paper but as these show no watermark they can hardly be confused with the originals.

Like the stamps of the preceding issue both denominations are found with unofficial perforations, probably also a Ballin production.

Check List.

Aug. 1857. Wavy lines in spandrels.

Wmk. Crown Imperf.

4 sk. brown, yellow-brown, red brown.

(a) Perf. unofficially.

8 sk. green, pale green.

(a) Perf. unofficially.

V.—The Fourth Issue.

Although the Danish government refused to buy the perforating machine offered them by Messrs. Ballin in 1859 they bought a machine from the Swedish Count Sparre in 1863 which, Mr. Hanciau tells us, would perforate stamps in sheets of 200. Possibly, as this machine was originally offered for 6,000 rigsdaler and then ultimately purchased at 750 rigsdaler, it was presumed the government had obtained a bargain though the earlier machine was offered for 450 rigsdaler. This machine rouletted the stamps and was only used on the 4sk. with wavy lines in spandrels and the 16sk. with dotted spandrels. The 4sk. with this rouletting appeared on March 6th, 1863, the first supply consisting of 14,000 sheets, while in the following June the 16sk. appeared. Of this value only 1000 sheets (100,000 stamps) were rouletted there being but the one supply. This is naturally a scarce variety but the 4sk. is quite common as may easily be understood from the fact that 12,060,300 were issued.

The above two varieties represent the only ones which were actually placed on sale for public use, but speculation or private enterprise produced others, viz., the 4sk. with dotted spandrels and the 8sk. of both types.

Check List.

1863. Dotted spandrels. Wmk. Crown. Roul.

- 4sk. brown (unofficial).
- 8sk. green (unofficial).
- 16sk. mauve.

Wavy lines in spandrels. Wmk. Crown. Roul.

- 4sk. yellow brown, brown, deep brown.
- 8sk. green (unofficial).

VI.—The So-called "Secret Marks."

Much has been written concerning the so-called "secret marks" on the early stamps of Denmark—marks which are so secret in most cases that it is only with the aid of a strong magnifying glass and a sixteen horse-power imagination that they can be seen at all. As we have already pointed out all these early stamps were printed on paper which was first of all covered with a pattern of wavy lines, or burelage, in some shade of yellow or buff. This was evidently done as a proper precaution against counterfeiting and in conjunction with the special watermarked paper it seems to have been perfectly successful in discouraging would-be forgers.

It is said that on the two stamps of the first issue the engraver Ferslew engraved his initial "F" and these are humorously described by M. Hanciau as follows:—

In the 2 r. b. s. the letter "F" is in the centre of the Posthorn, in the lower part of the circular band, and it is plainly visible to good eyes. with a strong magnifier, in specimens which are particularly clearly print-

ed (which is never the case); but sometimes, on a clear day, one can see a little white speck and that is all. In the 4 r. b. s. the same initial is to be found in the wreath of oak-leaves, just opposite the letter "M" of "FRIMAERKE"; at least that is what Mr. O. Koefoed says, and I take his word for it; as in spite of all my desire to see it, and after that careful examination of a quantity of the stamps, I must confess that I have been unable to find anything. A secret mark that is so secret as this does not appear to be of much use!

Other marks described by Mr. Hanciau are shown above the posthorns in the lower corners and consist of a minute figure "4" at left and a letter "s" or numeral at right. It has been suggested that in the case of the 2 r. b. s. these figures at right may be 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 0 and thus refer to the ten clichés forming the block which was reproduced in making up the plates. But they are so obscure and indistinct that it appears to us that practical proof is impossible.

The only mark that can be called at all plain is a small "B"—the initial of the engraver, Buntzen—which appears on the oak leaves at left on the stamps of the second issue. Other marks are shown above the small posthorns in the lower corners but these, again, are very inducisive and may possibly be purely accidental. Mr. Hanciau tells us these marks were "2" and "s" respectively on all four denominations but that later a new plate was made for the 4sk. in which a tiny numeral "4" took the place of the "2".

On the re-engraved type with wavy lines in the spandrels, the engraver's initial has been removed, but the little marks above the lower post-horns still persist. On the 4sk. the tiny "4" is very indistinct, but on the 8sk. the small "8" can be traced quite clearly.

VII.—The Fifth Issue.

Some time in 1862 it was decided to issue stamps in an entirely new design and the drawing for this was made by the painter Ohik and approved by the Minister of Finance on the 15th September, 1862. Whether steps for the preparation of the necessary dies and plates were made or not is hardly clear from the published history of these stamps but, at any rate, none of the new set eventuated until 1864 when, in May, the 4 skilling value appeared. In the following August a 16sk. stamp of the same design was issued and on Sept. 1st, 1865 a 2k. value, for use on local letters, made its appearance. Shortly afterwards—October 10th to be exact—a 3sk. stamp was placed on sale while the 8sk. did not appear until March, 1868.

The design is the same for all five denominations and shows the Royal Arms (Sceptre and Sword crossed and surmounted by a Royal Crown) in an oval with ground of horizontal lines. Around this is a plain oval band inscribed "KGL. POST. FRM." at the top and at the base is the value—"2s", "4s" etc.—and numerals of value are also shown in each of the four corners. These stamps are considerably larger than those of the preceding series and also a little larger than those in most of the succeeding sets. These stamps were printed in sheets of one hundred as usual and for this issue machine-made paper replaced the hand made variety previously used. As before each of the stamps shows a watermark consisting of a Crown and the margins of the sheets bear watermarked inscriptions as explained in an earlier chapter. Regular perforation was introduced with this series, the stamps being perforated with a gauge varying $12\frac{1}{2}$ to 13.

The original die for the stamps of this issue was engraved on steel by M.

Ph. Batz and had no outer frame or numeral on the oval band. From this matrix die reproductions were made and to these the necessary frames and numerals were added. It is worthy of note that the lined background to the numerals in the spandrels differs for each denomination—a fact that in itself is ample demonstration that the frames were separately engraved. From these subsidiary dies the necessary *cliches* were made to form the printing plates.

The plate for the 4 skilling, which was the first value to be issued, was evidently made first and this differs from the other denominations in several important particulars. Instead of having a continuous thick line enclosing the whole design this value has the outline of the rectangular frame interrupted at the top, bottom and sides, showing spaces without line varying in length. In fact the frame lines were either separate pieces of type or they were drawn on the plate, for on no two stamps on the sheets of one hundred are the frames exactly alike. Varieties with thin, instead of thick line on one or more sides are well worth looking for, as well as varieties with the frame line double in places.

This value always shows a small colored dot before the numeral on the oval band.

The 8sk. which was the last to be issued and had a shorter life than the others, shows but little variation in tint but all four of the other denominations provide numerous pronounced shades.

The gum used on the early supplies was distinctly brown in color while towards the last a colorless gum was used.

All five denominations are known imperforate but whether these were legitimate errors sold at a post-office or are from proof sheets we do not know. But whatever their real status the fact that many were undoubtedly used for pos-

tage combined with their age gives them a standing as "errors" which will probably never be seriously challenged.

According to Mr. Koefoed's book the numbers issued were as follows:

2 skilling.....	7,533,600
3 skilling.....	3,019,700
4 skilling.....	47,742,800
8 skilling.....	not known
16 skilling.....	1,600,000

Though it is generally admitted that there are no "secret marks" in connection with this issue on the order of the microscopic details found in the earlier stamps Mr. Hanciau has, nevertheless, noted a number of marks on all except the 2sk. value which are at present a mystery. These consist of dots and dashes and the Roman figures I and V placed sideways, singly and in combination. These usually appear below the Sceptre, at the left, though on the 4sk. they may also be found at right and on both sides below the Sceptre. Mr. Hanciau says "according to information received from the Printing Office these marks are unknown there" and, so far, no theory of any sort has been formulated that would in any way explain their meaning.

All five values were reprinted in 1885 upon white wove unwatermarked paper and imperforate, the absence of watermark making their identification a simple matter. As the original plates were no longer in existence special plates were made for these reprints from such cliches as could be found. For the 2, 3, 8 and 16sk. values these "plates" consisted of twelve cliches arranged in two vertical rows, spaced 12mm. apart, and placed *tete-beche*. The 4sk. was printed from a plate of thirty cliches arranged in three horizontal rows of ten.

Check List.

1864-69. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.

2sk. pale blue, blue, deep blue, greenish blue, indigo.

(a) Imperforate.

3sk. lilac, reddish lilac, lilac-rose, mauve.

(a) Imperforate.

4sk. pale red, vermilion, rose-red, red, orange-red.

(a) Imperforate.

8sk. bistre, olive-bistre

(a) Imperforate.

16sk. gray-green, olive-green, bronze green.

(a) Imperforate.

VIII.—The Sixth Issue.

In its issue for March, 1870, the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine" observed "it is stated that a new series composed of the present denominations, with the addition of a 48sk., will be issued this month."

Two months later the Director-General of Posts in Denmark sent out the following notice:

Copenhagen, May 27, 1870.

There will be sent out within the next few days, and put in circulation, new postage stamps of the value of 48 skilling, color violet, with frame brown, and of a different pattern from those previously introduced. A certain number of these new stamps will be sent to the Post Offices without previous requisition.

Although it is generally presumed, on the strength of the above official circular, that this new 48sk. stamp was placed on sale in May, 1870, it is certainly curious that no mention of this novelty was made in the English journals until August. In the "Stamp Collectors' Magazine", dated the first of that month, we find the following:

A higher value than any yet issued has appeared within the last few days viz., 48 skilling. The shape of the new comer is an upright rectangle, circumscribing an oval; in the centre of the latter is a circular disc, with the figures 48 surrounded by a

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laurel garland, and surmounted by a crown. The outer band of the oval bears DANMARK POSTFRIM. 48 SK. The spandrels and outer frame are printed in a red-brown tint, the oval in mauve. The entire effect is neat and unpretending. The paper is watermarked with a crown, and the stamp perforated precisely as the current series.

This 48sk. stamp was the precursor of a new series, the next value to appear being the 4sk. which, according to official documents, was placed on sale on

November 1st, 1870, while the other denominations appeared in a bunch in January 1871.

All the stamps were of the same design, admirably described in the extract quoted above, and the original die was engraved by M. Ph. Batz. The only point at which exception might be made is the description of the leaves around the numerals, which Mr. Hancius tells us are Olive branches. It should also be noted that the usual posthorn is not forgotten and finds a place below the entwined branches.

A Comparative Check List OF THE "Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

(Continued from page 161).

*No. 30a, (S. G. #68, Scott #17.)

5 lepta, Deep Green, on greenish tinted paper; fairly well executed with varying impression from medium to heavy; the paper on which this printing is made is thin and transparent, having an oily appearance on majority of specimens, and is easily distinguished by the deep green color of the stamp. Numeral at back in Type II. (1872.)

*No. 30b, (S. G. #66, Scott #17a.)

5 lepta, Pale Sage Green, on greenish tinted paper; the execution and impression showing a bad condition of plate. The paper resembles

#23b; the stamps of this printing have a washed out appearance and in some cases the inscription and spandrels are hardly to be distinguished. Numeral on back in Type II. (1876.)

*No. 31, (S. G. #—, Scott #18.)

10 lepta, Bright Orange, on finished greenish paper; well executed and clear impression from cleaned plate. This printing must not be confused with #24 which it most closely resembles, but can be easily distinguished from it by the heavier shading on neck and cheek, and also by the tone of the paper

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which is slightly different. Figures of value at back as usual. (1870.)

*No. 31a, (S. G. # 69, Scott # 28.)

10 lepta, Bright Orange Red, on highly finished azure paper of very thin texture, and nearly transparent; well executed but impression is not so clear, especially in the spandrels. Figures of value at back. (1872.)

*No. 31b, (S. G. # 69a, Scott # 29.)

10 lepta, Deep Orange, on greenish tinted paper; inferior execution, the impression being heavy and blurred, especially in the spandrels and lettering. This printing may be distinguished by the greenish tone of the paper which is quite decided, the full orange color, and by being the worst executed of all the printings. The paper is also thin but not quite so transparent as # 31. Figures of value at back as before. (1871.)

*No. 31c, (S. G. # —, Scott # 18b.)

10 lepta, Dull Orange, on greenish paper; execution better than # 31a, on account of the lighter impression and the greater care taken in printing. Figures of value at back. (1875.)

*No. 32, (S. G. # 71, Scott # 20a.)

20 lepta, Pale Blue on bluish tinted paper; well executed and clear impression; the lines of shading on face and neck clearer, although light. The worn spandrels are a distinguishing feature of this stamp. This printing has caused much speculation and trouble in being properly identified and placed by collectors and writers on account of the fine appearance and impression, which gave rise to the belief of being a Paris print, and reissued with figures of value on back; this is not the case however, as the printing was made in 1870 from newly cleaned plates, which were the first plates to be

cleaned and printed from. Numerals of value at back. (1870.)

*No. 32a, (S. G. # —, Scott # 20.)

20 lepta, Blue on bluish tinted paper, and is identical with # 32 except in color. Figures of value at back. (1870.)

*No. 32b, (S. G. # 70, Scott # 30.)

20 lepta, Indigo on bluish tinted paper which is very thin and semi-transparent; well executed but impression is heavy. The characteristics of this printing is the paper, which is almost pelure. Numerals of value at back. (1870.)

*No. 32c, (S. G. # —, Scott # 21a.)

20 lepta, Grey Blue on greenish paper which is not quite so thin as # 6. Numerals of value at back. (1870.)

*No. 32d, (S. G. # 73, Scott # 20b.)

20 lepta, Deep Blue, on blue paper; fair execution but impression is quite heavy causing some specimens to be blotchy. The paper is an easy guide to this printing, but it does not run regular as some papers are thin and fairly transparent and others not so much so. Numerals of value at back as usual. (1875 ?.)

*No. 32e, (S. G. # —, Scott # 20.)

20 lepta, Blue on bluish tinted paper; imperfect impression showing the spandrels more or less blurred. Has dirty brown gum. The special characteristic is the coarse printing, some specimens appearing to have a black background, which is occasioned by the blurred spandrels becoming oxydised. Numerals of value at back. (.)

*No. 33, (S. G. # —, Scott # 22c.)

40 lepta, Pale Violet, on blue paper; good execution and clear impression from cleaned plate. This printing can be distinguished from # 26 by the thin paper of this stamp, it being thinner and more transparent. This is quite a rare

type. Figures of value at back as usual. (1870.)

*No. 33a, (S. G. #74, Scott #33a.)

40 lepta, Pale Violet, on blue transparent paper; the printing of this type is inferior to #33 and the paper more transparent. Figures of value at back. (1870.)

*No. 33b, (S. G. #75, Scott #33.)

40 lepta, Dark Violet, on blue paper; heavy impression having a blotched appearance. The paper of this printing is the same as #33a, or possibly more transparent. The richness of color is quite a characteristic, and it has been termed by some authorities as a "rich mauve or purple". Numerals at back as usual. (1871.)

(To be continued.)

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We are always glad to publish letters of general interest from our members, but necessarily cannot be responsible for the opinions expressed therein.

FIRST ISSUE GREEK STAMPS.

London, England,

Feb. 9th, 1917.

Editor, American Philatelist:—

I have read with great interest the first installment of the article on Greek stamps, by Joseph H. Pullen, which appears in your January issue. I am sure, as the writer unfolds his tale, it should be the means of enthusing many collectors with the charms of the early Greek issues. At the same time I should, if you will allow me, like to correct a statement which Mr. Pullen makes in reference to the first Athens prints, wherein he says that the 10 lep. (S. G. 13) and the 20 lep. (S. G. 14), i. e., the stamps without numerals at the back, "are now considered by many authorities as proofs, or more properly speaking, as stamps prepared for use but never issued." I do not know who the authorities may be, but in this instance they are undoubtedly wrong, as proved by the fact that neither of these stamps has yet been found in unused condition. The 10 lep. is recorded from a single

specimen only, which is in the collection of Mr. W. Dorning Backton, while the 20 lep. though rare, is by no means unattainable. Your countryman, Dr. Cassey Wood, of Chicago, had in his collection, two copies used on entires, (Dec. 1861), and the stamp is well known to specialists on this side of the water.

In the same category with these two stamps Mr. Pullen mentions the 1 lepton, black-brown on cream paper, which is undoubtedly a Paris proof, or *mise en train* impression, and is always found either without, or with false, gum. This leads me to think that he has also the well known Paris *mise en train* impression of the 20 lepta in his mind, but whatever may be the reason for his statement, I trust you will grant me the space in your valuable paper for the insertion of these few lines in favor of the two of the most interesting of the rarities of Greece.

I am, sir,

Your faithfully,

P. L. PEMBERTON.

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EDITORIAL.

PUBLICATION OF APPLICANTS' NAMES. In the February issue of "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" mention is made of the habit of this, as well as other American Philatelic societies, in publishing the full name and address of each applicant for

membership, calling attention to the fact that such a method "differs radically from the practice" in England, and asserting that it "opens the door to abuse," in the manner of the receipt of much unsolicited mail.

Even if such procedure were not required by our By-Laws, there would be ample grounds to justify it. While it undoubtedly does become the means of placing every applicant's name on some "mailing lists", yet the records of the Society, at least in recent years, show but few cases where unsolicited selections of stamps have been sent out and the Editor can recall but one instance in the four years he served as Secretary where any complaint was made concerning the receipt of undesirable mail matter of other classes.

From this, it would seem that the benefit of publication of each applicants' name, viewing the matter from the standpoint of the Society, is one which far outweighs any other consideration. Of course it is hardly necessary to call attention to the reason for publication, but that it gives every member of the Society an opportunity to know who is making application for membership is an advantage which no other method could possibly present.

The American Philatelic Society does not have a Membership Committee, nor a committee of any character empowered with the duty, or rather responsibility, of saying who shall or shall not be members of the Society. That duty is one for each member of the Society to perform. It makes the matter of membership one entirely to be decided by the membership-at-large, and as such gives to each of its members an equal right to protest against the admission of any applicant. It makes the entire membership into a committee whose duty it is that none but those who are desirable in every way gain admittance to the Society. It establishes a bond of closer unity among all the members and

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gives a strength where a weakness would otherwise creep in.

Our English contemporary also comments on the stand the A. P. S. has long taken against the sending of unsolicited selections of stamps on approval. If we are to judge from reports reaching the officers of the Society, the practice has been very nearly stamped out, at least among those who apply for membership, and for this desirable state of affairs, we can certainly and in justice lay a great portion of the credit to the attention which the matter has received from the various Boards of Directors of the Society.

TWO OF THE MISSING NAMES. It was a matter of much regret that the Convention photograph had to be used with so many blanks in the list of those who appeared thereon, but this was a matter which should rightfully be laid to the photographer and partly again to

the fact that some of those who are not named are not members of the Society but were simply attracted to the group by natural curiosity. However, it is a pleasure to be able to identify two of those who are not named on the photo. Mr. John C. Andrews writes that No. 34 is himself and No. 33 is Mr. S. G. Chilson, of Franklin, Mass. We wish it had been possible to have gotten every face on the photograph correctly named before going to press.

AN APOLOGY. It has become almost a habit with the journal to appear late but this should not be laid to any one in particular, as many things have conspired to make it impossible to get our issues out on time the chief among which is the great loss of time which is necessary on account of the requirement of all copy passing through two hands before reaching the printer. We hope, however, to bring future issues out more promptly.

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- 4947 Brookfield, R. M., Jr., 208 N. 33rd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 4948 Canfield, M. O., Care P. O. Dept. Kansas City, Mo.
- 4949 Garlson, C. A., 724 N. 18th St., Omaha, Neb.
- 4950 Ferry, Robt. P., 902 First Natl. Bank Bldg., Milwaukee, Wis.
- 4951 Hussman, A. A., Garrison & Clark Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
- 4952 Speer, John H. B., Box 166, Delano, Calif.

Reinstated.

- 2674 Young, Carl, 112 N. 5th St., Philadelphia, Pa.
- 3309 Bartlett, Dr. S. R., 1103 Wood Ave., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Resignations Received.

- 3318 Tessier, F. M., American Express Co., Janesville, Wis.
- 3827 Lewis, Charles, Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.
- 4112 Lawrence, J. E., 10 Clarendon Ave., Toronto, Canada.

Resignations Accepted.

- 4654 Braun, Julius, 821 S. Meriden St., Indianapolis, Ind.
- 4594 Burns, Howard P., 1823 Plainview Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa.
- 4161 Fritschel, Rev. Gottl., New Hampton, Ia.
- 2389 Koehler, Robt., 1256 8th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.
- 4552 Marcus, Frank G., Box 16, Menlo Park, Calif.

4829 Rosenfeld, M. M., 728 5th St., Duluth, Minn.

Expelled.

4749 Biele, Edward, 209 Hall of Records, New York City.

4684 Obert, John, P. O. Box 1, Hawthorne, N. J.

Correction.

Under "Change of Address" 7th Secy's. Report: 4345 Julia, J. Juan should read: from Santiago, Dominican Republic to Salcedo, Dominican Republic, instead of Dominica.

Election of Branch Officers.

4492 Baltimore Philatelic Society, Branch #39; President, Howard C. Beck; V. Pres. Warren C. Bird; Secretary-Treasurer, Thos. W. Welsh of F., 611 St. Paul St., Baltimore, Md.

Change of Address.

3842 Atherton, H. P., from Holyoke, Mass. to 514 Yarmouth St., Norfolk, Va.

3654 Ballentine, D. L. from 174 Congress St. to 125 Blaine Ave., W. Detroit, Mich.

2063 Cabeen, Richard McP. from 1442 E. 69th St. to 1433 E. 67th Place, Chicago, Ill.

4656 Cresson, Geo. B. from 202 Dartmouth Ave., to 25 Amherst Ave., Swarthmore, Pa.

2531 Doyle, G. A. from New Haven, Conn. to 571 Main St., Worcester, Mass.

4919 Hatzakordzian, M., from Washington, D. C. to 128 E. 23rd St., New York.

4598 Hart, Henry H. from 2996 Jackson St. to 3751 Clay St., San Francisco, Calif.

4321 Kelleher, Daniel F. from Somerville, Mass. to Box 2015, Boston, Mass.

3876 Leland, R. M., from Lewis, W. Va. to 212 E. Main St. Clarksburg, W. Va.

3202 Mann, Percy McGraw, from 720 Franklin Bldg. to 720 Liberty Bldg., Philadelphia, Pa.

2980 Mathewson, E. P. from Anaconda, Mont. to 30 Edgar Ave., Toronto, Canada.

3227 Weissheimer, Lieut. J. Warren, from Columbus, N. M. to 17th Infantry, Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.

1537 Partello, Col. J. M. T. Change to read as follows: P. O. Box 229, R. F. D. No. 2, Inglewood, Calif.

1896 Robertson, A. W., from Winnebago National Bank to 124 S. Main St., Rockford, Ill.

2834 Schaefer, Jacob M. from 1102 E. Grand Boulevard to 1626 Gratiot Ave., Detroit, Mich.

4891 Schumacker, C. W. from 2147 Blake St., to 1053 Oxford St., Berkeley, Calif.

4106 Whittimore, Audenried, from Chicago, Ill. to 1801 Botman's Bank Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Membership Summary.

Membership March 15, 1917	1620
New Stockholders	7
Reinstated	2
		1629
Resignations accepted	6
Expelled by Board of Directors		8
		1621
Total membership April 1, 1917		1621
		H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call For Nominations.

Nominations for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year 1917-18 should now be made, either by Branches or any five members, in accordance with the By-Laws. The election will take place at the 32nd Annual Convention to be held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

All nominations should be sent immediately to the Secretary that due

notice of such nominations may be published as required by Section 6 of Article VI of the By-Laws.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Convention Site.

Boston, Mass., March 3, 1917.

Notice is hereby given that Alexan-

dria Bay, New York, has been selected as the place of the Thirty-second Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society, in accordance with the vote passed at the last Convention in Boston. The regular call for the Convention will be issued later.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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Notes on the Postage Stamps of Great Britain.

By G. RUDORF, Ph. D., B. Sc.

Reprinted from "Stamp Collecting."

3. THE LITERATURE OF THE SUBJECT.

The literature dealing with the postage stamps of this country must be consulted by him who wishes to learn more about these stamps than can be found in any of the current general catalogues. This literature is fairly voluminous, but much of it is not easy to obtain. Fortunately, however, the Publishers of "Stamp Collecting" is in the unique position of being able to supply almost everything at prices which must be considered reasonable, to say the least.

We will suppose, then that our reader has made up his mind to "specialize" in British stamps, and we will endeavor to

show him how to build up his reference library. As a primer he should get "The Postage Stamps of Great Britain," by F. J. Melville (1905), and follow this up with the following little books by the same author:—"Great Britain", "Line-engraved Stamps" (second edition 1910), "Embossed Adhesive Stamps" (1910), "King Edward VII Stamps" (1911). Next, he should get W. A. S. Westboy's "Postage Stamps of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland" (1891), and also the sixth edition of "Ewen's Standard Priced Catalogue" (1898). All these works can be obtained with a very moderate out-

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lay. Should our friend also go in for "stationery," he should get Ewen's "Priced Catalogue of the Unadhesive Postage Stamps of the United Kingdom" (1905) to supplement the information given in Westboy's book. He will, by now, probably have become interested in the early postal history of this country, and, that being so, he should get "The Postage and Telegraph Stamps of Great Britain", by F. A. Philbrick and W. A. S. Westboy (1881), and read the article on Postage in the "Encyclopaedia Britannica". The old "Paid" marks, used in the pre-adhesive stamp days, are fully described by G. A. Foster in his "Pre-Victorian Postage Stamps and Franks" (1910). Our friend should now also obtain a complete set of the "British Philatelist," published by Messrs. Charles Nissen & Co., specialists in the stamps of Great Britain, and subscribe to this same journal. In the early volumes of this he will find full abstracts of the standard work on the subject. This standard work is H. E. Wright and A. B. Creeke Junr.'s "History of the Adhesive Stamps of the British Isles" (1899), with supplement by A. B. Creeke, Junr. (1903).

We will now mention the various books dealing with special subjects. For the Edwardian stamps, including the provisional Harrison and Somerset House printings and for the earlier Georgian issues, S. Phillips "The Stamps of Great Britain", 1911-1914 (2nd edition, 1914) is the book. The marginal varieties are dealt with by S. C. Buckley in "The Marginal Varieties of the Edwardian Stamps of Great Britain," 1901-1912 (1912). Controls are the subject of two booklets by R. B. Rowell: "Notes on Controls, Part I, Victorian Period (1915), Part II, Edwardian and Georgian Periods (1916)."

The titles of the next three items sufficiently indicate their contents: D. B. Armstrong, "Stamps of the Levant Post Offices" (1913); I. J. Bernstein,

"The Official Stamps of Great Britain," (1906), and Major Evans, "The Mulready Envelope and its Caricatures" (1891).

Postmarks should and no doubt will, also interest our friend. J. H. Daniels's "A History of British Postmarks" (1898) is out of print and difficult to obtain. However, the two volumes by the late J. G. Hendy, (1) "The History of the Early Postmarks of the British Isles" (1905), and (2) "The Postmarks of the British Isles from 1840 to 1876" (1909), are much fuller and still obtainable.

Both Daniels and Hendy give lists of obliterating numbers used by the various post offices in the United Kingdom, but the most complete list is that of T. Whitworth, "A List of the Obliterating Numbers used by the Post Office" (1905).

An interesting side-line is the collection of "Paid" marks. These are dealt with by A. E. Milner—"Illustrated Catalogue of British Post Paid Stamps" (1909), and W. Wartree "British Post Paid Stamps" (1870 to 1912) (1913).

College stamps and railway letter-fee stamps are also of interest. The standard works on these are "The College Stamps of Oxford and Cambridge," by the Rev. Hayman Cummings, and Ewen's "History of Railway Letter Stamps (1901).

Our friend should also get all the early catalogues on the stamps of Great Britain—namely, the catalogues of Hilckes, Kirkpatrick, & Co. (1894), the two editions of Marley's catalogue (1895 and 1897), and the earlier editions of Ewen's catalogue (first edition 1893, second edition 1894, third edition 1895, fourth edition 1895, fifth edition 1896, sixth edition he has already got or should have). Both Ewen and Morley have also published special catalogues of Railway Letter stamps (vide Stamp Collecting, September 23, page 775).

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In conclusion, I would recommend the purchase of as many numbers of Ewen's English 'Specialists' Journal as can be got—a complete file of the seventeen numbers is by no means easy to acquire—and also the purchase of a set of the "Stamp Collectors' Annual", in the earlier volumes of which will be found useful articles on and catalogues of the stamps of Great Britain.

We have now passed in review practically all that has been published in book form on the postage stamps of our country, and it is hoped that this article may prove of assistance to any one interested in our subject.

(The next instalment of Dr. Rudorf's valuable articles will deal with the Plates of the 2d. Blue.)

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 3.

At the 332nd meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch # 3, held February 21st, 1917, there was a goodly attendance. The stormy weather kept some of the regulars away, but those attending were much interested in the talk and display of the stamps of the "Q" and "R" countries.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
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Cash donations	4.90
Sale of Catalogue	1.00
Dues	13.24
Total	33.39

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Postage, etc.	5.50

Total	30.45
Balance on hand	2.45

BRANCH No. 45.

Thirty-second regular semi-monthly meeting convened Feb. 8, 1917, in Directors room Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind., Vice-Pres. Pond presided. Fourteen members present. Minutes of 31st meeting read and approved.

Committee Report.

A recapitulation of the report of the audit of the club's books for the year 1916, prepared by Mr. Payne, chairman of the auditing committee, was read and approved as follows:

Receipts.	
Cash on hand	\$1.84
Auction sales	12.41

Application for Membership.

Mr. Leonhard L. Huber, age 24, Professor, Lock Box 24, Hanover, Ind. Proposed by B. F. Egan.

Issuing of 1917 year book by Publicity committee discussed and appropriation of \$2.00 for advertising notice in same, moved and passed.

An interesting letter to our fellow member Mr. Julius Braum, from Mr. J. H. Von Engelken, Director of the Mint Washington, D. C., relative to the design on the new ten, twenty-five and fifty cent U. S. coins, was read by the Secretary.

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Collection Exhibited.

A remarkable collection of U. S. postage and revenues, practically complete, also a splendid collection of British Colonials, was exhibited by Mr. L. C. Hassler, a pioneer Philatelist in Louisville, Ky., who was the honored guest of the Club. A few of the notable specimens of the U. S. postage collection were:—a block of four 1847 five cent denomination, with several blocks of three and pairs, in various shades and cancellations. Also an 1869 twenty-cent and fifteen cent, both with inverted centers.

Mr. Hassler also entertained the club with a very interesting narrative of the find of the St. Louis Bear Stamps in the basement of the court House at Louisville in 1895. He also told of his amusing experience in the acquisition of the 1869 twenty-four cent with inverted center.

The meeting was then adjourned and followed by a pleasant social time with the guest of the evening.

C. R. SUTTON, Secretary.

Thirty-third meeting convened in Directors' room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 22, 1917. President Ploch presided. Eighteen members present. Minutes of thirty-second meeting read and approved.

Committee Report.

Publicity committee reported progress on issuing of 1917 year book and asked Club for decision on matters pertaining to same.

Sales Mgr. Schneider promised to send more sales circuits to state members to meet the demand for same and asked for co-operation from all the members in building up the sales department, by entering more books to meet the wide demand for sales circuits.

New Member Admitted.

By unanimous vote Mr. Leonhard L. Huber, Lock box 24, Hanover, Ind., was admitted to membership.

After considerable discussion it was decided to hold the Club's Spring Auction the first meeting in April, which falls on the twelfth. It was also decided to advertise the lots entered in the Auction, in the March issue of The Stamp Herald.

Collection Exhibited.

A splendidly mounted collection of U. S. stamps was exhibited by Mr. Le-Grand Payne. Each page was decorated with a different geometric design into which the stamps were arranged. Mr. B. F. Egan also exhibited an interesting collection of early U. S. original covers, many of which were mailed before the introduction of adhesive postage stamps and the amount of postage to be paid was indicated by pen and ink or a rubber stamp. There were also some 1847 five cent and ten cent stamps on original cover in the lot.

A special auction of small lots of stamps donated by various members of the club were auctioned off by Mr. C. V. Hollis as auctioneer with his characteristic energy. The amount realized from the auction was used to defray the expense of cigars and apples which were furnished to the members. The auction added much interest to the meeting and the cigars and apples also added in making an unusually enjoyable meeting which was then adjourned.

C. R. SUTTON, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 43.

The third anniversary Meeting of the Passaic Stamp Club was held on Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 1917, in the Acquackanonk Club House, Prospect Street, Passaic, and was attended by forty collectors from the neighborhood.

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All those present agreed that Mr. MacBride's (of Nutley, N. J.) collection of the 1869 Issue of U. S. Postage Stamps was certainly a wonder, and showed great skill as it explained the manufacture from a proof to the finished product. Unused and used in singles, pairs, strips and blocks, on and off cover, considering shades, grills, paper and cancellations, and there is certainly a lot of credit due Mr. MacBride for the care and trouble he took in making up a collection of this kind.

Mr. Louis Mier of Rutherford, N. J., showed his Penny Plates of Great Britain, and his collection consisted of thirty-two thousand (32,000) specimens, and if one considers that it took about four million (4,000,000) stamps to make this lot, it is hard to even imagine how much work and care it took to finish it.

Mr. Weiss, of New York, showed three (3) frames of his German Colonies which were also very much appreciated by all present.

Mr. Magnussen of Brooklyn, N. Y., showed us his novel way of mounting stamps on blank sheets, and all agreed that his way of mounting is certainly a fine one showing stamps to the best advantage.

Everybody present enjoyed the evening immensely, and if the opportunity ever offers itself again we feel sure that there is no place big enough in Passaic to hold the crowd.

A. E. LANDVATTER, Sec'y.

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SOME UNLISTED U. S. STAMPS.

It was your Editor's pleasure to both see the stamps and listen to the remarks of Mr. L. C. Hassler at a recent meeting of Louisville Branch No. 26 concerning some unlisted varieties of the stamps of our country.

It seems strange that more has not been written regarding the paper varieties of the early issues. That such varieties exist is well known but very few collectors pay any attention to them, although we collect and our catalogues duly list many such stamps of other countries which show no more differences than do those of the United States.

Mr. Hassler showed two copies of the 12 cent of 1861, one on a grayish paper of excellent quality and the other on a paper of much whiter tone but of comparatively poor texture. The difference was very marked and it would be interesting to have others of our members closely examine their stamps with a view of separating the issues accordingly.

Three copies of the 3 cent green of the issues of the 70's were next shown. One of these was the National print. Another was a copy bearing on the lower margin a portion of the Continental imprint, plainly showing a part of the word "Continental," but on SOFT paper. This variety was described from the same stamp by the Editor several months ago in our journal. The other was a copy bearing in its lower margin a portion of the word "American" showing it to be from the American Bank Note Co's. plate, but printed on the ribbed paper which was formerly listed under several of the Continental printings. We can only

account for these seemingly impossible things by supposing that the American Bank Note Co. during the early part of their contract made use of both part of the stock of paper and the plates of their predecessors, whom, as we know, they took over in the merging of the two firms.

Two copies of the 10 cent of the same series were next exhibited, the first being the regular Continental print. The other was on the soft paper of the American series but this stamp showed no secret mark, and Mr. Hassler states he has a copy of the same stamp on the soft paper showing only a portion of the secret mark. This seems to prove that the paper is the only distinguishing mark for these stamps and that the absence of the mark on soft paper stamps simply shows a wearing of the plates.

Mr. Hassler then showed some copies of the State Department set, to show the difference in papers. The variety in this case is a semi-pelure paper, much thinner than the regular paper and of such difference from the ordinary printings as to be readily discernable at a mere glance. He has copies of the 1, 2, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cent stamps on this paper, the 2 cent stamp being obtained from an A. P. S. sales circuit about two years ago. This thin paper series is even more pronounced than the difference mentioned in the 1861 issue and fully as much worthy of being listed as the difference between the Continental and American series.

But the real surprise was kept back until the last, as every climax should be. Turn to your history of United States stamps and you will read that

the printing of Seven Cent stamps was supposed to have been discontinued several years before the amalgamation of the two companies, yet Mr. Hassler showed a copy of the SEVEN CENT VERMILION PRINTED ON THE SAME SOFT PAPER USED BY THE AMERICAN BANK NOTE CO. How shall we account for this? We will have to leave the solution to our readers. But

the stamp was there to show for itself.

Mr. Hassler has been collecting stamps for twenty-nine years and he is constantly finding something of new interest. That it pays well to study your stamps is amply proven by the above. We wonder how many other interesting varieties are hidden away in our collections with the owners unaware of their existence!!

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 16.

April 15, 1917.

Applications Pending.

Brandt, Johan B.
 Chan, Thos. K.
 Flansburgh, Harold W.
 *Guernsey, Jas. Seeley
 Lichtenstein, Alfred F.
 Mainhart, Theodore
 Nold, Raymond V.
 Pardee, Theo. Q.
 Porter, P. W.
 Rowley, Arthur M.
 Stier, W. B.
 Abbott, C. C.
 Cassell, D. H.
 Clark, M. B.
 Craddock, John C.
 Foerster, Norbert
 Hostos, Capt. E. C.
 Kremer, J. B.
 McIntyre, Jos. B.
 Torres, Rafael Cabera
 Underwood, Lieut. A. R.
 Urrf, Paul, Jr.
Application for Reinstatement Pending
 2453 Beach, J. L.
 3981 Nammack, C. H.

Applications Posted.

Curtis, Gerald S., Box 65, Garrison-on-Hudson, N. Y.; Age 42; Reference: Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York City; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Havens, H. R., 177 Homer St., Newton Center, Mass.; Age 58; Buyer, Upholstery Goods; Reference: C. B. Moore, A. P. S. 4225, 200 Devonshire St., Boston, Mass.; Proposed by Wm. L. Aldrich, #2092.

Marsh, C. H., Marshfield, Ore.; Age 51; R. of W. Agt., Southern Pacific R'y.; Reference: Herbert Armstrong, A. P. S. 1498, North Bend, Ore.; Proposed by F.L.Greenough, #4597.

Morrison, Charles R., 6453 Lakewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 21; Cost Accountant, The C. F. Pease Company; Reference: Albert E. Dickerman, c/o American Seating Co., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Jno. M. Holt, M. D., #1080.

Muth, W. F., 2207 E. 86th St., Cleveland, Ohio; Age legal; Secretary, The Natl. Bronz & Alum Fndry Co.; Reference: E. W. Hayden, c/o Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by W. G. Whittaker, #3549.

Simons, Chas. Dewar, III, Dougan Hills, Staten Island, N. Y.; Age 14; Student; Guaranteed by Chas. D. Simons, Jr., 40 Exchange Place, New York City; Reference: Stern Bros., West 42nd St., New York City; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Veneziani, Eugene, 10 Rue de St. Quintin, Paris, France; Age 52; Regs-ciant Commissionaire; Reference:

Peter McDonell, 2 Battery Place, New York City; Proposed by A. Colette, #4869.

Wenzelberger, H. J., 252 Heckman St., Phillipsburg, N. J.; Age 42; Builder; Reference: Second Natl. Bank, Phillipsburg, N. J.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

New Stockholders.

- 4953*Grout, Don J., II, Box 374, Waterbury, Vt.
 4954 Hamilton, Rev. A. W., Berea, Ky.
 4955*Noble, Glen N., 514 Minnesota Ave., Columbus, Kans.
 4956 Obermanns, Henry F., 1410 East Park Rd., Erie, Pa.
 4957 Owens, Orlando, New Merritt House, Wilmington, Del.
 4958 Preston, Harry Longyear, Jordan, N. Y.
 4959 Riederer, Herman S., 2124 S. Compton Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
 4960 Vale, John H., Box 9, Manila, Philippines.
 4961 Westhorp, John W., c/o J. Brett, 27 Aldgate, London, England.
 4962 Wheeler, Howard S., 179 Lincoln St., Boston, Mass.
 4963 Whitmore, F. H., Valley, Neb.

Reinstated.

- 2009 Howlett, Henry J., 86 Hudson St., New York City.

Resignation Withdrawn.

- 2932 Fleek, Henry S., Newark, Ohio.

Resignations Received.

- 2028 Wendt, Rev. Henry, Manila, Ia.
 4677 Glassco, S. M., 28 King St., Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

Application Returned.

- Kendall, O., Winnipeg, Canada.

Deceased.

- 1707 Stone, Charles H., 1851 Massachusetts Ave., Cambridge, Mass.

Corresponding Society.

On the recommendation of the International Secretary, the Board of Vice Presidents have elected to honorary

corresponding membership The Nordisk Filatelist Forbund (Northern Philatelic Union) of Copenhagen, Denmark, care F. V. Riegels, Gl. Congevej 123, Copenhagen, Denmark.

Change of Branch Meeting Place.

A change in the meeting place of the Passaic Stamp Club, Branch No. 43, has been made from 243 Main Ave. to 87 Prospect St., Passaic, N. J.

Change of Address.

- 742 Averill, D. M., from 164 E. 12th St., to 292 Graham Ave., Portland, Ore.
 1663 Elster, E. E., from 116 Franklin St. to 48 Market Arcade, 619 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y.
 4627 Holliday, C. W., from 243 to 225 Main Ave., Passaic, N. J.
 4712 Kmentt, Cornel, from St. Catharines, Ont., Canada, to R. F. D. No. 1, Renfrew, Pa.
 2576 Tittmann, A. O., from 76 Pierrepont St., to Box 92, Brooklyn, N. Y.
 3078 Windhurst, W. G., from 138 to 154 S. Main St., Marion, Ohio.
 1200 Wilson, J. M., from 454 Court St., to 728 Chestnut St., Allentown, Pa.

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

- 26 Rich, Jos. S.
 221 McDonald, W. H.
 622 Hills, Isaac
 629 Schluckabier, Henry
 630 Phinney, O. H.
 848 Howe, Wm. N.
 987 Gender, Geo. W.
 1609 Shove, E. L.
 1641 Harrington, T. F.
 1739 Chapman, Dr. S.
 1775 Chicago Branch #1
 1842 Willy, Fred
 1870 Emery, Wilson C.
 1904 Carter, Edw. F.
 1942 Pierce, Wm. F. S.
 2014 Mann, Chas. F.
 2026 Shircliffe, A.
 2028 Wendt, Rev. Henry
 2053 Taylor, Edw. M.
 2089 White, M. W.

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| 2127 Zimmerman, H. | 4298 Bondley, E. R. |
| 2233 Lauritzen, L. A. | 4317 Noske, F. W. |
| 2236 Seebohm, H. F. | 4323 Gardella, J. B. |
| 2253 Fratus, Catano | 4339 Miller, B. C. |
| 2292 Howe, John B. | 4352 Turney, M. R., Jr. |
| 2401 Mayberry, Edw. F. | 4362 Lutz, F. W. |
| 2433 Hall, Rev. Chas. M. | 4364 Walford, J. B. |
| 2440 Johnson, Axel | 4379 Francis, G. W. |
| 2516 Webb, W. Morten | 4383 Hamilton, Wm. A. |
| 2579 Close, J. J. | 4396 Runge, E. T. |
| 2582 Mizera, Jos. | 4402 Binnie, H. J. |
| 2618 Tweedy, Frank | 4407 Seidl, Dr. F. |
| 2644 Werner, Gustav | 4427 Linnemann, A. C. O. |
| 2760 Powers, C. F. | 4431 Hayden, H. E., Jr. |
| 2831 Tibbals, A. L. | 4442 Johnson, Chas. H. |
| 2933 Caird, Alexander | 4444 Stultz, R. L. |
| 3011 Phillips, Wm. C. | 4472 Zug, I. A. |
| 3135 Dover, L. B. | 4477 Hayworth, F. R. |
| 3166 Columbus Branch # 21 | 4480 Atcheson, W. C. |
| 3171 Beatty, R. H. | 4485 Haker, Otto |
| 3177 Becker, A. H. | 4489 Knowles, F. S. |
| 3208 Cleveland Branch # 30 | 4498 Cohl, Aug. A. |
| 3212 Flick, Theo. E. | 4508 Baker, A. H. |
| 3287 Trautman, David | 4515 Hopkins, H. C. |
| 3318 Tessier, F. W. | 4520 Krupp, Ira C. |
| 3430 Jones, H. A. | 4534 Fardon, Thos. A. |
| 3434 Lower, Wm. J. | 4557 Hughes, Jas. P. |
| 3442 Gilson, E. W. | 4567 Boland, Wm. F. |
| 3486 Borg, John E. | 4569 Wagner, Adam J. |
| 3566 Bloss, Wm. | 4575 Goldsmith, A. N. |
| 3576 Smith, Fred M. | 4582 Allen, W. S., Jr. |
| 3670 Warner, F. B. | 4606 Gregory, Chas. J. |
| 3757 Jackson, O. L. | 4607 Weltman, Isidor |
| 3766 Evans, H. S. | 4613 Samuel, I. R. |
| 3786 Grombacher, L. | 4652 Paul, Grant L. |
| 3802 Johnson, E. S., Jr. | 4669 McQuillin, C. W. |
| 3839 Long, Jno. M. | 4680 Scholl, E. J. |
| 3851 Prescott, F. | 4682 Thornton, Curt |
| 3869 Heath, D. R. | 4687 Wheeler, Francis |
| 3877 Appleyard, F. | 4692 Hovey, R. F. |
| 4032 Hughes, J. E. | 4694 Canann, H. L. |
| 4112 Lawrence, J. E. | 4709 Jordaan, W. V. |
| 4136 Laceby, Arthur | 4713 Walker, F. E. |
| 4137 Goodwin, F. E. | 4717 Grant, Fred D. |
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| 4178 Muchmore, W. S. | 4737 Kennett, W. C., Jr. |
| 4224 Cartwright, B., Jr. | 4738 Ossege, W. J. |
| 4244 Hiss, Oscar | 4744 Gregory, Mrs. G. M. |
| 4264 Wayman, Ernest | 4745 Conte, A. J. |
| 4270 Howe, E. L. | 4758 Bonaly, V. G. |
| 4278 Klein, Jos. | 4778 Wertheim, H. |

4788 Marc, Theophile
 4789 Ohmstad, Capt. J. C.
 4790 Anthony, E. P.
 4798 Farber, A. J.
 4808 Richards, R. M.
 4810 Schumann, F. W.
 4818 Weber, C. C.
 4825 Maxwell, J. H.

The above members who are dropped for non-payment of dues may be reinstated by remitting \$1.80 direct to the Secretary before Aug. 31st, next.

Membership Summary.

Membership April 1st, 1917	1621	
New Stockholders	11	
Reinstated	1	12
	—	—
		1633
Deceased	1	
Dropped for non-payment of dues	131	132
	—	—
Total Membership Apr. 15, 1917	1501	

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

SUB-COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS.

In accordance with suggestions of Mr. H. L. Lindquist, Chairman of the Hand-Book Committee, President Howes has made the following appointments as Chairmen of the respective sub-committees as indicated.

Sub-Committee on Precancels, Dr. W. I. Mitchell.
 Sub-Committee on Book-leaves, Mr. W. H. Dole.

Sub-Committee on Bureau Plate Numbers, Mr. J. M. Bartels.

Sub-Committee on Statistics previous to Bureau, Mr. C. B. K. Nevin.

Sub-Committee on Coils and recent Imperforates, Dr. W. L. Babcock.

Sub-Committee on Postal Cards, Mr. S. Schachne.

Sub-Committee on Historical Notes and Records, Dr. Carroll Chase.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

A PHILATELIC FEAST.

Surely there is a philatelic feast in store for A. P. S. members. The Hand-Book Committee is preparing an elaborate production which will cover most everything on United States stamps. With such men at the head of sub-committees, who are authorities on the special subjects assigned, we may look for the very last word that is known relative to these special lines of collecting.

Never has the Hand-Book Committee been prepared to go into a subject so deeply, and cover a series so care-

fully and completely. Chairman Lindquist has prepared and is putting in operation a system for the production of a series that will be well worth waiting for. Every man an artist and an authority in his line, it surely will be a feast to the collector who specializes these issues.

The Committee and its Head surely deserves no little credit for the manner in which the start is made. However we keep the bouquets stored for future use.

H. A. DAVIS.

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EDITORIAL.

WAR. This month again marks the entry of the United States into a war. While our sympathies, on account of the mixed population of our country, could not possibly be the same, yet now it is ONE COUNTRY, ONE FLAG, ONE END TO ACCOMPLISH. Many of our members will doubtless

see service of one kind or another. Among our membership there are already a number who are in the service of the United States Army or Navy. Here's to Old Glory and Uncle Sam, a partnership that has never failed!!

THE VIRGIN ISLANDS OF THE UNITED STATES. A new U. S. colony has been born and the stamps of

the once Danish West Indies, always a favorite with collectors, will become more so with the passing of the Islands to the possession of the United States. This purchase has been talked of for many years. It has now taken place and we have other pages to add to our albums for our colonies.

CLEARING THE LISTS. This number contains the report of the Secretary showing the annual delinquent list for non-payment of dues and while the dropping of these names causes quite a reduction in our membership total, yet the fact that there are thirty applications pending and four months yet to run before the Convention, means there will be no question of our showing a very handsome gain in membership again this year. While the list of those dropped is quite large, yet it is not as big as we have seen in the past, and the generally good condition of the Society, with a steady increase in membership despite the all-pervading question of high cost of living, holds forth much promise.

REISSUES AGAIN. Owing to a large demand for high value stamps, the \$2 and \$5

stamps of the 1902 design have been reissued, the former a trifle darker in shade and the latter of a distinctly different shade from the earlier emissions. New transfer rolls and plates had to be made to take the place of those destroyed long ago. The stamps are on unwatermarked paper with the 10 per-

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foration. New designs are to be prepared.

HIGHER POSTAGE RATES. Newspapers have given much publicity to a proposal to increase postage rates but it has not yet assumed definite shape. The tenta-

tive plan is to make the charge on letters two cents for each half ounce instead of the same charge for a full ounce as at present. Such a change would have a tendency to make our common two cent stamps almost as seldom met with as the four cent is now in ordinary correspondence.

THE PRIZE LIST.

For the largest number of recruits for the year:—

The Wolsieffer prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.

The Secretary's prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.

For the second largest number of recruits for the year:—

The Dunning prize of a complete sheet of 10c C. S. A. complete with imprint and plate number.

The Wolsieffer prize of a \$3.00 gold piece.

For the third largest number of recruits for the year:—

The Wolsieffer prize of a very fine U. S. 5c 1847.

For the largest number of recruits each month:—

The Dunning prize of \$5.00 worth of good stamps.

At least 3 recruits must be gained to win any of these prizes. Officers of the Society are barred from the competition.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

L'ECHO PHILATELIQUE de PARIS, Vol. L No. 1, Dec. 15, 1916. Published by G. Delacourcelle, Place de Rennes, Paris.

SEMANARIO FILATELICO, Vol. II No. 3. Feb. 28, 1917. Published by

Marcos Rachitoff, Santiago de Chile. SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. XVIII No. 2, Feb. 15, 1917. Published at Stockholm by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.

BY THE EDITOR.

MANN'S STAMP MAGAZINE, Vol. II No. 2, March, 1917. The leading article is on the Compound Perforations of the 1915-16 U. S. issues. THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4 No. 7, April, 1917. THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 3, March 15th, 1917. Official publication of the National Philatelic Society.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 3, March, 1917. The usual array of good things for the philatelist to read. Three articles on Victoria, continuation of the papers on Austria, U. S. Locals, Confederate States and the U. S. Government collection, 1869 Cancellations, current news of U. S. Envelopes and plate numbers, and Check List of U.

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S. Stamp Booklets. The familiar blue cover is with us again.

PHILATELIC GOSSIP, Vol. III No. 7, March, 1917. The first issue we have seen for several months. A good number, full of interesting items and papers. Our special thanks are due for the short "booster" editorial for the A. P. S.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI No. 5, March 20th, 1917. Readable as ever, with articles on China and Arabia.

THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 3, March, 1917. Much of interest to collectors of Mexican stamps, but many short items of general news.

COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. II No. 6, April 5, 1917. Much to interest the general collector.

THE COLLECTORS' JOURNAL, Vol. VII Nos. 7-8 and 9, Feb.-March and April, 1917. The former contains an article on the 10 cent U. S. stamp of 1851-57 by Mr. Stevenson. In the latter number the transfer of the Journal from Mr. H. L. Lindquist to Mr. J. E. Guest, Sales Manager of the S. P. A., is announced. May the new publisher meet with much success in the field of philatelic journalism.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 5, March 30, 1917. A very readable number.

EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VIII No. 3, March, 1917. Mostly reprinted articles, but of interest to those who do not read the foreign philatelic press.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. II No. 1, April 10, 1917. Always on time. A paper for the precancel collector.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VII Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31, 1917. Always full

of live items of general import. In the issue of the date of March 10th the publishers announce that recent rulings of the British Government make one of three steps necessary for them to continue the publication of the paper. They must either increase the subscription rate, or the advertising rates or establish an Endowment Fund to guarantee against any loss to be incurred. Opinions are asked from their readers. In the issue of March 31st the decision is reached to attempt the latter solution of the difficulty. We shall hope that their efforts may be entirely successful and that the visits of the weekly journal will continue.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIII No. 7, March 6th, 1917. The first number of this journal to reach us for many a day. Full of good reading. It is a pleasure to see that the A. P. has reprinted an article from our own journal, this being Mr. L. D. Peaslee's "A Philatelic History of the Present Mexican Revolution" which appeared in the American Philatelist last fall.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' RECORD and Exchange Club Journal, Vol. I No. 7, Feb.-March, 1917. Devoted to reports of the doings of societies.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 157, March, 1917. War stamps still occupy the stage and there is no better exponent of these stamps than the W.-E. P.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. 24, Nos. 1 and 2, Jan. 20 and Feb. 20, 1917.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 73, March 1, 1917. An article on "Early New Zealand Stamps" forms the principal matter for this number, although there are lesser articles of interest.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

Branch No. 27.

The Berkeley Philatelic Society, Branch No. 27, held its regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 25. For some little time past a committee has been working on a scheme for a get together luncheon and it was decided to give a dinner at a downtown restaurant some time next month, at which each member would be given the privilege of inviting one guest to be paid for by the society. Should the member desire to give more invitations he may do so by paying for the extra ones himself.

The exhibition for the month was countries beginning with the letter T. Quite a goodly showing was made.

Nominations for officers being in order at this meeting, a motion prevailed that the present officers be retained. It was unanimous.

During the past year the society has made the most progress for some time. Prospects are bright for the year to come.

H. CHALONER, Secretary.

Branch No. 44.

The 283rd regular meeting of the New York Stamp Society was held on March 1st, 1917 at Tuxedo Hall, 59th St. and Madison Ave., with President Schlessinger presiding. Nineteen members and the following visitors present—Mr. C. R. Gortz, Vice-Pres. of the N. P. S. and Mrs. Goetz, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Stroub, Treasurer of Branch No. 3 N. P. S., Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Gregory, Mrs. Held and Mr. E. Lefebore. The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read. Mr. Otto G. Horster was proposed for membership by Mr. V. Mozian. Letter was read from the Collectors' Club in regard to the 21st Annual Dinner and

Stag to be held on March 17th, 1917. Several of the members promised they would attend.

No other business appearing, the meeting adjourned at 9.15 P. M. After the meeting Mr. Percy McGraw Mann, of Philadelphia, showed his collection of Commemorative stamps and a certificate of honorable mention was awarded him for this display.

E. WEISS, Secretary.

[Note—Secretary Weiss has sent the Editor a short article covering Mr. Mann's remarks and this will be used in an early issue.—Ed.]

Branch No. 47.

Collectors Philatelic Society, Detroit, March 26th, 1917.

Minutes of the 66th meeting of the C. P. S. held March 3rd at Fraternity Hall, 140 First St. Meeting called to order by Pres. Brisley, twenty-five members and five visitors, Messrs. Boers, Rice, Russell Smith, Sarpe and Dr. Babcock, present. Minutes of previous meeting approved. The election of officers for the ensuing year gave the following result.

President—H. H. Prager.

Vice President—Dr. H. H. Ells.

Secretary—Karl Koslowski, 175 Columbus Ave.

Treasurer—Robert Meyer.

Sales Manager—F. M. Harris.

Auction Manager—Carl Binder.

Board of Trustees—John D. Hubel,

H. S. Ackerman, Jas. E. Scott.

Librarian—W. F. Fratcher.

The applications of Messrs. Rice, Boers and R. Smith posted. Mr. F. M. O'Mara elected to membership. Mr. Rice exhibited his very fine collection of the stamps of Poland, consisting of twenty-seven well picked copies. Mr. Koslowski showed a book of various

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foreign and some novelties, for instance, how cabbage is grown on some stamps and a popular priced vaudeville house built on others; besides the Zoo, there was a page or two of some prehistoric locations and ocean going men-o-war, with many a battle still unfought, the meetings of various peace delegations, etc., etc. Both of the exhibits were enjoyed by all. The usual stamp mart and auction sale brought the evening to a successful close.

The Treasurer reported \$75.43 in the treasury.

Adjourned at 10.10 P. M.

KARL KOSLOWSKI, Sec'y.

Branch No. 47.

Third Annual Banquet of the Collectors Philatelic Society of Detroit held at the Griswold House March 17, 1917.

Members and their friends began to gather shortly before 8 P. M. in the lobby and soon after seated themselves around an H-shaped table which was loaded with a fine cuisine. The menu and the program were surprises to all and the event itself was carried out to the letter, save for the "New Foundlander" which the steward had not been able to catch in time. The tables were decorated with the emblems of Erin. Mr. Thorn Smith presented all present with a set of Japanese Coronation stamps. Forty-two members and friends were present.

After the supper a specially arranged parlor on the third floor was the real place of pleasure as the speakers did their part especially well. Mr. Fratcher was called away unexpectedly and promised to enact his share at some future meeting. Mr. Geo. W. Rice entertained the audience with a fine reference talk of the 1881 Cuban surcharges, illustrating every item of note with a large scale drawing. Finally Mr. Holden was there with a real "fresh from the pen" original poem dedicated for this special occasion that caused much laughter and applause.

The evening passed all too quickly and the auction was postponed. Mr. Jungwirth showed his U. S. blocks and the Secretary his plate number stamps. Every member expressed the wish to have meetings of this kind once a week.

KARL KOSLOWSKI, Sec'y.

THE BANQUET.

The menu, which was adorned with a pair of One Cent on unwatermarked paper, perforated 10 horizontally, printed on the Rotary press, together with the entertainment program, and the poem of Mr. Holden, are reproduced below.

MENU.

Long Islands on Part Cover
Ka-zoo Precancels

Unused Spain, no Gum
Griswold Puree surcharged C. P. S.
New Foundland's Maitre de'Guy
Confederates in pairs
New issue of Turkey with plate numbers
Mussed Irish Provisionals
U. S. Mixture
Proofs of Iceland Assorted Continentals
Brazil
St. Louis Locals Cuban Imperfs.

PROGRAMME.

President Brisley, Toastmaster
Mr. Wm. F. Fratcher, Stamp Shop Talk
Mr. Geo. W. Rice, Cuban Surcharges
1883
Mr. Rob. Meyers, History of Pete
Schneider
Dr. H. H. Ells, Short Stories
Mr. Chas. H. Holden, Original Poems
Dr. Frank Limpert Mr. Z. Dworowski
Also other speakers
Auctions, Exhibitions

To the Third Anniversary of Our Society The Collectors Philatelic.

Three years ago on a dark and stormy
night,
Appeared on earth an infant fair and
bright:
It had but one mother, full of fondest
hope,
But several fathers claiming the right
dope.

"2000—1917."

Nine months before its birth its mother
was seen,
Strolling with this one and that one
on the green.
Some folks shook their heads and look-
ed kind of wise,
And to them what happened was not a
surprise.

The child being born quite young look-
ed too frail,
O'er Life's stormy billows to safely sail,
But doctor Brisley was always on deck.
To examine its tongue and grease its
neck.

There was Karl, the good nurse, al-
ways here and there,
Placing safety pins with the tenderest
care,
And if it sometimes happened he got
wet,
He would smile and the matter soon
forget.

There also was Meyers and Wood and
a few more,
Who bravely did their part in walking
the floor.

None could see in their charge blemish
or pimple,
But stamped on its face saw a growing
dimple.
The child has become like a goddess
full grown,

Clothed in a wealth of glory all her
own,
And we sixty subjects of her domain,
But hope and pray that she may ever
reign.

For ours is a joy that none can take
away:
A guiding star that brightly leads the
way,
And gives to life a green and fertile
spot,
Removed far away from mortals' lot.

So around this festive board we meet
with cheer,
Homage to pay at the close of our
third year,
And whether we drink Adam's Ale or
plain beer
We will all feel proud and glad that
we are here.

Branch No. 26.

The regular meeting of Louisville
Branch No. 26 was held in the office
of Mr. Estes on the night of Wednes-
day, April 11th, 1917, with five mem-
bers present—Messrs. Wilms, Hassler,
Segdwick, Porter and Ault.

Minutes of the last meeting were
read and approved.

Arrangements were discussed for ex-
hibiting frames of stamps in several
shop windows, but this was postponed
until after the hot months, when Mr.
Wilms will donate the stamps for the
purpose and Mr. Hassler kindly volun-
teered to arrange them for display.

The annual election of officers was
held with the result that the old list
was again kept in office, these being as
follows—President, John H. Wilms;
Vice President, Wm. E. Ault; Secre-
tary-Treasurer, Jas. V. Porter.

After the meeting adjourned, Mr.
Hassler showed a number of unlisted
U. S. stamps and from his talk
concerning these your Editor made some
notes, which will be published in the
A. P.

JAS. V. PORTER, Secy.

OUR REVIEW.

By THE EDITOR.

YEAR BOOK of the SOUTHERN PHIL-
ATELIC ASSOCIATION, Vol. 8,
1917. Congratulations are due both
to the S. P. A. and its Secretary, C.
V. Webb, for the very creditable vol-
ume before us. A full account of the
Washington Convention, the greatest
in the history of the Society. Com-
plete by-laws and lists of members.
The remarkable number of 703 new
members admitted during the year is

certainly a record. Our best wishes
for another season equally success-
ful.

INDIANAPOLIS COLLECTORS' CLUB,
Year Book, 1917. By-Laws, and lists
of officers and members. We are
glad to see such progressiveness of
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their example could well be followed
by other local organizations.

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A Comparative Check List OF THE "Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

(Continued from page 185.)

*No. 33c, (S. G. # 61, Scott # 24.)

40 lepta, Solferino, on greenish paper; good execution and clear impression. The paper is thicker, and the numerals at back are in a reddish violet color. These stamps vary much in shade, from deep to a very pale, some of the paler shades being more of a "dirty salmon" in color, which is no doubt caused by the fugitive nature of the ink; the proper dark shade in used condition is quite rare, while the light shades in O. G. are seldom met with. Numerals at back in reddish violet. (1872.)

*No. 33d, (S. G. # 76, Scott # —.)

40 lepta, Green, on greenish paper which is very thin and transparent and has a tendency to be brittle; the impression is dull and the stamps have generally an oily appearance. The designation of these stamps as green, is because this best describes them, but they were probably printed in a bistre violet. They are quite rare, and

in the proper shade, used, are much rarer than # 33c. Figures of value at back. (1872.)

*No. 33e, (S. G. # 77, Scott # 22b.)

40 lepta, Bistre Violet, on blue paper; this paper is thicker than # 33b, and does not have the oily appearance. This printing may be readily distinguished by the faded appearance even in mint state. Figures of value at back. (1873.)

*No. 33f, (S. G. # 78, Scott # 33.)

40 lepta, Brown Violet, on blue paper; this paper is thin and transparent; this stamp shades from a "rusty violet" to a "brown violet". Heavy impression. There are very peculiar specimens of color to be found in this printing, as the ink seems to be affected in some way by atmospheric or other extraneous conditions. Figures of value at back. (1872.)

*No. 33g, (S. G. # 61a, Scott # —.)

40 lepta, Reddish Lake, on greenish paper, which is medium thick and it is the same on which # 33c was printed. Fine execution and good

impression. An exceedingly rare variety either used or unused. Figures of value at back in reddish violet color. (1872.)

*No. 34, (S. G. #—, Scott #25b.)

80 lepta, Dark Rose or Carmine, on rose tinted paper; execution is good and impression clear. Numerals of value at back in carmine. (1869-70.)

*No. 34a, (S. G. #78b, Scott #25.)

80 lepta, Deep Rose, on tinted thin paper; execution is good but the impression is heavy. Numerals on back in carmine, and they have the appearance of being much thicker and heavier than usual. This stamp is considered as being rare. (1872.)

*No. 34b, (S. G. #—, Scott #25a.)

80 lepta, Pale Rose, on medium thick paper tinted a yellowish white. The execution is fair. Numerals at back in carmine. This stamp is considered by authorities as being the rarest of all the 80's. (1878.)

ROYAL DECREE OF APRIL 29th, 1882.

"The 80 lepta Red must not be used at all, but can be exchanged at the Treasurer's Offices up to May 31st, for stamps of the last issue in the new colors, agreeably to the 1st. Article of our Decree dated December 31st, 1881."

THIRD PERIOD.

The Royal Decree under date of September 13th, 1875 authorizes the following two new varieties of adhesive postage stamps, viz:

30 lepta, Grey or Dust Color.

60 lepta, Dark Green.

THIRD PARIS PRINTING "C" 1875-6.

On account of an entire change in the postal tariff, a Royal Decree was

made on Sept. 13th, 1875 creating two new values, viz: 30 lepta Brown, and 60 lepta Deep Green. These were ordered made in Paris and the plates for printing same were prepared there from the original Barre die, and arrived at Athens in the latter part of the year 1875, accompanied by a certain number of sheets prepared for commercial use. This first printing as made in Paris was of such small quantity, that by September 1876 a new emission was made in Athens. It will be noted that neither of these two new printings have the figures of value at back. The stamps present the same distinguishing characteristics as heretofore shown by the Paris and Athens Printings, and are readily diagnosed, but will be described more minutely under their respective headings to follow.

THIRD PARIS PRINTING. 1875-1876.



*No. 35, (S. G. #91, Scott #39a.)

30 lepta, Clear Brown, slightly varying in shade, on cream tinted paper of medium thickness and good texture. Fine execution and clear impression with lines of shading as in the usual Paris prints. (1875.)

*No. 35a, (S. G. #92, Scott #39.)

30 lepta, Olive Brown, which is identical with #35 except in color. (.)

*No. 36, (S. G. #93, Scott #40.)

60 lepta, Deep Green, medium thin greenish tinted paper of good texture. The impression and printing fine. Lines of shading as in usual Paris. (1875.)

*No. 36a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
60 lepta, Russian Green, on thin and fairly transparent paper, greenish tinted and can readily be distinguished by the tone of color which is quite different, and the paper being much more transparent than as in #36. Lines of shading as before. (.)

**FOURTH ATHENS PRINTING "D."
1876 to 1878.**



- *No. 35b, (S. G. #94, Scott #42a.)
30 lepta, Black Brown on cream paper; poor execution and rough impression, and the paper varies from fairly thin to transparent. (.)
- *No. 35c, (S. G. #95, Scott #42a.)
30 lepta, Black Brown on very deep cream or buff paper; execution variable to very rough. (1878.)
- *No. 35d, (S. G. #96, Scott #42.)
30 lepta, Red Brown, on thin transparent cream tinted paper; the execution and impression is good, and the color is deep and rich. (1876.)
- *No. 35e, (S. G. #96, Scott #42.)
30 lepta, Light Red Brown, on deep cream paper which is fairly thin. The execution is excellent, and the impression is light. (1877.)
- *No. 35f, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
30 lepta, Chocolate Brown, on medium to thin cream tinted paper. The execution of this printing is good, and the impression varies from light to heavy. (1877.)
- *No. 36b, (S. G. #97, Scott #43.)
60 lepta, Dark Green, varying somewhat in shade, on thin cream pa-

per which is deep in tone, and fairly thin. (1876.)

*No. 36c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
60 lepta, Deep Green, on transparent cream or buff paper. The execution and printing is inferior to #36b, and the paper much thinner and more transparent. (.)

NOTE: The 30 lepta Olive Brown, S. G. #92, Scott #39, exists duly cancelled, but are considered by some authorities as being only a proof.

The Royal Decree of April 29th, 1882 withdraws from use the 30 lepta Brown, and authorizes this value printed in Blue.

We now come to a new "period" in the history of this type of the Stamps of Greece, one in which all values are printed on uniform papers, and not tinted as has heretofore been done in the previous issues, and the plates were again cleaned at this time. Numerals on back of all values except the 1 lepton and 2 lepta as formerly.



1876-1878.

**PRINTED ON UNIFORM CREAM ON
BUFF PAPERS FOR ALL VALUES.**

Figures of Value at back except 1 and 2 lepta.

*No. 37, (S. G. #—, Scott #35.)
5 lepta, Dark Green on buff paper. (1876.)

(To be continued.)

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 183.)

The stamps were surface-printed on machine made paper, watermarked Crown, in sheets of 100.

The die was made up of two parts, the frame and the central portion the latter being without numerals so that the required denominations could be added to the subsidiary dies.

The perforating machine used for the preceding series was used at first but later a new one with a guage of 14 x 13½ was substituted. The 48sk. is only known with the 12½, 13 perf. and the only other denominations found with this guage are the 2 and 4sk. As both are rare it is obvious that only a few were issued and it therefore appears likely that the new machine was probably brought into use during the latter part of the year 1870. All values are known entirely imperforate and the 4sk. is also known perforated 13½ vertically and imperforate horizontally.

Owing to slight defects in making the plates the following minor varieties may be found:—

- (a) Without period after POSTFRIM; 2, 3, 4, 8sk.
- (b) Without period after SK; 2, 3, 4, 8sk.
- (c) With colon after POSTFRIM; 2sk.

There are pronounced shades in all except the highest denomination. According to Mr. Koefoed the numbers issued were as follows:—

2 skilling.....	23,167,300
3 skilling.....	4,534,200
4 skilling.....	54,959,200
8 skilling.....	3,858,600
16 skilling.....	1,989,800
48 skilling.....	402,000

All values were reprinted in 1885 and as usual these reprints were on unwatermarked paper and imperforate. The original plates were not in exist-

ence so, Mr. Hanciau tells us, "the re-printing was done for separate **cliches**, arranged in two vertical rows, 9mm. apart horizontally and 5mm. apart vertically."

It would appear, also, that new **cliches** had to be made from the original die for Mr. Hanciau notes the following differences:—

The 2 skilling has had the inscription in the lower part of the oval redrawn; recognizable especially in the small figure "2", the head of which ends in a ball.

The 4 skilling can be recognized by figure in the centre which is too large (it is the figure of the 4 ore of 1875), also by the inscription and the small figure below.

In the 8 skilling the small figure "8" is narrower than in the originals.

In the 16 skilling the central figures differ from those of the originals, the top of the figure "6" is more curled inwards.

In the 48 skilling the small figure "4" is too wide and too close to the "8".

Check List.

1870-71. Wmk. Crown. Frame in various shades of grey except for the 48sk., which is brown.

- (a) Perf. 12½, 13.
- 2sk blue.
- 4sk. dull rose-red.
- 48sk. lilac.
- (a) Imperforate.
- (b) Perf. 14x13½.
- 2sk. blue, dull blue, greenish blue, ultramarine.
- (a) Imperforate.
- 3sk. mauve, bright mauve, dull mauve.
- (a) Imperforate.
- 4sk. carmine, bright red, dull rose-red.
- (a) Imperforate.

"2000—1917."

(b) Imperforate horizontally.
8sk. brown, yellow brown, deep brown.

(a) Imperforate.

16sk. pale green, green, bright green

(a) Imperforate.

XIX.—The Seventh Issue.

A new monetary law (Montlov), dated May 23rd, 1873, adopted as the unit of currency the Crown (krona) in place of the ringsdaler. The crown was divided into 100 ore and was worth about 27c in United States money. An official notification of the change was given in a short notice as follows:—

Official Communication

No. 26. October 27, 1874.

Seeing that from January 1st of next year new stamps will be introduced the values of which will be expressed in crowns, the Post Offices are requested to arrange, as far as possible, their requisitions during the remainder of the present year, in such a way that the stocks of stamps, envelopes, postcards and stamped wrappers now in use may be exhausted by the end of the year.

On December 19th of the same year a lengthy communication was addressed to Postmasters and other postal employees, describing the new stamps and detailing the new rates of postage. From this we learn that the rate on local letters fixed at 4 ore, while the rate on single letters between the kingdom and its West Indian possessions was 16 ore. The registration fee was also 16 ore, while insured local letters were subject to a charge of 8 ore with an extra 4 ore for every additional 200 crowns of declared value. For the parcel post the charge was 8 ore plus 4 ore for each pound of weight on local packages, and 25 ore per pound to the West Indies.

Purchasers of stamps by the hundred made a slight saving as shown by the following official tariff:—

100 3 ore 2 crowns 88 ore (a saving of 12 ore).

100 4 ore 3 crowns 84 ore (a saving of 16 ore).

100 8 ore 7 crowns 68 ore (a saving of 32 ore).

100 12 ore 11 crowns 52 ore (a saving of 48 ore).

100 16 ore 15 crowns 36 ore (a saving of 64 ore).

100 25 ore 24 crowns 00 ore (a saving of 100 ore).

100 50 ore 48 crowns 00 ore (a saving of 200 ore).

The stamps are of similar design to the issue of 1870 but with values expressed in "ore", and there are three six-pointed stars in the crown. An original die was engraved for each value, as a comparison of the several denominations will show, for there are minor differences in the details of each. The dies were all engraved by Mr. Ph. Batz and the stamps were printed in sheets of 100 on watermarked paper like that used for the preceding issue.

An official notification from the Post Office Department, dated August 30th, 1875, announced the issue of a new 20 ore value; another, dated Oct. 2nd, 1877 stated that a 100 ore stamp would be issued; and a third, dated March 17th, 1879, mentioned that a 5 ore stamp would soon appear.

These three additional values were all printed in sheets of 100 like the others and in each case a separate die was engraved by Batz.

The 4, 5, 8, 12, 25 and 50 ore stamps are occasionally found without period after "POSTFRIM", the 3 ore exists with the small "3" so closed as to resemble an "8", while the 16th stamp on each sheet of the "5" showed the large central numeral without a ball to the lower curve.

These stamps were, like the issue they replaced, perforated 14 horizontally by 13½ vertically.

Until 1885 the stamps of this series were printed on a thin semi-transparent

paper but in the year named a paper of much thicker texture and of a more pronounced whiteness was used. All values except the 5 ore and 20 ore are found on this paper. In 1890 each sheet of the 3 ore value showed the fifty-ninth stamp with the first "A" of "DAN-MARK" missing, due to some defect of that *cliche*. The 8 ore is also known with the small "8" similarly missing and also with the letters "RE" of "ORE" absent. The position of these varieties on the sheets is not known.

The stamps on thicker paper were perforated 14x13½ as usual while a few of the 4, 8 and 100 ore were inadvertently issued without perforation.

There are numerous shades of all denominations, especially in the case of the earlier printings on thin paper.

Mr. Koefoed gives the numbers issued, but the official records from which these were gleaned unfortunately made no distinction between the two varieties of paper.

3 ore	11,405,800
4 ore	617,857,800
5 ore	2,310,500
8 ore	634,721,900
12 ore	29,128,400
16 ore	24,912,100
20 ore	10,051,800
25 ore	2,301,400
50 ore	2,831,500
100 ore	1,477,800

Check List.

1874-79. Wmk. Crown. Perf 14x13½.

(a) Thin semi-transparent paper.

- 3 ore grey and grey-blue, grey and pale blue.
- 4 ore dull blue and grey, sky-blue and slate, blue and slate, ultramarine and slate.
- 5 ore blue and rose, blue and carmine dull blue and carmine.
- 8 ore rose and pale grey, carmine and slate.
- 12 ore lilac and grey, mauve and grey claret and grey.
- 16 ore yellow-brown and grey, brown and grey, deep brown and grey.

20 ore grey and rose, grey and carmine, slate and carmine.

25 ore green and grey, yellow-green and grey.

50 ore dull violet and brown, bright violet and brown, dull purple and brown.

100 ore orange-yellow and grey, pale yellow and grey.

(To be continued.)

ROTARY BOOKLETS.

By Geo. H. Beans.

A recent issue of the "Philatelic Gazette" contained a little piece of information of interest and importance to all collectors of the Booklet Issues of the U. S. It stated that plates Nos. 7917, 7918 and 7960 contain 153 subjects.

When I first saw those figures I was nonplussed. There are, of course, six stamps to a bookleaf, and six does not go evenly into 153. I am indebted to Editor Klemann for the news that a pair of these plates form a cylinder such as is used on the Bureau's rotary press and will print, of course, 306 stamps. That means 51 leaves, and explains the mystery!

Let us consider for a moment the plates which have been used for booklet stamps. The initial issue was first printed from large plates of 360 subjects, or 60 leaves. Of these sixty, nine can be identified as coming from a certain position on the sheet. In December 1901 (twenty months after the appearance of the handy little booklets) the size was reduced to half, that is, to print 30 leaves. Of these, nine can be "plated". On May 11, 1909, plates were again made to print 60 leaves but the horizontal guide line was shifted somewhat, so that, under favorable conditions, 13 leaves can be plated while two more varieties may be identified as one of eight positions and still another two as coming from one of three places on the sheet.

This "partial plating" has been one

of the attractions in the booklet issues and the question arises as to what possibilities the Rotary plates may have. I am inclined to be skeptical. Information is not available at this writing as to just what varieties will be obtainable from the new plates but from what little I know of the regular issues as so issued, am of the opinion they will be few.

But there is another situation which the new issue will produce. The booklet issues have, so far as we collectors have been able to learn, not yet appeared on the unwatermarked paper. At least we have found none. Now, the nearer the date of appearance of unwatermarked leaves coincides with the issuing of the Rotary bookleaves, the scarcer will the current issue be in the first mentioned condition. I would therefore advise those interested to complete their wants of the unwatermarked set just as soon as they can locate some. This squeezing in of a new paper between the stamps as now issued and the Rotary stamps may cause some excitement while the "Rotaries" will take care of themselves. So do not bother looking for "Rotaries" but strain your efforts to get the current issue on "un-fooly-fied" paper.

April 7, 1917.

COMMEMORATIVE STAMPS.

A lecture and display by Percy McG. Mann before the meeting of the New York Stamp Society, A. P. S. Branch No. 44, March 1st, 1917.

A talk on Commemorative Stamps can be made quite lengthy, as the subject is almost inexhaustible. This evening I will only give a few outlines as to what Commemoratives mean,—it is up to the individual collector to decide what he will assemble under this heading. This is the same rule as applied to stamp collecting, proper—the collector will then display his personal in-

dividuality. I will not attempt to offer the advice for all of you to begin a collection of Commemoratives. If you do not care for them, you cannot collect them. But I hope to give you a few minutes entertainment and show you something interesting, which, after all is said and done, surely owes its existence to philately, and is part thereof—the very artistry of our stamp collecting hobby.

What are Commemoratives? James H. Lyons, of Boston, wrote a practically complete book on "The Commemorative Stamps of the New England Stamp Co. This is all about Commemorative Postage Stamps. You know what these are—the Columbus Quadricentennial was commemorated by an issue of postage stamps in 1892-93 and many other nations have issued commemorative postage stamps.

The purposes of Commemoratives are varied, but present day usage places most of them in the advertising class, i. e., the Lincoln stamp of 1909 was a commemorative as well as a memorial to a martyred President, while the Alaska-Yukon, the Hudson-Fulton and the Panama-Pacific (San Francisco Exposition) were advertising postage stamps.

The Commemoratives allied with philately and its history embraces many objects. Chief amongst these are the commemorative cancellations—and like in the case of postage stamps, some are memorial while others are for advertising purposes, and the latter are in the majority. Next we include the governmental postal cards issued in most instances as memorials, but in a few cases for advertising the events of commemoration, or something connected therewith. Souvenir envelopes also come in this class. Private issues of the same are included in a collection. But the largest field contains the thousands and thousands of labels, similar to stamps, which have been issued by governments and private parties.

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EDITORIAL.

WAR AND STAMPS. With the entry of our country into the great European War, with the resultant big expenditure to be met, we will undoubtedly be called upon to pay stamp taxes upon many items of daily use and a law fixing this taxation will probably be passed by Congress within a short time. Just what form this will take cannot be guessed, but we shall

more than likely see the restoration of taxes upon many legal papers, receipt forms, and various commercial papers. Proprietary medicines, as well as other liquids will probably come in for their share of these taxes.

Should these taxes be imposed, a new revenue stamp issue or possibly several series of stamps, will make their appearance, and we would then have a further impetus given to the ever-popular revenue stamps of the U. S. Many of us remember in our early collecting days, how eagerly we gathered in the artistic series brought out to pay the revenue taxes imposed at the time of the war with Spain, while there are undoubtedly some of our members who can recall the appearance of some of the older issues which were in use up to the early eighties.

When the full extent of the scope of the present war became apparent, predictions were made that its effect upon stamp collecting would be more or less disastrous, but in this we have been greatly gratified to find the result just the reverse. In many ways, even with the restrictions imposed by the countries at war, collecting has seemed to more than hold its own. This may be partly due to the many issues which have had their birth from various events which have transpired during the conflict, but just the same it shows that philately has an exceedingly deep root and that it is not a mere plaything to be cast aside even when events of national and international importance are daily happenings.

Collectors will again gladly pay their part of the revenue which the Government will derive from stamp taxes, as of course many of the stamps purchased by collectors will never do any revenue duty, but will be placed in collections, thus representing a clear income of just that amount to the country. And we feel sure that a new issue of revenue stamps will only further increase the number of collectors.

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**SWEDEN'S
PHILATELIC
HISTORY.**

We are extremely glad to announce that in the issue for June 15th we will begin the publication of "A History of the Postage Stamps of Sweden," compiled by Mr. L. Harald Kjellstedt, whose ability to write upon the subject none can question. While the publication of this work was started in another journal, which suspended after only a few pages of it had appeared, the matter has been rearranged and rewritten for "The American Philatelist" and those of our members who collect the issues of this country will undoubtedly welcome the publication of what will be the most complete history of its stamps to appear in the English language.

It is a matter of much regret that owing to war conditions it is impossible to secure the illustrations from Sweden with which to properly embellish the work, but as it is desired to publish the work in book form after its completion

in our journal, we shall hope by that time that it will be possible to make use of the cuts which have been tendered for the purpose.

We feel that with the publication of this highly important work, together with the several excellent articles which are and have been appearing in our journal of late, "The American Philatelist" need no longer make excuses for the quality of its literature contents and that we have kept faith with our membership to eventually give them a journal to which they could point with a considerable measure of pride. This has been possible only through the loyalty of many of our members, but what has been accomplished gives us the hope that we have not yet reached the highest point in our usefulness. We aspire to place our journal in the front rank of all Society publications and with the cooperation of our membership this is rapidly becoming a reality.

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- 4971 Pardee, Theo. Q., c/o Vacuum Oil Co., Rochester, N. Y.
- 4972 Porter, P. W., Wilmington, Calif.
- 4973 Rowley, Arthur M., 33 Crescent Hill, Springfield, Mass.
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Reinstated.

- 3981 Nammack, C. H., Box 55, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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- 168 Mason, Edward H., 70 Kilby St., Boston, Mass.

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- 4968 Lichtenstein, Alfred F., 134 Cedar St., New York City.
- 4969 Mainhart, Theodore, 331 Potts Pl., Johnstown, Pa.
- 4970 Nold, Ramond V., 145 46th St., New York City.
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- 2990 Farnham, Fred E., from Memphis, Tenn. to 4843 N. Hermitage Ave., Chicago, Ill.
- 3936 Gregg, E. J. from 426 W. Grand Blvd. to 484-14th Ave. Detroit, Mich.
- 4766 Sedgwick, W. H., from 427 E. Wenona to 4451 Park Blvd. Louisville, Ky.
- 3188 Sioco, Dr. F. Gonzalez, from San Fernando, La Union to Pasig, Rizal, Philippine Islands.

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Membership April 15, 1917	1501
New Stockholders	11
Reinstated	1
Replaced on Membership Roll	4 16
	1517
Deceased	1
	1516
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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.	

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The Wolsieffer prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.

The Secretary's prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.

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The Dunning prize of an entire sheet of 10c C. S. A. complete with imprint and plate number.

The Wolsieffer prize of a \$3.00 gold piece.

For the Third largest number of recruits for the year:

The Wolsieffer prize of a very fine U. S. 5c 1847.

For the largest number of recruits each month:

The Dunning prize of \$5.00 worth of good stamps.

At least 3 recruits must be gained to win any of these prizes. Officers of the Society are barred from the competition.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call For Nominations.

Nominations for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year 1917-18 should now be made, either by Branches or any five members, in accordance with the By-Laws. The election will take place at the 32nd

Annual Convention to be held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

All nominations should be sent immediately to the Secretary that due notice of such nominations may be published as required by Section 6 of Article VI of the By-Laws.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Convention Call.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Alexandria Bay, New York, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc., will be made in due season.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.



EDWARD H. MASON.

Mr. Edward H. Mason, of Boston, died early in March of the present year, but no notice reached us at the time. Mr. Mason was a charter member of the Society, holding stock certificate No. 168. He has occupied a prominent place in American Philately for many years, being the author of several works on U. S. proofs and essays, one of which will be remembered as Hand Book No. 2 issued by the Society some five or six years ago.

We regret that we cannot give any details of his life further than above, but his death will be a cause of much sorrow among those with whom he was acquainted. The Society mourns the loss of one of its oldest members.



EARLY REVENUE IMPRINTS.

By Mrs. Wallace Dana Smith.

There has been considerable said about Revenue stamps and all are more or less familiar with the bank checks where the stamp is printed in the center and bears the words and value, "U. S. REVENUE, 2 cts." but I wonder how many know that a Revenue tax was used in the latter part of 1700 and early part of 1800 on all notes, bonds and obligations?

I know they were used in Pennsylvania, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, and presume in all other states. They were not really stamps like the State Revenue stamps which all have seen but were colorless imprints, about the size of a fifty cent piece, made with a die and pressed into the paper by hand, causing the imprint to be raised on the paper.

I think they were used only on notes and obligations, as I have never found any on land deeds or mortgages, tho I have examined many hundreds of them given during 1860 and in 1700. I would like very much to know how long these imprints were in use and how many values there were used. Cannot someone who is more versed in these ancient curios than "yours truly" give us authentic information regarding them?

I will endeavor to explain those I have access to.

1st.—Note dated 1814, given in Philadelphia for \$400 for 60 days. Imprint, or stamp, in circle on the lower left hand corner; an eagle standing on shield, head of eagle facing the right, with wings outspread. Under the shield following the curve of circle the words, TWENTY FIVE CENTS.

2nd.—Note given in Philadelphia in 1814 for \$126.75 for 90 days. Imprint an eagle facing left, wings raised and feathers ruffled, bill open and in the attitude of striking. Value under shield and following circle, TEN CENTS.

3rd.—Note given in Philadelphia, value \$100, for 90 days. Imprint as above, value TEN CENTS.

4th.—Note given at Philadelphia for \$200 payable in 60 days. Imprint as on the others and same value.

5th.—Note given at Parsonsfield, Me., for \$337.13. Dated Nov. 1789. Eagle standing behind a shield; in his beak, holding upright by the point, a flat key. The circle in the head of the key caught through the top of the shield. The upper half of the circle above the eagle bears the words, TWENTY FIVE CENTS. The lower part of circle beneath shield the word MASSACHUSETTS.

6th.—Another note given for \$60 on demand, dated Hampton, N. H. Dec. 1799. Eagle standing on shield facing you, wings spread. Value above, FOUR CENTS, under shield in the circle NEW HAMPSHIRE.

7th.—Note for \$300, for 30 days, dated 1800. Shield at left, eagle facing you on shield, wings spread; value above the eagle, TEN CENTS. NEW HAMPSHIRE under shield.

8th.—This note also was given in 1800; eagle facing you standing on the shield, wings outspread. Value, Four Cents.

9th.—Still another note given for \$37 shield and value as on the above but eagle and shield inverted.

10th.—Another New Hampshire note given in 1801 for \$45. the stamp on the left, a small wreath filled with stars under the wreath a bar, containing "IV CENTS." Above the wreath the words "C. O. M. REV. C. S."

11th.—This is a bond or obligation relating to certain lands and settling an estate, lands valued at \$2834 with interest from 1798 till paid. This obligation contains two imprints or stamps in the lower right hand corner: An eagle with very wide spread wings standing behind the shield. Value in lower part of circle, SEVENTY FIVE CENTS.

The other imprint is smaller, about

the size of a cent and is a wreath, the center being 13 six pointed stars, above wreath letters, C. O. M. REV. C. S. Below the wreath LXXV. CENTS.

12th—Another obligation dated 1798 bears the imprint on the upper left hand corner; eagle facing the right behind a shield, holding in his beak a flat key. Said key had a hole in top. Value in curve above the eagle, SEVENTY FIVE CENTS. Underneath the shield the word MASSACHUSETTS.

[Note.—Mrs. Smith has kindly sent for our inspection several of the notes and papers above mentioned but her description of the interesting “stamps” leaves no room for improvement. While these are not stamps in the accepted term, yet they represent a form of stamped paper which is very interesting and which should be well worth inclusion in any collection of revenue stamps of our country. We are glad to have had the opportunity of seeing these old papers.—Editor.]

THE WHITE AND GREEN SEALS OF SONORA PLATED.

By W. Parker Lyon.

Many years ago in conversation with my friend, the late Henry J. Crocker, of San Francisco, Cal., the then President of our Pacific Philatelic Society, and worlds famous Hawaiian specialist, I had it explained to me how valuable in time the type-set numerals of the so-called “Sandwich Islands” would become. I said he was a dreamer. He showed me full sheets of ten stamps, all type set, with brass rule printed borders, each stamp distinctively different.

This made it an easy task to plate; and for the novice I will explain that plating stamps is rearranging them in the same relative position as they were originally in the sheet. Later developments showed Mr. Crocker’s foresight and wisdom for as soon as “Everybody

was doing it” —plating these numerals—they soared in price from 50 cents to \$50 and often a man paid \$150 for a single rare printing copy to complete his plate of ten. This habit certainly contributed to the HIGH COST OF LIVING.

When the Mexican State of Sonora, in 1913 issued its White and Green seals I knew that what happened in Sandwich Islands Numerals would apply to these much similar type set stamps.

Sonora’s method of producing these stamps was almost identical with the old Island issue. In number, ten to the sheet, they were the same but differed in shape and arrangement, being oblong horizontally, making a sheet horizontally oblong with five stamps in each row *tete-beche*, while the Island stamps were vertically oblong and arranged on the sheet in two rows parallel up and down or vertically oblong in the sheet.

In the Island numerals there were ten different varieties while Sonora had only five types in each sheet, each row being an exact duplicate of the other with the exception of certain mistakes or errors that occurred in some of the stamps and which were discovered when one row was printed and corrected before the second row of five stamps was printed on the sheet. Attempts to counterfeit the Island stamps have been done but are always easily detected, for it is a well known fact that no printer living can exactly re-set a form of type as it was in the first place, hence the security with which one can collect type-set stamps.

Only a trifle over three years have elapsed since the Sonora stamps were issued, yet Mr. Collector you take your luck at plating the supposedly common 5 cent gothic, black and brown border and roulette varieties. If you succeed in getting them all you will have 40 distinctly different varieties and now is the time to get them while you can pick them up cheaply. The European war has made this possible for before

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the Great War began a German dealer in Los Angeles was paying 50 cents for all good copies of this 5 ct. stamp. He told me he was re-selling to Germany and at a good profit. Then the war came and he passed out. I see in a popular stamp paper these stamps advertised at 25 cents; they are a good investment at that price.

Now as I said before there are 40 varieties with as much difference between them as there is between the ordinary two cent Pan-American which sells for a cent and the inverted center for which you pay \$400. Some day you will want these 40 varieties but you will pay at least \$5. each for the commoner ones. Aside from the forty varieties mentioned there was a colorless roulette variety of thin or Gothic 5 cent green seal that even now sells for \$100 a single copy, and with the price collectors cannot get them at that figure. The white and green seals were all printed during the year 1913 at about the same time, but one lot was not issued until 1914 and by a faction other than the one which printed the original stamps.

This later issued lot so resembled the other printings that the new faction had a rubber stamp made in large capital and lower case letters "Mexico"; this surcharge was put on some of the first stamps sold to prevent the use of the first lot from which the previous Rebel faction had gotten the revenue. However, this was soon discontinued and later when at Nogales a fleeing Postmaster stole the Nogales cancellation the same "Mexico" rubber stamp was used for a few days. Now another thing I want to call the collector's attention to is to give up looking for brown border white seals and look for black, if you have time to waste, for I believe I am safe in making the assertion that all white seals have brown borders. I had a large collection and assortment of these stamps and later added the accumulation of another collector, and in both his and my collections the only

color I can find is brown, so with me brown goes and I no longer look for black.

Commemorative Stamps.

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Items of all classes are sometimes used before the event to be commemorated takes place, sometimes only at the event, and other times produced at the event. They are either used officially, given away free, or sold at cost or for a profit.

The Brussels Exposition of 1897 was almost paid for by the sale of fancy stickers. The Expositions at Turin and Rome advertised a lottery, to cover the costs, by the use of a postal card.

A commemorative series of postage stamps, tho seldom known as such, is the issue of 1867 of Austria. These were issued as a memorial to commemorate the formation of the dual monarchy of Austria-Hungary, tho they remained in use for over sixteen years. The United States issued commemorative stamped envelopes in 1876 for the Centennial of Independence, celebrated so wonderfully by the large Exposition in Philadelphia.

The present War has developed thousands of commemorative labels, postal cards and envelopes. And when we look over them, half the stamps in our albums silently commemorate some event—perhaps only of postal history—as each first issue surely commemorates the establishment of the use of postage stamps. Great Britain was the earliest offender with the Mulready, and other nations have followed in irregular order.

Tonight I will try to show you each phase of Commemoratives, tho perhaps not in any regular order, as I could not bring along my vast accumulation, which gets beyond me when I endeavor to arrange them for exhibition purposes, but enough to show what can be done under the head of "Commemoratives."

THE BLUFF.

"The late General Funston," said an editor, "hated a bluffer. Bluffers, he claimed always gave themselves away.

"He often told a story about a bluffer who applied for a vacancy as tutor to a broker's son.

"The broker was an enthusiastic stamp collector, and he thought he

might perhaps put the tutor to work cataloguing his stamps, so he asked the man: "

"One last question. Are you acquainted with philately?

"The tutor smiled.

"My goodness, yes," he said, "I speak it like a native, sir."

(Clipping contributed by Otto C. Reymann.)

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WANTED—Postally used blocks of four for my collection. All countries. Both centuries. 19th Century particularly desired. U. S., Canada, Great Britain, etc., most wanted. No cancelled to order trash wanted at any price. Correspondence solicited. A few blocks for sale or exchange. H. L. Clark, 9 Ashton Place, Cambridge, Mass. A P S 4886.

25 DIFFERENT postage stamps given free to those who send for my 60% approvals. Reference required. H. G. Frabe, R. R. No. 3, Santa Barbara, Calif.

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WHAT COLLECTORS SAY MAY BE OF INTEREST!

The following letter from Brig.-General Chas. A. Coolidge, (Retired U. S. A.) Ex-President of the American Philatelic Society and President of the Detroit Philatelic Society, who has been a subscriber to the P. J. of A. since its first number issued March 1885 (thirty-two years ago) is worthy of the consideration of every stamp collector.

Mr. C. H. Mekeel,

Editor of The Philatelic Journal of America,

My dear Mr. Mekeel:—

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Ritter, Karl, 200 Hawthorne Rd., Elmwood Park, Bethlehem, Pa.; Age 22; Student Lehigh University; Reference: E. H. Kresge, Dept. Store, 4th & New Sts., S. Bethlehem, Pa.; Proposed by Addison B. Raiser, No. 4596.

Romine, Miss Helen M., 58 Taylor St., Newark, N. J.; Age 21; Reference: E. W. Fuss, 217 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.; Proposed by Wm. C. Webb, No. 3702.

Van Brunt, Andrew A., Box 384, Santa Clara, Calif.; Age 40; Gardner; Reference: Geo. E. Hamilton, 931 Tremont St., Santa Clara, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, No. 1925.

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4293 Bernstein, Dr. Edw. J., 1212 Krerge Bldg., Detroit, Mich; Age 52; Oculist & Aurist; Reference: Dime Savings Bank, Detroit, Mich.

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 4522 Rochester Philatelic Association, Branch # 41, H. J. Haddleton, Secy., 87 Shelter St., Rochester, N. Y.
 4669*McQuillin, C. W., 398 Maryland St., Winnipeg, Canada.

Resignation Accepted.

- 3827 Lewis, Chas., Security Bldg., St. Louis, Mo.

Change in Officers Branch Society.

- 4753 Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch # 47, L. Lawrence Albright, Secy., 260 1/2 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Change of Address.

- 2454 Green, Dick, from Boise, Idaho to 537 S. 4th East St., Salt Lake City, Utah.
 3863 Patterson, W. O., from Miramar to Alangarez Gold Fields, Alangarez, C. R.
 3941 Ruckgaber, Albert from 50 Church St. to 120 Liberty St., New York.
 3702 Webb, Wm. C., from 369 W. 56th St., to 239 Broadway, New York.

Membership Summary.

Membership May 1, 1917	1516
New Stockholders	11
Replaced on Roll	10
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	1537
Resignation accepted	1
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Total membership May 15, 1917	1536

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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For the largest number of recruits each month:

The Dunning prize of \$5.00 worth of good stamps.

At least 3 recruits must be gained to win any of these prizes.

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REPORT OF THE SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, May 1, 1917.

Mr. Wm. B. Sprague, Recorder,

Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.

54 William St., New York City.

Dear Sir:—

Herewith I hand you my third quarterly report, covering the months of February, March and April.

1773 Books in circulation

Feb. 1st, 1917, valued

at \$37,044.45

200 New books received

valued at 5,018.25

1973 Total valued at 42,062.70

277 Books retired (Sales

\$1804.45) valued at 4,982.89

1696 Books in circulation

May 1, 1917 valued at 37,079.81

The insurance on the 277 books retired was \$33.86, a check for which amount has been forwarded to the Treasurer to be credited to the Insurance Fund.

The insurance on the 277 books retired was a fraction over 36%, which considering the character of the stamps contained in most of the books was above the average.

The cash sales for this period were \$1855.30, a slight increase over the last quarter, but only \$50.85 more than paid out to members for the 277 books retired.

The demand for stamps of a better quality continues unabated, and there is hardly a day passes that I am not in receipt of requests for good books of United States stamps of the early 19th Century issues. These early issues are particularly desired in pairs, strips and blocks, and members who have duplicates of this kind to dispose of, will find a quick sale at good prices.

The next in popularity appears to be early 19th Century European stamps. These are also asked for frequently in pairs, strips, and blocks, especially the imperforate issues.

Following these in the order of requests, I might mention that books of stamps of British North America are frequently asked for. British Colonials are also very popular.

There seems to be more sellers of 20th Century stamps, precancelled and ordinary original covers than there are buyers. I only have one Circuit of 20th

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Century stamps, and no calls for pre-cancelled stamps or ordinary current original covers. There has been some call for early issues and rarities of the United States and Europe on original covers.

The majority of the books that have been contributed to the Sales Department by members, are mixed and are labeled "Miscellaneous". These books can only go in a General Circuit or a Branch Circuit, therefore it takes much longer to give them circulation and have them retired.

There are many members that do not seem to appreciate my many urgent requests to forward the Circuits promptly to the next member. It is this holding up of the Circuits over the time limit, that prevents the Sales Superintendent from giving the books quick circulation and retiring them earlier. The time limit should not be over three days, and certainly one day in the majority of cases, is sufficient to look over ten books.

I note an improvement in regard to the many errors that have been made in the past, most of which were no doubt

caused through carelessness and haste in figuring up the amount of purchases from books or report slips. It is always wise to double check all purchases and re-figure the totals.

More care should be taken in the mounting of the stamps in the books. The rules and regulations suggest the manner in which the stamps should be affixed, and one point in particular should be noted, the use of a good hinge in mounting the stamp so that it will adhere firmly to the book, and also to use only one kind of a hinge in a book. This last suggestion is very necessary, so as to prevent confusion in the member's own mind, that no stamps have been changed in his book.

There is at the present time more of a demand for good stamps and rarities than a supply. All the books that are priced at \$20.00 and over, containing better grade stamps, sell a much better proportion than books that are priced under \$20.00.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

U. S. GOVERNMENT COLLECTION.

Secretary Davis in accordance with instructions issued by the last Convention, transmitted to the Smithsonian Institute the resolution favoring the continuance of the Collection and the retaining of the Philatelist in charge of same, giving many sound arguments why the collection should not be abandoned, and he is in receipt of a reply from the Assistant Secretary in charge of the National Museum, which contains information of such importance to collectors that we reproduce it here with in its entire form:

Office of
Assistant Secretary
Smithsonian Institution
In Charge U. S. National Museum.
Smithsonian Institution
United States National Museum
Washington, D. C.

April 16, 1917.

Dr. H. A. Davis,
Secretary American Philatelic Society,
125 N. Tejon Street,
Colorado Springs, Colorado.—

Dear Sir:—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, trans-

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mitting a resolution passed by the 31st Annual Convention of the American Philatelic Society in session in Boston during the week of August 22, 1916, with some reasons why it should be given consideration by the National Museum.

Expressing on behalf of the Museum much pleasure and entire concurrence in the views set forth in the resolution, I am surprised that the American Philatelic Society should have been so entirely misinformed, as it apparently has been, on the subject of the stamp collection of the Museum. This collection is, in fact, as permanent as the life of the nation, and has never been regarded in any other light.

For many years the National Museum has possessed a certain quantity of stamps, a comparatively small collection received as gifts, but maintained as a section of the Museum representing one of its important objects. The Post Office Department, however, was assembling its large collection, with which we could not compete, as both being Government establishments, the Museum could not appeal to Congress for means to duplicate this service.

When, a few years ago, the Post Office Department voluntarily transferred its collection to the Museum, it was with the formal understanding that the Museum should hereafter occupy the field and that it should receive from the Department all future issues of United States stamps, and all foreign issues distributed through the International Postal Union. The Department is fully complying with its part of the agree-

ment, and may be expected always to do so. There are, as of course you know, very great gaps in the older part of the collection, which we shall endeavor to keep filling in as our means will allow; but from the beginning of this century the series will be maintained complete through at least the sources which converge toward the Post Office Department.

With reference to Mr. Joseph B. Leavy, the Philatelist of the Museum, I would say that his services are most highly prized, not alone for his knowledge of the subject and his systematic methods, but as well for his successful presentation of the public display. We desire to retain him and hope to, but for a number of years Congress has refused any increase in the Museum appropriations, though our responsibilities within that period have nearly doubled. Under these circumstances, it is very difficult to hold our people, but I trust that before long something can be done for Mr. Leavy.

In view of the subject matter of the Society's resolution and my remarks in this letter, please let me suggest the importance of a paper for the next meeting of the Society on the national philatelic collection by someone who is able to speak authoritatively on its merits and demerits. The earnest co-operation of the Society is desired, and I am very glad of the opportunity of addressing you now.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) R. RATHBUN,

Assistant Secretary,
in charge National Museum.

HAND BOOKS MADE TO ORDER.

Early in 1917 the writer received notice of his appointment as Chairman of the handbook Committee of the A. P. S. and in an endeavor to place the

work of this Committee on a constructive basis, outlined a plan which was submitted to the other members of the Committee and to the Officers of the

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Society. This plan evidently met with the approval of the entire board for it was approved in its entirety and as a result we are now in a position to work toward definite objects and in this way accomplish more than we otherwise would.

In order to bring the matter before the attention of the entire membership I am reproducing the original "suggestions" in full, and adding the comments made by the different persons who have looked it over. The plan follows:

SUGGESTIONS RELATIVE TO THE WORK OF THE HANDBOOK COM- MITTEE OF THE A. P. S.

"The present Chairman of the Handbook Committee has served as a member of the same Committee on two previous years but during his own tenure of office and that of his successors nothing tangible was accomplished—no handbooks were published as a result of their work. The usual methods for securing suitable manuscript, that is, by advertising in the official Journal of the Society and by personal solicitation among philatelists who seemed qualified to undertake such a work, did not produce the desired material and it is felt that these methods if persisted in will have no better results in the future. It therefore seems essential that some new method be devised that will create suitable material for use, for as Chairman of this Committee the writer desires to get some definite results during the coming year.

"The following plan is therefore submitted as a working basis for this committee:

"First, let it be understood that special articles on special points in connection with our U. S. stamps are always desirable, if they can be made fairly final, but such articles are seldom available. Therefore it is the desire of the present chairman to assign to

specially qualified members or groups of members subjects with which they are more or less familiar, along lines that are clearly drawn and on subjects that will prove of general interest to all collectors. There is considerable material available that should be compiled for use as reference books for all time and NOW while much of this data is still fresh is the time to get at the work.

"The subjects suggested for this special work are as follows:

"(1) **PRECANCELS.** The subject to be treated quite generally and from the point of view of the average collector rather than the specialist. Dr. W. I. Mitchell is recommended for this subject.

"(2) **BOOK-LEAVES.** These are not yet obsolete but they have been in use for so long a time that much can be said about them. Current information supplementing a hand-book could be published in the official journal from time to time. W. Herbert Dole is suggested as a specialist on these.

"(3) **PLATE NUMBERS** (under the Bureau). J. M. Bartels is the right man for this subject and could undoubtedly choose suitable assistants to aid him. He has already printed several booklets upon this subject for his own private distribution and could probably be induced to compile his total results for the Society.

"(4) **STATISTICS.** Designed to cover such subjects as quantities issued of each stamp from No. 1 to date; plate numbers used before the Bureau began its work in 1894; and anything else of the same general nature that needs compiling for future reference. This subject would take considerable time and the result would not be possible within the tenure of office of this Committee, but if started much desirable information will be dug up for the future use of the Society. It is not

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EDITORIAL.

THE HANDBOOK COMMITTEE. In this issue we print an interesting report from Mr. H. L.

Lindquist, chairman of the Handbook Committee, giving an outline of the work which has been undertaken by that organization, and this should be carefully read by every one of our members, as if it is possible to carry the program through, with the

co-operation of those who have been appointed to assist in the work and also that of the membership at large, the Society will shortly be able to produce a series of handbooks well worthy of the name of The American Philatelic Society.

This is a matter which every member should take home to himself, as it concerns each individual member more than anyone, as it will be the individual who will profit the most by the successful issue of the work as planned. The scope is very broad and if it only succeeds in gathering the information and data regarding U. S. stamps it will have accomplished a great labor indeed, but with the prospect of being able to publish authoritative works on the stamps of other countries as well, it becomes of still greater value.

Let every one of us do our mite to help the Committee attain the aim which it has set. We shall then see that by helping others is truly the best way to help ourselves.

NICARAGUA, 1896 OFFICIAL, ERROR.

There's a rather odd little error in the 1896 Provisional Issue of Nicaragua Official Stamps which has apparently escaped notice until recently. The normal surcharge reads thus: "Franqueo Oficial" in two lines in a purplish ink. It appears on the 1, 2, 5, 10 and 20 centavo postage due stamps of the same year. Some few errors are listed, such as inverts, etc., but I have never seen the error, "Franqueo Oficial" which shows very plainly upon examination.

I have very plain copies of this error on the 1, 2, and 10 centavo surcharges and presume the same error occurs on the 5 and 20 centavo varieties.

If anyone knows of the last two varieties, I will greatly appreciate it if they will communicate with me. I'd like to buy specimens if possible.

KARL A. PEMBER,
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sufficient to merely compile this data from what we now have but research will probably be needed and reference to the original sources. Chas. K. B. Nevin would be an admirable man to undertake such a work and he should be given the authority to select as many of his own assistants as desired.

"(5) COILS AND RECENT IMPERFORATES. (Also the private perforates of recent issues). This is a fresh subject with an immense amount of material ready for use. This matter however, needs to be threshed out thoroughly and compiled before too late. Additions to this as well as to the BOOK LEAVES can be made through the official journal from time to time. Dr. Warren L. Babcock, with such help as he might suggest, should be able to do justice to such a subject.

"(6) GOVERNMENT POSTAL CARDS. While this subject is not as popular as some of the others it still is of enough importance to merit recognition by a National Society. S. Schachne could work this out to advantage.

"(7) HISTORICAL NOTES. This should include everything that has been printed and much that has not been printed bearing upon the different and successive contractors who have made our stamps from 1847 to 1894. These Bank Note Companies, etc., are all related from first to last and it would be of interest to trace these connections. Also to note the connections of different patentees with the working companies. Copies of the actual contracts might be located. Then there are many men who still remember many things relating to the production of our stamps that can still be found and perhaps interested in the subject. This is another book that would require much time to produce but a start should be made now. Dr. Carroll Chase is suggested as the right man for this work.

"With an organization such as outlined above, aimed at definite objectives, and with their work assisted and backed by the Officers and by the Society generally, it seems that enough material could be secured for the needs of many years to come, that will be a credit to the Society and to the hobby generally as well as being of permanent value for reference purposes.

"Under this arrangement the Committee as appointed would receive the compilations, edit them without material changes, prepare cuts where needed, combine such as are short and closely related into booklets of convenient size, solicit advertising to defray the cost of publishing and attend to such other duties as will promote the best interests of the work in hand.

"It is desired at this time to secure the concensus of opinion from the officers of the Society as to their attitude toward such a program and if the report is favorable we will proceed at once to the organizations of the necessary sub-committees.

(Signed) H. L. LINDQUIST.

Chairman."

As was stated above the plan was unanimously approved by the Board of Directors and in accordance with the suggestions made, President Howes appointed as Chairman of the Sub-Committees outlined the gentlemen who were suggested.

As was anticipated some excellent suggestions were made by the different Members and Officers and we quote from them:

Wm. E. Ault: "I am heartily in accord with the suggestions and would suggest that under "Historical Notes" all official documents issued by the Postoffice Department or otherwise having a bearing on the postal history of our stamps be included."

Wm. C. Stone: "While I agree that we ought to secure the various lines of information noted I am of the opinion

that these extreme specialists's works do not appeal to our members at large. * * * Mr. Oscar Hill of Boston has what is probably the finest collection of Finland in this country and I think could be persuaded to prepare a manuscript. The work suggested should be followed up if for nothing else than to supply material for the American Philatelist."

C. A. Howes: "I am glad to commend most highly Mr. Linquist's outline of subjects for special work on United States Stamps, etc. 'There is no time like the present' with some of these. The idea of assignment to those qualified strikes me as good, if we can get them to agree, since we have seen the results of depending on 'voluntary offers' following a published request. Some of the subjects seem hardly of enough magnitude for a single publication, but might be combined into one handbook—as the Springfield Stamp Club has done. * * * I wish to call special attention to Mr. Stone's comment in which he mentions Mr. Oscar Hill. I think that Mr. Hill could be induced to prepare the material for an A. P. S. handbook."

H. H. Wilson: "Although I have no suggestions to make, I desire to register my hearty approval of the proposition, and trust that results will follow adoption of same."

William B. Sprague: "I approve the suggestions. In assigning the various subjects, I believe that, as a general proposition, it is best to select some one individual and allow him to enlist such aid as he may require."

C. F. Heyerman: "Furnish the books to A. P. S. members or put such a price on them as to make membership more desirable. Books on countries outside the U. S. should also be asked for."

L. Harald Kjellstedt: "I am in hearty accord with the suggestions offered but wish to join in the comments made by Mr. Ault. In my opinion 'Historical

Notes' should receive the earliest attention, because at a later date the invaluable co-operation of Director Ralph and the Bureau may not be available."

H. B. Phillips: "I entirely approve the remarks of Mr. Kjellstedt as to the desirability of gathering Historical material while it is yet in the main available. Also favor extending these special articles to those countries whose postal activities have closed, such as Confederate States of America, Korea, and the like."

H. A. Davis: "I am heartily in accord with the outline of procedure to put something in the hands of our members that will be interesting and instructive. I do not know that I can add anything that would be of material benefit in view of all that has been said."

H. N. Mudge: "I am heartily in accordance with the general plan of work and have noted with interest and approved the suggestions made by others who have been through the papers. All of these suggestions seem to be very much in place and I am gratified at the seriousness with which all concerned have taken the thing up and the resultant harmony of thought among them. I would add as an additional suggestion that you include Postal Savings Bank Stamps as an interesting subject, as germane to Philately as some other topics and which field has not been, as far as I am aware, thus far very deeply plowed. In looking over the suggestions made by others I am impressed by what Mr. Stone has said in regard to popularizing the books. The rank and file of our Society are not Philatelically deep, and highly specialized books like what have gone before do not appeal to the masses; and it is the latter that we want to interest first of all to cement their loyalty to the Society. I feel strongly that if the MSS. is found to be of the right quality, the next issue should be the book suggested on Fin-

land. It logically follows the two that have proceeded of a specialized type, and will, I think, strike a responsive chord owing to the present European conditions. I do not mean by this to exclude the deeper specialties. Get them going too; to be judiciously sprinkled in between those in a lighter vein. In this connection will say that I think you have struck a 'system' which I hope you can pass along to your successor in such shape as to make it the easy and logical way for it to be kept up."

Carroll Chase, M. D.: "I think the idea for getting manuscripts for new handbooks is most excellent and I wish to give my hearty approval."

Wm. L. Stevenson: "As fast as other subjects are suggested, let the President appoint the one man and as many assistants as seem proper in each case to act as a similar sub-committee to work out a proper handbook for the good of the hobby generally. Confederate States distinctly come under the head of U. S. and are an ideal subject whenever the modern students get through study of them. Hawaii, Danish West Indies, Cuba, Porto Rico, Philippines, Canal Zone, etc., are all quite natural extensions of the general plan. Foreign subjects should be acceptable, if quite available, but stress should be put on the necessity of the Society's WORKING on our own stamps. The

foreign are incidental. Actual official documents or copies of the Postoffice Department should, so far as possible, be filed in the A. P. S. library. Studies of and from these and all other available documents would come under Historical Notes. This sub-committee has an almost endless subject. It should develop into the biggest one of all."

Further suggestions and "comments" are now solicited from every member who is interested in the subject. The Chairman of the Sub-Committees will require active assistants. The plans are ready and now it is up to each Chairman to get busy and produce the results that will surely follow if the plan is worked out.

As suggested by Mr. Mudge some arrangement should be made to make the "system" permanent so that it can be handed down as the regular routine for securing manuscripts. Many of the suggestions have already been acted upon or are under consideration. The book on Finland by Mr. Hill is in excellent shape but certain documents and a series of plates used by the Finnish Society will not be available until after the war and it has seemed advisable to postpone action until then.

Let us keep the subject alive by constant discussion and by real work being accomplished.

H. L. LINDQUIST,

700 E. 40th St., Chicago.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 45.

Thirty-fourth meeting convened on March 8, 1917, in Director's room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Vice-President Pond presided. Fourteen

members present. Minutes of thirty-third meeting read and approved.

Committee Report.

Mr. C. V. Hollis, chairman of the Publicity committee, reported that the

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first proof of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club year book had been received from the printer, and the book would likely be ready for distribution at the next regular meeting, March 22. It was emphasized that this handy pocket size book of by-laws would not only be valuable to the present members but also for prospective members to determine the value of the organization to them. This started an extended discussion of ways and means of reaching unknown collectors and arousing latent interest in our fascinating Hobby. It was finally decided that an exhibit of stamps during State Fair week, either at one of the leading Department Stores or at the Fair, would best bring attention to organized Philately and perhaps bring to light some rarities from some Grandmother's garret. The Publicity committee gave assurance that steps would be taken at an early date, toward carrying out this plan next fall.

Re-instatment.

Mr. Joseph Weske, one of the early members of the Collector's Club who removed to Chicago but has now returned was re-instated by unanimous vote of the Club.

Auction Exhibit.

The eighty-two wholesale and retail lots of stamps to be offered at auction by the Club at the first night in April (12) were on exhibition, and will be on exhibition again at the next regular meeting, according to the rules governing the Sales Dept. Attention was called to the fact that these lots were fully listed in the March issue of the Stamp Herald, the official organ, and all were urged to enter their bids by mail to Mr. Earnest Schneider, Sales and Auction Manager, 918 Hamilton Ave., Indianapolis.

Some new books being entered in the Sales Dept. which contained some nice

specimens attracted much attention and met with good sale before being started on the circuit. The meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

BRANCH No. 3.

At the regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, held Wednesday evening, March 21st, we had as a visitor, Mr. L. Kolf, a musician on the U. S. S. Puebla, who displayed a fine collection of cancellation marks. As the special for the meeting was the letter "S" there was shown a specialized collection of San Salvador. Complete collections of Samoa, Siam, Saxony, Schleswig-Holstein, particularly entire covers with strips of 2, 3 and 4; specimens of Scott's No. 11, 14; one cover having two No. 14 Schleswig and two No. 3 Schleswig-Holstein used together; Switzerland 1850 and '52 on covers in pairs and strips, all lightly cancelled copies.

We meet on the third Wednesday of each month so our next assemblage will be April 18th, next. The letter "T" will be in order, for display and discussion.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD.

BRANCH No. 30.

The regular meeting of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club held 4-5-17, was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.30 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. The following members were present: Tubman, Young, Whittaker, Geuder, Langdon, Good, Lewis, Moses, Larsen, Mader and visitor Martes.

The application of Messrs. D. H. Cassell of Indianapolis and W. H. Codding of this city were received and posted.

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Pres. Tubman appointed Mr. Jas. Young to take charge of the next entertainment.

The Sales Manager Mr. Moses, made a plea for more books for the sales circuit, to which all members present agreed to respond.

A donation auction held in conclusion netted the Club an appreciable amount. Meeting adjourned at 10.15 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

Branch No. 30.

Meeting of Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held Thurs. Eve, 3-1-17.

The regular meeting of the G. P. S. C. was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.30 P. M. The following members responded to the roll call: Tubman, Moses, Geuder, MacLaren, Langdon, Young, Chamberlin, Preston, Whitaker, Runge, Holt, Brodie, Hanford, Weigel, Kreil, Rust, Barnum, Larsen, Lewis, Mader.

The minutes of the preceding meet-

ing were accepted as read. The resignation of Mr. E. H. Gammons was accepted.

Mr. MacLaren announced that he had secured the present quarters occupied by the club in the Hotel Statler for the balance of the season.

Mr. Beatty of the banquet committee expressed the wish that all members notify him promptly as to their intentions of attending the anniversary banquet on March 17th.

Following a motion by Mr. Barnum that the club make concerted efforts to increase its membership, the President was authorized to appoint a committee of three who are to take charge of the membership campaign and interview or communicate with all collectors in Cleveland at present not affiliated with the club.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. W. J. Brodie who exhibited his fine collection of British Columbia.

Meeting adjourned at 10.15.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

OUR REVIEW.

MEXICO, An illustrated Check List of the Revolutionary Stamps of 1913-1916, By Bertram W. H. Poole. Mr. Poole's works are invariably a delight to philatelists and in this volume, comprising 99 pages of text, he has given us an excellent history, condensed, and a check list of the stamps which have been so very popular with collectors on this side of the world for the past few years. We have never made a great study of these issues, but while Mr. Poole's book does not treat of the stamps from the view point of the extreme specialist, yet his lists are sufficiently extended to present a working

basis for the average collector of these issues. He treats of the stamps in sections, The Type-Set Stamps, Stamps of Special Design, Stamps with Printed Surcharges, The Hand-Stamped Surcharges and Official Stamps. In the part devoted to the handstamps, he lists the various issues which are not listed in Scott's catalogue, illustrations being given of the numerous printings. Collectors of recent Mexican stamps will undoubtedly be glad to welcome this addition to their literature on the subject. The advance subscription price was 50 cents, but no notice of present price, if different from the above, is given.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BY THE EDITOR.

- THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2, No. 3, March 1917. News of interest to philatelic society members, with a splendid picture of our friend, Mr. C. W. Kissinger, and a tribute to the good he has done and is doing for stamp collecting.
- THE STAMP TRADE Vol, III, No. 6, April 30, 1917. Always full of Mexican news of interest alike to dealer and collector.
- NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI, No. 6, April 20th, 1917. Russia is well handled from a philatelic standpoint.
- LINN'S STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I, No. 6, April, 1917. Of interest to collectors of the stamps of Mexico.
- COLLECTOR'S COMPANION, Vol. II, No. 7, May 5, 1917. The principal article is on the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine. The cover bears a picture of "Old Glory" with the poem "Your Flag and My Flag" by W. D. Nesbit.
- THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. II, No. 2, May 10, 1917. Plenty of news for precancel collectors. Official organ of the Junior American Philatelic Society.
- THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 4, April 15, 1917. Official organ of the National Philatelic Society whose membership is now given as 389.
- THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII Nos. 3 and 4, March and April, 1917. Two most excellent numbers, with continuations of the articles previously mentioned. The papers printed by the P. G. are of the type welcomed by the serious collector and are of such wide variety they cannot fail to interest a wide circle of readers.
- THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4, No. 8, May, 1917.
- THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL of AMERICA, Vol. 25, No. 1, 2, and 3, January, February and March, 1917. It would be useless to attempt to even name the interesting articles appearing in the three issues before us, but if you collect the stamps of the U. S. you will find a feast of good things, both historical and philatelic, concerning the old issues of our country. There are other items of interest and if the numbers received are an index to what the complete volume will contain, it will form a valuable addition to any library.
- THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. XXVII, No. 317, May 1, 1917. One of the most interesting journals to reach our desk "The Stamps of Alsace-Lorraine" is the principal article. The review of philatelic publications, embodying extracts of live matter from various journals, is always readable.
- EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVIII Nos. 174 and 175, Feb. and March, 1917.
- MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX, No. 217-218, Feb.-Mar. 1917. An article, continued, on the stamps of the Levant and an excellent chronicle, form the leading features.
- STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VII, No. 26, Vol. VIII, Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4 April, 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5, 1917. Publishers are having their troubles everywhere and the paper situation in England is evidently a serious one. In the issue of May 5th, announcement of abandonment of the Endowment Fund for the continuance of publication of

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the S. C. is noted, with the substitution of a "Paper Fund", designed to assist the publishers to meet the rising costs of paper without the necessity of increasing either the subscription or advertising rates.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIF, Vol. 24, No. 3, March 30, 1917. We always regret the lack of knowledge of the language necessary for a proper reading of this journal.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX Nos. 8, 9 and 10, February, March and April, 1917. Three excellent issues of the monthly P. S. Among the many newsy items and short articles are to be specially noted "Liberty and Order," a "romance of the Colombian Republic," as shown by its stamp issues, and "The Provisional Issue of the Neapolitan Provinces," the former being historical and the latter a

paper which will delight the specialist.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 74, April 1, 1917. The usual features, and a good paper on "The 'Emblems' Watermark of Great Britain."

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIII No. 8, April 4, 1917. Principally concerning Australian issues, to the collectors of which stamps this journal undoubtedly is ever welcome.

THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. IX, Nos. 9-10, Feb.-Mar. 1917. A double number but the very best that has reached us for some time, good chronicle of new issues, "Notes on the Stamps of Albania," "the Unshaded Posthorn Issues of Norway, 1882-1893," and shorter articles, make up an issue of more than usual interest.

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A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

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POSTAL HISTORY.

In giving an outline of the development of the Swedish postal service no better authority could be consulted than the exhaustive historical and statistical work "Sweden" published by the Swedish government. From this we learn that in Sweden, as in other cultured countries, the origin of the postal service is found in the need of the government to have its important business and commands sent throughout the country by means of specially appointed couriers, messengers or letter carriers. A proclamation of the year 1556 states that free posting shall be granted to all those persons who were occupied in the business of king and country. In 1563 an order was issued that for the conveyance of the king's letter carriers there should be employed so-called military service horses, i.e., such horses as in times of war were to be provided as an equivalent for a fully equipped soldier. These and similar regulations were intended for the more or less occasional conveyance of the government post and the letter carriers as a rule could not be employed by private individuals. In 1620 "a certain ordinary post" for the benefit of the king's governors was established for the purpose of carrying letters between the gover-

nors' residences and the court. Suitable young farmhands were to be employed who were to receive a fixed wage, clothes and free victuals, the latter to be provided by the king's subjects. In order to establish identity the carriers were provided with a kind of service badges or so-called post-arms, an arrangement however which had been in use as early as the 16th century. From 1620 we find the first mention of a post which could be employed by the general public on payment of a special fee. This post, which was intended for the conveyance of letters to and from abroad ran from Stockholm to Hamburg via Denmark and was carried by a mounted messenger. But it can not be said that there had been created an official Swedish postal service with the establishment of this post. Such a service was not established until Axel Oxenstierna, the chancellor and friend of the great king Gustavus Adolphus, took the business in hand and succeeded in getting the regency for Queen Christina to issue an edict respecting the post service. This edict, which was dated February 20, 1636 assigned to certain farms, which were adjacent to the public highways, the task of attending to the transportation of the public post. In

consideration of this they were relieved from a number of public burdens and later on were paid a certain fee out of the postal revenues. At a distance of every two or three Swedish miles (one Swedish mile equals 6 English) a "post farmer" was thus appointed who with the aid of two "post boys" had to convey the post to the next post farmer. During the first few years of this public postal service footmessengers were exclusively employed. In 1645 mounted messengers are mentioned. The post was carried once a week between Stockholm and the southern, western and northern parts of the country. In 1645 a postal service to Finland was established along the Gulf of Bothnia. Sea post connections with the Baltic provinces and abroad were obtained by means of placing post yachts on various lines. From 1662 a number of the more important mails of the country were increased to bi-weekly ones. The number of post offices during the first few years amounted only to 29 but in 1668 they had increased to 78. At first the postage was the same for all distances, about 5 cents in American money, but it was soon graduated. Up to the year 1677 the postal service had been in part leased or hired out to private individuals but in the latter year it was fully established as a state institution, the state from that time taking over the entire direction of the service and receiving all the revenues from the business. The service had the whole time been under the control of the Chancery which issued the necessary directions to the head of the service who, in official documents, is sometimes called Post Master and sometimes General State Post Master or Post Director. From 1697 the immediate management of the service was placed in the hands of the office of a Chief Post Director although the Chancery did not relinquish its supreme control.

The postal service was greatly favored and protected during the reign of

Charles XII, "the madman of the North." In 1704, from his military camp in Yaroslav, Russia, instructions to the Post office service were issued which were only superceeded 159 years later by the Instructions now in force. The "Instructions for Postmasters" issued in 1707 have also in certain of their chief features, remained in force until the present time. During the last years of the reign of Charles XII, a royal ordinance was issued which combined the postal service with the service for conveying passengers. Six different kinds of mail service were established viz. a permanent post, parcel post, driver post, running post, mounted post, and extra post. A great plan for the further development of the service, in many respects in advance of its time, was frustrated by the death of the king, 1718, and a fairly long period of stagnation in the development of the Swedish Post office followed.

In 1801 the chief Post Directors obtained a more independent position, and in 1849 the board in charge of the service was named the General Post Directorate, and this directorate was headed by a General Post Director. As regards the inner development of the postal service during the 19th century mention must be made of the introduction in 1820 of a special postage rate for news papers followed, in 1824 by a fixed duty according to the size of the paper. To control the payment of this duty a special revenue stamp was introduced with which every copy of a newspaper had to be marked. In 1822 the first mail steamer ever heard of was launched for service between Ystad, Sweden and Stralsund, Germany. The name of the steamer was "Constitution". A very important move was made March 3, 1823 when Lieutenant Curry Gabriel Treffenberg introduced in the Swedish Congress a bill which includes the prepayment of postage by means of stamped wrappers of different values. His bill also went into great detail in its scheme

for the safe guarding of the postal revenues. The time was not ripe for Treffenberg's advanced reforms and his bill was defeated. Treffenberg died in Stockholm 1875, and thus lived to see the fundamental part of his proposition adapted and put into effect 32 years later. The question of uniform postage rates and the introduction of postage stamps was proposed to the Swedish Congress three different times between 1847 and 1854. Under date of March 21, 1854, the king addressed to the congress a communication in which he expressed his opinion, that the adoption of a normal postage rate of 4 skilling banco (1 skilling banco was a little less than 3 cents) per "lod" (1 lod was about $\frac{1}{2}$ ounce) undoubtedly would meet with the wishes of the public, but with reference to the state economies it would be wiser to adopt two different rates for the domestic service. Letters weighing $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. should be prepaid with 4 sk. bco. for distances up to 20 miles (1 Swedish mile is equal to 6 English) and with 6 sk. bco. for distances above 20 miles. As soon as the postal revenues permitted the rate would be made 4 sk. bco. for all distances. This new tariff did not meet with favor and after considerable debating the 4 skilling postage rate was finally adopted October 25, 1854. In regard to the design of the stamps the Postal Directorate had to be governed by the wishes of the king. The stamps should show the Swedish coat of arms, three crowns surmounted by the royal crown. The frame of the design should contain the words "Sverige" and "Frimarke," and in the corners the value should be indicated in plain figures. According to the directorate 5 different values, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 24 skilling banco, were needed for the domestic and foreign service, and all values, or at least the three first, should be printed in different colors. The size of the stamps was ordered to be 1 inch high and $\frac{7}{8}$ inch wide.

This postal bill was approved by the king March 9, 1855. Shortly after, the Post office Department signed a contract with count P. A. Sparre for the manufacture of the stamps and on May 24, 1855 a circular was issued making the public acquainted with the new postal system and the use of the postage stamps. On April 13, Sparre received the first requisition for postage stamps, the 12th of June the stamps were delivered and on the 14th of June the distribution to the postmasters started. The documents bearing on the first requisition for Swedish postage stamps read as follows:

No. 1.

Requisition for Postage Stamps.

On account of the royal Post the following postage stamps—printed, perforated and gummed—are herewith ordered; delivery to take place before June 2d of the present year.

Whole Sheets	Denominations	Total Value
3900	4sk	65,000
1140	3sk	38,000
260	24sk	26,000
1200	3sk	15,000
600	6sk	15,000
Total Riksdaler		159,000

The paper necessary for these postage stamps, 7100 whole sheets, follows herewith and receipt for same is to be certified by the undersigned.

Stockholm, April 13, 1855

Royal General Postoffice

P. F. T. Winroth

Countersigned:

O. W. Stael v. Holstein.

For the manufacture of above ordered numbers of Postage stamps the undersigned has received 7,100 sheets of the paper specially made for postage stamps. The delivery of the order is guaranteed for June 2d of this year.

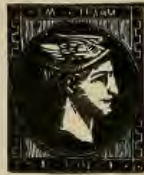
Stockholm, April 13, 1855

P. A. Sparre.

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A Comparative Check List OF THE "Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

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| <p>*No. 37a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Green, very much lighter in tone than #37, and on buff paper somewhat deeper than above. (1876.)</p> <p>*No. 37b, (S. G. #98, Scott #35a.)
5 lepta, Light Yellowish Green, on cream tinted paper, well executed and fine impression. (1877.)</p> <p>*No. 37c, (S. G. #99, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Yellowish Green, on cream tinted paper; these stamps are darker in color and are not so well executed as #37b. (1878.)</p> <p>*No. 38, (S. G. #101, Scott #36.)
10 lepta, Bright Orange on deep cream tinted paper. (1876.)</p> <p>*No. 38a, (S. G. #102, Scott #36a.)
10 lepta, Orange, on cream tinted paper. (.)</p> <p>*No. 38b, (S. G. #103, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Yellowish Orange, on yellowish tinted paper. (.)</p> <p>*No. 39, (S. G. #—, Scott #37a.)
20 lepta, Blue on cream tinted paper. (1876.)</p> <p>*No. 39a, (S. G. #104a, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Deep Blue, on cream tinted paper. (1877.)</p> <p>*No. 39b, (S. G. #106a, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Bright Blue, quite different in color from #39, and #39a, on cream tinted paper. (1878.)</p> | <p>*No. 39c, (S. G. #—, Scott #37b.)
20 lepta, Dull Ultramarine, on cream tinted paper. (1878.)</p> <p>*No. 39d, (S. G. #108, Scott #37.)
20 lepta, Bright Ultramarine, on cream tinted paper. (1878.)</p> <p>*No. 39e, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Ultramarine, on buff paper. The paper is a distinguishing feature of the stamp. (1878.)</p> <p>*No. 40, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
40 lepta, Flesh, on cream tinted paper. This is an uncertain color and as may be called Salmon, or Salmon Buff. (1876.)</p> <p>*No. 40a, (S. G. #109, Scott #38.)
40 lepta, Bright Flesh, much deeper in tone than #40, on cream tinted paper. (1878.)</p> <p>*No. 40b, (S. G. #110, Scott #—.)
40 lepta, Pale Flesh, very much lighter in color than 40a, and somewhat resembles the 2 lepta 1880-86 (29d.) On cream tinted paper. (1879.)</p> |
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FIFTH ATHENS PRINTING "E". 1879-1882.

None of the stamps in this printing have the figures of value at back as formerly, and this is the distinguishing

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feature, as the impressions and papers are quite similar.

- *No. 41, (S. G. #122, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Yellow Green, on cream tinted paper which is highly finished and glazed. Very fine impression. (1879.)
- *No. 41a, (S. G. #—, Scott #46a.)
5 lepta, Yellow Green on cream tinted paper unglazed; impression not so clear as #41. (1880.)
- *No. 41b, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Yellow Green, on buff paper. The paper will easily distinguish this stamp. (1880.)
- *No. 41c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Bright Yellow Green, on cream tinted paper which is thin and transparent. (1880.)
- *No. 41d, (S. G. #120, Scott #46.)
5 lepta, Dark Green, on cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 41e, (S. G. #119, Scott #—.)
5 lepta, Dark Green, on buff paper. (1880.)
- *No. 42, (S. G. #125, Scott #47a.)
10 lepta, Orange Yellow, on cream tinted paper. (1879.)
- *No. 42a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Yellow Orange, on cream tinted paper. (1880.)
- *No. 42b, (S. G. #—, Scott #47b.)
10 lepta, Reddish Orange, on cream tinted paper. (1881.)
- *No. 42c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Orange Yellow, on buff tinted paper, fairly thick. (.)
- *No. 42d, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Orange Yellow, on cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 42e, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Yellow, on cream tinted paper. (1886.)
- *No. 42f, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
10 lepta, Red Orange, on transparent buff paper. Color of stamp, and the paper readily identifies this printing. (.)
- *No. 43, (S. G. #127, Scott #48.)
20 lepta, Dark Ultramarine, on cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 43a, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Dark Ultramarine on buff paper. (.)
- *No. 44, (S. G. #128, Scott #49.)
40 lepta, Pale Mauve, (or lilac) on cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 44a, (S. G. #129, Scott #49a.)
40 lepta, Deep Mauve (or Violet), on cream tinted paper. (.)

Royal Decree dated December 31st, 1881:—The colors of the following stamps have been altered, viz:—

- 20 lepta, to Red.
30 lepta, to Blue.

ISSUE OF 1882.

- *No. 45, (S. G. #130, Scott #60.)
20 lepta, Dark Carmine, on deep cream paper, thick and opaque. Rough impression and poor execution. (1882.)
- *No. 45a, (S. G. #132, Scott #61a.)
20 lepta, Pale Rose, varying in shades to Pink, on medium cream paper. (.)
- *No. 45b, (S. G. #131, Scott #61.)
20 lepta, Deep Aniline Rose, varying in shades, on medium cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 45c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Deep Carmine on thin transparent cream tinted paper. (.)
- *No. 45d, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Rose, on cream tinted paper, thin and of good texture. (.)
- *No. 45e, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Aniline Rose, on cream tinted paper, which is thin and transparent. (.)
- *No. 45f, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
20 lepta, Aniline Rose on bluish paper. Very rare.
- *No. 46, (S. G. #133, Scott #62a.)
30 lepta, Deep Ultramarine, varying in shades, on cream tinted paper.
- *No. 46a, (S. G. #135, Scott #62.)
30 lepta, Milky Blue, varying but little in shades, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 46b, (S. G. #134, Scott #—.)
30 lepta, Ultramarine, on cream tinted paper.

*No. 46c, (S. G. #—, Scott #—.)
30 lepta, Grey Blue, on cream tinted paper.

Royal Decree dated April 29th, 1882.
"The following stamps must not be used at all, viz:

20 lepta, Blue.
30 lepta, Dust Color.
80 lepta, Red.

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This now completes the first "Hermes Type" of the stamps of GREECE, being those having the head of Mercury in large circle 16 m.m. in diameter, and as will be observed, particular attention has been paid to execution of work and the impression, as well as the papers on which they are printed and their shadings, as these matters will more than make the stamps of Greece clear to the student, as well as enhance in every way the pursuit of philately.

As stated in the beginning, every effort has been used to avoid as well as to prevent errors "creeping" into this compilation, and no doubt a good

many will unfortunately be found by the discriminating student, and the writer hopes it will be received in the spirit in which it is made,—that of assisting others who may find the pleasure in the collecting of the emissions of GREECE that he has had, and the very fact of their having presented a difficulty and required some study to solve has removed them from the purely mechanical part of stamp collecting.

The endeavor has been attempted to fit the catalogue numbers of each stamp in accord with Stanley Gibbons' and Scott's Standard catalogues, but the difference in color names, and the fact that the catalogues necessarily have to more or less abridge the numerous varieties and incorporate several under one number, has made this somewhat difficult to do, and there may be some differences of opinion along these lines, but viewing the list as a whole, I sincerely trust that it will be of help, and be found acceptable.

The * preceding the numbers indicates that the compiler has the specimen as so noted in either a used or unused condition, and that the description and the stamp have been carefully compared.

JOSEPH H. PULLEN.

Houma, La.,

November 30th, 1916.

THE PRIZE LIST.

For the largest number of recruits for the year:

The Wolsieffer prize of a \$5 gold piece.

The Secretary's prize of a \$5 gold piece.

For the second largest number of recruits for the year:

The Dunning prize of a complete sheet of 10c C. S. A. complete with imprint and plate number.

The Wolsieffer prize of a \$3 gold piece.

For the Third largest number of recruits for the year:

The Wolsieffer prize of a very fine U. S. 5c 1847.

For the largest number of recruits each month:

The Dunning prize of \$5 worth of good stamps.

At least 3 recruits must be gained to win any of these prizes.

Officers of the Society are barred from the competition.

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STANDING OF MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.

Several members have sent in two applications, on the receipt of the third name will be listed here.

Dr. H. G. Oakland.....	7
Vahan Mozian	5
W. C. Webb	4
W. O. Wylie	3

DUNNING PRIZE FOR MAY.

The Dunning prize for May, \$5 worth of good stamps was won by W. C. Webb, 239 Broadway, New York. He sent in four applications. This is the first time the monthly prize has been won, no one eligible having sent in three applications in Jan., Feb., March or April.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAWS.

The following amendment has been proposed to be acted upon by the 32nd Annual Convention.

To amend Art. X—Sec. 4. by continuing the first paragraph of Section 4 by adding after the word "Society" "or be eligible to hold the offices of President, Secretary, or member of the governing Board."

OFFICIAL NOTICES.**Call For Nominations.**

Nominations for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year 1917-18 should now be made, either by Branches or any five members, in accordance with the By-Laws. The election will take place at the 32nd Annual Convention to be held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

All nominations should be sent immediately to the Secretary that due notice of such nominations may be published as required by Section 6 of Article VI of the By-Laws.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

NEW MEMBERSHIP LIST.

The new Membership List has been mailed to every member in good standing. In a work of this character, errors are liable to creep in. The Secretary will appreciate an early notification of any such. Corrections will be made thru the columns of the A. P.

Convention Call.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Alexandria Bay, New York, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc., will be made in due season.

C. A. HOWES, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

ROLL OF HONOR.

It has been suggested by Mr. C. F. Richards that a "Roll of Honor," to list the names of our members who are serving the Army and Navy, be published each month in our journal. The "Stamp Lover" has printed such a list of members of the Junior Philatelic Society since early in the War. We think the suggestion not only timely but we should thus publicly acknowledge the services rendered our country by members of the A. P. S.

So send in your name if you are a private or officer of any military or naval organization in the service of the U. S., so that we can publish the beginning of the list in our July 15th issue. Or let any member send in the names of any who they know are serving as above.

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EDITORIAL.

THE HUNT The philatelic fraternity has been much wrought up of late over the announcement by the Postoffice Department of an error, or rather three errors, in printing the current two cent stamps. Part of the stamps from plate No. 7942 contain the errors. The fullest account which we have seen of this varie-

ty, which consists of three transfers of the current five cent stamps in the full sheet of 400 of the two cent stamp, is from the pen of Joseph B. Leavy, in "The Philatelic Gazette." The Postoffice Department calls the mistake "Misprinted 2 cent stamps." The error was caused by a desire to strengthen the impression of three copies of the two cent stamp appearing on the plate, but after removing the defective impressions the transfer of the five cent was made by error. Two of these are to be found in the upper left pane and one in the lower right pane.

Instructions have been issued to all postmasters to return any of the five cent impressions in red which they may find. It is said that about 50,000 sheets of four hundred stamps each were printed from this plate, which would make the total number of the errors about 150,000. How many of these will be found and returned to the Department is a matter of conjecture. But at any rate we have another error of color, a real one, too, to add to the list of a remarkably few which have occurred in the printing of our stamps.

Just what will be the market value of these misprints cannot be determined for some time to come, as it is possible that all sheets of this plate number will not have been offered for sale by the postoffices for some months, and how many of these have already escaped, or will escape, the attention of the stamp clerks in the various offices, would be the merest guess.

ONE ERROR LOCATED Just as we write the above, our International Secretary informs us that our fellow-member, Mr. Jos. R. Jordan, has received a copy of the misprint on his mail. Undoubtedly, many of these errors have been used on ordinary business correspondence and passed unnoticed to the waste basket.

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- F. Colman, Washington, D. C.; Proposed by E. A. Colson, #2655.
- Heller, Ernest, P. O. Box 1611, Havana, Cuba; Age 40; Manufacturers Agt.; Reference: National Bank of Cuba, Havana, Cuba; Proposed by S. L. Israel, #3504.
- Lehman, Howard, 32 W. 47th St., New York City; Age 17; Office Boy, Makegood Mfg. Co., Inc.; Reference: Makegood Mfg. Co.; Guaranteed by Leopold Lehman, 32 W. 47th St., New York, Retired; Proposed by Wm. C. Webb, #3702.
- Levey, Jerome, 41 Convent Ave., New York City; Age 13; Student; Guaranteed by David B. Levy, Levy & Schilt, 41 E. 11th St., New York; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Millar, Claud Davis, 2566 Observatory Ave., Hyde Park, Cincinnati, Ohio; Age legal; Cashier, Allis Chalmers Mfg. Co., Norwood, Ohio; Reference: Hyde Park Lodge #589, F. & A. M.; Proposed by Walter J. Ossege, No. 4738.
- Morningstern, Wm. B., 265 1/2 Garside St., Newark, N. J.; Age legal; Asst. Librarian, Newark Public Library; Reference, Edwin W. Fuss, 217 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.; Proposed by Wm. C. Webb, #3702.
- Strong, Henry C., Box 170, Iloilo, Philippines; Age 46; Dentist, (American Graduate); Reference: O. H. Swan, Cashr. and Thos. Allin, Asst. Cashr., Natl. Bank of the Republic, Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by B. F. Egan, #2883.
- Wendell, Harmon, 244 Parker Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 48; Broker, Stocks & Bonds; Wendell, Mulkey & Co.; Reference: National Bank of Commerce, Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by John Kay, #748.
- go, Ill., Marshall Field & Co., Chicago, Ill.; Recommended by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Piper, Carroll D., Wolfeboro, N. H. (No. 915); Age 36; Insurance; Reference: Wolfeboro National Bank, Wolfeboro, N. H.; Recommended by H. A. Davis, #1925.
- Wadsworth, Frank T., P. O. Box 466, Eastport, Me. (#840); Age 54; Merchant, S.L.Wadsworth & Son; Reference: Chas. Morton, Treas. Eastport Savings Bank, Eastport, Me.; Recommended by A. W. Dunning, #251.

New Stockholders.

- 4986 Curtis, Gerald S., Box 65, Garrison on Hudson, N. Y.
- 4987 Havens, H. R., 177 Homer St., Newton Centre, Mass.
- 4988 Marsh, C. H., Marshfield, Ore.
- 4989 Morrison, Chas. R., 6453 Lakewood Ave., Chicago, Ill.
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- 4992 Veneziani, Eugene, 10 Rue de St. Quentin, Paris, France.
- 4993 Wenzelberger, H. J., 252 Heckman St., Phillipsburg, N. J.

Replaced on Roll.

- 26 Rich, Jos. S., 489 Manhattan Ave., New York City.
- 2053 Taylor, Edw. M., P. O. Box 341, Altadena, Calif.
- 4732 Hughes, Jas. E., Drexel Hill, Delaware Co., Pa.
- 4737 Kennett, Wm. C., Jr., Hotel Alma, Cincinnati, Ohio.
- 4738 Ossege, Walter J., 4 Park Row, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Resignation Accepted.

- 4677 Glassco, S. M., 28 King St., East, Hamilton, Ont., Canada.

Deceased.

- 4472 Zug, I. A., Wellington, Kans.

Applications for Reinstatement Posted.

- Booth, Ernest E., 157 E. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge Ill. (#2826); Age 52; General Sales Mgr., The N. K. Fairbank Co., Chicago, Ill.; Reference: Central Trust Co., of Illinois, Chica-

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Expelled.

3917 Thomas, Rudolph, 134 N. La Salle St., Chicago, Ill.

Application for Reinstatement Returned.—Rejected.

2453 Beach, J. L., 115 N. 4th St., Columbus, Ohio.

Dropped Non Payment Dues.

4822 Newman, Samuel, 197 Havemeyer St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Change of Address.

4835 Alston, J. C. from The Marlboro to 2023 3rd Ave., Spokane, Wash.

4940 Charters, Geo. M., from Kansas City, Mo. to Randolph Hotel, Des Moines, Ia.

4028 Edgar, Robt. C., from Wichitaw, Kans. to 1425 Piermonte St., Waco, Texas.

2154 Elsdon, Paul M. from Smithfield, Utah to Galt, Sacramento Co. Calif.

4321 Kelleher, Daniel F. from 61A Richard Ave. Somerville, to Box 2015, Boston.

4821 Krivanek, John J. from 1351 Chester Ave., to 5119 Dalton Ave. S. E. Cleveland, Ohio.

4198 Pugsley, Dr. Frederick N., from 701 Highland Ave. to 2118 Independence Blvd., Kansas City, Mo.

2436 Roterberg, A. from 151 W. Ontario St., to 3628 Rokeyby St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Membership May 15 1917		1536
New Stockholders	8	
Replaced on Roll	5	13
		1549
Resignations accepted	1	
Deceased	1	
Expelled	1	3
		1546
Total membership June 1, 1917		1546
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.		

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Nomination for Election of Directors.

The following nominations have been made for the election of Directors by the Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch # 25. Election to be held during the 32nd Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay, New York, Week of Aug. 13, 1917.

For President, W. Hamilton Barnum, of Ohio.

For Secretary, Holland A. Davis, of Colorado.

For Treasurer, J. E. Scott of Michigan.

For International Secretary, L. Harold Kjellstedt of Pennsylvania.

At the meeting of Philadelphia Branch # 18 A. P. S. held on the evening of June 1st 1917 the following nominations for Directors of the American Philatelic Society for the year 1917-18 were made:

President J. W. Scott, of New York.

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Vice-President, F. S. Parmalee of Nebraska.

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International Secretary L. Harold Kjellstedt of Pennsylvania.

Director at Large H. N. Mudge of Illinois.

Director at Large H. B. Phillips of California.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer was unanimously endorsed for Sales Manager for the year 1917-18.

STANDING OF OFFICERS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.

Secretary	53
Sales Superintendent	13
Editor	10
Counterfeit Detector	3
Vice Prest. Wilson	3

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I. A. ZUG.

We are just informed of the death of Mr. I. A. Zug, of Wellington, Kansas, which occurred Nov. 21st, 1916. The end came without warning, heart trouble being the direct cause. Mr. Zug was in business in Wellington, being the proprietor of a ladies' clothing house. He was born May 14th, 1875, and has been a member of the Society for some time, holding stock certificate No. 4472.

To his widow the Society expresses sympathy in her loss and with her mourns the passing of our member.

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A WAR TIME AUCTION.

Now that the United States has entered the great European War, and at a time when we are inclined to believe the very foundations of the warring countries have been shaken and every human endeavor is being brought to bear on the single subject of contributing to means of prosecuting the struggle, the following letter from Mr. Vincent Gurdji, our member in Nice, France, together with a short list of prices realized at Gilbert's auction sale in Paris, April 16th to 19th last, will be read with much interest, as it is only another proof that stamp collecting continues to flourish even amid conditions that would lead one to believe that all hobbies would have to be laid aside, at least temporarily. The prices obtained show that stamps, even during times that "try men's souls," represent a first class investment and that a ready market exists for all first class material.

The letter, dated at Nice, May 4th, 1917, follows, and the items of "news" will be of timely interest.

Editor American Philatelist—

I am enclosing a list of prices realized at a recent Paris auction sale. Thought our members might be interested to know that the stamp market abroad has never had such a boom in spite of war

and in spite of the supposed economizing which everyone is thought to be doing, there are unlimited buyers for everything worth while offering.

The stamps sold at Gilbert's last sale in Paris ranged from fine to superb and brought from 10% to 200% higher prices than any catalogue, pairs and blocks reaching record figures. The sale consisted of 1150 lots.

I have just heard that there is about to be issued a new French Red Cross for 15 centimes (which will be sold for 20 C.) on account of the 15 c. internal postage rate. It is also said that a new set is almost ready for French Morocco Post Offices and that, on very good authority, all the British postoffices in Morocco will be abolished before July of this year.

Yours truly,

VINCENT GURDJI, A. P. S. 129.

PRICES REALIZED.

(Numbers are from Scott 1917 catalog)

All stamps are used unless otherwise noted. All prices in francs.

Argentine No. 6	55.00
— No. 6, Pair	137.50
West Australia No. 4	157.00
Austria, Newspaper, No. 212	780.00
Brazil, No. 3	137.50
— No. 11	182.50
— No. 12	220.00
— No. 13	285.00
Buenos Aires No. 5	1760.00
Ceylon, No. 5	1000.00
British Columbia, No. 1	1265.00
Two Sicilies, No. 11, Pair	220.00
Spain, No. 2, Block of four	210.00
— No. 4	143.00
— No. 5, unused	385.00
— No. 7, unused block of four	175.00
— No. 8,	1000.00
— No. 9, Pair	135.00
— No. 10,	123.00
— No. 10, block of four	550.00
— No. 11, block of four	520.00
Spain, No. 16, block of four	320.00
— No. 23,	137.50
— No. 30, block of six	352.00
— No. 33;	1045.00
— No. 52, pair	300.00
United States, No. 29	54.00
— No. 34	50.00
— No. 34a, paid on cover	297.50
France, No. 2, strip of four	555.00

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— No. 8, on piece of cover	1650.00	— No. 6, Type I	240.00
— No. 8, Red Vermilion, pair on piece of cover	2970.00	Portugal, No. 3	53.00
Russian Levant, No. 1	193.00	Queensland, No. 1	155.00
— No. 2,	445.00	— No. 2, pair	500.00
— No. 3,	430.00	Roumania, No. 1, creased	1095.00
New Brunswick, No. 1	80.00	— No. 3,	2200.00
— No. 1 unused, pair	170.00	— No. 49, pair	253.00
— No. 2,	83.50	Saxony, No. 1, unused	1540.00
Nova Scotia, No. 1, strip of three	352.50	Switzerland, No. 2a	215.00
— No. 4	88.00	— No. 2,	3630.00
— No. 6	687.50	— No. 3,	113.00
New South Wales, No. 26	308.00	— No. 5,	158.00
New Zealand, No. 5	390.00	— No. 12, on letter	1750.00
Oldenburg, No. 8	235.00	— No. 13, on piece on cover	188.00
— No. 12, on letter	265.00	— No. 19, on piece of cover	287.50
— No. 12, pair	505.00	— No. 1, unused	760.00
— No. 15,	160.00	— No. 1, on fragment of cover	473.00
Netherlands, No. 3, two strips of four	192.50	— No. 10, on fragment of cover	710.00
Peru, No. 6,	170.00	— No. 11,	117.00
— No. 5	440.00	— No. 9,	122.00
Philippine Islands, No. 1 on letter	155.00	— No. 14,	265.00
— No. 1	137.50	— No. 16, strip of three	250.00
— No. 3,	137.50	New Foundland, No. 8, unused, block of four	192.50
— No. 3, block of four	363.00	Tuscany, No. 2, pen marked	550.00
— No. 2,	123.00	— No. 10, unused, paid	205.00
— No. 2, block of four	398.00	— No. 11,	415.00
— No. 4,	123.00	Uruguay, No. 4,	270.00
— No. 4, block of four	412.50	Victoria, No. 1, various shades, 15 stamps	770.00
— No. 5,	143.00	— No. 3, eight shades	280.00
— No. 5, block of four	352.50	Wurtemberg, No. 6	132.00
		— No. 53,	280.00

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 214).

(b) Thicker and whiter paper.

3 ore grey and grey-blue, grey and blue.

4 ore blue and grey, blue and slate, dull blue and slate.

(a) Imperforate.

8 ore carmine and slate, rose-red and slate.

(a) Imperforate.

12 ore dull mauve and slate, deep mauve and slate, claret and drab.

16 ore yellow-brown and slate, deep brown and slate.

25 ore green and grey, yellow-green and grey.

50 ore dull purple and brown, brown-purple and grey-brown.

100 ore orange-yellow and grey; deep orange-yellow and grey.

(a) Imperforate.

XX.—The Eighth Issue.

In 1882 Denmark, as a member of the Universal Postal Union, agreed to issue its 5, 10 and 20 ore stamps in the colors proposed by the Union in that year. The colors of the then current 5 and 20 ore values did not conform with these proposals and it was decided to make the necessary change and, at the

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same time, adopt new designs for these particular stamps. The following official notice dealing with the matter was published:—

Official Communication.

No. 17. June 20th, 1882.

In conformity with a proposal issued by the International Office of the Universal Postal Union at Berne, with a view to the adoption by all the countries belonging to the Universal Postal Union of uniform colors for the stamps and cards most commonly used (both for the inscriptions and the design), there will shortly be issued and put in circulation new stamps of the values of 5 and 20 ore respectively, colors green and blue, and new post cards with a 10 ore stamp printed upon them, color red.

The new stamps, which were issued in July, 1882, are quite different from any of the preceding issues and show as a centerpiece the Arms of Denmark in a shield surmounted by a Royal Crown, upon a ground of vertical lines. This is enclosed within an oval band inscribed "DANMARK" at the top and "POSTFRIM 5 (20) ORE" at the bottom, the band being interrupted at each side by a large circular tablet on which the numerals of value are shown in large figures. The corners are composed of scroll ornamentation upon which small circles are placed each containing numerals of value set diagonally. The whole is enclosed within a single-line rectangular frame.

The Arms of the kingdom, which now appear for the first time, are heraldically described as:—Or, seme of hearts gules, three lions passant guardant, in pale azure, crowned or.

The design was the work of the artist, Mr. N. Fristrup, who drew it at the request of the Director-General of Posts. The original drawing was on a large scale, about 41x50mm. and this was reduced by means of the panto-

graph by Mr. Lauter, an engraver at the works of Messrs. Thiele, and this gentleman also engraved the necessary dies. The stamps were printed in sheets of 100 as usual on the paper watermarked Crown and the perforation was the 14x13½ gauge in use at that time.

The 5 ore exists with a period after "ORE."

A 10 ore stamp of similar design was issued in 1884, this being printed in the same manner, and with similar watermark and perforation to that of the others.

In the same year the 5 and 20 ore values were re-engraved and on April 1st, 1885, the 10 ore value also appeared in the re-engraved type. The dies were re-engraved by Mr. Ph. Batz and although the catalogue distinctions merely state these have larger figures in corners as a matter of fact there are many differences between the two types.

In the originals the lines of the background are closer together than in the re-engraved; in the second type there is a much greater space between the thick and thin lines of the circles at the sides and the numerals in them are narrower and, in the case of the "20", wider apart. In the second type, too, the bodies of the lions are more curved and the colored lines within the legs of the "M" of "DANMARK" are much longer than in the original design.

All three values of the later type are known without period after "POSTFRIM" and the 10 ore is known entirely imperforate. Mr. Hanciau tells us that the first plate made of the re-engraved 20 ore contained a few of the clichés of the original type so that it is possible to get pairs showing both types *se-tenant*.

Mr. Koefoed's list makes no distinction between the two varieties but gives the following as the total number of each denomination issued:—

5 ore	34,811,300
10 ore	58,042,400
20 ore	45,348,500

A. P. S. TREASURER'S REPORT

To April 1st, 1917.				Suspense Fund.			
				Balance	\$42.85		
Stock Fund.				Receipts	\$3.60		
Balance		\$4634.66		Expend.	1.80	1.80	\$ 44.65
Receipts	\$33.00						
Voucher 1107	1.00	32.00	\$4,666.66				
General Fund.				\$7,780.17			
Balance	\$1088.75			American Phil. Acc't.			
Receipts	\$111.20			Sept. 1, 1916—March 1, 1917.			
Expend.	45.65	65.55			Expend	\$1041.96	
\$1154.30				Receipts	973.62		
				Dr. \$68.34			
Dr. American Phil. Acc't	68.34		\$1,222.64	Expend	\$478.37		
				Receipts	83.54	394.83	\$ 463.17
Insurance Fund.							
Balance	\$1,843.97			\$7,317.00			
Exchange Fund.				Resources.			
Balance	\$2.15			Bonds	\$3489.34		
Receipts	.10	\$2.25			Cash in Bank	3827.66	\$7,317.00

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5		\$14.00	32	\$.70	\$.35	52b	\$.65	\$.
6	\$ 7.00		33	.25	.25	53c	10.00	
8	12.00	7.50	34	1.00	.50	54a	6.00	
9	5.00	4.50	34a	.20		58a	8.00	
9a	1.00		36	.70		60	.15	
9b	11.00		38		.15	60a	4.00	
15	6.50		39	.50	.04	61	.15	
16		11.00	40	.45	.45	62	.20	
19	12.00		41	1.15	.90	63	1.80	
21	10.00	7.50	44	.70	.12	64	.60	2.00
23	4.50		45	.45	.45	65	1.40	
24	3.75		46	1.10		66	.06	.10
26	7.50		47	1.50	1.20	66b	1.00	
29	2.00		48	3.25	2.75	67	.18	
30	.10		49	4.75	3.75	69	5.50	11.00
30a	.15	.15	50a	1.65	1.65	70	.35	
31	.35	.20	51	.50		72	.90	3.00
						73	1.40	

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SOFT PAPERS OF THE AMERICAN PRINTS.

The Editor is in receipt of the following interesting letter from Mr. H. S. Ackerman, concerning varieties of soft papers used by The American Bank Note Co. We do not recall having seen any mention of this before.

Editor American Philatelist—

Glad to see article in reference to papers in the issue of May 1st, 1917.

Now I am not aware whether it is known generally that there are two soft papers as I have found them and they run true in any mixtures of the 1870 series, Departments as well.

The one which is the older, on holding to a very strong light, will show the fibre as if it were bricks laid in a wall, a short horizontal dash opaque and then a point of lighter or thinner paper, each row breaking joints like brick in a wall. This paper is rather thick. Then there is the true American soft paper (so I call it) which on holding to a strong light will show the

opaque lines to run in lines diagonally in both directions, crossing at regular intervals, showing larger points of light in the resultant spaces. This paper is thinner than the other, but thicker than the National paper, which is without any showing of light or dark patches; it is of an onion skin type but not quite so brittle, being rather thin and snappy.

Fraternally,
H. S. ACKERMAN.

Mr. Ackerman submits samples of both varieties of the soft paper which bear out his description. While he does not state whether this variation has been found on all values, it would be interesting to know if such is the case. The stamps sent for inspection were of the Three Cent value. He also states that after handling a quantity of these stamps, he found it possible to distinguish the two papers at a glance.

A STUDY IN SPACING

From the Issues of Chile, 1911-1913.

Recently the Editor examined a small quantity of certain values of these stamps and noticing what appeared to be a variation of the size and spacing of them, made a list as follows, which is given herewith for the benefit of those who may be interested in these matters—

Value	Scott No.	Size of stamp.	Distance between stamps horizontally.
1 centavo	98	10x12mm.	2mm.
2 centavos	99	10x12mm.	2mm.
4 centavos	114	10x12mm.	2mm.
5 centavos	101	10x12mm.	2mm.
8 centavos	115	10x12mm.	1½mm.
10 centavos.	116	10x12mm.	2mm.
12 centavos	103	9¾x12mm.	1½mm.
15 centavos	104	9¾x12mm.	1½mm.
20 centavos	105	10x12mm.	2mm.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 20. June 15, 1917. Currier, Edward E., East Smethport, Pa.; Age 45; Chemist; Reference: J. M. Bartels, 99 Nassau St., New York City; Proposed by Frank P. Gibbs, #1702.

Applications Pending.

Hurley, Francis H.
Kemeys-Tynte, F.
Leandro, Jos. R.
Leber, Henry L.
Richey, S. W.
Ritter, Karl
Romine, Miss Helen M.
Van Brunt, Andrew A.
Day, Howard E.
Dominian, Leon
Doty, Chas. E.
Heller, Ernest E.
Lehman, Howard
Levey, Jerome
Millar, Claud D.
Morningstern, Wm. B.
Strong, Henry C.
Wendell, Harmon

Limpert, Frank A., D. D. S., 300 Hartford Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 27; Dentist; Reference: Geo. M. Rice, 350 Helen Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by A. C. Hutchinson, #4867.
Martin, H., Box 278, Midland, Ont., Canada; Age 24; Bookkeeper; Reference: Standard Bank of Canada, Midland, Canada; Proposed by L. T. Brodstone, #1142.

Palmer, Walter W., 138 E. 36th St., New York City; Age 45; Physician; Reference: G. D. G. Co., 101 Park Ave., New York City; Proposed by W. R. M'Coy, #4507.

Safford, Charles W., 226 Prospect St., Brockton, Mass.; Age 40; Job Leather Man, Emerson Shoe Co.; Reference: Henry W. Cook, V. Pres., Nettleton Shoe Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Smith, Melvin J., 257 Hudson St., Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 34; With Pierce Arrow Motor Co.; Reference: D. F. Croop, 11th & Niagara Sts., Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Proposed by W. G. Whittaker, #3549.

Treman, Chas. E., 623 University Ave., Ithaca, N. Y.; Age 49; Banker & Merchant, Treman, King & Co.; Reference: C. F. Heyerman, 19 McGraw Bldg., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending

4141 Fuss, Edwin W.
4293 Bernstein, Dr. Edw. J.
2826 Booth, Ernest E.
915 Piper, Carroll D.
840 Wadsworth, Frank T.

Applications Posted.

Bushong, Marvin E., Quarryville, Pa.; Age 39; Farmer and Real Estate; Reference: Member Agricultural Commission, Dept. Agriculture; Proposed by Frederic A. Godcharles, #4381.
Comfort, Newton C., P. O. Box 990, Manila, Philippines; Age legal; Pharmacist and Chief Clerk U. S. Public Health Service; Reference: John H. Vale, Box 9, Manila, Philippines; Proposed by Everett A. Colson, #2655.

New Stockholders.

4994 Greenburg, D. W., Drawer R, Wallace, Idaho.

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- 4995 Manchle, Jacob, Box 45, St. Albert, Alberta, Canada.
 4996 Orthal, A. John, 1342 Milwaukee Ave., Chicago, Ill.
 4997 Paul, Miss Gertrude, Jr., 2210 N. Charles St., Baltimore, Md.
 4998 Perkins, Glen W., 3318 Elthea St., Los Angeles, Calif.
 4999 Roth, Jerome R., 164 W. 146th St., New York City.
 5000 Snow, Lloyd G., 12 Knowles St., Saugus, Mass.
 5001 Wetherell, D. E., Batt. 7, 4th F. H., Corozal, Canal Zone.

Replaced on Roll.

- 3692 Parker, Capt. Clyde B., The Farragut, Eye and 17th, N. W., Washington, D. C.
 4224 Cartwright, Bruce, 35 Merchant St., Honolulu, Hawaii.
 4383 Hamilton, Mill Valley, Calif.
 4431 Hayden, Horace E., Jr., Box 238, College Station, Tex.
 4606 Gregory, C. J., 66 New St., New York City.
 4744 Gregory, Mrs. G. M., 272 Union Ave., Rutherford, N. J.

Resignation Received.

- 4511 Buffum, E. S., 320 Newell St., Walla Walla, Wash.

Resignations Accepted.

- 2055 White, Chas. A., 2928 Jackson St., San Francisco, Calif.
 2952 Marimian, A. O., 4 Rue Clement-Roassal, Nice, France.
 4132 Krause, Maxwell, The Heights, Lebanon, Pa.

Change of Address.

- 3928 Gosabass, M., from Columbus, Ga. to Box 393, Magdalena, N. M.
 4905 Lopez, Capt. Pascual, from San Juna, P. R. to Camp E. S. Otis, Las Cascadas, Canal Zone.
 4841 Haines, G. Stanley, from 17 Charlotte St. to Box 93, Peabody, Mass.

- 4667 Stewart, Alex. B., from Los Angeles, Calif. to c/o Curtis Olive Corporation, Long Beach, Calif.
 4944 Swanson, Roy E., from Argyle, Minn. to Box 11, Route #2, Strandquist, Minn.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership June 1, 1917	1546
New Stockholders	8
Replaced on Roll	6
	14
	1560
Resignation accepted	3

Total Membership June 15, 1917 1557
 H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

NOMINATIONS.

In addition to those published, the following nominations for the election of a Board of Directors for the year beginning Sep. 1, 1917, has been received.

By Philadelphia Branch #18:

For President, J. W. Scott, New York.
 For Board of Vice Presidents, F. S. Parmelee, H. A. Whipple and W. P. Wherry, Nebraska.
 For Secretary, H. A. Davis, Colorado.
 For Treasurer, Jas. E. Scott, Michigan.
 For International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Pennsylvania.
 For Directors at Large: H. N. Mudge, Illinois; H. B. Phillips, California.
 The endorsement of P. M. Wolsieffer for Sales Superintendent for reappointment was unanimously made.

New York Stamp Society Branch No. 44: At a meeting held June 7th the Philadelphia Branch #18 nominations were endorsed. A motion was unanimously carried endorsing Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer, the present Sales Superintendent, for reappointment for that office.

The following is a complete list of nominations received by the Secretary to date, June 15, 1917.

- For President,
 - H. W. Barnum, Ohio.
 - J. W. Scott, New York.
- For Board of Vice Presidents,
 - F. S. Parmelee,
 - H. A. Whipple,
 - W. P. Wherry, all of Nebraska.
- For Secretary, H. A. Davis, Colorado.
- For Treasurer, J. E. Scott, Michigan.
- For International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Pennsylvania.
- For Directors-at-Large,
 - H. N. Mudge, Illinois.
 - H. B. Phillips, California.

THE PRIZE LIST.

- For the largest number of recruits for the year:
 - The Wolsieffer prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.
 - The Secretary's prize of a \$5.00 gold piece.
- For the second largest number of recruits for the year:
 - The Dunning prize of a complete sheet of 10c C. S. A. complete with imprint and plate number.
 - The Wolsieffer prize of a \$3.00 gold piece.

For the third largest number of recruits for the year:

- The Wolsieffer prize of a very fine U. S. 5c 1847.
- For the largest number of recruits each month:
 - The Dunning prize of \$5.00 worth of good stamps.
- At least 3 recruits must be gained to win any of these prizes.
- Officers of the Society are barred from the competition.

Committee of Arrangements.

June 15, 1917.

The following have been appointed a Committee on Arrangements for the 32nd Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.:

John N. Luff, Chairman; P. F. Brunner, C. F. Richards, C. W. Kissinger and Julian Park.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Committee on Credentials.

The following have been appointed as a Committee on Credentials for the 32nd Annual Convention.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman; W. O. Wylie, Alvin Good, Wm. C. Stone, P. McG. Mann.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

TO MAY 1st, 1917.

Stock Fund.			Suspense Fund.		
Balance	\$4,666.66		Balance		44.65
Receipts	7.00	\$4,673.66			
					\$7,758.41
General Fund.			American Philatelist Acc't.		
Balance	\$1,222.64		Dr. Balance	\$463.17	
Expend.	\$54.16		Receipts	11.70	\$ 451.47
Receipts	25.40	28.76			
		\$1,193.88			\$7,306.94
Insurance Fund.			Resources.		
Balance		\$1,843.97	Bonds	\$3,489.34	
Exchange Fund.			Cash in Bank	3,817.60	\$7,306.94
Balance		2.25			

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EDITORIAL.

THE ROLL OF HONOR. Almost from the beginning of the War "The Stamp Lover" has each month published a list of the members of the Junior Philatelic Society who are serving England in any capacity connected with the Army or Navy. Mr. C. F. Richards has suggested that "The

American Philatelist" also publish a similar list as an acknowledgement of such services on the part of our members and it is a pleasure to print the first list of "The ROLL OF HONOR" in this issue, the names therein having been gleaned from a study of the recently issued membership list. While this is necessarily incomplete, we shall hope to see the list grow from month to month until we can give proper credit to every member who is now serving, or retired, in every branch of our country's means of defense. We hope every member now enlisted will send in his name and rank, and we want to list every one no matter what his service may be. We also ask the co-operation of all members in the hope that the Roll may be complete.

BRANCH MEETINGS. As an indication of the interest which can be worked up among the members of a branch, attention is called to the report of the Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch No. 47, of Detroit, published in this number. Surely an attendance of thirty-one members for three successive meetings speaks well for the enthusiasm of any local club. While many of our branches do not have a membership as large as this figure, still there is no reason why the relative attendance could not be just as high. It requires a little work to ensure attractions that will act to bring out the membership, but the effort will be justified when interest is displayed as it is in Detroit.

AS OTHERS SEE US. The following is taken from the April number of "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain"—

"By continually 'pegging away' at his readers, The Editor of The American Philatelist has at length succeeded in persuading members of The American Philatelic Society to support their

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official journal by means of literary contributions. Some very fine numbers have reached us lately, and from them we single out the issue of Feb. 15th as the most worthy of commendation."

The P. J. of G. B. then specially mentions the paper on U. S. Grills and the list of the first type of Greece stamps, as well as the lesser articles. Surely when other journals note the improvement in the A. P., our members should take much pride in their journal and see that it is kept in the front rank of society publications. There is a pleasure in knowing that our work is appreciated and those who have helped to gradually make our journal a worthy adjunct of the A. P. S. can well be proud of their efforts.

POLITICS. There is an election to be held at the Annual Convention to be held at Alexandria Bay next August and there is not the slightest excuse for any member not to cast his vote for the election of the Board of Directors. It is only a small thing to do for the Society, but it means a great deal to every one of the Board to be elected, as it will give them what could be very properly called "a vote of confidence" and they could enter upon their duties with the knowledge that they had behind them a majority of the membership of the Society. This is a matter wholly with the individual, but it is a matter which nevertheless is of such importance that every member should not fail to vote. Do it now while the subject is fresh in your mind and you will feel a personal attachment to the Society which you who have never exercised this right will be glad to have experienced.

RECRUITING. Secretary Davis has sent out a very attractive little card to the membership asking their assistance in a final effort to round up that 2000 members by Con-

vention time. It can be done if every member has taken the matter to heart and sent in one application in time for it to be counted in the membership total to be announced at the coming Convention.

Elsewhere we reprint the card, but its effectiveness is lost on account of our inability to reproduce its display, being printed in red and blue on a white card, just the colors to stir us to be up and doing, a "call to arms" which should not be ignored.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Nominations.

Nominations for the election of a Board of Directors to serve for the fiscal year 1917-18 should now be made, either by Branches or any five members, in accordance with the By-Laws. The election will take place at the 32nd Annual Convention to be held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y.

All nominations should be sent immediately to the Secretary that due notice of such nominations may be published as required by Section 6 of Article VI of the By-Laws.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Convention Call.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Alexandria Bay, New York, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

Announcement of the Convention Headquarters, Committees, etc., will be made in due season.

C. A. HOWES, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

It is desired to list every member connected with all service branches of the Army and Navy and you are asked to send your names and rank to the Editor for inclusion in this list. The co-operation of all members is also asked in order to have this list complete. The list is intended to include both officers and enlisted members.

GEN. H. H. BANDHOLTZ, U. S. A.	LIEUT. J. WARREN WEISSHEIMER, U. S. A.
DR. CARROLL CHASE, French Army.	ADMIRAL A. G. WINTERHALTER, U. S. N.
GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE, U. S. A., re- tired.	CAPT. U. G. WORRILOW, U. S. A.
COL. SPENCER COSBY.	
CAPT. CLARENCE K. LaMOTTE, U. S. A.	With Our Allies.
CAPT. PASCUAL LOPEZ, U. S. A.	
LIEUT. L. A. MERRILLAT, Jr., U. S. A.	MAJOR E. B. EVANS, R. A., retired, England.
CAPT. WILLIS E. MILLS, U. S. A.	LIEUT. E. M. GILBERT-LODGE, R. E., England.
MAJOR F. L. PALMER, U. S. A., re- tired.	LT.-COL. ERNEST F. WURTELE, Ca- nadian Militia.
COL. J. M. T. PARTELLO, U. S. A., retired.	

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BY THE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY.

SEMANARIO FILATELICO, Vol. II No. 4, Feb. 10, 1917. Published at Santiago de Chile by Mr. Marcos Rachtitoff.	Vol. XVIII No. 3, March 15, 1917. Published at Stockholm, Sweden, by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.
MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX Nos. 217-218, Feb.-March, 1917. Published at Madrid, Spain, by Mr. Migual Galvez Jiminez.	MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX No. 219, April, 1917.
SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT,	DE POSTZEGELGIDS, Vol. XX No. 3, April, 1917. Published at Hilversum, Holland, by Mr. J. C. Auf Der Heide.

BY THE EDITOR.

In order to keep this list within the shortest space possible, the name and address of publisher is omitted, but the Editor will gladly supply any information about any of the publications mentioned upon request.

An error was committed in this list in the June 1st number in crediting to "The Postage Stamp" the article on "Liberty and Order" as this was reprinted from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, in which journal it originally appeared but under another heading, which will account for our failure to recognize the subject, although proper credit was given the P. S.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 5, May, 1917. Fully up to the standard of recent numbers and of great interest to a wide range of readers. The usual features are continued and in addition a most excellent article on the Five Cent error of 1917.

COLLECTORS' COMPANION, Vol. II No. 8, June 5, 1917. Very read-

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able, with the conclusion of the list of cancellations found on the stamps of Alsace-Lorraine.

EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VIII Nos. 4 and 5, April and May, 1917. While most of the articles are reprinted from the foreign press, Dr. Holt has shown his admirable skill in picking matters of wide interest. In the latter number is a photograph of M. K. Kellogg, who painted the picture of Andrew Jackson, which forms the greater portion of the Two Cent black stamp of 1863, together with a biographical sketch of the painter. An interesting article on cancellations by Chas. A. Nast appears in the May issue.

THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 5, May 15, 1917. The N. P. S. will hold its annual meeting in Portland, Maine, on July 19, 1917. The membership is now 428. A short article on minor varieties of the early issues of Austria is well worth the reading.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. VIII No. 7, May 30, 1917. An interesting issue, with plenty of original papers.

THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III Nos. 5 and 6, April and May, 1917. Short notes of philatelic interest for many readers.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. 2 No. 3, June, 1917. While news of precancels occupies the greater portion of our monthly visitor, there is an excellent article on the stamps of 1887-94 issues of Guatemala.

THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2 No. 4, April, 1917. A special number for the Metropolitan Philatelic Association.

THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4 No. 9, June, 1917.

LINN'S STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I No. 7, June, 1917.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VIII Nos. 5 and 6, May 12 and 19, 1917. Many short notes which will appeal to a wide variety of collectors.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 159, May, 1917.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 75, May 1, 1917. Always of interest, the principal article being "Notes on the Stamps of Nigeria."

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. 24 No. 4, April 30, 1917. Articles on Togo, Danish West Indies and St. Vincent, a list of new issues and notes comprise the issue before us.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX No. 11, May, 1917. An excellent issue comprising a great many short articles of interest and appealing to collector's of varying tastes.

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX No. 219, April, 1917.

THE PHILATELIC SOCIETIES' RECORD and Exchange Club Journal, Vol. I No. 8, April-May, 1917. It is with genuine regret we note the suspension of this journal as we shall miss the accounts of the various English societies. The paper is offered for sale, as the restrictions placed on the publishers in the matter of a paper supply prevents their further issue of the journal. We shall hope that it may change hands so that its publication may again be resumed at an early date.

THE STAMP COLLECTORS' QUARTERLY, Vol. II No. 2, April-June, 1917. After the appearance of six quarterly issues, the announcement comes that this journal will also suspend for the same reasons that render such a course necessary in the

Societies' Record. The number under review is especially interesting, the principal article being a short, but interesting, one on the stamps of the Italian States. The Jamaica George issues and the "Post Office" Mauritius stamps are also well written up, and in addition there are the usual features. It is to be hoped that in the not distant future the publication will be revived, as it is one of the most interesting journals to reach our desk.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIII No. 9, May 5, 1917. Of interest especially to collectors of Australian stamps.

HET PHILATELISTISCH MAANDBLAD, Vol. 6 No. 64, April 16, 1917.

THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. IX No. 11-12, April-May, 1917. The "Roll of Honor" of the members of the J. P. S. now serving England numbers about 200 names, sixteen of whom have answered the final call. "The Stamped Envelopes and Wrappers of Chile" and the Chronicle comprise the greater portion of the number.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. XXVII No. 316, April 1, 1917. A Tribute to Mr. M. P. Castle, whose death occurred recently, thereby removing one of England's widest known philatelists, the monthly lists of new issues and varieties and a review of philatelic journals, make up the April number of the Journal.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 27.

On the afternoon of April 22, 1917, the Berkeley Philatelic Society (Branch No. 27), Berkeley, California, gave a banquet in honor of its seventeenth birthday, the society being organized April 29, 1900.

Representatives of the Pacific, San Francisco and Western Philatelic Societies were in attendance.

After the banquet the meeting was called to order. All business was dispensed with, except the election of officers. As the officers holding offices the last year were nominated by acclamation, there was no contest. The following were elected:

E. C. Prindle, president; G. J. O. Folte, vice-president; H. B. Phillips,

treasurer; Henry Chaloner, secretary; A. L. Ott, H. E. Dore, F. S. Rollins, A. H. Weber, L. Lazarus, executive committee; H. O. Wolcott, exchange superintendent.

After the meeting H. B. Phillips, J. A. Stitt, Edgar M. Bransford, O. G. Beardslee and others made short addresses.

Two applications for membership were filed. Countries from U to Z were asked for the exhibition at the next meeting of the society—May 27. Of course, the usual exchange was on in force.

H. CHALONER, Secretary.

Accompanying the report was a copy of the Menu Card, bearing on the reverse three illustrations of California

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State Revenue stamps. A list of the good things served follows—

MENU.

S O U P .

Cream of Tomato.

(Many shades; home products; no imported dyes)

S A L A D .

Lettuce, Mayonnaise Dressing.

(New issue but cancelled to order)

F I S H .

Baked Mackerel a la Normandie.

(Watermarked and in prime condition)

R O A S T .

Young Chicken and Dressing.

(Just out; only a few issued)

Baked Brown Potatoes.

(A ramson for a King)

D E S S E R T .

Sliced Pineapple and Sherry Wine.

(Trimmed to shape but reinforced)

B E V E R A G E S .

Beer. Claret.

(Straight edge)

Coffee.

(Turkish surcharge for local use)

Cafe Noir.

BRANCH No. 44.

The 284th regular meeting of the New York Stamp Society was held on April 5th at Tuxedo Hall, 59th St. near Madison Ave., with President Schlesinger presiding and fifteen members present, and a visitor, Mr. Charles Springler, of California.

The minutes of the last meeting were approved as read.

The following new applications were accepted as members—Mr. Otto G. Horster, Mr. Percy G. Doane and Mr. Wm. F. Gregory.

The meeting adjourned at 9.15 P.M.

After the meeting Dr. J. Brace Chittenden showed his fine collection of

Austria and Mr. Edwin A. Fleisher his Hong Kong. A certificate of honor was awarded both of these gentlemen and a rising vote of thanks extended.

E. WEISS, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 47.

Minutes of the 70th meeting of the Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch No. 47, held in Society rooms, Fraternity Halls, 140 First St., May 5th, 1917.

Pres. Prager opened his second meeting with a roll of thirty-one members. This made the third successive meeting with that number of members present. Minutes of preceding meeting approved as read. No reports of committees.

The resignation of Mr. Koslowski as Secretary, who unexpectedly had to depart for the East at the bugle's call, was accepted. Mr. Albright was elected in his place unanimously. A rising vote of thanks was tendered the retiring Secretary for his untiring service to the Society.

The resignation of the Auction Manager, Mr. Binder, was also accepted and Mr. Underwood was elected in his stead.

A record-breaking auction sale realized \$16.31. Meeting adjourned at 9.20.

L. L. ALBRIGHT, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Meeting of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club held May 3, 1917.

The regular meeting of the G. P. S. C. was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.30 P. M., the following members being present: Chamberlin, McLaren, Langdon, Weigel, Lloyd, Whitaker, Preston, Young, Moses, Tubman, Mader and visitor Mr. M. W. Bennett of Buffalo, N. Y.

The minutes of the previous meeting

were accepted as read. It was moved and seconded that Mr. Percy Taylor be accepted as member of the club. The application of Mr. Robert Wagner proposed by Mr. Whittaker was ordered posted.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Otto Moses who had charge of the entertainment; the contestants were supplied with a heterogeneous lot of stamps with instructions to mount them as uniquely and as neatly as possible on a card 8x10. The prize was awarded to Mr. Weigel after a spirited vote. Meeting adjourned at 10.00 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

Regular Meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held 4-19-17.

The regular meeting of the G. P. S. C. was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.40 P. M. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

The applications of Messrs. D. H. Cassell and H. W. Codding were voted upon and accepted. The application of Mr. Percy S. Taylor proposed by A. W. Weigel and seconded by W. G. Whittaker was received and ordered posted.

The following members were present: Tubman, Moses, McLaren, Geuder, Lloyd, Preston, Good, Young, Whittaker, Beatty, Langdon and Chamberlin.

Mr. Beatty reported for the banquet committee that all bills were paid, it was moved, seconded and carried that the banquet committee be discharged with thanks.

Mr. Moses made a plea for more books for sales circuit and the President suggested that the secretary advise the members in his next notice.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. J. H. Young who submitted a very interesting contest covering questions relating to U. S. stamps; in rating the contestants Mr. Whittaker secured 95 per cent., Mr. Geuder 77½ per cent., Mr. Chamberlin 75 per cent.

W. A. CHAMBERLIN, Sec. pro tem.

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AND THE

Thirty-Second Annual Convention of the A. P. S.

WHERE the great Laurentian chain of mountains, running from east to west across Canada, swings southward to enter northern New York, it drops a link, as it were, so as to allow the last of the big lakes an outlet in the channel of the St. Lawrence, which flows majestically among the Thousand Islands, helping to form the most picturesque archipelago in the world. The actual number of the islands in this Lake of the Thousand Islands is really nearer two thousand; to be exact there are 1,692 of them, though this discrepancy would not be noticed by the new-comer into this enchanting realm. This was the old Indian trail, and along this course followed the adventurous Champlain, who is said to have been the first white man to gaze upon this entrancing scene.

The Venice of America.

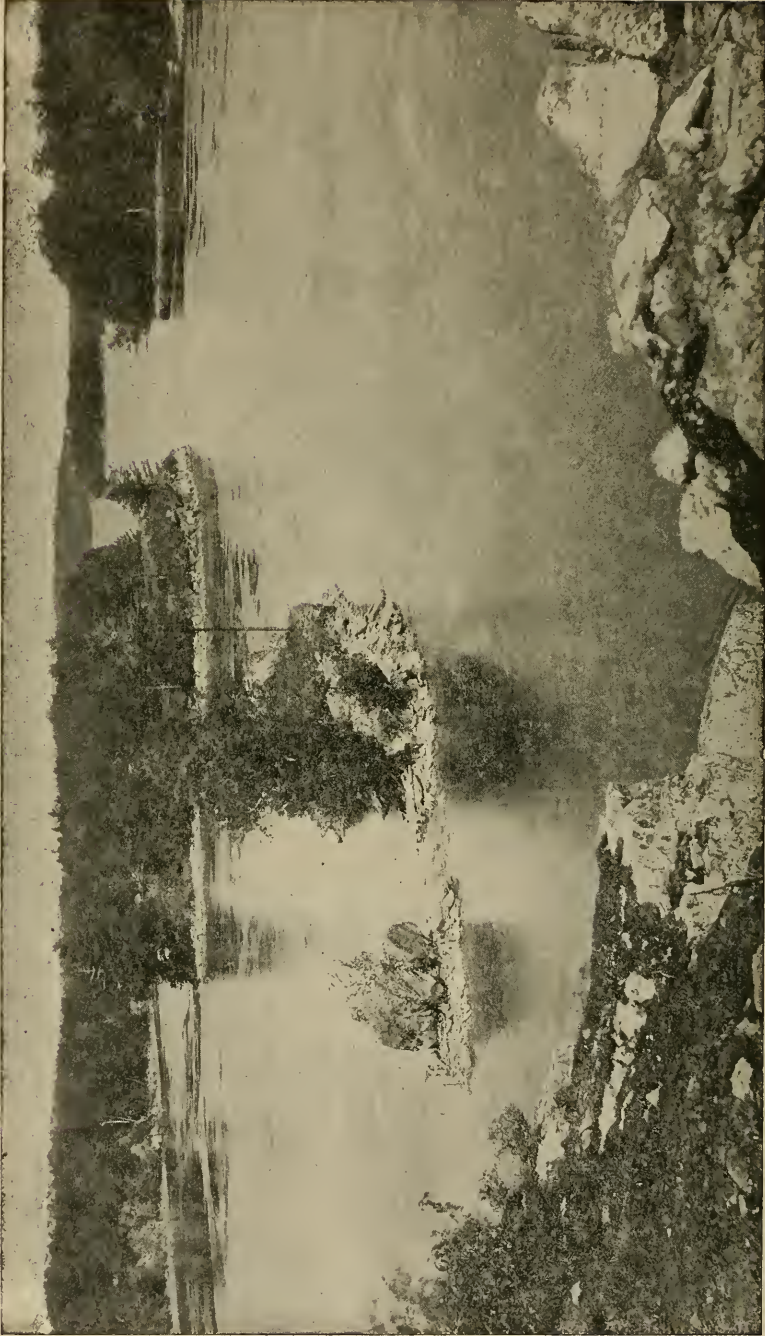
"In a region destined by nature for the recreation and pleasure of man, where the sun shines brighter, the air is more balmy and yet bracing, where the pulse beats more strongly making one feel glad to be alive, is located the Thousand Island House. Here on the banks of that enchanting and most variable of rivers, the dear old St. Lawrence, wherein the same current flows now as in the beginning of time, is the ideal spot for a summer recreation that can be fashioned into just the kind of outing one chooses. Here the invalid can rest out of doors, the artist or poet can find inspiration from grand old nature for his best efforts, the bus-

iness man can enjoy fishing, boating and recreation, the tired woman finds relief from her work which is never done, and soon feels renewed health and strength, regeneration that actually makes her the 'new woman,' while children of all ages, from babyhood to that period known as 'grown ups,' pronounce it a perfect paradise."

These are the words with which a writer describes the setting of the Thirty-second Annual Convention of our Society to be called to order on Tuesday, the fourteenth of August next, almost fourteen years to a day since the Society met at Clayton, N. Y. And who is it who will not be inspired with a wish to see the wonderful sights which this lake and island region will hold for them? And with the Convention as the loadstone to draw our members there, surely there could be no better way to combine a great deal of pleasure with just a little business.

If what has now been written still leaves you with a doubt, just go on and read what others tell us about this country, then make up your mind to be numbered among those who will enjoy the outing and the association of those with kindred tastes for a common hobby.

The largest proportion of the travel to the Thousand Islands passes through Clayton, which is practically the gateway to the entire region. It is not only the gateway but is noted as a summer resort. Below Clayton, island after island studding the river rises into view, the finger tips of the great mountain



ONE OF THE MANY SUCH VIEWS TO BE OBTAINED AMONG THE ISLANDS.

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range. On one of these larger isles is located Thousand Island Park, while a little below is the "Saratoga of the St. Lawrence," Alexandria Bay, its shores the foreground for many elegant villas and summer hotels. Gazing upon the numerous cottages now dotting the islands, the mind of the thoughtful observer quickly spans the years that have seen this beautiful region opened to the admiring sight-seer; to the period, not so very remote, when this lovely expanse of river and isles was known to the romantic Red Man as Manatoana, or "The Garden of the Great Spirit." As usual, the Indian expressed in fitting term the natural beauties of the spot named. Covered with the ancient forest, fitting haunts for the wild deer, the little bays and inlets, the common resort of water fowl, it must indeed have been a paradise for a dusky hunter and fisher. It is well that all of these natural attractions have not vanished, for still many of the isles are bristling with firs and pines; others lie open like a level field awaiting the husbandman's care. Some are but arid rock, as wild and picturesque as those seen among the Faroe Islands; others have a group of trees or a solitary pine, and others bear a crown of flowers or little hillock of verdure like a dome of malachite, among which the river slowly glides, embracing with equal fondness the great and the small, now receding afar and now retracing its course, like the good Patriarch visiting his domains, or like the god Proteus counting his snowy flocks.

Romantic History.

Besides the natural charm of the Islands, they have a romantic historic value that is very interesting. The St. Lawrence River was discovered by Jacques Cartier, the French explorer, in 1535. There is much uncertainty as to the identity of the first white man who gazed upon the tranquil beauty of the Thousand Islands. The early dis-

coverers were less interested in the scenery than in the practical things, that pertained to navigation and trade and travel, and the spreading of Christianity. Champlain in 1615 explored Lake Ontario and the St. Lawrence to Sorel River, passing through this section. The date at which the world's attention was first called to the Lake of a Thousand Isles is lost in doubt. A century and a half ago the French had christened it Les Mille Isles. The St. Lawrence River has marked the line of separation between Canada and the United States, and the Thousand Islands have been the scene of some of the important campaigns in four great conflicts between nations. The first was the Indian war between the Iroquois and the Algonquins, which continued many years. The second struggle was between the French and English and many of its hostile meetings took place among the Islands and on the neighboring shores. In the American Revolutionary war with Great Britain and between the same forces in 1812, the defense of this location was of decided importance. Many of the most exciting incidents of that disastrous military adventure known as the Patriot war, with its recurrent outbreaks in 1837 and 1839, took place on this part of the river, notably the capture of the British Steamer Sir Robert Peel, near Well's Island, in 1838, and the battle of the Windmill, near Prescott, in the same year.

Points of Interest.

Taking the Islands more in detail, we should mark that Wolfe Island is the largest of the group and is entirely in Canadian territory. The village of Marysville is its principal settlement and there is a canal through it, to shorten the distance between Kingston and Cape Vincent. The Thousand Island Park is at the head and Westminster Park is at the foot of Well's Island opposite Alexandria Bay. Carleton Island is rich in historic associations con-

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nected with the earlier settlement of this country by the French. There is an old fort there that was at one period an important military post. Mr. George M. Pullman, the palace car magnate, was one of the first men of wealth to purchase an island and build for himself a house upon it. Castle Rest is the name of the structure which adorns Pullman Island, and the family spend here a portion of every season. General Grant was a guest in the original building in 1872. Imperial Island, Heart Island, Warner's Island, Sport, Little Lehigh and Idlewild Island, Friendly Island, Nobby Island and St. Elmo, St. John, Fairyland, Isle of Pines, Devil's Oven, Wild Rose, Belle Island, Deer Island, Summer Island, Maple, Cedar and Coral are some of the Islands owned by private people and handsomely improved with summer residences. While the Islands are distributed along the whole distance of the 60 miles indicated, they are most closely and picturesquely grouped, in the near neighborhood and opposite Alexandria Bay. The summer homes are more numerous along the shore near this point.

Recreations.

And when the Convention shall have been finished and there yet remain a few days of your vacation, you will find your favorite sport awaiting you, to be indulged in amid surroundings such as can only add to the zest with which you enter into it.

Fishing? Say—almost every man likes to fish and the St. Lawrence has long been celebrated for the variety and abundance of its game fish, and the "biggest one you ever caught" is waiting there for you, now. The ambition of every fisherman is to conquer a specimen of the mighty Muscalonge—the tiger fish of the river. Black bass and pickerel are the great standby, and the latter furnishes sport for the multitude, as it is only necessary to sit in a boat and hold a hand line with a spoon at the end. They run large in weight, frequently up to twelve and fourteen pounds. The black bass, of course, furnish the best sport and put up a great fight when hooked. And fishing conditions are ideal, no mosquito, black fly or brook-wading. You fish in clear water, over a clean rock-bottom.



AN EVERYDAY CATCH.

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Boating? Motor boats, row boats, any kind of boats. They can be hired and they say the charges are reasonable.

And for those who like golf, there are grounds a plenty.

If you want to enjoy the outdoor life of a camp, the opportunity for easily gratifying your desires is at hand.

And then there are the rides or tours among the Islands, never-to-be-forgotten sights on every side. The Thousand Islands region of the River St. Lawrence is one of the greatest and most beautiful river resorts of the world. There are fascinating trips through the Islands, which serve to answer the inquiries as to how best to see the picturesque island scenery, costly summer homes, splendid hotels and all points of historic and romantic interest. These Islands tours are made by specially constructed steamers built to fit the particular requirements of each route.

nating of them all. The steamer leaves the various Thousand Island resorts shortly after the evening meal, making a full tour of the most beautiful of the American and wildest of the Canadian Islands, her great electric searchlight illuminating them as in the full light of the noonday sun. Fare for trip, 75 cents.

2. The Fifty-Mile Ramble is made by the observation steamer "New Island Wanderer" every morning and afternoon from the various resorts. The course is especially arranged so that the passengers may enjoy the scenery of this far-famed Thousand Island region. Fare for trip, \$1.00.

3. The Club Ramble is made twice daily by the fast observation steel steam yacht, "Ramona." Her narrow beam and light draft enable her to navigate the picturesque winding passages and intricate channels impossible for other boats. Fare for trip, \$1.00.

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cursions from the various resorts are made during the season to Kingston, Ontario. The round trip is made in one day. Kingston has been called the "home of hospitality," and is a quaint,

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Time and Rates of Fare to Clayton.

Subject to Change.

The approximate fares and time in hours from a few of the principal points on the New York Central Lines to Clayton, are as follows:—

From	FARES			Time
	One Way	Round Trip		
New York	\$7.75	\$13.90	8	hr.
Boston	9.88	17.70	11	hr.
Worcester	9.06	16.06	10	hr.
Springfield	7.71	13.36	9	hr.
Albany	4.65	8.20	5	hr.

Utica	2.75	5.50	3	hr.
Syracuse	2.80	5.60	3	hr.
Rochester	4.42	8.84	5	hr.
Buffalo	5.78	10.50	6 ½	hr.
Niagara Falls	5.78	10.50	7 ½	hr.
Detroit	13.48	20.00	16	hr.
Cleveland	11.13	17.85	14	hr.
Chicago	19.63	30.00	22	hr.
Pittsburgh	11.88	21.75	17	hr.

Alexandria Bay Hotels and Boarding Houses.

Hotel	Accommodation	Per Week
*Marsden	200	17.50 up.
Crossman House	300	14.00 up
The Edgewood	125	25.00 up
Thousand Isl. House	500	24.50 up
The New Walton	100	16.00 up
Hotel Westminster	300	17.50 up
St. Lawrence Hotel	75	14.00
St. James	75	10-12

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Written for The American Philatelist.

MODERN IMPERFORATE STAMPS of the United States.

BY GEN. CHAS. A. COOLIDGE.

I BELIEVE there are very few philatelists who realize that the Post Office Department has issued twelve varieties of the imperforate stamps and I find fewer who have attempted to preserve a specialized collection of the different issues with all the arrow blocks and marginal imprints and watermarks. This indifference, to an otherwise complete collection of United States stamps, would surprise me, except for the fact that when the imperforate stamps were first issued, as the face of the stamps were from the same die as the ordinary perforated series, I deemed it necessary only to place a single block of the imperforate stamps on my pages of the various denominations and it took me quite a while to realize my mistake and remedy my error at the expense of my pocketbook.

As everyone knows, the imperforate

stamps are printed by the Post Office Department in sheets of 400 impressions and are only sold by the uncut sheet, not separated into four panes by the Department as is done with the perforated stamps, so that on a sheet we obtain the divisional line for the four panes which end on the margins in three forked, or "arrow lines," as they are designated, and when they cross in the middle of the sheet are denominated as the central block. On each end and side margin are the Bureau of Engraving and Printing plate numbers, with or without other Bureau notations, and on one corner of the sheet the initials of the various engravers are given.

In the earlier issues the marginal notations cover three stamps and render it necessary to use six stamps for the plate number blocks, consequently it is generally more convenient to ar-

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range the arrow and central blocks on one page and the plate number blocks on another page of the album, but in the last three issues, as the blocks can consist of only four stamps, the two sets can usually be arranged on a single page, placing the plate numbers in the corners.

The following list comprises the imperforate issues.

Double Line Watermark.

- 1902-6. 1st issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing", plate number only.
Denominations—1c, 2c and 5c.
1908. 2nd issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing", plate number only.
Denominations—1c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c, issue of 1908.
1909. 3rd issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing," small star, plate number.
Denomination, 2c Lincoln.
1909. 4th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing", plate number only.
Denomination—2c Alaska-Yukon.
1909. 5th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing", plate number only.
Denomination—2c Hudson-Fulton.
1909. 6th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Print-

ing," large outlined star, plate number.

Denominations—1c, 2c and 4c.

Single Line Watermark.

1910. 7th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing," star, plate number.
Denominations—"One" and "Two" cents (No numerals).
1911. 8th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing," "A", plate number.
Denominations—"One" and "Two" cents (No numerals).
1912. 9th issue.
Marginal "Bureau Engraving & Printing," "A", plate number.
Denominations—1c and 2c (Numerals).
1913. 10th issue.
Marginal, "A" plate number (Bureau E. & P. omitted).
Denominations—1c and 2c (Numerals).
1915. 11th issue.
Marginal, Plate number only. (Bureau E. & P. omitted).
Denominations—1c and 2c.

Unwatermarked.

1916. 12th issue.
Marginal, Plate number only.
Denominations—1c and 2c.

HERE'S WHO ARE GOING.

The following expect to be present at the Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay next August—

- Dr. T. Henry Tubman, Cleveland, O.
H. J. Larsen, Cleveland, Ohio.
Alvin Good and Mrs. Good, Cleveland, Ohio.
P. M. Wolsieffer and Mrs. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, Pa.
C. A. Howes, Boston, Mass.
H. A. Davis, Colorado Springs, Colo.
J. N. Luff, New York City.

- C. F. Richards, New York City.
W. O. Wylie, Beverly, Mass.
W. C. Stone, Princeton, Mass.
P. McG. Mann, Philadelphia, Pa.
P. F. Brunner, New York City.
C. W. Kissinger, Reading, Pa.
Julian Park, Buffalo, N. Y.

If you intend to be among those present, send your name to the Editor for inclusion in the list to be printed in the August 1st issue.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

It is desired to list every member connected with all service branches of the Army and Navy and you are asked to send your names and rank to the Editor for inclusion in this list. The co-operation of all members is also asked in order to have this list complete. The list is intended to include both officers and enlisted members.

DR. WARREN L. BABCOCK.
 GEN. H. H. BANDHOLTZ, U. S. A.
 DR. CARROLL CHASE, French Army.
 GEN. C. A. COOLIDGE, U. S. A., retired.
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With Our Allies.

MAJOR E. B. EVANS, R. A., retired, England.
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 LT.-COL. ERNEST F. WURTELE, Canadian Militia.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

STATEMENT TO JUNE 1st, 1917.

Stock Fund.				Suspense Account.			
Balance	\$4673.66			Balance	\$44.65		
Receipts	33.00	\$4706.66		Receipts	5.40	\$ 50.05	
							\$7,869.48
General Fund.				American Philatelist Account.			
Balance	\$1193.88			Dr.	\$451.47		
Receipts	\$83.70			Expend.	\$210.55		
Expend.	42.34	41.36	\$1235.24	Receipts	\$50.11	160.44	\$ 611.91
							\$7257.57
Insurance Fund.				Resources.			
Balance	\$1843.97			Bonds	\$3489.34		
Receipts	\$33.86			Cash	3768.23	\$7257.57	
Expend.	2.65	31.21	\$1875.18				
Exchange Account.							
Balance	\$2.25						
Receipts	.10	\$ 2.35					

C. F. HEYERMAN, Treasurer.

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only a few miles from the present Convention seat. At that time the membership was only 560, and only twenty-eight members and twelve visitors were registered.

Those who have ever attended a meeting of the Society need no other inducement offered them, for the good-fellowship that prevails and the opportunity to talk as long as you wish about your hobby, with always an interested audience, makes one wish the Conventions would last indefinitely, and the habit of attendance, once formed, makes the Convention looked forward to with anticipations of both pleasure and profit.

But to those who have never yet journeyed to one of our meetings, the one to be held this year offers more of interest than usual. The site is a most beautiful one and is ideal for pleasures of unlimited extent. One can combine a journey of exceptional sightseeing possibilities and a meeting with those who will make the trip one to linger long in your memory.

In this issue we have tried, in a condensed manner, to give you an inkling of what you may see, but we cannot tell you the pleasure the Convention itself will hold out. This you can only obtain by being there in August and if you miss it you, only, will be the loser. If you have the "habit" you will get there if there is a way, and if you form the "habit" this year—well, you will be glad you did and it will be a habit that will grow from year to year.

EDITORIAL.

THE 32ND ANNUAL CONVENTION. When the 14th day of August comes round there will gather at Alexandria Bay, N.Y., the 32nd Annual Convention, but it will be the official meeting of a much larger Society than that which met fourteen years ago at Clayton, situated

THE FIVE CENT ERROR. Interest in the "misprinted" stamps is still high, but judging from recent quotations it is evident that the stamps in considerable numbers are finding their way into the market, although it is still too early to form any definite opinion as to the real value. It would be interesting to know how many of the stamps have been returned to the Department. It will un-

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doubtedly be some time before the price can be adjusted with any degree of certainty or with a fair knowledge of the available supply. It is certainly an interesting error and every collector of the stamps of our country will want to be the possessor of a copy.

the death notice of Mr. Edward H. Mason, we made the statement that he was a charter member of the Society. Mr. W. C. Stone, historian of the Society, writes that this is an error, as while Mr. Mason held a very early stock certificate number, he was not a charter member.

A MONARCHY AGAIN

Five years ago the world was startled to learn that China, the oldest monarchy then in existence, had cast aside her Emperor and assumed a place among the democracies, and the change back to royalty was almost as sudden when we read that the boy Emperor had been replaced on the throne, as announced in the press on July 1st, although at this writing there seems many troubles ahead and the reversion is not yet a fully assured fact. No doubt if the imperial faction remain in control for any length of time, the change will be reflected in the postage stamps, but whether we shall have further surcharges or a revival of the old empire stamps cannot be told. China's stamps have ever been an interesting study, with much to appeal to the specialist.

H. A. S. BACKER.

We just learn of the death of Mr. H. A. S. Backer, June 7th last, at his home in New Orleans, La., but unfortunately no details are available at this time. Mr. Backer held stock certificate No. 2342, although his membership has not been continuous, he having been reinstated only about a year ago after being out of the Society for several years.

To his family and friends, we express our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

A CORRECTION.

In our issue of May 15th, regarding

NEW SALES SUPERINTENDENT FOR INDIANAPOLIS BRANCH.

When Mr. E. W. Schneider resigned the office, Mr. Chas. Theamann was appointed in his place, but now Mr. Theamann has answered our country's call and taken service in the Navy. At the 29th meeting of the Branch, Mr. Chas. L. Pond was appointed to the office. Mr. Pond is well known among philatelic circles and can be addressed at 3203 N. Senate Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

WORTHINGTON COLLECTION SOLD.

The celebrated collection of Mr. Geo. H. Worthington, with the exception of a small part and the United States Envelopes, was sold at private sale June 22nd, the remainder to be disposed of at some future date. It is understood the buyer was a New York collector, but he does not wish his name mentioned at this time. We understand it is the buyer's intention to merge the greater portion of this collection with his own and the remainder will be sold at auction. The amount paid is not given for publication, but that it was a large figure, one that would make a record in stamp transactions, goes without saying when the extent of the collection is known, especially as there were other prospective purchasers in the field.

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A Comparative Check List OF THE "Hermes" Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.



(Rewritten and Revised for American Philatelist.)

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NUMERICAL SYSTEM OF THE POST OFFICE IN GREECE.

No.		No.	
		32	Sparta Lacedaemon
		33	Gytheion Gytheion
		34	Areopolis Oetylos
		35	Molavi Epidauros Limera
		36	Monemvasia Epidauros Limera
		37	Astros Kynouria
		38	Leonidion Kynouria
		39	Thebes Thivai
		40	Livadion Boeotia
		41	Atalanti Locris
		42	Drachmanion Locris
		43	Lamia Phthiotis
		44	Karpenision Eurytania
		45	Amphissa Parnassia
		46	Galaxydion Parnassia
		47	Lidorikion Doris
		48	Naupactos Naupactos
		49	Mesolonghi Mesologgion
		50	Agrinion Trichonia
		51	Argos Amph Valtos
		52	?
		53	Vonitsa Vonitsa
		54	Astolipon Mesologgion
		55	Astakos Vonitsa
		56	Chalkis Chalkis
		57	Aliverion Karystos
		58	Nea Psara Chalkis
		59	Karystos Karystos
		60	Kyme Karystos
		61	Hagia Anna Xerochorion
		62	Xerochorion Xerochorion
		63	Aegina Megara
		64	Poros Hydra
		65	Hydra Hydra
1	Athens Attica		
2	Piraeus Attica		
3	Eleusis Megara		
4	Megara Megara		
5	Corinth Korinthia		
6	Akrata Aegialia		
7	Aegion Aegialia		
8	Kalavryta Kalavryta		
9	Patras Achaia		
10	Lechaena Elis		
11	Kyllene Elis		
12	Gastoune Elis		
13	Pyrgos Elis		
14	Argos Argolis		
15	Nauplia Nauplia		
16	Kranidion Hermione		
17	Hermione Hermione		
18	Tripolis Mantinea		
19	Karytaina Gortynia		
20	Demetsana Gortynia		
21	Andritsaina Olympia		
22	Agoulinitza Olympia		
23	Megalopolis Megalopolis		
24	Andrusa Messenia		
25	Kyparissia Tryphillia		
26	Pylos Pylia		
27	Methone Pylia		
28	Korone Pylia		
29	Messene Messenia		
30	Petalidion Messenia		
31	Kalamai Kalamai		

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No.		No.	
66	Spezzia Spetsai	116	Molos Locris
67	Syra Syra	117	Katuna Vonitsa
68	Kea Keos	118	Xilokastron Korinthia
69	Kylmos Syra	119	Kiaton Korinthia
70	Tenos Tenos	120	Lixourion Pali
71	Andros Andros	121	Meligala Messenia
72	Korthion Andros	122	?
73	Mykonos Syra	123	Stemnitsa Gortynia
74	Naxos Naxos	124	Gargalianoi Triphyllia
75	Paros Naxos	125	Skriperon Oros
76	Ios Thera	126	Kastellani Mesi
77	Pholegandros Melos	127	Gavrion Andros
78	Amorgos Thera	128	Algialos Saneros
79	Thera Thera	129	Kerasovon Eurytania
80	Melos Melos	130	Laurion Attica
81	Siphnos Melos	131	Sourpi Phthiotis
82	Seriphos Keos	132	Achmet Aga Chalkis
83	Skyros 6 Skopelos	133	SULINA TURKEY
84	Skiathos Skopelos	134	Gardikion Phthiotis
85	Skopelos Skopelos	135	Volos Thessaly
86	Philiatra Triphyllia	136	Platana Karystos
87	Xacholi Korinthia	137	Mytika Vonitsa
88	Vytinia Gortynia	138	MITYLENE TURKEY
89	Anaphe Thera	139	Phurna Eurytania
90	Kimolos Melos	140	Limni Chalkis
91	Sikinos Melos	141	Sopoton Kalavryta
92	Hypate Phthiotis	142	Zaverdas Vonitsa
93	Nea Mintzela Phthiotis	143	Konistrai Karystos
94	Stylis Phthiotis	144	Katakolon Elis
95	CONSTANTINOPLE TURKEY	145	Kamarion Kamari
96	SMYRNA TURKEY	146	Manolada Elis
97	ALEXANDRIA EGYPT	147	Divris Elis
98	SALONIKA TURKEY	148	Prousos Eurytania
99	JANINA TURKEY	149	Palaeoxarion Doris
100	?	150	Dervitsi Cheleby Elis
101	?	151	Kastrion Kynouria
102	?	152	Krestena Olympia
103	Larissa Thessaly	153	Katochi Vonitsa
104	?	154	Paxos Paxos
105	ARTA TURKEY	155	Dunitsa Valtos
106	Kerkyra Corfu	156	?
107	Parikia Naxos	157	Kondovazaina Gortynia
108	Leukas Leukas	158	?
109	Ithaca Ithaka	159	Isari Megalopolis
110	Argostolion Kranaea	160	?
111	Zakynthos Zante	161	Pirnatsa Kalamae
112	Kythera Cerigo	162	CANEA CRETE
113	Styra Karystos	163	RETIMO CRETE
114	Avlonarion Karystos	164	HERAKLION CRETE
115	Hagios Petros Kynouria	165	Vasiliki Leukas

No.		No.	
166	Langadia	Gortynia	175 Ampelakia
167	Vervena	Kynouria	176 Platanos
168	Trikala	Thessaly	177 Phanarion
169	Karditsa	Thessaly	178 Ligara
170	Almyros	Thessaly	179 Kalampaka
171	Tyrnavos	Thessaly	180 Menedion
172	Domokos	Thessaly	Note:—Numbers 95, 96, 97, 98, 99,
173	Pharsalos	Thessaly	100, 101, 102, 104 and 105 were FOR-
174	Pherai	Thessaly	EIGN OFFICES until the year 1881.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

Those receiving unsolicited approval sheets will kindly inform the Recorder of the Board of Vice Presidents of the names of dealers sending them, in order that the Board may take action to eradicate this evil.

No. 21.

July 1, 1917.

Applications Pending.

Day, Howard E.
 Dominican, Leon.
 Doty, Chas. E.
 Heller, Ernest E.
 Lehman, Howard
 Levey, Jerome
 Millar, Claud D.
 Morningstern, W. B.
 Strong, Henry C.
 Wendell, Harmon
 Bushong, Marvin E.
 Comfort, Newton C.
 Currier, Edw. E.
 Limpert, F. A., D. D. S.
 Martin, H.
 Palmer, Walter W., M. D.
 Safford, Chas. W.
 Smith, Melvin J.
 Treman, Chas. E.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending

2828 Booth, Ernest E.
 915 Piper, Carroll D.
 840 Wadsworth, Frank T.

Applications Posted.

Auerbach, A. F., Box 229, Havana,
 Cuba; Age 36; Mgr. for Cuba, H.
 W. Johns Manville Co., New York;
 Reference: Samuel S. Israel, 16 San

Rafael St., Havana, Cuba; Proposed
 by Henry Bennett, #4016.

Davis, Harry S., Box 449, Colorado
 Springs, Colo.; Age 22; Postal Clerk;
 Reference: Clare E. Thomas, Supt.
 Mails, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Pro-
 posed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Horton, Albert H., Box 122, Colorado
 Springs, Colo.; Age 43; Treasurer El
 Paso County, Colo.; Reference: W.
 R. Armstrong, Cashr., Colo. Spa. Nat.
 Bank; Proposed by H. A. Davis,
 #1925.

Perez, Gilbert S., Care Bureau of Edu-
 cation, Manila, Philippines; Age 32;
 Division Industrial Supervisor Bu-
 reau of Education; Reference: John
 H. Vale, (#4900) Box 9, Manila,
 Philippines; Proposed by Everett A.
 Colson, #2655.

Randolph, R. S., Plattsburg, Mo.; Age
 27; Clerk; Reference: The Farmers'
 Bank, Dearborn, Mo.; Proposed by
 H. A. Davis, #1925.

Robinson, T. M. S., 1268 E. Platte St.,
 Colorado Springs, Colo.; Age 38;
 Student; Reference: S. P. A. #830;
 Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Schroeder, H. H., 508 S. Fell Ave.,
 Normal, Ill.; Age 44; Teacher Ill.
 State Normal University; Reference:
 First Natl. Bank, Normal, Ill.; Pro-

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posed by C. A. Burner, #4866.

Stubbs, M. E., Court House, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Age 41; Clerk County Court, El Paso County, Colo.; Reference: Hon. E. J. Eaton, Pres. Colorado Savings Bank; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Voss, Louis H., 605 S. 10th Ave., Maywood, Ill.; Age 26; Shipping Clerk; Reference: Paul Richter Co., Maywood, Ill.; Proposed by Jacob Rau, #4208.

Weinberg, Max, 260 West Broadway, New York City; Age 32; Broker; Reference: E. S. Parkhurst & Co., Inc., New York City; Proposed by W. H. Souls, #3241.

Wilkinson, William H., 1903 Main St., Kansas City, Mo.; Age 51; Prop. Curiosity Shop; Reference: South West Boulevard State Bank, Kansas City, Mo.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Wolf, Paul, 43 Exchange Place, New York City; Age 30; Marine Underwriter; Reference: J. H. Lenehan, 123 William St., New York; Proposed by Arthur C. Kaufman, #4334.

York, Alfred W., Box 73, Chassell, Mich.; Age 39; Florist; Reference: C. H. Moss, Cash. Miners' National Bank, Ishpeming, Mich.; Proposed by M. D. Roberts, M. D., #4852.

Lacy, Frank William, U. S. Naval Hospital, Fort Lyon, Colo.; Age 43; Laboratorian, F. R. M. S.; Reference: Central Scientific Co., 460 E. Ohio St., Chicago, Ill., Commanding Officer, U. S. N. Hospital, Fort Lyon, Colo.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Leupold, William F., 1901 N. 13th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 47; R. R. Clerk; Reference: Philadelphia & Reading R. R., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Pennefather, G. H., care Smith Bell & Co., Ltd., Manila, Philippines; Age legal; Master Mariner; Reference: John H. Vale, Box 9, Manila, Philippines; Proposed by E. A. Colson, #2655.

Zesati, Roberto E., P. O. Box 13, Zaca-tecas, Zac., Mexico; Age 21; Student; Reference: Secretary, Southern Philatelic Association; Proposed by V. W. Rotnem, #4853.

Aceves, Salvador N., Calle Comercio 122, Tampico, Tam., Mexico; Age 19; Clerk and Student; Reference: Secretary Southern Philatelic Association and M. P. A.; Proposed by V. W. Rotnem, #4853.

Application for Reinstatement.

Mier, Louis M., 19 Francisco Ave., Rutherford, N. J. (#1527); Age 56; Manager; Reference: A. E. Landvatter, 54 Irving Place, Passaic, N. J.; Recommended by Vahan Mozian, #2279.

New Stockholders.

5002 Hurley, Francis H., 406 Broadway, Bismarck, N. Dak.

5003 Kemeys-Tynte, M., Box 66, Lake Mills, Wis.

5004 Leandro, Jos. R., Box 11, New Bedford, Mass.

5005 Leber, Henry Leopold, 713 Grove St., San Francisco, Calif.

5006 Richey, S. W., 702 Traction Bldg., Cincinnati, Ohio.

5007 Ritter, Karl, 200 Hawthorne Rd., Elmwood Park, Bethlehem, Pa.

5008 Webb, Mrs. Wm. C., (nee Romine, Helen M.), 58 Taylor St., Newark, N. J.

5009 Van Brunt, Andrew A., Box 384, Santa Clara, Calif.

Reinstated.

4141 Fuss, Edwin W., 217 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.

4293 Bernstein, Dr. Edw. J., 1212 Krerge Bldg., Detroit, Mich.

Replaced on Roll.

2089 White, Marcus W., 3 Sherburn Ave., Worcester, Mass.

3212 Flick, L. E., Galveston, Tex.

4442 Johnson, Chas. H., 234 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

Deceased.

2342 Backer, H. A. S., Dauphine & Piety Sts., New Orleans, La.

Correction.

Secretary's Report #19 under "Replaced on Roll" the number of James E. Hughes should be 4032.

Change of Address.

- 4936 Flansburgh, H. W., from Geneseo to Mt. Morris, New York.
 2829 Nolan, Owen L. from Hamden to Whitneyville, Conn.
 1125 Ogden, Mrs. Minnie E., from San Diego to Gen. Deliv., Long Beach, Calif.
 4780 Prager, H. H., from Highland Park, Mich., to Gen. Deliv., Houston, Tex.
 3631 Tudbury, Warren C., from Wash-

ington, D. C., to 9 Oxford St., Chevy Chase, Md.

3702 Webb, Wm. C., from 239 Broadway, New York, to 58 Taylor St., Newark, N. J.

Membership Summary.

Membership June 15, 1917	1557
New Stockholders	8
Reinstated	2
Replaced on Roll	3
	1570
Deceased	1
	1569
Total Membership July 1, 1917	1569

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

(Continued from page 260.)

Check List.

1882-85. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 14x13½.

(a) Original type. Small figures in corners.

- 5 ore pale green, deep green.
- 10 ore rose.

20 ore milky blue, blue, pale blue.

(b) Re-engraved type. Larger figures in corners.

- 5 ore green, deep green, bright green.
- 10 ore rose, rosine, carmine.

(a) Imperforate.

20 ore milky blue, blue, pale blue, bright blue

(a) Both types in pair.

XXI.—The Ninth Issue.

In 1896 all the then current stamps were issued with a new perforation gauging 12½, 13 instead of 14 by 13½, or, rather, instead of calling it a new perforation we should perhaps more correctly say that the original perforation of 1864 was reverted to. The paper is also a little different from that previously in use being thicker, softer and

whiter. In all other respects the stamps were the same as before. Two of the values are known imperforate.

Check list.

1896. Wmk. Crown. perf. 12½, 13.

A.—Type of 1874.

- 3 ore grey and blue.
- 4 ore blue and slate.
- 8 ore carmine and slate.
- 12 ore claret and slate.
- 16 ore brown and slate, yellow brown and slate.
- 25 ore green and grey, deep green and grey.
- 50 ore purple and brown.
- 100 ore yellow and grey.

B.—Type of 1884.

- 5 ore green, bright green
- 10 ore rose, rosine.

(a) Imperforate.

20 ore blue, bright blue.

(a) Imperforate.

XXII.—The Tenth Issue.

In April 1901 a new value was added to the existing series as explained by

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the following official notice:—

No. 9. March 19, 1901.

It is hereby notified, that from the 1st April of this year new stamps will be issued for ordinary use, of the value of 24 ore, color brown, to be sold at 24 ore each, and 23 crowns 4 ore per sheet of 100.

At the end of this month there will be despatched to the postoffices, without previous requisition, a certain number of these stamps, the sale of which will not commence before the 1st of next month.

Two new values were issued in 1902 as again shown by an official notice viz.:

No. 19. August 27th, 1902.

It is hereby notified that, in pursuance of the Law relating to the postal rates, dated 23rd May of this year, the following new postal issues will be made.—

Ordinary postage stamps of the value of 1 ore, color orange-yellow, price 1 ore each, and 96 ore per sheet of 100.

Ditto of the value of 15 ore, color violet, price 15 ore each and 14 crowns 40 ore per sheet of 100.

All three of these new stamps were in the type showing the Royal Arms as introduced in 1882. They were printed in the usual sized sheets of 100 and have the same perforation and watermark as the other values then in use. The 1 and 15 ore are known imperforate and the 1 ore is mentioned by Mr. Hanciau as existing without the dotted background to the shield.

Check list.

1901-2. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.

1 ore orange, orange-yellow.

(a) Imperforate.

15 ore mauve.

(a) Imperforate.

24 ore brown.

XXIII.—The Eleventh Issue.

In 1902, becoming tired of its cur-

rent stamps, the Post Office Department decided on a complete change of design and a competition, open to Danish artists, was announced with a view to obtaining a suitable design. As so often happens with competitions of this nature numerous drawings were submitted but none were considered satisfactory. The first prize of 500 crowns was awarded to Mr. J. Therschilsen, a celebrated artist for his design which, though not adopted at the time, was finally made use of in 1905.

The competition cost the authorities 1400 crowns and was abortive and the Government, after this failure, applied at once to Mr. Benjamin Damman, of Paris, who had supplied so many excellent designs to the French Government, to furnish a suitable design.

In the meantime, with a view to using up large stocks of certain values which were in but small demand, and to avoid the necessity of having to print others which were required, Denmark issued its first provisionals by surcharging the 8 and 24 ore denominations 4 and 15 ore respectively. The usual official circular was published notifying postmasters of these provisionals, viz:

Notice is hereby given to the post-offices, that the stocks in hand here, of the 8 and 24 ore postage stamps, have been surcharged with the values 4 and 15 ore respectively. All the Post Offices will shortly receive a supply of these stamps, which will be sold and entered in the accounts as 4 and 15 ore stamps.

In both cases the surcharge was in black, the 8 ore being overprinted with a large uncolored "4" on an oval of solid color above the word "ORE", while the 24 ore had the figures "15" applied at each side, above the original value, with "ORE" below.

There is a well-known variety of the 15 on 24 ore with the figures "15" at the right shorter than the normal, due to some damage to one of the clichés

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and, according to Mr. Hanciau, an equally interesting variety of the 4 on 8 ore may be found. This shows the top of the large "4" crossed by a white line.

Check List.

1902. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.
4 ore on 8 ore carmine and slate
15 ore on 24 ore brown

(To be continued.)

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

BARNUM DECLINES NOMINATION FOR PRESIDENT.

June 18, 1917.

My dear Davis:

"* * * It is necessary for me to decline the nomination for president of the American Philatelic Society so kindly made by the Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch No. 25. Deeply as I appreciate the honor conferred, it would be unfair to the Society for me to accept this office if elected. * * * I believe the president of the American Philatelic Society should be one who has leisure to devote to the welfare of the society. * * *"

(Signed) W. H. BARNUM.

Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch #47, Detroit, Mich. endorses nominations made by Philadelphia Branch #18.

NOMINATIONS.

The following is a complete list of nominations which will appear on the ballot.

For President,

J. W. Scott, New York.

For Board of Vice Presidents,

F. S. Parmelee,

H. A. Whipple,

W. P. Wherry, all of Nebraska.

For Secretary, H. A. Davis, Colorado.

For Treasurer, J. E. Scott, Michigan.

For International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Pennsylvania.

For Directors-at-Large,

H. N. Mudge, Illinois.

H. B. Phillips, California.

CORRECTIONS MEMBERSHIP LIST.

On Page 35, Alphabetical List, under "S" the second Name should read "St. Pierre, J. M."

On Page 30, Alphabetical List, under "N" the last name, the address should be Nast, Chas. A., 1335 Milwaukee Ave., Denver, Colo.

On Page 65, Geographical List, under "North Carolina", South Creek, change Tuthill so as to read "Tuthill, Luther B."

STANDING OF MEMBERS ELIGIBLE FOR PRIZES.

July 1, 1917.

H. G. Oakland	7
Vahan Mozian	6
E. A. Colson	5
W. C. Webb	4
W. O. Wylie	3
V. W. Rotnem	3

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

The following amendments have been proposed to be acted upon by the 32nd Annual Convention.

To amend Art. X—Sec. 4, by continuing the first paragraph of Section 4 by adding after the word "Society" "or be eligible to hold the offices of President, Secretary, or member of the governing Board."

To amend Art. III—Sec. 1.a. "Branch societies, juvenile or otherwise, may belong as a unit, paying a single due."

The latter amendment was made by

the Collectors Philatelic Society, Branch No. 47, whose Secretary writes that they have formed two juvenile clubs which are in a healthy condition and they wish to assist them all possible.

CALL FOR CONVENTION.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Alexandria Bay, New York, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials:—

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman; W. O. Wylie, Alvin Good, Wm. C. Stone, P. McG. Mann.

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Wolf, Paul
York, Alfred W.

Application for Reinstatement Pending.

2279 Mier, Louis M.

Applications Posted.

Church, B. C., 416 Lyceum Bldg., Duluth, Minn.; Age legal; Farm Lands; Guarantee Farm Lands Co.; Reference: Dr. Homer Collins, New Jersey Bldg., Duluth, Minn. Duluth Log Co., Duluth, Minn.; Proposed by R. G. Roberts, #1982.
Joseph, N., 65 Walden St., Boston,

Mass.; Age 42; Printer and Stamp Dealer; Walsen Press; Reference: A. N. Ridgely, 20 Broad St., New York City. Co-Operative Exchange, 1496 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Proposed by V. W. Rotnem, #4853.
Nordeck, W. J., The Philippine Co., Ltd., Manila, Philippines; Age legal; Leaf Tobacco Expert; Reference: John H. Vale, Box 9, Manila, Philippines; Proposed by E. A. Colson, #2655.
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usual style and make-up with the change of owners and editors. Two interesting numbers.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VIII Nos. 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, May 26th, June 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd, 1917. Nothing of special moment, but five newsy numbers.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVII No. 176, April 1917.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XIX No. 12, June 1917. Interesting short articles concerning China and Liberia and a splendid list of new issues.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 76, June 1st, 1917. "Swiss Cantonal Stamps" form the principal article.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. 24 No. 5, May 30th, 1917.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 160, June 1917. "Jamaica

War Stamps," which we expect to reprint in an early number of our journal, forms the principal part of the issue before us.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIII No. 10, June 6th, 1917. Devoted principally to a list of the stamps of New South Wales donated to the Mitchell Library, Sydney, N. S. W. by Mr. H. L. White, a most wonderful accumulation of these stamps, said to be valued at about \$75,000. The Library is owned by the Government. The collection contained 34 unused and 625 used copies of "Sydney Views."

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX Nos. 220 and 221, May and June, 1917. We regret that our lack of acquaintance with the Spanish gives us no chance to mention the contents of these numbers.

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The following expect to be present at the Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay next August—

Dr. T. Henry Tubman, Cleveland, O.
 H. J. Larsen, Cleveland, Ohio.
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Receipts	16.00		
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Balance	\$1235.24	Dr.	\$611.91
Receipts	\$49.95	Expend.	\$533.62
Expend.	39.41 10.54	Receipts	41.56 492.06
	\$1245.78		\$1103.97
			\$6792.05
Insurance Fund.		Resources.	
Balance	\$1875.18	Bonds	\$3489.34
		Cash	3302.71
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Balance	\$ 2.35		

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EDITORIAL.

OUR ANNUAL CONVENTION. Indications point to a very good attendance at the coming Convention, but as in the past, only a small proportion of the members who will be there announce the fact prior to their going, although we have always tried to print a list of those who would probably attend. The location and time of the meeting are ideal for a vacation and while we endeavored to picture some of the things to be seen in our

last number, yet the principal attraction is not the sights, but those whom you will meet on terms of philatelic friendship, a meeting which you will ever have cause to look back upon with delight. Get the habit this year and it is a safe bet that you will be found at every future convention within a radius of a thousand miles.

A REPUBLIC AGAIN.

The ink had hardly dried upon our remarks in the issue of July 15th, when the overthrow of the Chinese monarchy was announced, and it is now the Republic that is having a struggle to maintain its place. German influences are said to be behind the attempt to establish the emperor on his throne again, but republican forces were too strong for the imperialists. We hardly suppose that in the short time which the monarchy existed any attempt was made to give us a royal issue of stamps.

THE RAJAH OF SARAWAK

Sir Charles Johnson-Brooke, the aged Rajah of Sarawak, died on May 17th last at Cirencester, and this, says "Stamp Collecting" in its issue of June 2nd, "recalls a story of stirring adventure which would have found a fitting setting in the history of the early conquest of India, but seems curiously out of place in the annals of these unromantic times. It also serves to bring into topical prominence a country which has attracted the specialistic attentions of many well known philatelists, not least because of the modest outlay which a representative collection of the stamps of Sarawak entails.

"Sarawak was made a British Protectorate in 1888, without interference with the sovereign rights of the Rajah, who was created a G. C. M. G. In that year the lithographed stamps of Messrs. Maclure, Macdonald & Co. were replaced by the surface-printed ones of Messrs. De la Rue and Co., but, until the issue of 1897, they only franked letters and parcels as far as Singapore.

2826 Booth, Ernest E., 157 E. Crescent Ave., Park Ridge, Ill.

Change of Address.

4265 Eames, Milo D., from Buffalo, N. Y. to 234 W. Adams St., Los Angeles, Calif.

4442 Johnson, Chas. H., from 234 Van Ness Ave. to 352 Parnassus Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

3558 Krippner, L. L., from Minneapolis, Minn. to Box 256, St. Cloud, Minn.

4089 Leonard, Clifford S., from Springfield, Mass. to 44 High St., Woodbury, N. J.

3316 Lighthipe, Wm. I., from Montclair, N. J. to 510 Summerfield Ave., Asbury Park, N. J.

4714 Mills, Capt. W. E., from Brownsville, Tex. to 58th Infantry, Gettysburg, Pa.

4387 Pollard, R. P., from Hanover, N. H. to Proctorsville, Vt.

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CALL FOR CONVENTION.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:—

The Thirty-second Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may be legally brought before it, will be called to order at Alexandria Bay, New York, on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of August, 1917, at 10 o'clock in the morning, and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Credentials:—

P. M. Wolsieffer, Chairman; W. O. Wylie, Alvin Good, Wm. C. Stone, P. McG. Mann.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

John N. Luff, Chairman; P. F. Bruner, C. F. Richards, C. W. Kissinger and Julian Park.

The Convention Headquarters will be the Marsden House and the sessions will be held in Convention Hall close by. The rates for members will be \$4.00 per day, American plan, or \$3.50 two in a room. Early application is urged. C. A. HOWES, President.

ENTERTAINMENT.

A tentative program of entertainment has been arranged as follows:—First afternoon, trip through the Islands, steamer "New Island Wanderer"; Second afternoon, individual preference—boating, fishing, Westminster Park, etc.; Second evening, searchlight excursion, steamer "St. Lawrence"; Third afternoon, automobile trip.

COM. ON ARRANGEMENTS.

ROLL OF HONOR.

It is desired to list every member connected with all service branches of the Army and Navy and you are asked to send your names and rank to the Editor for inclusion in this list. The co-operation of all members is also asked in order to have this list complete. The list is intended to include both officers and enlisted members.

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Signal Corps N. G. U. S. | |
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S. A. | MAJOR E. B. EVANS, R. A., retired,
England. |
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E., England. |
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nadian Militia. |
| LIEUT. W. I. MITCHELL, Medical Re-
serve Corps. | |

With Our Allies.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

BY THE EDITOR.

In order to keep this list within the shortest space possible, the name and address of publisher is omitted, but the Editor will gladly supply any information about any of the publications mentioned upon request.

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| THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 6, June 1917. History of the U. S. 5c Error and many notes taken from the foreign philatelic press. | other articles of lesser interest. |
| NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI No. 8, June 20, 1917. This issue treats the stamps of Cyprus in the usual interesting style. | THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 6, June 1917. The P. G. maintains its value to philatelists. The contents consist of "New Zealand First Type Stamps," "U. S. Five Cents Red," continuation of the articles on "United States Local Stamps," "The U. S. Government Collection" and "Confederate States," the final installment of "The Postal Issues of Austria" and a chronicle of new U. S. envelope stamps. |
| THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2 No. 5, May 1917. Society news and a few short notes comprise the reading matter of the number. | THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4 No. 10, July 1917. |
| THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. 2 No. 4, July 1917. Principally about pre-cancels. | THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 8, June 30, 1917. Notes on Mexico and Panama and Canal Zone. |
| PHILATELIC GOSSIP, Vol. III No. 10, June 1917. One of the best exchanges to reach us. The opening installment of "The Entire Envelopes of U. S. 1907-15 issue" by Harry F. Kohr and | THE COLLECTORS' JOURNAL, Vol. VII Nos. 11 and 12, June and July, 1917. This journal maintains its |

"2000—1917."

factory official journal representation given by the Stamp Herald was followed by a motion that the President appoint a committee of three to secure more satisfactory representation. The motion was carried by a unanimous vote and Messrs. C. L. Pond, L. Payne and C. R. Sutton were appointed as a special committee for this purpose by the President. Mr. Pond was designated as chairman of the committee.

The Club's advertised auction was then held, under the direction of Mr. E. W. Schneider, who acted as auctioneer. Many nice lots both wholesale and retail were offered and the better lots all brought good prices. Owing to the lateness of the hour, the meeting was adjourned on completion of the auction of the eighty-two lots offered.

C. R. SUTTON, Sec.-Treas.

Minutes of thirty-seventh meeting:

The thirty-seventh meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club was called to order at eight P. M. April 26, by President Ploch in the Directors' Room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Mr. C. V. Hollis, chairman of the Publicity Committee, read several communications received from various Philatelic Publications, commending the Club's action in issuing a year book, and promising to review the book in an early issue.

Mr. C. L. Pond, chairman of the special committee appointed to secure more satisfactory Official Journal representation, reported the committee's interview with the Editor of the Herald and asked for additional time for the committee to investigate before making a final report and recommendation. The committee's request was granted.

The following applications for membership were posted for investigation and action at the next meeting as provided by the By-laws—

A. M. Youngmarker, Merchant, age 49,
Lock Box 320, Fort Wayne, Ind.
John F. Sensow, Compounder, age 41,
P. O. Box 181, LaPorte, Ind.

K. W. Gruelick, Bindery Foreman, 2427
Wallace Ave., LaFayette, Ind.

An amendment to the By-laws to change the meeting night to the second and fourth Friday night of each month was posted for action at the next regular meeting. Meeting adjourned.

C. R. SUTTON, Sec.-Treas.

Minutes of thirty-eighth meeting:

The regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club was convened May 10th in the Directors' Room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. President Ploch presided. Twelve members responded to roll call. Minutes of the previous meeting were read and accepted.

The special committee composed of Messrs. C. L. Pond, L. Payne and C. R. Sutton, appointed to make more satisfactory arrangements for Official Journal representation, made a unanimous report reviewing their careful investigations and recommending that the Philatelic Gossip be selected as Official Journal, and that the Club subscribe for this paper to be sent to each member not already a subscriber. The committee's recommendations were adopted by a unanimous vote and the Secretary-Treasurer instructed to arrange with the publishers for the Club to pay the subscription of every paid up member to the end of the Club's fiscal year, ending December 31, 1917.

By vote of the Club, the following pending applicants were admitted to membership—

A. M. Youngmarker, Lock Box 320,
Fort Wayne, Ind.
John F. Sensow, Post Office Box 181,
La Porte, Ind.
K. W. Gruelick, 2427 Wallace Ave.,
LaFayette, Ind.

The following applications for membership were posted for action at the next regular meeting—

Chris Baumbach, Grocer, 2637 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind.
Chas. L. McNutt, Estimator, age 34,
1522 W. 16th St., Bedford, Ind.

The amendment to change the meet-

ings to the second and fourth Friday nights was defeated.

C. R. SUTTON, Sec.-Treas.

Minutes of thirty-ninth meeting:

The thirty-ninth meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors' Club was called to order at eight P. M. May 24, 1917, in the regular meeting place, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. The following members responded to roll call: Messrs. Braun, Pond, Edwards, Schneider, Ploch, Theaman, Sutton, Vawter, and Sutton. Minutes of the thirty-eighth meeting were read and approved.

Mr. E. W. Schneider, Sales Manager, reported the results of the last Auction which netted \$4.03 for the Club. Mr. Schneider then tendered his resignation as Sales Manager, due to the fact that his other activities made it impossible for him to give the necessary time to the work. Regrets were expressed that this action was necessary and Mr. Schneider's resignation was accepted, with a hearty vote of thanks for his faithful and untiring efforts on behalf of the Club.

President Ploch appointed Mr. Chas. Theaman, 705 N. Liberty St., Indianapolis, Ind., as Sales Manager to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Schneider, and announced the appointment of C. V. Hollis, 1221 N. Tuxedo St., Indianapolis, Ind., as Manager of the newly created Auction Department, to serve till the next regular election, December 27, 1917.

The following were admitted to membership, by vote of the Club—

Chris Bambach, 2637 Boulevard Place, Indianapolis, Ind.

Chas. L. McNutt, 1522 W. 16th St., Bedford, Ind.

Mr. Julius Braun exhibited his very creditable collection of U. S. and Foreign Stamps mounted in Scott's International Albums. Most of Mr. Braun's Collection is in unused condition and made a fine showing.

C. R. SUTTON, Sec.-Treas.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry

Stamp Club 5-17-17.

The regular meeting of the G. P. S. C. was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.15 P. M. The following members were present: Tubman, Weigel, Lloyd, McLaren, Lewis, Holt, Barnum, Chamberlin, Whittaker, Oettinger, Moses, Young, Volk, Mader.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read, motion made that the Treasurer's report be accepted and a vote of thanks be tendered him. One application was acted upon: Mr. Robt. Wagner of Fostoria, Ohio, was accepted as a member of the Club.

The Board of Directors voted unanimously in favor of the proposed changes in the Constitution made necessary by the step the Club has undertaken in the establishment of permanent quarters.

After a lengthy debate to charge sustaining members \$10.00 instead of \$5.00 per year as per Mr. McLaren's schedule, the question was put to a vote and the yeas carried the motion in favor of the higher rate.

Motion was made and carried that Mr. McLaren and the Secretary act on a committee to notify all members of the importance of the next meeting to be held June 7, 1917 and urge all to attend. Meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

A meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, A. P. S. Branch # 30, was held on Thursday evening, June 28th, 1917.

The entertainment of the evening consisted of an exhibition by Mr. Ralph F. Henn, of that portion of his famous United States Revenue collection recently acquired from Mr. White. This portion of the collection alone contains many scarce and unique imperforate and part perforate pairs, strips and blocks which are seldom seen in any collection. Mr. Henn will immediately consolidate this recent acquisition with his already large collection, and Cleveland can safely boast of having the largest U. S. Revenue collection numbered

On July 1, 1897, Sarawak became a member of the Postal Union, which, of course, meant the development of its stamps from a local to a general issue. In 1904 the position of His Highness as Rajah was formally recognized by King Edward, and he was given precedence at the English Court with the ruling princes of India. The late Rajah's eldest son, H. H. Charles Vyner Brooke, Rajah Muda, was born in 1874, and married, in 1911, the Hon. Sylvia Brett, daughter of Viscount Esher. After the completion of his education at Cambridge he joined his father in Sarawak, and assisted him in the duties of government, on several occasions leading expeditions into the far interior of the country to punish head hunters. Doubtless we shall soon have our philatelic head hunters—for the stamps of Sarawak with head of the new Rajah."

DEATH OF Philipp la Rénotière von **FERRARY**. von Ferrary, the owner of the most celebrated collection of stamps in the entire world, died at Lausanne, Switzerland, May 20th, 1917, after a long illness. So much has been written concerning his stamps that it would be useless to attempt any remarks of that nature in our columns. By his death

philately has lost one of its most famous followers. We do not know what disposition will be made of his collection, but its dispersal would be an opportunity welcomed by many of the great collectors throughout the world to become the owners of some of the exceedingly rare pieces now a part of it.

SOLDIERS' MAIL The Post Office Department has announced that all mail to and from members of the United States Expeditionary Forces in Europe shall be subject to the same regulations and rates as for domestic service, and that no other stamps than those of our country will be used. We shall thus have another series of foreign-used covers to add to our collections, but let us hope that with the aid of our soldier boys short work shall be made of the war which is upsetting the entire world and that there will be a speedy return to the time when civilization and humanity shall again exert their influences among us. A goodly number of our members are enrolled for service under the Stars and Stripes and undoubtedly there will be many, many more who will answer Columbia's call in her fight for the liberty which her sons fought for one hundred and forty years ago.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

17th and 18th ANNUAL REPORT of the COMMITTEE on PHILATELIC LITERATURE of the AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY. Compiled by Mr. Wm. R. Ricketts. Issued originally as a part of the annual membership list, Mr. Ricketts has now had 100 copies struck off and bound as a separate work, the first 25 of which numbered 1 to 25, are an edition de Luxe, the next twenty-five, numbered 26 to 50, are Press copies, intended for circulation among the philatelic press, and the remaining fifty, numbered 51 to 100, comprise the regular edition. Any remaining copies of the de Luxe

edition can be bought for 50 cents each and copies of the regular edition for 25 cents each, from the compiler.

But very few of our members can have any idea of the labor, a labor of love truly, necessary for the compilation of such a list as this, and one marvels at the great volume of books, pamphlets, periodicals, etc., which are issued in connection with our hobby. The work, sixty-four pages, is in two parts, Separate Works and Periodicals, and lists practically everything issued having a bearing on collecting.

Students of stamps will appreciate these yearly reports of the Literature

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Committee and in conjunction with the Philatelic Index now being published by the Society, we have a reference list of such proportions that we doubt if there is any other society or scientific, or otherwise, organization in the entire world which can boast of such a complete index of publications and articles

bearing on their work.

The A. P. S. is singularly fortunate in having a member such as Mr. Ricketts who has so freely given of his time and talents in the preparation of these valuable lists.

We have been favored with Press Copy No. 37.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 45.

Minutes of thirty-fifth meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club.

Thirty-fifth meeting convened March 22, 1917, in the Directors Room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind. Mr. E. L. Edwards presided. Eleven members present. Minutes of thirty-fourth meeting read and approved.

The chairman of the Publicity Committee reported that Mekeel's Weekly and the Collectors Journal had been furnished with news items of the clubs activities which had been duly published. Mr. Hollis then presented a resolution that the Secretary be directed to convey a vote of thanks to the respective Editors of these two worthy papers, and strongly recommending that all members that were not already subscribers of these papers, should hand their subscriptions to the secretary for forwarding with the vote of thanks, as a material expression of the club's appreciation of the publicity given. The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote. A lengthy discussion followed, of the merits of philatelic journals, for news value, as an advertising medium and as an official journal.

The Secretary called attention to the fact that the new local club was advertising the fact that they are an independent club, which was somewhat misleading, due to the fact that it implies that it is necessary to be an A. P. S. member in order to join the Indianapolis Collectors Club, because it is a proud branch of that honorable parent organization. It was made clear that

the club wants only members who are worthy of acceptance in the parent Society and it is hoped that they will become a member, but it is not a condition to membership and the fact that the club operates under a Charter from The American Philatelic Society is a guarantee of its stability in that the charter provides that all officers must be members of that Society. Various methods were discussed of combating the interests that have endeavored to disrupt this Branch of the A. P. S. and a resolution presented by Mr. E. J. Stanbrough directing the secretary to mention the qualifications for membership, in each report of the club, was adopted by unanimous vote.

The final exhibition of the eighty-two auction lots to be offered by the club at its next regular meeting night April 12 was made. Attention was again called to the fact that these lots were fully listed in the March issue of The Stamp Herald, and bids should be forwarded to Mr. E. W. Schneider, Auction Mgr., 918 Hamilton Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

Meeting adjourned for informal exchange and gossip 10.00 P. M.

C. R. SUTTON, Sec.-Treas.

Minutes of thirty-sixth meeting:

Meeting convened 7.45 P. M. April 12th in Directors Room of The Marion Club, Indianapolis, Ind., President Ploch presiding. Reading of minutes of previous meeting dispensed with to allow more time for the Auction to follow.

A general discussion of the unsatis-

among its already famous collections.

Following the exhibition the Branch voted to endorse the candidates placed in nomination for Directors of The American Philatelic Society by Phila. Branch #18, for the year 1917-18, Mr. Wolsieffer was endorsed as Sales Manager for the next year.

ALVIN GOOD, Sec. pro tem.

BRANCH No. 46.

Report of Secretary the Cincinnati Philatelic Society.

Meetings of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society are held the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at the rooms in The Union Central Bldg. Visiting philatelists are always welcome and are invited to attend meetings.

The annual election of officers was held March 27th, 1917, and the following were elected for the year: President, Mr. Erwin L. Fisher; Vice President, Mr. Frederick G. Huntington; Secretary and Treasurer, Adolph D. Fennel; Trustees, Mr. W. Ossege, Mr. S. W. Richey, Mr. G. Kitzinger and Mr. J. A. McCullough.

Mr. Fennel gave a talk on the Government Exhibit of Stamps at The Smithsonian Institution after which the members sat down to the annual banquet.

The meetings for the coming year are to be conducted largely under the committee plan, i. e. the President appoints two members to conduct a meeting, leaving the entertainment entirely in their hands, the only rules being, that they must exhibit some stamps and hold some sort of contest based on stamps.

The meeting of April 24th was conducted by Messrs. Ossege and McCullough who exhibited a very fine collection of U. S. Revenues and gave an interesting lecture on them, in addition they provided a prize contest which tested the accuracy of observation and memory of the members as to details about common stamps. The prizes were very fine and the contest provoked much laughter and frowning of brows.

On May the eighth a competitive ex-

hibition was held of the stamps of Norway, Danish West Indies, Canada and Newfoundland and handsome prizes were awarded for the best exhibitions.

On May the 22nd an auction sale of stamps will be held the funds arising from same to be donated to The American Red Cross Society.

On June 12th a competitive exhibition of the stamps of the United States will be held at the home of Mr. Stanley Ashbrook who will exhibit his specialized collection of U. S. which is considered one of the finest in the country. Visiting collectors are cordially invited. A. D. FENNEL, Secretary.

Report of Meeting June 12th, 1917.

At the invitation of Mr. Stanley Ashbrook the meeting of June 12th was held at his home at Fort Mitchell and on roll call there were twenty members present. The meeting was given over to a display and exhibition of Mr. Ashbrook's specialized collection of the stamps of The United States. Mr. Ashbrook served a delightful lunch with refreshments in his rathskeller and personally explained to the members the specialized issues of his collection. The collection, which is one of the finest in the country, abounds in numerous wonderful copies of all the early issues of The United States, both on and off cover. The early postmaster's provisionals of both the United States and Confederate States are well represented and a magnificent specialized collection of the 5 and 10c 1847's. Mr. Ashbrook has made a special study of these two stamps which he has in numberless copies both on and off cover showing all the varieties, shades and cancellations. Mr. Ashbrook also has made considerable progress in plating the one cent 1851, and the three cent 1851. A photographic copy of Mr. Ashbrook's perfect type one was given each member. Considerable interest was also taken in the sheets of the recent 5c error that were exhibited, both single and double in perf. 10 and perf. 11. The meeting, which was voted to be the most interesting of the season, was ad-

journed at 11.30 P. M. Two new applications for membership were received and the Secretary read a letter from The American Red Cross thanking the Society for its donation of Fifty Dollars to their cause. A. D. FENNEL,
Secretary C. P. S. Branch 46.

BRANCH No. 47.

At the 73rd meeting of the Collectors' Philatelic Society, of Detroit, Branch No. 47, a motion was made and carried to make a change in the By-Laws, as follows—

Amendment to By-Laws.

Article III
Membership.
Section 1a.

Branch societies, juvenile or otherwise, may belong as a unit, paying a single due.

This action was taken as this Club

has started two juvenile clubs which are in a healthy condition and our desire is to assist them as much as possible.

It was voted to endorse the A. P. S. nominations made by the Philadelphia Branch at their June 1st meeting. One of our members, J. E. Scott, is nominated for Treasurer and this Club wants to state that in event of his election the A. P. S. will have a very capable and trustworthy man. The other nominations comprise well-known names that have been tested and found true.

The leaving town of the efficient President, H. H. Prager, left a gap which was filled by the studious stamp student, Z. Dworkowski.

The C. P. S. of Detroit has 58 members and meets every first and third Saturday.

L. L. ALBRIGHT, Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

Are You Helping?

During these strenuous times, when every one and every thing tends to prove that "In Union There is Strength" it behooves each and every one of us, who have the good of our A. P. S. at heart and who want the Society to continue to be the one large and popular Society, to put our "Shoulder to the wheel" and boost for that "2000—1918".

No matter what others may say, we all know that there can only be ONE LEADER, and the known prestige that the A. P. S. has always had and will always keep can not be overcome by numbers only.

Most of our members belong to one or more of the younger Societies, but deep down in their heart each one holds The American Philatelic Society in reverence and love that will never be divided with any other, no matter what inducements may be offered. You who read this know it as well as I.

While I am only a young member, in comparison with some of you "Old Timers" and I belong to all the National Societies, still I know that I would do anything for the good of our A. P. S. in preference to the others, if it came to a choice of one.

This feeling alone should compensate for all the other visible inducements that the younger and inexperienced Societies can offer.

Why then should it be so hard to make others see and feel as you do, that the Father of all Societies must be the one society that can help their collections and their Philatelic Knowledge and this is the reason for Stamp Collecting?

The point is, As we can not change what is past, it is up to each and every one of the members of the A. P. S. to get that promised new member.

Dr. Davis will send you all the applications you will use and the labels "Are you a member" and "Are you helping" on the backs of each one of your letters will bring results. Try it.

I will cheerfully give any information and help that is in my power to those who are not now members, and who will ask for it.

Yours, for the good of the A. P. S. and for the good of Philately as a Whole,

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It is desired to list every member connected with any service branches of the Army and Navy and you are asked to send your name and rank to the Editor for inclusion in this list. The co-operation of all members is also asked in order to have this list complete. The list is intended to include both officers and enlisted members:

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SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

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The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

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No. 1.

Invoice of Delivery of Postage Stamps.

The following is herewith delivered to the royal Post according to requisition No. 1 of April 13, 1855:

Whole Sheets	Denominations	Total Value
3648 ½	4sk	60,808.16
964	8sk	32,133.16
240	24sk	24,000.00
1128 ½	3sk	14,106.12
588	6sk	14,700.00

6,569 whole shts Total Rdr. 145,747.44

As printers waste are also returned:

531 whole sheets of different values to a total value of 13,252.04

7,100 whole shts Total Rdr. 159,000.00
Stockholm, June 12, 1855

P. A. Sparre.

That the above mentioned 531 whole sheets of postage stamp paper of different values were returned by Count P. A. Sparre as printers waste, were counted by us and found correct and thereafter were burned in our presence is herewith acknowledged.

Stockholm, June 19, 1855.

Royal Post office.

Ludwig Strom. A. W. Lidmark.

Elof von Wernstedt.

Before closing this outline of Swed-

ish postal history it may be of interest to state that since the introduction of postage stamp in Sweden, King Oscar I reigned until 1859. His oldest son Charles XV reigned from 1859 to 1872 and died without male issue. According to the law of succession, the crown was bestowed upon Charles' younger brother Oscar, who under the name of Oscar II ruled from 1872 to 1907. Upon the death of Oscar II his oldest son became heir to the crown (Dec. 8, 1907) and is the present King Gustavus V.

THE MAKING OF THE POSTAGE STAMPS.

THE PRINTERS. As previously mentioned, the first contract for the manufacture of Swedish postage stamps was given to Count P. A. Sparre and had his personal attention from 1855 to 1861. In the latter year Count Sparre left Sweden and took up his residence in Paris where he was still living as late as 1908. As Sparre's representative, an auditor by the name of Scheutz had charge of the stamp printing up to 1869, and his son Eduard Scheutz, who was an engineer, printed the stamps under the Sparre contract during 1870 and 1871. In the latter year this contract was terminated and the Post Office Department looked around for another printer. October 21, 1871 a new contract was awarded

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to Pehr Olof Bagge who at that time was manager of the government bank note printing. The new contract became effective with the beginning of 1872. When P. O. Baggs died in February, 1873, the stamp contract was transferred to Jacob Bagge and on the latter's death in 1892, it was taken over by his estate. April 1, 1893 was the date of a new contract which was negotiated with the Jacob Bagge Bank Note Printery Company and under which all Swedish postage stamps have since then been printed. This contract has been renewed and is still in force.

THE PAPER USED for the Swedish postage stamps from 1855 to 1885 was furnished by the Tumba Paper Mills which were established in 1758 and belong to the Bank of Sweden. From 1885 to 1891, the stamp printers furnished the paper themselves, and most of it was obtained from foreign firms, especially Gebruder Haesch in Kreuzau bei Duren, Germany. The first delivery of paper from this firm was made February 13, 1886. Since 1891 all the stamp paper has been delivered by the oldest mills in Sweden, Klippans Paper Mills, which date back to 1573. The paper delivered by Tumba Mills had watermarks consisting of border lines and ornamental corner designs but these watermarks did not in any way touch or affect the stamps themselves. Three different types of these marginal watermarks are observed. In 1890, when the copper plate printing process was adopted, it was decided that the paper should be watermarked in such a way that every stamp would show a watermark consisting of a royal crown. During the life of the contract with Count Sparre, the Tumba paper, which was hand made, seems to have given entire satisfaction but the new contractor began to complain about the poor quality of the paper. The paper mills did all they could to remedy the alleged shortcomings but the complaints continued, stating that the sizing

of the paper was insufficient, that the paper was too thin, full of lumps, etc. Reading through the documents containing all these complaints one can not escape a suspicion that it was not so much the quality of the paper as the contractors' desire to furnish the paper himself which was back of it all. This suspicion seems to have been held by the authorities in the Post Office Department because at one time when a lot of paper had been declared unfit by contractor Bagge, the Department suggested that the paper be tested by P. A. Nyman the Stockholm bank note printer who had printed stamps for the Norwegian government on paper from Tumba mills. The suggestion met with such indignant opposition on the part of Bagge that it was dropped. Finally the Department became weary of all the complaints and decided that from the beginning of 1886 the contractor should furnish the paper for the ordinary postage stamps just as he had for the official stamps and the Postage Due stamps. For the purpose of proper control, the contractor had to deliver the paper to the Post Office Department where every sheet was printed with a number on one side and on the other side with 100 little posthorns so arranged that one post horn would be seen on the back of each stamp. This printing was done with blue ink and after the sheets had been thus treated they were turned over to the stamp printer for his work.

PRINTING PROCESSES. The two processes used for the printing of the Swedish postage stamps were surface printing or typography, and copper plate or recess printing. These processes will be referred to later on in connection with the respective stamp issues for which they were used.

THE PERFORATING. The Swedish stamps were issued perforated from the beginning. A perforating machine invented by Count Sparre seems to have first come into use in England in 1854.

The first machine used for the Swedish stamps was made in 1855 but where or by whom is not known. This machine perforated 14 i. e. fourteen teeth in a distance of 2 centimeters. It was used from 1855 to 1865 for the skilling banco stamps, the two local stamps and the stamps with the coat of arms design. Towards the end this machine became very worn making holes which were irregular ovals instead of circular. It is this circumstance which has caused statements to be printed, that the first issues of Swedish stamps were perforated 14 at top and bottom, and 13½ along the sides. This combination is also erroneously given in Scott's Standard Catalogue. The new perforating machine was made 1865 by M. A. Rundlof in Stockholm and was also of the 14 gauge. It was in use until the close of March 1877. This machine was superior to the one first used but became very worn as the years went by causing very ragged work. December 27, 1876 a new machine perforating 13 was ordered from Rundlof & Company in Stockholm. It was delivered and set

up for use April 6, 1877. A fourth machine was bought from the same firm October 1, 1877 and this was undoubtedly used for the Postage Due stamps while the other took care of the ordinary stamps.

For the official stamps M. A. Rundlof delivered a 14 gauge machine in the Fall of 1873 and this was in use until March 29, 1881 when a new machine perforating 13 replaced it. This machine was made by Oller & Co. in Stockholm. Later machines for the perforating of Official stamps were manufactured by Lundell & Holm in Stockholm.

For the gumming of the stamps a solution of pure gum arabic has generally been used, and since 1904 the gumming has been done with a special machine constructed for the purpose. In the beginning of 1890, when the price of gum was very high, a mixture of dextrine was employed, and stamp collectors who soak stamps from that period will easily recognize this substitute which swells up in water and has to be scraped off with a knife.

To be continued.

AN AUCTION FOR THE RED CROSS.

The following letter to the Editor is fully self explanatory. Mr. Kennedy thus offers you an opportunity to purchase a lot of philatelic literature at your own price, and at the same time every cent you pay for the papers will go to the American Red Cross as a contribution from the Society. Mr. Kennedy states there are about 150 pounds in the lot. Send bids to Editor direct to reach him by Sept. 10, 1917. **Bid Liberally.**

Washington C. H., Ohio,

July 14, 1917

Editor American Philatelist:

I have been a member of the A. P. S. for many years, as my number indicates—being number 908. During that time I have accumulated quite a quantity of stamp literature as follows:

Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, beginning with whole number 199—running continuously for several years and then a gap! a total of 603 numbers.

Weekly Philatelic Era, Nos. 125 to 547—297 numbers.

Philatelic Journal of America beginning with No. 108 continuous to 128; 11 num. in 1911-13, 60 numbers.

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American Philatelist and Year Books 237 miscellaneous stamp papers.

Make bids for these directly to the Editor of this Journal and he will notify the high bidder who will remit directly to him. This sum shall be forwarded to the American Red Cross as a contribution from the A. P. S. In this way I have nothing to do with it ex-

cept to properly box, address and deliver to the nearest R. R. Station.

If you are a collector of stamp literature here's your chance and thus aid a worthy cause also.

Respectfully,

FRANK M. KENNEDY,

A. P. S. #908.

Washington C. H., Ohio.

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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XXIV.—The Twelfth Issue.

The die for the new postage stamps, with portrait of King Christian IX., having arrived from Paris, plates were made and the work of printing commenced, and on November 10th, 1904, the forthcoming issue of the 10 ore was announced in an official circular as follows:—

The Post Offices are hereby informed that new 10 ore postage stamps for ordinary use have been introduced, color red, with portrait of H. M. the King.

A supply of these stamps will be sent shortly to all postoffices. They will be sold and entered in the accounts in the same manner as the ordinary 10 ore stamps at present in circulation.

The new stamps will completely replace the present stamps when the stocks of those stamps have been despatched to the postoffices, and when the existing stocks are exhausted. The ordinary 10 ore stamps at present in use will, after this date, remain equally available for postage until a later period.

In December of the same year a 20 ore with the king's portrait was placed on sale, while on September 1st, 1905, 25, 50 and 100 ore stamps of the same design were issued.

These stamps all show a three-quarter portrait of King Christian, with head to right, on a circular medallion with groundwork of vertical and horizontal lines. Across the top is "DAN-MARK", while across the bottom "ORE" is shown twice. Above these words, at the extreme left and right respectively are numerals of value on small circles while immediately below the portrait is a letter "C" enclosing the numeral "9", these, of course, meaning Christian IX.

The original die, as we have already stated, was engraved by Benjamin Daman, of Paris, from a drawing by Professor Hans Tegner, and the stamps were printed in Copenhagen in sheets of 200 divided into two panes of 100 each placed side by side. The paper has the usual crown watermark, while the perforation is a new one and gauges exactly 13.

General disappointment was expressed when these stamps appeared as the public expected something marvellous and had to be content with very mediocre productions.

Check List.

1904-5. Engraved. Wmk. Crown.

Perf. 13.

10 ore scarlet, red

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- 20 ore blue
- 25 ore brown
- 50 ore deep violet
- 100 ore brown-yellow

XXV.—The Thirteenth Issue.

In July 1905, some months before the three higher values of the portrait design appeared, a new 4 ore stamp was issued in the design submitted by Mr. J. Therschilsen in the competition of 1902. This design shows "DANMARK" in white letters on a ground of solid color below a Royal crown. In each of the upper corners is a Lion *passant* and at each side are shown the nine hearts which complete the Arms of the kingdom, a row of four being above the name and two rows (three and two respectively) below it. The design is completed by the indication of value in large numerals on a plain oval, with "POSTFRIMAERKE" across the bottom, and "ORE" and three wavy lines at each side just above. The three wavy lines are symbolical and represent the Danish straits, viz:—the Sound, the Great Belt and the Little Belt.

In November and December, 1905, 1, 2, 3, and 15 ore stamps of the same design were issued.

The original die was engraved by Mr. Ch. Danielsen and the stamps were surface printed from plates composed of 200 separate clichés, which were arranged in two panes of 100 each placed side by side. The paper showed the usual Crown watermark and the perforation was like that of the preceding issue.

Check list.

1905. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 13.

- 1 ore orange, orange-yellow.
- 2 ore carmine.
- 3 ore grey.
- 4 ore pale blue, dull blue, deep blue.
- 15 ore mauve.

XXVI.—The Fourteenth Issue.

The stamps of the portrait type were considered so unsatisfactory that a new die was ordered from Berlin. The ori-

ginal design was entirely redrawn and greatly improved. Mr. Hanciau gives several points by means of which the re-engraved stamps may be distinguished, viz:—

The lines of the background are wider apart; those inside the circle are oblique lines crossed, forming lozenges; the three hairs on the forehead of the 1904 type no longer exist; the forehead is covered with shading; there is no thick line of color at the commencement of the collar; the epaulet at left is white; the Star is not visible on the breast; there is a thick line of color all the way across below the ovals containing the numerals; the devices in the corners have two inner vertical lines, instead of three; finally the letter "C" in the centre below the head is almost completely closed.

The 5 ore in this re-engraved type was issued on November 10th 1905, while in May, 1906 the 10 ore also appeared. In consequence of the death of King Christian in January, 1906, no other values were issued in this type.

These two values were printed from plates of 200 like the stamps of 1904.

Check list.

1905-6. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 13.

- 5 ore pale green, deep green.
- 10 ore scarlet.

XXVII.—The Fifteenth Issue.

Although King Frederick VIII succeeded to the throne on January 29th, 1906, it was not until nearly a year later that stamps bearing his portrait made their appearance. The 20 ore was the first to appear, this being issued on February 1st, 1907, and it was followed by the others in the following order:—100 ore, Feb. 13th; 50 ore, March 1st; 10 ore, March 5th; 5 ore, March 9th; and, finally, the 25 ore on April 8th.

The design is on general lines very like that of the stamps it replaced, the centre being occupied by an almost full face portrait of the new King. Below

the portrait is the monogram "F R" with "VIII" below the die for this issue was engraved at the Imperial Printing Office in Berlin and the stamps were printed from line-engraved plates in Copenhagen in sheets of 200 arranged like the stamps of the last issue.

Check list.

1907. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 13.

- 5 ore green.
- 10 ore scarlet.
- 20 ore blue, bright blue, indigo.
- 25 ore sepia.
- 50 ore purple, lake.
- 100 ore orange-buff.

XXVIII.—The Sixteenth Issue.

A re-adjustment of postal rates in 1912 made 35 ore stamps necessary. A plate for this value in the design then current—portrait of King Frederick—

was prepared but in the interval, while the stamps were being printed, three provisionals of this value were issued. These consisted of the discarded 16 and 20 ore stamps of the 1896 and 1874 issues respectively surcharged "35 ORE" in two lines and the 32 ore stamp of the official series surcharged in a similar manner and, in addition "FRIMAERKE" at the base. On the postage stamps the surcharges were in dark blue and on the official stamp black ink was used.

Check list.

1912. Surcharged with new values.

- 35 ore in dark blue on 16 ore slate and brown.
- 35 ore in dark blue on 20 ore rose and gray.
- 35 ore in black on 32 ore green official stamp.

(To be continued.)

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

AN A. P. S. RED CROSS STAMP.

The Springfield, Mass., Branch No. 28 has proposed that the A. P. S. "adopt the idea of the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie and issue a series of six poster stamps, the entire net proceeds from the sale of which to be given to the American Red Cross."

"It is our idea and suggestion that the A. P. S. sanction and finance the project and so 'do its bit.' The initial expense will be comparatively small compared with the receipts bound to pour in, as proved by the experience of the French society. It is our suggestion that each Branch of the A. P. S. be given a certain number of stamps and place them on public sale. We believe that many people will use them on their letters as they do the Red Cross Christmas stamps. Where there are no branch societies, individual members surely will be patriotic enough to help along such a worthy cause by placing these stamps

where they will find a ready sale. Our idea is that the stamps be printed in six separate colors, the set of six to sell for 25 cents or one stamp for 5 cents."

The project was brought before the Board of Directors and a unanimous vote was passed in favor of it. As a consequence President Howes has appointed the following Committee to take charge of the project:—John W. Prevost, chairman; J. Brewer Corcoran, Robt. C. Munroe, William C. Stone and Harry G. Kilston.

Doubtless the committee will have some sort of a preliminary report to present to the Convention and meanwhile ideas and suggestions from anyone are desired and will be appreciated. It is hoped that everyone will assist this humanitarian project in every way possible. Let us not fall behind our British and French philatelic brethren in rolling up funds for the helping of our wounded. H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

WAR AND PHILATELY. Our Secretary has recently received a resignation from a member who stated as the cause for his act that he was liable for military duty.

To serve one's country has ever been considered a privilege of the patriot and as such no one should feel it a duty for him to sever any other ties or associations he may have. To the contrary,

one who enters the service of his country during such times of stress as we now know, should be honored for his performance of duty.

The American Philatelic Society is proud of its "Roll of Honor" and of every name inscribed on it. Undoubtedly this Roll will grow greatly in the months to come, and our measure of pride will be the same for the member who has only to shoulder a gun as for the one of high rank. Both are serving the same cause. Both are upholding the honor of our country and we are just as anxious to keep one on our membership list as the other.

We want no member to sever his relations with the Society on such grounds. We are anxious that the A. P. S. shall have among its members a goodly number of those who shall have, when the Great War comes to an end, helped Civilization and Humanity cleanse the Earth and make it a fit place for Peace and Good Will, and International Friendship and Universal Brotherhood, to live and where all nations may gather in Harmony.

HELP THE RED CROSS. Thanks to Mr. Frank M. Kennedy, you are in this issue given an opportunity to assist the Red Cross by bidding liberally on the literature offered. We hope the responses will be many and that a good price may be thus realized.

The Editor will gladly undertake similar methods of assisting the Red Cross, and welcome the chance to offer any lots of stamps or literature if the proceeds may be devoted to this cause.

In this connection we are glad to call the attention of members to the official notice on another page concerning a proposed A. P. S. Red Cross War Fund, to be collected through the issue of a stamp similar in character to that of the Societe Francaise de Timbrologie, which doubtless many of our readers already possess. The handsome series of the

"2000—1917."

"Sword of Justice" stamp issued in England for a like purpose has served to swell the Red Cross fund there. Thousands of our American collectors have purchased both these French and British issues: is there any doubt that many times the number will purchase our own series? And the latter may lead many more of us to purchase the former and thus swell the funds in the Allies' hands—for it is all for the same humanitarian use.

DUTY AND SERVICE. Under the heading announcements is made of the publication of the letters of Capt. L. W. Crouch, written

from the time of mobilisation, August 4, 1914, to the date of his death in action, July 21, 1916. Capt. Crouch was a prominent member of the Junior Philatelic Society and a philatelic writer of more than usual force. He served in the Oxford and Bucks Light Infantry and met his death in the Battle of the Somme. Those who have read any of Capt. Crouch's contributions to the press, can readily appreciate that the forthcoming book will glow with interest and give us an intimate pen-picture of the life of thousands of our English and French brothers-in-arms, which life many, many, of our own young men may soon face.

WE WILL BE THERE.

The following expect to be present at the Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay.

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Durland, Albert O., 1242 S. 1st St., Evansville, Ind.; Age 46; Stamp dealer; Reference: Dr. Chas. V. Ingle, Evansville, Ind.; Proposed by Henry J. Howlett, # 2009.

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Kirkwood, Henry A., 113 Dongan St., West New Brighton, N. Y.; Age 36; Asst. Sales Mgr., C. W. Hunt Co. Inc., W. New Brighton, N. Y.; Reference: Richmond Savings Bank, W. New Brighton, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, # 1925.

Robey, Wm. T., Care of W. B. Hibbs Co., Washington, D. C.; Age 28; Asst. Cashr., W. B. Hibbs Co.; Reference: W. B. Hibbs Co., Washington, D. C.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.

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2148 Voigt, Wm., 1075 26th St., Milwaukee, Wis.

2864 Borgmann, H. A., 2302 Salisbury St., St. Louis, Mo.

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3759 Lazos, Louis, U. S. Naval Hospital, Las Animas, Colo.

4216 Black, Geo., Box 1072, Valparaiso, Chili.

4548 Haelen, Th. Van, Tjitjendo St., Bandoeng, Java, D. E. I.

Corrections.

22nd Report of Secretary: The application of Slater, W. H., should have read, "Proposed by R. M. Brookfield, Jr., #4947."

Membership List: Page 9, under Branch Societies, cross out 1775 Chicago Branch No. 1.

3166 Columbus Collectors Club, Branch No. 21.

These Branches were dropped for non-payment of dues April 1st, and were included in List thru error.

Page 10 Add Rochester Philatelic Association, Branch #41, Harvey J. Haddleton, Secy., 87 Shelter St., Rochester, N. Y. Meets 4th Wednesdays.

Change of Address.

4763 Ewing, Howard, from Los Angeles to Napa, Calif., Box 120.

1529 Moffat, Frank D. from 181 Keap

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4998 Perkins, Glen W., from Los Angeles to Box 893, Fontana, Calif.

4711 Ploch, C. A., from 1133 Reid Pl., to 3630 Coliseum Ave., Indpls., Ind.

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4814 Thoma, Ernest Elwood, from Cleveland to 193 W. Exchange St. Akron, Ohio.

4820 Young, Jas. H. from 403 Standard Theatre Bldg., to 402 Electric Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.

1925 Davis, H. A. from Colorado Springs to Box 613, Denver, Colo.

2222 Malder, W. F. van, from 354 Washington St. to 77 Harvard St. Suite 2, Dorchester, Mass.

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Editor American Philatelist:

I have received two interesting letters regarding my article on the stamps of Denmark, and as the information conveyed therein is probably new to most of your readers, you will, I have no doubt, be able to find space for this letter in an early issue of the American Philatelist.

Mr. Nils Strandell, the well known Swedist philatelist, tells me that there are two very interesting varieties of the first 2 rbs. stamps. In one of these the burelage is printed from an engraved plate and in the other it is typographed. The former is the scarcer of the two and is easily recognized, Mr. Strandell says, especially in used specimens where the obliterating ink has an uneven surface owing to the engraved burelage. Mr. Strandell also points out an interesting face, which I believe is already known to several specialists in this country, and that is on the figure issues of 1870-71 (in skilling currency) and 1874-9 (in ore currency) some of the frames come inverted. Practically all values exist thus and I believe in some denominations the inverted frames are commoner than the normal ones. The design of the frame is not quite identical in all four corners, but the difference is so slight that the printer never bothered to be particularly careful which way these clichés were set. A study of these differences would probably result in a number of interesting discoveries.

Mr. Edgar L. Green, of Philadelphia, writes: "In regard to the Eighth issue, in describing the difference between the original and re-engraved types, you omit what in my opinion is the most distinct difference. In the original, the oval

containing the description does not touch the outer frame line by at least $\frac{1}{4}$ mm., whereas in the re-engraved type this oval nearly touches, and in some cases does touch, the outer frame."

Mr. Green also states that in addition to the 20 ore with the two types *se tenant*, Kohl lists the 10 ore also and of the latter he has a pair in his collection. Your very truly,

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Notes on the Postage Stamps of Great Britain.

By G. RUDORF, Ph. D., B. Sc.

Reprinted from "Stamp Collecting."

4.—THE PLATES OF THE TWO PENCE BLUE.

For the Two Pence blue, fifteen plates in all were made, thirteen of which were used. The first issue, imperf. on Small Crown paper, consisted of two plates, Nos. 1 and 2, which are not easy to distinguish from one another. On this account, and also on account of the cost of these stamps, their plating is a task which only he with a deep pocket can readily undertake.

Most of the stamps with red Maltese Cross postmark belong to Plate 1, which was never hardened, and the impressions therefrom have a different appearance

from those of Plate 2. There is a light blue shade, which is quite peculiar to Plate 1, and a very beautiful dark blue shade peculiar to Plate 2 and almost identical with that of the first printings from Plate 3 of the new issue. This new issue is distinguished by the addition of white lines under postage and over two pence, on which account the first issue is generally known as the "Two Pence, no lines."

The second issue also consists of two plates, Nos. 3 and 4, which are comparatively easy to distinguish. The first printings from Plate 3 were in very dark blue ink, which did not "blue" the pa-

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per to the same extent as the ink used subsequently. The dark shade is found only in stamps from Plate 3, to which plate belong also all copies with Maltese Cross postmark or showing guide lines. There are also some well marked differences in the corner lettering. In Plate 3 the O is oval, the A is open at the top, the J has a wide foot, and the P has a clear top; while on Plate 4 the O is round, the top of the A is filled in with colour, the J has a narrow foot, and the P is nearly always blurred. Stamps with the right-hand frame line partially or wholly strengthened and those having a thick foot to the P in "Pence," are all from Plate 4. This thick foot I have myself noticed in stamps lettered OA, QA, LA; QC; EG, GG, OG, RG; BK, CK, OK; PI; and there are doubtless others. The corner lettering in the case of Plate 3 is usually straight and well centered. In the case of Plate 4, the letters are nearly always crooked or otherwise misplaced. With horizontal strips, each stamp has, in the case of Plate 4, usually a tendency to be lower than its left-hand neighbour. Full particulars of the differences between these two plates were given by S. C. Skipton in No. 7 of Ewen's English Specialists' Journal.

While Plate 4 was at press, perforation was introduced and most of the stamps on Small Crown paper, perf. 16 or 14, are from Plate 4. Copies from Plate 5 exist, but are difficult to find. They are readily distinguished from those of Plate 4 by the corner lettering, which is larger, and corresponds to that of the 1d. plates from No. 132 inwards. Gibbons does not price Plate 5 in Small Crown paper. Morley, in 1897, priced the two plates as follows:—Perf. 16: Plate 4, 2s. 6d.; Plate 5, 5s. Perf. 14: Plate 4, 7s. 6d.; Plate 5, 5s.—i. e. in the case of the 14 perforation; Plate 5 cheaper than Plate 4, although copies from Plate 5 are without doubt, very much scarcer than those from Plate 4.

Plate 5 was not put to press until very

shortly before the paper was changed from Small Crown to Large Crown, and in this latter paper we have also Plate 6. Both perforations exist in Large Crown paper, but that gauging 16 is much scarcer than that gauging 14, and of the stamps gauging 16 those from Plate 5 are more plentiful than those from Plate 6. The two plates may be distinguished by the white lines, which are thinner on Plate 6 than on Plate 5. There are, at the bottom of the engine-turned background, just above the white line, four white triangular marks. These marks, on Plate 5, run into the white line, whereas on Plate 6 they are just above it. In addition, there is a difference in the shape of the corner letters, which are fuller on Plate 6 than on Plate 5, and this difference is particularly noticeable in the case of the letters B, C, D, G, O, P, Q, and R.

The remaining plates, 7 to 9 and 12 to 15, have the plate number in each stamp, so that there is no difficulty in separating them from each other. Plates 10 and 11 were badly laid down, and not used.

In conclusion, I append a table giving various particulars concerning all the plates, the data for which has been taken from British Isles and Vol. I of the British Philatelist:—

1	2.5.40	S.C.	Imperf.	1.6.40	19,500
2	31.7.40	S.C.	Imperf.	—	9,100
3	25.2.41	S.C.	Imperf.	16.11.42	191,000
4	6.12.49	S.C.	Imperf.	—	192,000
4	ditto	S.C.	16	5.4.54	} 58,000
4	ditto	S.C.	14	4.3.55	
5	8.6.55	S.C.	16	?	} 81,000
5	ditto	S.C.	14	26.6.55	
5	ditto	L.C.	14	20.7.55	
5	ditto	L.C.	16	14.8.55	} 42,500
6	12.2.57	L.C.	14	2.7.57	
6	ditto	L.C.	16	1.3.58	
7	11.6.58	L.C.	14	8.10.58	40,000
8	7.7.59	L.C.	14	10.12.59	66,000
9	14.3.61	L.C.	14	14.5.61	383,500
12	1.1.68	L.C.	14	22.12.68	30,600
13	31.3.69	L.C.	14	1.7.69	125,000
14	24.4.71	L.C.	14	29.2.72	?
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Application for Reinstatement Pending.

1809 Loeb, William.

Applications Posted.

Chancellor, Arthur C. care Trego Motors Corp., Fox & Ferry Streets, New Haven, Conn.; Age 22; Draughtsman; References: Morris Engineering Company, Springfield, Mass., The Mechanics Bank, New Haven, Conn.; Proposed by William C. Stone, # 49.
 Heym, William, 1486 Lincoln Avenue, Lakewood, O.; Age 42; Litho-Artist Supt.) J. D. Ryan Litho Co.; References: Phillips & Co., Glastonbury, Conn., Scott Stamp & Coin Co., New York; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, # 38.
 Sampson, Orville H., 82 East Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Ill.; Age 32; Optometrist; Oliver Coe & Co.; References: C. E. Severn, Oxford Building, Chicago, Ill., Morris T. Rothchild, State & Jackson St., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Fred Michael, # 938.

Mackie, William H., care Minnesota Utilities Co., Bovey, Minn.; Age 29; Manager; References: J. E. Guest, Minneapolis, Minn.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR RED CROSS STAMP Announcement of the plans looking to the issuance of an A. P. S. Red Cross Stamp was laid before our members in the issue for August 15 and while it is still too early to be able to publish definite information concerning this matter, yet it is one to which every stamp collector in this country

should be willing to contribute by the purchase of a set of the stamps, or at least one of them. We will thus have an opportunity to help in a great cause and we should not fail to recognize the vast good which is being accomplished by the Red Cross in these days of War. It is a real duty we owe to those of our country's men who will face death in humanity's fight to make sure that such suffering as can be alleviated through Red Cross sources be not restricted for lack of funds. The sale of the proposed stamps, if it is attended with as much success as similar enterprises in England, and there is every reason to expect greater results, should be the means of raising an appreciable amount for this purpose in view.

U. S. STAMPS IN SWEDEN The stamps of our country are popular wherever there are collectors and thanks to our International Secretary, the collectors of Sweden will have access to a work on this subject, as the June number of the Swedish Philatelic Journal has the following to say: "Our associate, Professor L. Harald Kjellstedt, has started for this journal a comprehensive treatise on the postage stamps of the United States. As chief source of information he uses, with the kind permission of its author, the recent work on United States stamps by Mr. Eustace B. Power,—who is one of the foremost authorities on the subject and his information is based on actual experience."

The same number of the Swedish publication contains the first installment of six columns of Mr. Kjellstedt's compilation of data on the postage issues of our country. This is the first time that a work on our postage stamps appears in the Swedish language and much credit is due Mr. Kjellstedt for placing such works before the collectors of that country.

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OUR NEW OFFICERS While none of those recently elected members of the Board of Directors of our Society need any introduction, yet we feel it proper to make a few remarks.

Mr. J. W. Scott, our new President is so well known to American Collectors that we really have nothing to say, except that we are glad Philately can bestow a little honor upon him by having him as the head of the A. P. S. Mr. Scott's work among collectors entitles him to the high esteem in which he is held.

Our Board of Vice-Presidents is now located in Omaha, of these Dr. Wherry has been in "harness" before, serving

two years as our Treasurer during the years of 1909-10 and 1910-11. Messrs. Whipple and Parmelee are well known dealers and are held in high regard.

Our money stays in Detroit, Mr. J. E. Scott, of that city, becoming the new Treasurer. Mr. Scott is a collector and has a lot of friends.

The Society has always been fortunate in having men who could direct its workings, men who have given freely of their time and talents to the good of the A. P. S. and we feel confident that, as now and in the past, the time will ever be when men can be found who will carry on the work so well begun thirty-one years ago.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Statement to August 1st, 1917.

Stock Fund.	
Balance	\$4722.66
Receipts	18.00
	<u>\$4740.66</u>

General Fund.	
Balance	\$1245.78
Expenditures	178.92
Receipts	14.30
	<u>164.62</u>
	\$1081.16

Insurance Fund.	
Balance	\$1875.18

Exchange Account.	
Balance	\$2.35

Suspense Account.

Balance	\$50.05
	<u>\$7749.40</u>

American Philatelist Account.

Dr.	\$1103.97		
Expenditures	113.87		
Receipts	36.63	77.24	\$1181.21
			<u>\$6568.19</u>

Resources.

Bonds	\$3489.34		
Cash	3078.85		\$6568.19
			<u>\$6568.19</u>

C. F. HEYERMAN, Treasurer.

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Changes of Address.

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 4546 Wiggins, Joseph G., from 302 E. Charlton St., to 615 West 37th St.

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3968 Willcox, H. T., from Jewett City, Conn. to 224 Halsted St., East Orange, N. J.

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Reinstated	1
	<u>19</u>
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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By the International Secretary.

- REVISTA de la SOCIEDAD FILATELICA ARGENTINA, Vol. XXI Nos. 2 and 3, March-April and May-June, 1917. Published by the Philatelic Society of Argentine at Buenos Aires.
- SVENSK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT Vol. XVIII, Nos. 4, 5 and 6, April 15, May 15 and June 15, 1917. Published at Stockholm by the Philatelic Society of Sweden.
- MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX Nos. 220 and 6, May and June, 1917. Published at Madrid by Miguel Galvez Jimenez.
- THE JOURNAL of the PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY, Vol. X No. 3, July, 1917. Published at London, England.
- DE POSTZEGELGIDS, Vol. XX No. 5, June, 1917. Published at Hilversum, Holland, by Mr. J. C. Auf der Heide.

BY THE EDITOR.

In order to keep this list within the shortest space possible, the name and address of publisher is omitted, but the Editor will gladly supply any information about any of the publications mentioned upon request.

- PHILATELIC GOSSIP, Vol. III, Nos. 11 and 12, July and August, 1917. Always out on time and while these issues have no art articles of permanent value, yet both are full of very interesting reading and decidedly newsy nature.
- THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 7, July, 1917. Nothing of special moment except an article on Count von Ferrary.
- THE ILLINOIS PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 1, August 1, 1917. Another aspirant for philatelic honors.
- THE PHILATELIC SUN, Vol. 2 No. 6, June-July, 1917.
- NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI No. 9, July 20, 1917. In every issue of this little house organ some stamp-issuing country is written up, and this time Malta receives attention. The method of treatment in these articles is not scientific or an attempt to cover the subject from a specialist's point of view, but they are written in a style that is both interesting and instructive.
- THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 7, July, 1917. A journal well worthy of preservation for present and future reference. The current number covers a wide range of articles, among them we might mention "Recent Forgeries of the Stamps of Salvador," "The War Stamps of South Africa," "McAllisters One Cent Medicine Stamp," and continuation of the work on United States Local Stamps and the list of the Government Collection.
- LINN'S STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. I No. 8, July, 1917.
- THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 9, July 30, 1917. Not up to the usual standard of issues of this journal.
- THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VIII No. 1, August, 1917. "The History of the 1894 Issue of Bolivia" will interest collectors of that country. A great deal of newsy matter makes up the remainder of the issue before us.
- THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4, No. 11.
- NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI. No. 10, August 20, 1917. United States Revenue Stamps comes in for attention this month, being written up in the customary style. Much of real interest and value is to be learned from the short article.
- THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. 2 No. 5, August 10, 1917. Of special interest to the collector of precancels, but other items of news help to make the S. H. of wider appeal.

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THE NATIONAL PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 7, July 15, 1917. Official organ of the National Philatelic Society, now numbering 503 members.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VIII Nos. 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 1917. Six readable and interesting numbers of decidedly newsy nature.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No. 77, July 1, 1917. "New Zealand First Type Stamps" forms the principal article. This same article, written by Mr. C. L. Pack, appears in three other foreign magazines.

HET PHILATELISTISH MAANDBLAD, Vol. 6 No. 65, May 16, 1917.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XX No. 1, July 1917. Good value, but hardly up to previous numbers, yet there is plenty of news items such as give us a word picture of current events.

O ECHO PHILATELICO, Vol. II No. 24, May 1917. The first number of this publication to reach us.

EL PHILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol. XVII, No. 177, May 1917.

THE BRITISH GUIANA PHILATELIC JOURNAL, No. 22, June 1917. This journal is issued but once every six months and every visit makes us wish it came oftener. "The Re-

prints of British Guiana," which we shall reprint in our journal in the near future, and "Aspects of Stamp Collecting", form the principal original matter, but other short items make up an issue of credit to the publishers. The British Guiana Philatelic Society.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 161, July, 1917. An article on the War stamps of the Cayman Islands will prove of interest to those who collect these stamps.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Vol. XXVII Nos. 318, 319 and 320, June 1, July 1, and August 1, 1917. "Notes on Early South Australians" and the conclusion of "The Stamps of Alsace-Lorraine" take up the greater portion of the June issue; "Pigeon Posts in War and Peace" and an interesting Review are to be found in the July number, while the August copy contains among other matter of more than passing interest "An Unrecorded Variety of Queensland."

THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. X No. 1-2, June-July, 1917. The principal article is an account, well illustrated, on "The London Postal District, 1677-1917."

A PHILATELIC SECTION.

For the New York Public Library.

The following letter from Mr. Gordon Ireland to our Secretary is really self-explanatory but the public spirited action of Mr. Ireland deserves more than passing comment. He has thus founded what we sincerely hope will prove to be at least the beginning of a very important accumulation of philatelic works and since this will be available to such a large number of collectors, we hope that many of them will assist in this project. We will gladly publish a complete list of this portion of the library when we can obtain it.—Ed.

July 10, 1917.

Dr. H. A. Davis, Secretary.

125 No. Tejon Street,

Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Davis:

In connection with my pending departure with the Signal Corps of the N. Y. National Guard of which I have been for some time an officer, I have been straightening out and cleaning up a little of my personal affairs. I have brought together a considerable portion of the mass of philatelic literature which I have collected since 1893 by subscriptions as well as by exchanges when I was Review Editor for Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News and other periodicals.

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and presented the whole to the New York Public Library, with a promise of more to follow when possible. Although I am aware, of course, that the Society's literature is housed at Pittsburg, it seemed to me as well, I think, as to other New York collectors, that not only should the Library of the largest city in the country be better supplied than it has been with the literature of our hobby, but that publications available here were likely to be of really greater use than in any other city. The Library, at Fifth Avenue and 42nd St., is, as you probably know, free; and its privileges can be obtained upon reasonable application by transients and non-residents. Accordingly, it would be a satisfaction to myself as well as to the Library authorities if it could be made known to our membership as well as to other philatelists who might from time to time pass through our city, that there is the beginning at least of a philatelic library collection, catalogued and available here. Besides a great mass of incomplete and unbound files of num-

erous periodicals, a complete list of which will be available later, there are on hand at present, bound volumes, among others, as follows:

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- Philatelic Journal of America, Vols. 1-14 inclusive.
- Weekly Philatelic Era, Vols. 11-18 inclusive.
- Scott's (Annual) Catalogue, 1895-1898, 1900-1905, 1910-1912, and 1914-1916.

Further donations to fill gaps or complete series will be more than welcome at any time. Very truly yours,

GORDON IRELAND.

A. P. S. # 403.

OUR REVIEW.

By THE EDITOR.

THE WAR STAMPS OF MEXICO, by George Ward Linn. The literature on these stamps is becoming quite voluminous and we do not wonder at this when we see the great number of issues, note how many varying opinions are expressed regarding numerous points and realize under what abnormal conditions the greater portion of the stamps were produced. In an attractive book of 88 pages, Mr. Linn gives his opinion regarding these issues, his writings being based on his experiences as a collector and student of the stamps. The volume abounds in illustrations and there is an excellent check list at the end.

No attempt has been made by the author to list the various hand-stamped surcharges.

The book is well written and will be welcomed by those interested in these issues for the information given. Of course the great detail which marked Mr. Linn's recent book on the White and Green Seal stamps of Sonora could not be followed in the present volume, but with the check list, the subject is treated in a manner which will satisfy the average specialist.

Mr. Linn has been closely following the issue of these stamps since the philatelic troubles of Mexico began and there is perhaps no one better qualified to write on the subject. The book should not be missed by those who collect these issues.

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ROLL OF HONOR.

It is desired to list every member connected with any service branches of the Army and Navy and you are asked to send your name and rank to the Editor for inclusion in this list. The co-operation of all members is also asked in order to have this list complete. The list is intended to include both officers and enlisted members.

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REGULAR ISSUES 1847-1910.

by
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ISSUE OF 1847.

Authorized by an Act of Congress approved March 3rd, 1847.

Issued July 1st, 1847.

Demonetized, July 1st, 1851.

Line engraved on steel.

Paper: On thin bluish machine made wove paper.

Imperforate.

Gum: Thin, nearly colorless.

Engraved and printed by Rawdon, Wright, Hatch & Edson at New York City.

Size of design 18x23 mm.

1 5c (Light Brown)

Number printed 4,400,000, of which about 3,598,900 were used, that is, issued to the public and not redeemed.

Description. Head of Franklin, $\frac{3}{4}$ L., after painting by James Barton Longacre, on oval background. "POST OFFICE" above, "FIVE CENTS" below. In the upper corners are the letters "U" and "S" and in each of the lower corners a figure "5".

Shades (approximately in order of issue.)

- a: Orange-brown.
- b: Bright orange-brown.
- c: Dark brown.
- d: Black-brown.
- e: Dark reddish-brown.
- f: Reddish-brown.
- g: Bright reddish-brown.
- h: Grayish-brown.
- i: Dark grayish-brown.
- j: Dark olive-brown.

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- k: Orange.
- l: Brownish-orange.
- m: Deep brownish-orange.
- n: Dark brownish-orange.
 - aa: Shifted transfer. Double frame line at top.
 - bb: Shifted transfer. Double frame line, top and bottom.
 - cc: Variety—Dot of color in "S" of "U. S."
 - dd: Worn plate impression.
 - ee: Stitch watermark.
 - ff: White paper. (Probably not printed on white paper, but due to subsequent action of the gum.)
 - gg: Used from Canada to The United States.

2 10c (Black)

Number printed 1,050,000, of which about 863,800 were used—that is, issued to the public and not redeemed.

Description. Head of Washington, $\frac{3}{4}$ R., after the painting by Gilbert Stuart, on an oval background. "POST OFFICE" above, and "TEN CENTS" below. In the upper corners are the letters "U" and "S" and in each of the lower corners a Roman numeral "X".

Shades:

- a: Black.
- b: Grayish-black.
- c: Full or intense black.
- d: Deep greenish-black.
- e: Dusky bluish-black.
 - aa: Shifted transfers. Shifted to the left and slightly downward. Line running from the NE to the SW in the right "X".
 - bb: Shifted directly upward. "POST OFFICE" distinctly doubled.
 - cc: Shifted downward and to the left. Line running from the NW to the SE in the right "X".
 - dd: Shifted to the left and slightly downward. Bottom frame line distinctly doubled.
 - ee: Copies showing recutting of the frame lines. (Many variations.)
 - ff: Copies showing the center of the top of the design to be faint. (Probably due to carelessness in "cleaning up" the plate.)
 - gg: Stitch watermark.
 - hh: White paper. (Probably not printed on white paper, but due to subsequent action of the gum.)
 - ii: Bisect. Used as 5c.) Vertical.
 - jj: Bisect. (Used as 5c.) Horizontal.
 - kk: Bisect. (Used as 5c.) Diagonal, (from corner to corner.)
 - ll: Bisect. (Used as 5c.) Semi-diagonal (not from corner to corner.)
 - mm: Used from Canada to The United States.

GOVERNMENT IMITATIONS.

Line engraved on steel.

Paper: On medium bluish machine-made wove paper.

"2000—1917."

Imperforate.

Without gum.

Engraved and printed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing at Washington, D. C.

Sold at face value, and only by the Third Assistant Postmaster General at Washington, D. C.

Never available for postage.

Withdrawn from sale July 15th, 1884.

R1 5c

First sold about March 27th, 1875.

Number printed, 11,450.

Number sold, 4,779.

Size of design $18\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (Varies slightly. May be the same size as the originals.)

Shades:

a: Pale red-brown.

b: Red-brown.

c: Dark red-brown.

d: Deep red-brown.

e: Brown.

f: Dark grey-brown.

g: Yellowish-brown.

R2 10c

First sold about March 27th, 1875.

Number printed, 10,000.

Number sold, 3,883.

Size of design $18\frac{1}{2} \times 22\frac{1}{2}$ mm. (Slightly wider and not so tall as the originals.)

Shades:

a: Black—2 or 3 very slight shades.

NOTE: The Government Imitations differ from the originals as follows:—

The letters R. W. H. & E. at the bottom of both the five and ten cent stamps are less distinct on the imitations than on the originals.

5ct. On the originals the left side of the white shirt frill touches the oval on a level with the top of the F of FIVE. On the imitations it touches the oval about on a level with the top of the figure 5.

10ct. On the imitations the eyes have a sleepy look, the line of the mouth is straighter, and in the curl of the hair near the left cheek is a strong black dot, while the originals have only a faint one.

The Authors are anxious to receive suggestions and information regarding varieties not listed, or in fact anything that will throw light on the subject matter treated. They will be glad to give any further information they can, but wish to state that stamps must not be sent them for examination or for classification until previous definite arrangements have been made.

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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF DENMARK.

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE.

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XXIX.—The Seventeenth Issue.

The provisionals described in the last chapter had but a short life when they were superseded by the regular 35 ore stamp in the design showing portrait of King Frederick. This stamp is exactly like the others of the series and was printed in a similar manner and shows the usual Crown watermark.

In the same year (1912) the 5, 10 and 20 ore values, which were the ones in most general use, were issued in the same design as the 1 to 4 ore denominations. These stamps were surface printed instead of being line-engraved so that a considerable saving resulted by the change.

Shortly afterwards the set was enriched by the addition of a 5 kroner stamp. This is of extra large size and shows as a centerpiece the handsome General Post Office building at Copenhagen. The plate for this value was line-engraved, and as the stamps were twice as large as the lower values each shows two crowns as a watermark.

Check list.

1912. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 13.

- 5 ore deep green
- 10 ore deep rose
- 20 ore dark blue
- 35 ore orange
- 5 kr. deep red

XX.—The Eighteenth Issue.

The death of King Frederick and accession of his eldest son as King Christian X resulted in another new issue in 1913. There were two designs—one for the ore values and the other for the kroner denominations. The design for the ore stamps shows a profile portrait of King Christian looking to right on a ground of horizontal lines

within an oval band inscribed "DANMARK" at top and "ORE" at bottom. At the sides is a floriate pattern, discs containing numerals are in the lower corners, and in each of the upper angles is a letter "C" containing an "X" surmounted by a Royal crown. The kroner values are slightly different the king's portrait being within a circle inscribed "DANMARK" at top and filled with floral ornamentation elsewhere. The value is shown in a straight line at foot and the Royal cypher is shown in each of the upper angles as on the lower denominations. The ore values were surface-printed and the higher ones recess-printed by Messrs. Thiele and Co., of Copenhagen. A new paper was used for this series watermarked multiple crosses, and a new perforation gauging 14 x 14½ was also used. The 5 and 10 ore values were the first to appear these being placed on sale on October 1st, 1913, while most of the other values were on sale in November. Shortly afterwards the 1, 2, 3 and 4 ore stamps in the design of 1905 were issued on the new watermarked paper. The 5 kr. was also issued on this paper in 1915 and about the same time a new value—80 ore—made its appearance.

Check list.

1913-15. Wmk. Multiple crosses. Perf. 14x14½.

- 1 ore orange
- 2 ore carmine
- 3 ore grey
- 4 ore blue
- 5 ore yellow green
- 10 ore red
- 15 ore violet
- 20 ore deep blue
- 25 ore dark brown

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35 ore orange
 50 ore claret
 80 ore blue green
 1kr. yellow brown
 2kr. gray
 5kr. deep red

XXI.—The Nineteenth Issue.

Prior to the issue of the 80 ore of the current type two provisionals of this value were issued. These were similar in type to the surcharges of 1912. In one case some of the old 12 ore stamps of 1896 were overprinted and in the other some of the 8 ore official stamps were converted to ordinary use by means of a surcharge.

Check list.

1915. Surcharged with new values in black.

80 ore on 12 ore slate and dull lake
 80 ore on 8 ore carmine official stamp

XXII.—The Newspaper Stamps.

On October 1st 1907 a special series of stamps was issued for the payment of postage (and possibly also of price) of newspapers sent to persons who were not regular subscribers to those papers. In Denmark and some other European countries papers may be subscribed for through the post-office and these are delivered to subscribers unstamped. Whether these special stamps were actually placed on papers sent to non-subscribers on a special form of some kind indicating that payment was to be collected is not quite clear. These stamps show large numerals on a solid ground of color in the centre with "AVISPORTO" at the top and "MAERKE" at the base. The design was submitted by Mr. C. Hagen in the competition of 1902 and was then awarded second prize. It was purchased by the Government for 300 crowns and the engraver, Mr. Ch. Danielsen, altered the inscriptions of the original design to conform to the special usage of the stamps. They were surface printed in

sheets of 100 the first series being on the paper watermarked Crown, while a later edition, started in 1915, is on the multiple crosses paper of the current series.

Check list.

Oct. 1st, 1907. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½, 13.

1 ore olive
 5 ore blue
 7 ore carmine
 10 ore violet
 20 ore green
 38 ore orange
 68 ore yellow brown
 1kr. blue-green and claret.
 2kr. rose and yellow green
 5kr. bistre and blue

1915. Wmk. Multiple Crosses. Perf. 14x14½.

1 ore olive grey
 5 ore blue
 7 ore rose
 8 ore green
 10 ore violet
 29 ore orange
 41 ore yellow-brown
 1kr. blue-green and maroon

XXIII.—The Official Stamps.

The introduction of official stamps in Denmark was announced by a Postal Circular dated March 30th, 1871, which stated the stamps would come into use on the following first day of April. The design, which has remained unaltered to the present day except as regards the change of currency from skilling to ore, shows the Royal Arms (three Lions passant) on a shield surmounted by a crown, within an oval of solid color. This is enclosed within a rectangular frame inscribed "TJENESTE" at left, "POST" at top, "FRIMAERKE" at right, and the value at bottom. The first values issued were the 2, 4 and 16 skilling all three of which are found imperforate and they were also reprinted in 1886 with the ordinary stamps. The reprints are, however, at once

identified by the fact that they were printed on unwatermarked paper. There were several changes of perforation and one of watermark as shown in the following list.

The die was engraved on steel by Mr. Ph. Batz and the stamps were surface printed in sheets of one hundred.

Check list.

1871. Wmk. Crown. Perf. 14x13½.

2sk. dull blue, bright blue, ultramarine

(a) Imperforate

4sk. carmine, rose-carmine

(a) Imperforate

16sk. green

(a) Imperforate

Wmk. Crown. Perf. 12½.

4sk. rose-carmine

16sk. green

Jan. 1st, 1875. Wmk. Crown.

Perf. 14x13½.

3 ore lilac, mauve, violet

4 ore dull blue, bright blue, greenish blue, ultramarine

8 ore carmine, rose-carmine

32 ore green, deep green

1899-1902. Wmk. Crown.

Perf. 12½, 13.

1 ore orange

3 ore dull lilac, red lilac

4 ore blue

5 ore green, yellow-green

8 ore carmine, rose-carmine

10 ore carmine

1915. Wmk. Multiple Crosses.

Perf. 14x14½.

1 ore orange

5 ore green

(THE END.)

A Comparative Check List

OF THE

“Hermes” Type, Stamps of Greece.

By JOSEPH H. PULLEN.

From the August issue of “The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain” we clip the following, evidently written by Mr. P. L. Pemberton, a noted authority on Greek stamps, which will be of some interest in connection with the article recently published in our journal under the above heading.

In the “American Philatelist” Mr. J. H. Pullen continues his “Comparative Check List of the Hermes Type Stamps of Greece.” His method is to describe each stamp, giving Gibbons’ and Scott’s catalogue numbers wherever possible. This is a good plan and should be a

great help to collectors. Unfortunately both catalogues miss out many prominent varieties, and it is not always possible, even for an expert, to make sure in every case what particular stamps are referred to by some of the catalogue numbers. Mr. Pullen has fallen into error from this cause in one or two cases. For instance, Scott’s 15c. is not Gibbons, 52 but 49—a very different thing. Again, S. G. 66 and 68 are Scott’s 27a and 27 respectively, not 17a and 17 as stated by Mr. Pullen. There are several other similar mistakes which, taken in conjunction with one or two misprints, greatly discount the value of the list.

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EDITORIAL.

SOCIETY NUMBERS. In several quarters recently there have appeared discussions regarding the use and acceptance of Society numbers as sufficient references in philatelic matters. This of course is a question of interest to all stamp societies, but when a member of any of the various organizations gives cause for regret it should not be laid to the doors

of the Society of which the offender was a member. We do not believe that Society numbers are sufficient for the granting of credit, despite the fact that every precaution is taken to admit none but collectors who can show a clean record.

The experiences of the Editor during the time when he filled the office of Secretary of our Society give splendid evidence of the great care that is taken in admitting new members to our ranks, yet occasionally the confidence which is thus beget will be betrayed. This is not the fault of the Society and while the initials "A. P. S." after a member's name is, in almost every case without exception, sufficient guarantee, yet it should not be sufficient to the dealer to open new accounts. If that dealer were in a mercantile line of business, he would grant credits only after a very careful investigation of the prospective customer, no matter what apparent evidence was given of reliability.

When dealers put into common use every day business practices, there will be a great deal less cry about the non-return of stamps and other forms of loss, although it is quite evident that the trade must ever count on some loss of this character, and this in spite of all they or the societies can do to overcome it.

THE END OF THE VOLUME. With this number

"The American Philatelist" brings to a close its Thirtieth volume and the fifth since its revival as a monthly by the Springfield Convention of 1912. While the journal still falls short of being a wholly representative publication, yet we feel a certain gratification in the progress that has been made during the past twelve months. We feel sure that the literary contents have improved over any previous season of the past five years, and this has been made possible through the kindnesses of a number of our members in contributing

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products of their pen for the benefit of our membership. We hope that they have experienced the same satisfaction in seeing the improvements thus made which has come to those who are responsible for the publication.

Primarily our journal is for the purpose of keeping our members fully informed of what the Society is doing, so that every member may have access to the regular reports of the Secretary, Treasurer, Sales Superintendent, etc., so that, as in the past, there may be none who could lose interest on account of losing touch with the Society, a condition with which the Society was confronted when the postal regulations made it no longer possible for the Society to purchase subscriptions to an independent magazine for every member.

Secondarily, it is the endeavor to make the journal of interest to the membership in several ways—as a means of information, as a vehicle for the publication of articles and papers by our members giving the results of their studies and researches, so that others can profit by what we know; as

a limited advertising medium that dealers may have the opportunity of reaching EVERY one of our members; as a means by which members themselves may advertise at nominal rates for sale or exchange purposes.

If any member has failed to reap the full benefits which "The American Philatelist" offer him, that member alone is to blame, for the invitation has been held out for these five years and the means provided.

THE STAMP The Philadelphia find **FINDECHO.** of rare stamps is still fresh in philatelic annals, and now comes its sequel. On July 26th suit was filed by Frank A. D'Miller, against Edward A. Hemingway for an accounting of sales made and for admission to equal ownership of what remains of the find. D'Miller was in the employ of Hemingway and found the stamps while sorting paper stock. It will be remembered that the find consisted, with others, of a quantity of St. Louis Postmaster stamps, in all three denominations, five, ten and twenty cents.

British Stamps Used Abroad.

Many of our members are interested in the stamps of Great Britain and collect the cancellations showing use outside of the United Kingdom. To such the following list of additional varieties will be welcome, this having been taken from "Stamp Collecting" who in turn acknowledged the list to the "British Philatelist."

Mr. K. H. Kricorissian has sent the "British Philatelist" a list of unchronicled varieties:—

"A 81"—Pacific Naval Station: 1d. rose-red, Plate 85.

"A 83"—Pacific Naval Station: 1d. rose-red, Plate 74; 4d., Plate 10.

"A 95"—Atlantic Naval Station: 1d. rose-red, Plate 72.

"A 97"—Atlantic Naval Station: 6d. lilac, Plate 3.

"A 99"—Atlantic Naval Station: 1d. rose-red, Plate 99.

"A 41"—Gayle, Jamaica: 1d. rose-red, 1857; 4d. rose, 1857.

"A 58"—Montpelier, Jamaica.

"B 01"—Alexandria, Egypt: 1d. rose-red, Plate 115.

"C"—Constantinople: 1d. rose-red, Plates 93 and 155.

"C 38"—Callao, Peru: 3d. rose, Plate 14.

"C 56"—Carthagena, Colombia: 1d. rose-red, Plate 87.

"E 88"—Aspinwall, Colon, Colombia: 1d. rose-red, Plate 194.

"F 88"—Ponce, Porto Rico: 1d. rose-red, Plate 157.

"G 06"—Beyrout, Levant: 1d. rose-red, Plate 200.

Salonica: 7d. grey-olive (George V.)

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 Los Angeles, Calif.
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 St. to 230 V St., N. E., Washing-
 ton, D. C.
 4916 Caum, Edw. L., from Box 79 to
 1420 Piikoi St., Honolulu, Ha-
 waii.
 4798 Chew, J. Weer, from 3106 N.
 25th to 1628 N. 26th St., Phila.,
 Pa.
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 Congress to 80 Rue Cotta, Nice,
 France.
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 ford, N. J. to 132 Nassau St.,
 N. Y.
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 Lent Bldg. to Room 215, 1528
 Sutter St., San Francisco, Calif.
 1200 Wilson, J. M. from 728 Chest-
 nut St. to 1243 Russell St., Al-
 lentown, Pa.
 4394 Weiland, Geo. P., from Syracuse,
 N. Y. to R. F. D. 15, Groton,
 N. Y.

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1899 Loeb, Wm.
 3997 Mackie, Wm. H.

Applications Posted.

Palmer, C. B., Jr., Bradshaw, Neb.;
 Age 38; Asst. Cashr.; Reference:
 First National Bank, Bradshaw,
 Neb.; Proposed by L. T. Brodstone,
 #1142.
 Tuttle, Mearl J., Dredging Div., Par-
 aiso, Canal Zone; Age 33; Clerk;
 Reference: The Executive Secretary,
 Panama Canal Co., Balboa Heights,
 Canal Zone; Proposed by H. A. Dav-
 is, #1925.

Application for Reinstatement.

1427 Cosby, Frank Clark, 10 Postof-
 fice Square, Boston, Mass.; Age
 48; Manager Boston Office Un-
 derground Cable Co.; Reference:
 Frank P. Brown, Boston, Mass.;
 Proposed by Col. Spencer Cosby,
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SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

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REPRINTS. Government reprints of the older issues of Swedish postage stamps could more properly be named **Reissues** and two important reasons can be advanced for this statement. The first is, that in the accounts of the Post Office Department, the reprints and the originals were counted together without any difference having been made between them. For the second, those reprints possessed franking power and were acceptable for the prepayment of postage up to March 25, 1911 when they were demonetized. In the year 1857 several of the foreign postal administrations began to ask the Swedish Post Office Department for specimens of its stamps. As the time passed, such requests became more and more frequent. These requests were for Swedish stamps current at the time the requisitions were sent in, but in 1867 inquiries were made about stamps of previous issues. The skilling banco stamps, the black and brown local stamps, and the 9 ore stamp were specially mentioned. At this period no more skilling stamps remained and in 1868 the Post Office Department found it necessary to print more of this issue. Requests from private parties for these stamps, both in Sweden and in foreign countries also served to bring about a favorable decision in the matter of reprints. This decision found its expres-

sion in the following order which is given in translation from the original.

ORDER**for Postage Stamps of Older Values.**

On behalf of the Royal Postal Administration the following is requisitioned for speediest delivery possible.

An equal number of Postage stamps—printed, perforated, and gummed—of the following values viz, 1, 3, 4, 6, 8 and 24 skilling banco, for which 150 whole sheets of paper are provided, and receipt requested.

Stockholm, March 26, 1868.

The Office of the General Postal Directorate

N. W. Lidmark.

Noted and approved March 26, 1868
ex officio

J. R. Ofverstrom.

The receipt of one hundred and fifty sheets acknowledged.

Stockholm, March 28, 1868.

George Scheutz.

As the old printing plates were not to be found, new plates were ordered from the J. & A. Ries Company in Stockholm. They were produced from the original die and were delivered March 19, 1868. Each plate contained 9 subjects in 3 rows of 3 stamps each. The reprinted stamps were delivered June 2, 1868. A second printing took place later in the year and was delivered November 4, 1868. This second

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printing is erroneously referred to as having taken place in 1871. Further reprints of various values were made and delivered in 1871 and 1885. The reprints of 1868 and 1871 are perforated 14 but those of 1885 are all perforated 13. All the reprints will be mentioned, each one in its place, in connection with the original stamps.

PROOFS. As a safeguard all proofs are printed on a green paper which has the backside closely printed with the words "Proftryck, Makulatur, Specimen." Every stamp on the proof sheet has parts of these words on its back side.

POSTAGE STAMPS

1855.

Perforated 14.

(Yellowish white or grayish white paper.) Scott Cat. type A1.

The original die for this issue was engraved on steel but had the two upper corner squares, and the bottom label blank so that different designations of value could be inserted. This die is no more to be found nor are the plates which were used for the printing of the first stamps. It is believed that both die and plates were destroyed at the time the stamps of the ore value came into use in 1858. A reproduction in copper of the original die which is in the possession of the Post Office Department seems to indicate the following process for the production of the printing plates. The die was pressed with great power into a piece of copper, and this copper impression served as a matrix for galvanic precipitates. Five such precipitates, one for each value, were provided with figures and inscriptions denoting the respective values. From these five dies cuts were afterwards made and assembled into plates. Count Sparre delivered to the Post Office Department a written description of the method used by him in the production of the printing plates but this document has disappeared.

No. 1. 3 Skilling Banco.

From July 1, 1855 to June 30, 1858.

A total of 315,600 copies were printed but of these 134,500 copies were destroyed June 26, 1858 and another lot was burned later. It can thus be seen that the number issued was less than 181,100 copies.

Shades: Light green, 1855. Green, 1855. Blue green, 1855. A shade nearly as blue as the color of the 4sk. bco. exists in the Wulff Collection in Stockholm.

Error. One single copy, printed in the orange color of the 8sk. bco., is known. It belongs to the Ferrari collection in Paris and is valued at seven thousand dollars.

Reprints. The first reprint of 1868 comprised 426 copies of a yellow green color. The second printing of 1868 is of a dark yellow green color and the number printed was 1,530. The reprint of 1871 is of a very light yellow green shade and numbered 540 copies. The reprints of 1868 and 1871 are perforated 14. In 1885 another reprint of 1,620 copies was made. This is of a light green color, is perforated 13, and is known unperforated. Reprints of all the skilling banco stamps on thin paper and perforate 13 are in existence. It is supposed that they were produced privately without the knowledge of the Post Office Department.

Notes. The 3sk bco. stamp is the rarest of all Swedish stamps, when the errors are left out of consideration, and a number of forgeries are in existence. It should be remembered that unused, genuine copies of the five values of the 1855 issue are never found with the original gum.

No. 2. 4 Skill. Bco.

From July 1, 1855 to June 30, 1858.

6,984,900 copies were printed. 188,325 copies were burned June 26, 1858 and an unknown number later on leaving an actual issue which was less than 6,796,575 copies.

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BRANCH SOCIETIES.

It is desired that all branches avail themselves of this opportunity to give publicity to their meetings and Secretaries of such branches are requested to send reports to the Editor for publication.

BRANCH No. 30.

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, regular meeting June 7, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.20 P. M. The following members were present: Tubman, Moses, Young, Holt, Preston, Chamberlin, McLaren, Weigel, Beatty, Lloyd, Whittaker, Geuder, Hanford and Mader. Visitors Eberhard, Kasper and Geltman. The application of Jerome G. Wolf of Fremont was posted.

Mr. McLaren made a motion that his report be incorporated as an amendment to the constitution, after some discussion this motion was withdrawn.

Motion was made by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Lloyd that the dues of sustaining members be \$10.00 per year carried 7-6.

Mr. Moses made a motion which was seconded by Dr. Holt that sustaining members subscribe for a term of three years carried.

Motion made by Mr. McLaren and seconded by Mr. Mader that the dues of active members be \$3.00 per year, carried.

Mr. Moses made a motion that sustaining members be represented by a majority on the Board of Directors, carried unanimously.

Motion made by Dr. Holt and seconded by Mr. Hanford that dues of associate members be \$1.00 per year without any voting rights. Carried. Motion made by Mr. Whittaker and seconded by Mr. Hanford that juvenile collectors be admitted to membership of the

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club, the dues to be 50c per year. Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. MacLaren and seconded by Mr. Hanford that any member of the Club in any grade who serves his country that his dues be remitted for the period of his service and that he be carried as an honorary member during that period. Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. MacLaren that a fund be established called the G. P. S. C. Permanent Clubroom's Fund and that the amount of \$100 be raised before the Club take any definite steps to procure permanent club rooms. Carried.

Mr. MacLaren made a motion that Everybody's Philatelist be made the official organ of the Club and that all sustaining and active members automatically become subscribers of said magazine. Carried.

Dr. Holt asked that an editorial committee be appointed to cooperate with the editor of Everybody's Philatelist. Carried.

Pres. Tubman appointed Mr. Hanford, Chairman; Mr. Young and Mr. Good.

The following membership committee was appointed, Mr. Barnum, Chairman, Mr. Whittaker and Mr. Mac Laren.

Meeting adjourned at 10.45.

CARL W. MADER. Sec'y.

BRANCH No. 45.

The fortieth regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club convened, 8:15 p. m., June 14th, 1917 in Directors Room, Marion Club Indianapolis, Ind. Vice President Ploch presiding 12 members present. Minutes of preceding meeting read and approved.

The Secretary read a detailed report

of the auditing committee on the audit of the Sales Department books being turned over to the new Sales Manager. The total value of books entered in the club's Sales Department has already amounted to \$464.23 altho the department was only organized within the last year.

Membership Application.

The application for membership from Clemens O. Mueller, Wholesale Druggist, Age 20, Residence 2064 N. Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Ind., was read and posted for action at the next regular meeting as provided in the by-laws.

Communications were read from A. V. Dworak the Editor of Philatelic Gossip, A. D. Fennel, Secretary-Treasurer, Cincinnati Philatelic Society and J. J. Warns, Wentworth, S. D.

Mr. Chas. Theman gave an interesting talk various varieties of U. S. to be on the lookout for. Several oddities were also displayed.

Plans were discussed for a special program for the next regular meeting being the last before summer adjournment. The Program and entertainment Committee promised to provide special features and perhaps light refreshment and cigars.

The meeting was then adjourned so that the members could browse through the sales circuits on hand.

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