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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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How Can The American Philatelic Society Be Made More Useful To Its Members and American Philately?

Written by Chas. E. Jenney and Awarded the Chester Myers Prize Offered at the Boston Convention.

I think the one answer to this pertinent question that will suggest itself to every thoughtful member of the A. P. S. is to bring our official magazine, "The American Philatelist," up to the head of all philatelic publications, where, as the exponent of our premier Society, it should stand.

Today, to our regret, it serves little more than as a record of the official transactions of the Society. There are at least a dozen American philatelic publications of more general interest that our members subscribe to and get more benefits and satisfaction from. We know this should not be so, as our membership embodies all the best philatelic writers, all the keenest philatelic students, and the general and specialized knowledge necessary to place it in the first rank.

The earlier series of the "American Philatelist," which probably the majority of our present membership has never seen, constituted quite a notable magazine.

But what we want is an even greater magazine, fifty pages at least to each number and preferably a hundred, carrying specialized articles, studies in varieties and plating keys by our foremost students; many columns of short interesting notes on stamp items and our members' side fads; plenty of illustrations; and reprinted selections from the world's current philatelic literature.

Our present Editor is in no way to blame for the anaemic condition of "The American Philatelist." He has begged hard for the members to contribute of their fund of knowledge and done his best with the means at hand. But a more liberal policy in the management is needed; funds to purchase manuscript at a reasonable price should be available; a modest salary for the Editor; and to enlarge and illustrate the magazine. The advertising rates are now low, and with added interest in the publication could be increased, or better still much more space sold. Outsiders and dealers make valuable use of our membership list; why should we not take more advantage of it?

Another thing, sample copies have not been distributed nor extra copies usually available. With a worthy monthly to offer, this could be made the greatest agent in increasing our membership. Personally, I see no great desideratum in enlarging our membership for mere numbers only. But with a really beneficient and progressive official organ, discerning outsiders would be only too eager to participate in our privileges.

If one member can offer Ten Dollars for a good idea, surely scores of others, even if not facile writers themselves, can conceive of methods of bringing out the best there is in our membership to interest the whole.

And best of all, there can be the friendly, interesting roundtable chat of members, perhaps only a sentence or two each, but bringing out the intimate knowledge so perceptible when two or three collectors meet together. For our membership is largely of scattered individuals and the connecting link is "The American Philatelist."

I have in mind for a fixed goal a magazine that will represent our science and stand for the same high ideals as do Scribners, Harpers and the Century to general literature.

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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. 2. September 15, 1917.

Applications Pending.

Chancellor, Arthur C.
Heym, William
Sampson, Orville H.
Palmer, C. B., Jr.
Tuttle, Mearl J.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending

3997 Mackie, Wm. H.
1427 Cosby, Frank Clark

Applications Posted.

Hunt, Leslie M., P. O. Box N, Pompanoosuc, Vt.; Age 33; Telegrapher; Reference: Geo. F. Winch, McIndoe Falls, Vt., Will S. Aikem, Lewiston, Vt.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Kingsley, G. C., 6 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age legal; Sales Mgr. Library Bureau; Reference: John Welch, Omaha, Neb., F. S. Parmelee, Omaha, Neb.; Proposed by H. A. Whipple, #2467.

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1899 Loeb, William, 627 Elmwood Av., Providence, R. I.

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2148 Voigt, Wm., Milwaukee, Wis.
2864 Borgmann, H. A., St. Louis, Mo.
4516 Benito, Albert Rio de, Woodhaven, N. Y.
4671 Hitchcock, A. H., Cleveland, O.

Resignations Received.

3414 Bartels, F. C., Rocky River, O.
4681 Haas, Emil de, 750 E. 225th St., New York City.
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3316 Lighthipe, Wm. J., 510 Summerfield Ave., Asbury Park, N. J.
4454 Moore, P. G., 330 Taylor Ave., Scranton, Pa.
4851 Post, Frank M., 97 Lawrence St., Saratoga Springs, N. Y.
4434 Schenck, Benjamin R., 336 Iroquois Ave., Detroit, Mich.
4401 Ince, Bertram W., 7 Washington Pl., New York City.

Deceased.

3359 Brooks, M. O., New York City.
4617 Spray, Ralph W., Mantua, Ohio.

Corrections, Membership List.

On page 16, #4886 should be Hu-

bert instead of Herbert. Add as specialty, "Used BLKS."

On page 26, #1906 Kjellstedt, Harald H. The specialty should be "SWE" instead of "GEN".

On page 34, #3773 should be "Reymann" instead of "Reyermann".

Change of Address.

4741 Bowen, Harold K. from Ft.Dodge, Ia. to Box 484, University P. O., University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia, Pa.

4940 Charters, Geo. M., from Des Moines, Ia. to Coates House, Kansas City, Mo.

4763 Ewing, Howard, from Los Angeles, Calif. to 2716 9th Ave., W., Seattle, Wash.

4980 Hostos, Capt. E. C. de, from San Juan, P. R. to Las Cascadas, C. Z.

1576 O'Shaughnessy, Ross, from 636 Market St. to 16 Geary St., San Francisco, Cal.

2576 Tittman, A. O., from Brooklyn, to Box 393, Port Washington, N. Y.

Membership Summary.

Membership Sep. 1, 1917		1611
New Stockholders	13	
Reinstated	1	14
		1625
Resigatnions accepted	4	
Deceased	2	6
Total Membership Sept. 15, 1917		1619

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

New Stamps for French Morocco.

The following interesting account and description of the new stamps just issued for French Morocco is contained in a letter to the Editor from Mr. Vincent Gurdji, A. P. S. 129, now residing in Nice, France. Mr. Gurdji says, his letter bearing the date of August 28th, 1917—

"At last the much talked of set of French Moroccos has appeared. They make a very handsome series, showing the principal historic monuments of Morocco. They are all of the same form (same as Parcel Post set of Tunis). On each stamp under the monument design in the center is the word "Moroc" in French, block type, and the equivalent in Arabic letters underneath. There are seventeen values in the set and they run from one centime to ten francs."

The list of values, colors and designs, as given by Mr. Gurdji, follows—

1 centime, gray, Tower of Hassan at Rabat.
2 centimes, bright violet, Tower of Hassan at Rabat.
3 centimes, brick, Tower of Hassan at Rabat.
5 centimes, green, The Dekaken Door at Fez.
10 centimes, carmine, The Dekaken Door at Fez.
15 centimes, slate-gray, The Dekaken Door at Fez.
20 centimes, claret, The Chella Door near Rabat.
25 centimes, dark blue, The Chella Door near Rabat.
30 centimes, dark violet, The Chella Door near Rabat.
35 centimes, orange, The Koutaubia (tower) of Marrakech.
40 centimes, Turquois blue, The Koutaubia (tower) of Marrakech.
45 centimes, bronze-green, The Koutaubia (tower) of Marrakech.
50 centimes, sepia, The Mansour-El-Euldj of Maknes.
1 franc, blue black, The Mansour-El-Euldj of Maknes.
2 francs, ochre, The ruins of Volubilis.
5 francs, dark green, The ruins of Volubilis.
10 francs, black, The ruins of Volubilis.

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EDITORIAL.

STAMP VALUES. If one is inclined to the opinion that the War is having or has had the effect of bringing a slump in philatelic matters, no better evidence that this is not so could be found than in a glance at the prices realized at the recent sale of a portion of the celebrated Worthington Collection in New York when twenty-one items of early U. S. stamps brought the huge sum of over $23,000, the prices being detailed in our last issue. Of course the stamps which sold at these figures were of the very highest class, but it shows that philately is as strong as before this country became engaged in the European conflict.

At a recent sale in London, while such great rarities were not offered, yet high prices prevailed and it was not an uncommon thing for stamps to bring prices much higher than catalogue values. As an example, Barbadoes 1873, 5s. pair unused, brought $125 against the English catalogue valuation of about $50. At the same sale Newfoundland 1857, 2 D, catalogued at about $80 realized almost $170. And so on. Even after three years of War English philatelists can absorb apparently unlimited quantities of stamps.

Even if this were not enough to convince one that stamp collecting has a very stable position, the fact that one English auction firm offered and sold over 40,000 lots last season, breaking all their former records, should be proof conclusive that Philately still holds her sway over the Nations engaged in the work of civilization by force of arms, a condition rendered necessary by the agression of those who would banish the thoughts of humanity and peace among nations.

NO CATALOGUE FOR 1918. The publishers of the Standard Catalogue announce that there will be no issue of the Catalogue for the coming year, but instead will issue a Supplement to bring the former edition up to date. The same thing occurred, if we remember rightly, during the last War in which our country was engaged, some twenty years ago. While collectors will miss the looked-for list, yet we realize the conditions which make this necessary and all collectors will be willing to accept matters in the thought that this is a step looking to

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the conservation of resources which will eventually bring a great Peace and a great Good to the War ridden World.

MAKING THE A. P. S. OF GREATER BENEFIT. This thought is ever uppermost in the minds of those responsible for carrying on the work of the Society and the offer of Mr. Chester Myers of a prize for the best idea looking to this end has brought forth some suggestions, which if worked to a successful termination, would undoubtedly have the effect of stimulating interest in the Society and at the same time of attracting to its membership a vast number of collectors who are not now affiliated with it.

In this issue is published the prize-winning contribution from Mr. Chas. E. Jenney. At first thought his ideas seem almost impossible of reaching a complete issue, but if the members would but take home to themselves the many preachments which have appeared in these columns during the past five years, the thing could be done. It is not an impossible goal but it is one that calls for the full and earnest co-operation of every member. It is a subject to which much thought can be given and the sooner we realize that the Society needs just such representation as Mr. Jenney outlines, the earlier the A. P. S. will take first rank as a philatelic organization of world-wide influence.

May the dawn of this day break while there are members of the Society's early years to enjoy a fitting culmination of their labors.

PRIZE AWARDS.

The following recruiting prizes have been awarded for the fiscal year 1916-17.

Wolsieffer Prizes:

For the largest number of recruits admitted from March 15th to Aug. 15th 1917, $5. in gold.

For the second largest number, $3. gold piece.

For the third largest number, a nice copy of the U. S. 5c brown, 1847.

1st., $5 gold piece, E. A. Colson, Manila, Philippines, 5 credits.

2nd., $3 gold piece, W. C. Webb, Newark, N. J., 4 credits.

3rd., 5c U. S. 1847, V. W. Rotnem, Mabell, Minn., 3 credits.

Dunning Prizes:

For the largest number of recruits each month, $5 worth of good stamps.

For the second largest number for the fiscal year, a complete sheet of 10c Confederate States with imprint and plate number.

May prize was won by W. C. Webb, Newark, N. J.

June prize was won by E. A. Colson, Manila, Philippines.

July prize was won by V. W. Rotnem, Mabel, Minn.

The Jan., Feb., March, April and Aug. prizes were not awarded on account of insufficient recruits won by any one member.

The Prize for the second largest number of recruits for the fiscal year; a sheet of 10c Confederate States, was won by E. A. Colson, Manila, P. I., 5 credits.

The Secretary Prizes:

For the largest number of recruits for the fiscal year, a $5 gold piece.

To the Branch whose members secure the largest number for the fiscal year a $5 gold piece.

First prize was won by Vahan Mozian, New York City. 7 credits.

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Philadelphia Branch #18 was the winner of the $5 gold piece. 20 credits.

Honorable Mention.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Philadelphia, 15 credits.

Wm. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Ind., 10 credits.

Dr. H. G. Oakland, Milwaukee, Wis., 7 credits.

Messrs. Wolsieffer and Ault being Officers of the Society were not eligible. Dr. Oakland would not accept any pecuniary credit for doing his "Bit" for the Society.

It is to be regretted that as a whole the prizes were won on such small credits. The largest number of recruits gained by any one member eligible for a prize excepting Dr. Oakland was only six (6). H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

The Chester Myers Competition:

Only two entries were submitted in the Chester Myers Competition for the prize of $10. for the best answer to the question: "How can the American Philatelic Society be made more useful to its Members and American Philately?"

These have been considered by the Board of Directors as Judges with the following result:

The award is made to Chas. E. Jenney, Fresno, Calif.

C. A. HOWES, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

CALL FOR BIDS.

The Secretary will receive bids for the printing of the American Philatelist and other publications of the Society for the coming fiscal year at his address Box 613, Denver, Colo. Specifications and sample copies will be forwarded on request. Bids will be closed Dec. 15th, 1917.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

RALPH SPRAY.

Mr. Ralph Spray, of Mantua, Ohio, A. P. S. 4617, died suddenly of spinal meningitis, August 25th last, at Sydney, Australia, while on a combined business and pleasure trip. We are without further particulars but the Society joins his many friends in extending to his bereaved family its sincere sympathy.

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.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held 9-6-17.

The regular meeting of the G. P. S. C. was called to order by Vice Pres. Chamberlin at 8:15 P. M. with the following members responding to the roll call: Beatty, Whittaker, Chamberlin, Porter, McLaren, Hayden, Weigel, Preston, Good, Young, Moses, Mader.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

The application of Mr. Wilfred J. Zink, 1196 Holmden Avenue, was ordered posted.

After some discussion, it was decided that a copy of the proposed changes in the constitution be mailed to each member before the next regular meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Moses that a committee of three be appointed to report on the advisability of holding the 1918 convention in Cleveland. The Chairman appointed Messrs. Good, Barnum and Moses on this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

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Some Further Notes on the Stamps of the French Colonies.

BY S. F. BOXSIUS.

Reprinted from "The Philatelic Magazine."

1912 PROVISIONALS.

I now propose to deal with this provisional issue, commonly known as the "nought five" and "ten" issues. This is a most attractive series of stamps, as most collectors are well aware.

In this particular issue the 05 was printed on the following values:—2c., 4c., 15c. blue, 15c. grey, 20c., 25c. black on rose, 25c. blue, 30c. and 35c.; and the 10 on the following:—40c., 45c., 50c. carmine, 58c. brown on azure, 75c., 1fr., 2fr. and 5fr.

There are no less than 87 normal varieties of the surcharge overprinted on the following Colonies:—Anjouan, Dahomey, French Guiana, Grench Guinea, Gaboon, Guadeloupe, Grand Comoro, Indo China, Ivory Coast, Madagascar, Martinique, Mayotte, Moheli, New Caledonia, Reunion, St. Pierre and Miquelon, Senegal.

Of the 10, this appears in 58 varieties of the above-mentioned countries.

Although issued in 1912, they were quickly superseded by the issue of 1913 and were not listed in their entirety by Messrs. Stanley Gibbons in their catalogue until the 1915 edition. The values given in this edition were for mostly unused specimens, and in many cases no value is expressed at all. Why this should be I am at a loss to understand, because at that time the stamps were practically to be met with at every dealers, in most stamp club packets and on almost all approval sheets. At that time, too, they were met with in unused condition, and it was seldom that used copies were seen. There is no doubt that the used copies are much scarcer than the unused, and although they were issued only four years ago, yet the issue was in use for such a short period, that many of the values have already become exceedingly scarce.

By recent reference to Messrs. Yvert's catalogue used copies are much scarcer than the unused, but all these stamps no matter whether used or unused, have risen considerably in value, and it is doubtful whether they can be purchased at the price mentioned in the 1915 edition of Messrs. Gibbons catalogue to-day.

The following are a few of those that have become scarce:—

Dahomey, 10c. on 50c., brown and carmine, (a very scarce stamp and not listed by "S. G., Ltd.", in their 1915 edition).
Gabon, 10c. on 5f., violet.
F. Guiana, 5c. on 2c., brown.
F. Guiana, 5c. on 25c., black on rose.
Indo China, 5c. on 4c., brown-violet.
Guinea, 10c. on 75c., violet on orange.
Martinique, 10c. on 5f., lilac.
Mayotte, 5c. on 2c., brown.
Moheli, 5c. on 20c., red on green.
Moheli, 5c. on 30c., brown.

As is usual with nearly all provisional issues, errors and varieties are bound to find their way in, and this issue has proved no exception to the rule. It is with these errors and varieties that I intend to deal.

It is not generally known that any errors or varieties exist in this issue, their existence not having been published yet in the English Catalogue, but to those collectors that take an interest in these stamps these varieties are known, but even to them some

of these may be new. The first and most important variety is that of wide spacing of the figures. The widely spaced figures occur on the printing for each Colony, and full details are given in the list which follows. In the case of the 05 the space between the figures is 1½mm. (A), whereas in the variety it is 2mm. (B). The difference in the 10 between the figures is 2½mm. (C) in the normal and 3mm. (D) in the variety.

These wide spacings are very difficult to obtain in fine used condition, the majority that have come into my possession being heavily cancelled. The value at the present time is about 20% greater used than unused.

In making the following list I propose to deal with each Colony in turn, alphabetically, as they appear in the catalogue. Some of these varieties are listed by Messrs. Yvert & Tellier, but I have seen many, and there is no doubt many more exist, that have not yet been listed. As to whether these were or are authentic varieties or not, or printer's waste, which gets on the market in some unaccountable way, has yet to be proved.

ANJOUAN. The wide spacing occurs on all the value. The control number being No. 3 on all except the 10c. on 45c., which is No. 7.

DAHOMEY. Wide spacing occurs on all values, and on the 10c. on 50c. brown and carmine, but as the normal printing is very scarce, this variety would be almost unobtainable.

Surcharge inverted, 05c. on 25c. blue.
Surcharge inverted, 10c. on 40c. vermilion.

Control No. 3.

FRENCH GUIANA. Wide spacing on all values.

Surcharge on right side of stamp, 05c. on 25c. black on rose.
Surcharge on back of stamp, 10c. on 40c. vermilion.

Control No. 3.

FRENCH GUINEA. The wide spacing occurs on all the values overprinted, viz., the 1892 and 1904 series, the control being No. 3 on the 1892 and No. 4 on the 1904.

Surcharge on right side of stamps, 05 on 4c.
Surcharge on the 1897 issue, 05 on 15c.
Surcharge on the 1897 issue, 05 on 20c.
Surcharge on the 1897 issue, 10 on 40c.
Surcharge on the 1904 issue, 05 on 7c.
Surcharge on the 1904 issue, 05 on 4c.
Surcharge on the 1904 issue, 05 on 20c.
Surcharge on the 1904 issue, 05 on 30c.
Surcharge on left side of stamp, 05 on 4c.

(To be continued.)

OUR MEMBERS IN SERVICE.

The "Honor Roll" grows and the next few months will undoubtedly see many of those whose names appear in the list, on service in Europe. Those who will go abroad should take notice of the kind invitation extended by Mr. Vincent Gurdji, 80, Rue Cotta, Nice, France, as embodied in the following extract from a recent letter to the Editor—

"We are seeing quite a few of our "boys" in Nice from the aviation camp at ——— and no doubt there will be a good number of our officers here during the winter. Should any of our members come to the Cote d'Azur, it goes without saying that I would be delighted to see them. The American Army, as rather the part of it that has reached France, is having the greatest welcome."

RECORD OF AUCTION PRICES.

Announcement has been received that Mr. C. A. Burner, A. P. S. 4866, will shortly begin the publication of "The Philatelic Index" in which he will endeavor to list all prices obtained at auction by the several American stamp dealers who make a regular practice of selling in this manner. A very compact method has been devised which will enable the listing of the price of every lot in each sale. The publication will be primarily for the listing of such records and for those who wish to know prices obtained at the various sales, the "Index" will undoubtedly find a welcome.

"2000—1917."

OUR REVIEW.

By THE EDITOR.

PRICED CATALOGUE OF WAR STAMPS, issued by Bright & Son, 164, Strand, London, W. C. England. 3rd Edition, August, 1917.

The issue of "war" stamps goes merrily on and the present list contains no less than twenty-four pages, almost half of which are devoted to the issues of British Colonies and the remainder to the stamps from countries other than those with which the Allies are at war. The catalogue is profusely illustrated and the majority of the stamps are priced. Minor varieties are carefully noted and the list as a whole forms a most excellent guide for those who make a specialty of these stamps.

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A Color Tester.

Mr. Otto C. Reymann contributes the following newspaper clipping which will prove of interest to stamp collectors—

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BY THE EDITOR.

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THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VIII No. 2, September 1917. Several minor varieties of U. S. stamps are illustrated, including the 4c. Columbian and the 2c. 1883. A very readable number.

ILLINOIS PHILATELIST, Vol. I No. 2, Sept. 1, 1917. This issue absorbs the Philatelic Sun. Improving.

THE STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 10, August 30, 1917. The "Trade" was established as a dealers' paper, but

it seems not to have gotten the assistance from the trade which it certainly deserves. Steps are under consideration to amalgamate it with "Philatelic Gossip", which comes from the same source. Let us hope that the proper help will be forthcoming to warrant the continuance of the S. T.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol. VII No. 8, August 1917. More about the Five Cent error. A continuation of the work on U. S. Locals. Dies of the 1916 Two Cent U. S. envelope. New issue notes, War stamps and a further list of stamps in the Government collection.

THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III No. 8, August 1917. Full of short notes of a wide interest.

EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VIII No. 6, June 1917. The first installment of "The Complete Check List of Plate Numbers on the United States Postage Stamps, 1894 to Jan. 1st, 1917," written by Ralph W. Spray, a member of our Society, whose sudden death has only just recently occurred. This will undoubtedly be of considerable interest to U. S. specialists.

THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. 2, No. 6, September 1917. Now the official organ of the S. P. A.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIII No. 11, July 5, 1917 and Vol. XXIII No. 6, August 7, 1917. A complete resume of the doings of Australian philatelic societies, as well as more or less news of philatelic matters in that portion of the world.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VIII Nos. 18, 19 and 20, August 11, 18 and 25, 1917. An article on the Cayman Islands War Tax Stamps is the principle one of the issues before us.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, No.78, August 1, 1917. Continuation of the article on Swiss Cantonal Stamps.

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX No. 222, July 1917. A continuation of the article on Levant Stamps, a short paper concerning the stamps of the recent Cuban revolution and a chronicle of new issues, with other lesser articles, make up a very good number.

EL FILATELICO ESPANOL, Vol.XVII No. 178, June 1917. A catalogue of the stamps of Porto Rico is included in this issue.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 162, August 1917. Jamaican War Stamps listed and priced in great detail.

THE PHILATELISTISCH MAANDBLAD, Vol. VI Nos. 66 and 67, June 15 and July 14, 1917. Official organ of the Dutch philatelic societies. Articles of interest to the collector of Dutch stamps.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XX No. 2, August 1917. An issue of much interest.

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SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

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The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

(Continued from Vol. XXX page 354.)

Shades. Blue, 1855. Light blue, 1856. Dark blue, 1857. Gray blue in different shades, 1857. Ultramarine, 1857. Prussian blue, and milk blue are also found.

Plate defects: PYRA, FYBA, FIRA instead of FYRA, SKILB instead of SKILL, and SVERIGL instead of SVERIGE. The figure "4" in the corners is found of different types. Under "B:co" occur three horizontal lines instead of two. On some copies one or both of the periods after the word "FRIMARKE." are missing. The skill. bco. stamps have these periods while the ore stamps of 1858 do not have them.

Reprints. The first reprint of 1868 was blue and consisted of 426 copies perf. 14. The second reprint of 1868 numbered 1,485 copies. The color is light blue and the perf. 14. In 1885 another reprint of 1,620 copies was made. The color is blue and the perf. 13. The 1885 reprint is known unperforated.

Notes. The plates for this stamp were in use until very worn and caused blurred printing especially found on the blue gray stamps. A copy of this stamp cancelled May 2, 1855 is known. This is nearly two months before it was officially issued.

No. 3. 6 Skill. Bco.

From July 1, 1855 to June 30, 1858.

The total printing was 266,900 copies. 23,600 copies were destroyed June 26, 1858 and an unknown quantity later on, consequently the actual issue was less than 243,300 copies.

Shades. The records show that this stamp was originally printed in violet but no specimens of this color are in existence. The exact cause or causes for the disappearance of the violet tint are not known. There may have been chemical changes in the color itself or such a change may have been brought about by the gum. The shades in which the stamp is actually found are: Light gray, 1855. Grayish black gray, 1855. Brown gray, 1857. Gray brown, 1857.

Reprints. The first printing in 1868 numbered 426 copies which are of a lilac brown color and perf. 14. The second printing of 1868 comprised 1,485 stamps of lilac color and perf. 14. The reprints of 1885 are also of a lilac shade but are perf. 13. The number printed was 1,620, and unperforated stamps of this printing are in existence

Notes. Several forgeries of the 6 skill. bco. stamp have been met with from time to time.

No. 4. 8 Skill. Bco.

From July 1, 1855 to June 30, 1858.

The total number of stamps printed was 788,800 copies. June 26, 1858 a lot consisting of 5,200 copies was burned and another lot of unknown quantity was destroyed later. The actual number issued was thus less than 783,600 copies.

Shades. Orange, 1855. Brown or-

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ange, 1855. Lemon yellow, 1856. Yellow, 1857. Yellow orange, 1857.

Plate defects. "Bco" occurs with only one horizontal dash under "co". A double impression of the figure "8" in the upper right hand corner. 8:s which look like 3:s and 5:s.

Reprints. The first printing of 1868 numbered 426 copies, perf. 14 and of orange color. The second printing of 1868 is of a yellow color and numbered 1,476 copies perf. 14. The reprint of 1885 is yellow and perf. 13 and numbered 1,620 copies. Unperforated copies of the 1885 reprint are known.

Notes. The lemon yellow shade is the scarcest by far and a fine unused copy of this shade is worth about 60 dollars. There is a distinct difference between the yellow and the lemon yellow shades. Forgeries of the 8 skill stamp exist.

No. 5. 24 Skill. Bco.

From July 1, 1855 to June 30, 1858. 231,800 copies were printed. 37,850 of those were burned June 26, 1858 and an unknown number at a later period. The actual issue was thus less than 193,950 copies.

Shades. Light brick red, 1855. Brick red, 1855. Dark brick red, 1856. A salmon red shade is also found.

Plate defects. One unused copy of this stamp is known which has "TJOGU" instead of "TJUGU" in the bottom inscription. Copies are also known which have the figures of value in the upper left hand corner missing only a slanting line showing in their stead.

Reprints. The first printing of 1868 numbered 426 copies, perf. 14 and of a bright red color. The second printing of the same year numbered 1,440 copies of red color and perf. 14. The 1885 reprint consisted of 1,620 copies, perf. 13 and of a red color. These are known unperforated.

Notes. Several forgeries of this stamp exist. The dark brick red shade is the scarcest and fine unused copies of this shade are the highest priced of all unused skill. bco. stamps and valued at about $165. each.

1856.

Perforation 14.

Without inscription indicating value.

No. 6. Stamp for Local Letters.

From July 1, 1856 to December 31, 1861 1,566,500 copies were issued.

This stamp occupies a peculiar and much disputed position from a philatelic point of view but in the handbooks issued by the Philatelic Society of Sweden it is now accorded its place, in chronological order, amongst the regular government issues.

The local mail service in Stockholm dated back to 1848 and was in the hands of private parties until the close of 1861. The local stamp of 1856 was ordered and issued by these private parties. The original die, which was ordered from the printer of the government stamps, seems to have been a woodcut from which printing plates were produced by galvanic method. The paper was from the Tumba Mills and of the same kind as that used for the regular stamps. The stamps were ordered and paid for by the "Letter box expedition." The income from the sale of the stamps went to the parties who were proprietors of the local service and no accounts were rendered to the Post Office Department. The only regulation made by the Department was, that the local stamp must in every respect differ from the regular postage stamps. That this was followed out is plainly seen as the stamp is of different shape and does not even carry the name of the country, only the words "Frimarke for Lokalbref" or "Postage stamps for Local Letters." Although the value was one skilling banco, this is in no way indicated on the stamps. The stamp could not be used outside of Stockholm, and a postage, for example, of 4 skill. bco. could not be prepaid

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with a 3sk bco stamp and one of the local 1sk bco.

Having thus shown the private nature of this stamp, it is also interesting to note the ways in which it received official recognition. It was ordered from the stamp printer on Post Office Department order blanks together with stamps of the regular issue but on delivery the 1sk bco. stamps were receipted for separately. A peculiar feature is the strictly official status of the reprints of this stamp. They were ordered together with other reprints "On account of the Royal Post Office Department," and were sent out to foreign administrations together with other values as "Samples of Swedish Postage stamps".

Shades. Gray black, 1856. Black, 1856.

Reprints. The first printing in 1868 numbered 426 copies and the second 1,512. Both are perforated 14 and of a grayish black color. A third reprint in 1871 consisted of 900 copies, black, and also perf. 14. In 1885 another lot of 2000 reprints was turned out but these are perforated 13. The color is black and unperforated copies exist.

Notes. 1sk. bco. stamp is generally found cancelled with a five pointed star with radiating rays. Copies are also found which have Stockholm cancellation with date, but not year, and such copies are worth five times as much as those with star cancellations. Forgeries of this stamp are met with.

1858.

Perforated 14.

Scott Cat. Type A2.

This issue was made necessary by the change to a decimal currency system. Up to 1858 the unit was 1 Riksdaler banco divided into 48 skill. bco. Beginning with 1858 the riksdaler was divided into 100 ore. At a first glance it may seem as if the same die had been used for this as for the 1855 issue but a closer scrutiny will soon reveal that this was not the case. The back ground inside the frame is different, the shield is broader on the skill. bco. stamps than on the ore stamps but on the latter it curves out more. The large crown over the shield is quite different in the two issues and this is also the case with the small crowns on the shield. The original steel die for this issue is no more in existence, but a reproduction of same in copper as well as the copper dies for the different values are in the possession of the Post Office Department. Stamps in the 1858 issue which were of nearly the same face value as stamps in the issue of 1855 were given the same color as the latter. Thus the 4 skill. and the 12 ore, the 8 skill. and the 24 ore have the same color. The green color of the 3 skill. was given to the 5 ore, a color which the latter value has had ever since. The colors of the 6 and 24 skill. bco. were given to the 9 and 50 ore respectively. The 1858 issue shows cleaner and sharper printing than was the case with the issue of 1855. It was officially announced on May 31, 1858.

No. 7. 5 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1872.

Number printed: 3,956,500 copies.

Shades. Dark green, 1858. Green, 1859. Light green, 1869. Yellow green, 1863 & 1869, Light yellow green, 1871. A gray green shade is also found.

Plate defects. FFM instead of FEM, FF.M instead of FEM, ORF instead of ORE. FFM and ORF on the same stamp is a very rare combination.

Reprints of this stamp were made in 1885 to a number of 2,000. They are of a green color and perforated 13.

Notes. The dark green shade of 1858 is rather scarce both used and unused.

No. 8. 9 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to March 31, 1866

Number printed: 1,073,200 copies.

Shades: Dark red violet, 1858. Red violet, 1859. Blue violet, 1863. A brown violet shade has also been found.

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Plate defects. ORF instead of ORE has been found on all the values of this series except on the 9 ore.

Reprints numbering 2,000 copies were made in 1885. They are perforated 13 and of a lilac color.

Notes. This stamp is printed in the color which was intended for the 6 skill. bco. of 1855 but evidentally a different and better grade of ink was used because no gray or grayish black shades of the 9 ore are known. The dark red violet shade is the scarcest.

No. 9. 12 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1872.
Number printed: 104,456,100 copies.

Shades. Dark blue, 1858. Blue, 1858, Light blue, 1859. Prussian blue (greenish blue), 1859. Ultramarine, 1861.

Plate defects. These are numerous on account of worn plates but most pronounced are ORF instead of ORE, and IOLF instead of TOLF. The first mentioned defect is very rarely found on this value.

Reprints of this value were made in 1885 to a number of 2000. The color is dark blue and the perf is 13.

Notes. The Prussian blue shade is the scarcest closely followed by the ultramarine. Unused, the former is worth 12 times as much, and the latter 8 times as much as the ordinary blue shade. Three unused copies of this stamp, printed on both sides, are known, and are rated as amongst the rarest of Swedish stamps. The impression on the back is turned in the right direction.

No. 10. 24 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1872.
Number printed: 9,230,400 copies.

Shades. Brownish yellow, 1858. Orange, 1859. Yellow orange, 1860. Yellow, 1863.

Plate defects. ORF instead of ORE.

Reprints. 2000 copies were printed in 1885. They are perf. 13 and of an orange color.

Notes. The brownish yellow and yellow shades are worth twice the price of the two orange shades in both unused and used condition. The yellow is the scarcest.

No. 11. 30 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1872.
Number printed: 6,077,400 copies.

Shades. Red brown, 1858. Brown, 1864. Light brown, 1864. Rose brown, 1872. Chocolate brown, 1872.

Plate defects. ORF instead of ORE.

Reprints. 2,000 copies were printed in 1885. The color was brown and the perf. 13.

Notes. The chocolate brown shade is by for the scarcest and next comes the rose brown.

No. 12. 50 Ore.

From July 1, 1858 to June 30, 1872
Number printed: 3,771,600 copies.

Shades. Dark carmine, 1858. Carmine, 1859. Carmine rose, 1860, Violet rose, 1867. Rose 1870.

Plate defects. ORF instead of ORE.

Reprints. 2000 copies, perf. 13 and of rose color were printed in 1885.

Notes. The dark carmine shade is the scarcest with the carmine next. The carmine rose shade is the one mostly met with and unused it is only worth half of the carmine.

1862.

Perforated 14.

In 1861 it was decided to introduce a postage stamp of **3 ore** value to be used for local letters in the larger cities and other places where a system of delivery by carriers had been established. This measure went into effect January 1, 1862 and put a stop to all local letter service of private nature. The die for the new stamp was ordered but was not delivered in time so a provisional issue became necessary. Consequently the plates for the black Stockholm local stamp were borrowed for the printing of a provisional stamp of brown color. In a circular issued by the Post Office Department November 25, 1861, it is

stated that this stamp should be considered and counted as a 3 ore stamp. An unused copy of the stamp is attached to the circular. This stamp was a regular government issue and could be used for other mailmatter than local letters. The first delivery of this stamp took place December 11, 1861 and consisted of 600 stamps (3 whole sheets) of which 231 copies were used as samples on the circulars just mentioned.

No. 13. For Local Letters.

Without indication of value (3 ore). From January 1, 1862 to November 30, 1862.

Number printed: 513,400 copies.

Shades. Olive brown. Yellow brown. Brown.

Reprints. This stamp was reprinted twice. 900 copies of yellow brown color and perf. 14 were printed in 1871. In 1885 another printing of 2,000 copies took place. These are also of yellow brown color but are perforated 13.

Notes. This stamp used, is generally found with dated town cancellations but more scarcely with the star cancellation which is the common cancellation on the black local stamp.

1862-1866.

Perforated 14.

Scott Cat. Types A3 and A4.

As the 1858 issue is called the "Coat of Arms type" by Swedish philatelists, so this issue is called the "Lion type." The issue consists of three values, 3, 17 and 20 ore and it will be noted that the design for the 3 ore stamp differs considerably from that used for the 17 and 20 ore values. A special die was engraved for the 3 ore stamp, and it was considered such a failure that it was only conditionally and with great reluctance accepted by the Post Office Department. A copper die for this stamp which still is in existence may possibly be the original die mentioned. The design used for the 17 and 20 ore values is an improved type of the 3 ore stamp. A die of copper for these values which is in the possession of the P. O. Department has the field blank on which the figures of value are inscribed.

No. 14. 3 ore.

From December 1, 1862 to June 30, 1872.

Number printed: 10,098,800.

Shades. Brown, 1862. Light brown, 1868. Yellow brown, 1869.

Reprints. 2000 copies were printed in 1885. The color is brown and the perf. 13.

Notes. Copies exist which are printed on the back showing parts of 4 stamps turned in the right direction. These "back prints" are very rare.

(To be continued.)

THE REPRINTS OF BRITISH GUIANA.

A PAPER READ BY A. D. FERGUSON, F. R. P. S.

Reprinted from the "British Guiana Philatelic Journal."

Beyond a few references to the reprints of British Guiana which appeared in the Philatelic press in 1892 and 1902-3, nothing so far as I am aware, has been written, dealing with the history, object and characteristics of these reprints; and it is my idea to-night to give you a short paper on this subject.

The late Mr. M. P. Castle dealt fully with the transfer varieties of the 1853 reprints, from a photograph of the complete sheet of the 1c red which

I sent him, and from a part sheet of the 4c pale blue; in his paper on the 1853 issue of British Guiana read before this Society and published in the British Guiana Philatelic Journal.

Some years ago I had the opportunity of examining intact sheets of all these reprints. They are all printed in sheets of 100 stamps each, which appears to have been the uniform size of sheet for all the lower values.

The paper of the 1853 and 1860 reprints are similar and the perforation of all the reprints appears to have been done by the 12½-13 gauge machine in use at that period.

HISTORY—In September of the year 1864, the British Guiana Government ordered from Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, reprints of five of the then obsolete issues of this colony. The five stamps requisitioned for, were the 1c crimson and 4c blue of 1852 issue; the 1c red and 4c blue of 1853 issue; and the 1c rose of 1860 issue.

There appears to be a good deal of misconception over the object of these reprints, as they were never issued; although some years after—to be accurate in 1867—the Government actually had under consideration the question of issuing them.

In pre-postal union days: Stamp-issuing countries had no means of obtaining specimens of the stamps issued by other countries, except by applying direct to the Post Offices of the various countries; or, in the case of British Colonial possessions, sometimes through the Postmaster General of Great Britain. This practice appears to have grown to such a considerable extent that applications were made not only for the current issues, but also for specimens of all the obsolete issues. And it was chiefly in order to supply this demand that the reprints of British Guiana were made. To quote from a letter of Mr. E. T. E. Dalton, Postmaster of British Guiana, addressed to Wm. Walker, Government Secretary of British Guiana, dated 29th March, 1864.

"I think it quite possible to obtain one of each kind of stamp struck off at that time, and it would cost very little to execute fresh dies for them and to strike off a sufficient supply to meet the application of Governments or even of private collectors," again in another paragraph he writes: "It would be easy to send them (the specimens) to Messrs. Waterlow & Sons with our next order and request them to strike off a few sheets to be kept in reserve for cases like the present, viz.: the application of these Governments through the English Postmaster General for specimens of all British Guiana postage stamps in use or that had been in use."

These passages clearly explaining the object in requesting that these reprints might be ordered and Mr. Wm. Walker when he forwarded Mr. Dalton's letter to Waterlow & Sons in September, 1864, referred specially to this, showing that the Government had the same object in view.

DESCRIPTIVE.

Reprint of Issue of 1852.

Two values:—

1c black design on bright crimson surface coloured paper.

4c black design on bright blue surface coloured paper.

A fresh lithographic transfer of the two original dies appears to have been made; the transfers being repeated on the lithographic stone fifty times in order to make up the sheet of 100.

You are aware that there were two dies made for the original issue. These dies can be differentiated from one another by means of the shading of the fort in the background and the waves. These two types are invariable found in pairs.

The only evidence I have that there was a fresh lithographic transfer, is the uniform alignment of the two types of stamps, whereas in the original printings the two types are not always

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EDITORIAL.

CHANGE OF EDITORIAL ADDRESS.

On and after Oct. 10, 1917, the Editor will be located in St. Louis, Mo., and can be reached by addressing him care E. Myers Lye Co., Third St. and Clark Ave., St. Louis, Mo. His permanent home address will be supplied later.

THE A. P. ISSUES TO COME.

We are entering on the publication of our thirty-first volume, the sixth since the revival of the monthly issues by the Springfield Convention of 1912. We are not satisfied with what has been accomplished and no one better recognizes our limitations than we, ourselves, do. But in a publication of such a journal, where the financial part is not played as a matter of prime importance, and where naturally the subscription list is mainly limited to the membership of the Society, a great measure of dependence must rest on the individual members, and it is to them we must look for assistance in bringing the journal to a front rank as a philatelic magazine.

We feel, however, that "The American Philatelist" has been the means of keeping up a great measure of interest in the Society and from several sources the opinion has been expressed that it has enabled us to stem the current of decline down which the Society had been drifting for some few years prior to the monthly issues, and this, too, in spite of the greatest efforts on the part of all the officers to combat such a condition. If this one result can be credited to "The American Philatelist," it has justified the time and money spent in its publication.

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OUR NEW ADDRESS. All correspondents and members, as well as exchanges, will please note the change in the editorial address.

After a service of almost fifteen years in the sales branch of the heating business the Editor severs his connection with that trade, and will endeavor to fill a similar position with his new associates.

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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Kimball, Geo. R., Haverhill, N. H.; Age 51; Retired Printer; Reference: M. H. Randall, P. M., Haverhill, N. H.; Proposed by W. S. Barker, #3725.

Rachitoff, M., Casilla 97-D, Santiago, Chile; Age legal; Stamp Merchant; Reference: Louis Prieto Luco, Santiago, Chile. Senor Schulz, The House of Siemes, Schuckert de Stgo., Chile; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Rose, Homer D., M. D., Box 54, Groveland, Calif.; Age 35; Physician and Surgeon; Reference: Dr. E. J. Parker, Groveland, Calif. G. W. Stewart, Ed., Groveland, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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5066 Sampson, Orville H., 82 E. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

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3937 Mackie, Wm. H., Minnesota Utilities Co., Bovey, Minn.

Resignation Withdrawn.

2864 Resignation published as accepted Sep. 15th; Replaced on Roll; Borgmann, H. A., 2302 Salisbury St., St. Louis, Mo.

Corrections.

Report #24, Under New Stockholders the address of Alfred W. York should

be Box 73, Chassell, Mich. instead of Tex.

Same Report: #5042 the first name should be spelled Louis instead of Lewis.

Resignation Received.

4189 Gehlbach, Chas. J., Lincoln, Ill.

Change of Address.

4231 Burton, Kenneth from Salida, Colo. to 3104 N. 19th St., Tacoma, Wash.

2825 Gammans, Elbert H., Jr., from 354 Clinton St. to 110 Lafayette St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

1233 Gleason, G. G., from 15 Grove Pl. to 64 William St., Rochester, N. Y.

3097 Hunter, Ths. C. E. from Box 108, Topeka, Kans. to 239 Medford Bldg., Akron, Ohio.

3780 Martin, Donald W. from Saginaw, Mich. to 507 Cornelia St., Saginaw, Mich.

4860 Parks, Henry Francis from Newport, Ky. to American Theatre, Butte, Mont.

4544 Ritchie, J. A. from Bronx, N. Y. to 220 5th Ave., New York City.

4944 Swanson, Roy from Strandquist to Box 194, Argyle, Minn.

5008 Webb, Mrs. Helen M. R., from 58 Taylor St. to 185 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.

3702 Webb, Wm. C. from 58 Taylor St. to 185 Summer Ave., Newark, N. J.

4836 Youngs, Geo. H. from Germantown Hospital to 5328 Lena St., Phila., Pa.

4858 Bransford, Edgar M., from 301 Calif. St., to 341 20th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

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Membership Sep. 15,		1619
New Stockholders	3	
Reinstated	1	5
Replaced on Roll, act. Resignation withdrawn	1	
Total Membership Oct. 1, 1917		1624

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

The following appointments have been made by the Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1917-18.

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Mr. Wm. E. Ault, St. Louis, Mo., Editor American Philatelist.

JNO. W. SCOTT, Pres.
H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

NOTICE TO BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Change in By-Laws.

The only change in the By-Laws at the 32nd Annual Convention at Alexandria Bay, New York, Aug. 14-16 was the following: Add after "Society" first paragraph of Sec. 4 of Article X the following: "or be eligible to the offices of President, Secretary or Member of the Governing Board."

The By-Laws will not be printed in the book of "Proceedings" this year, they will be printed and bound separately in sufficient quantity to meet the requirements of the members. Those desiring a copy, please send postal request to the Secretary immediately and it will be mailed with the "Proceedings" when published.

F. C. BARTELS.

We learn with sincere regret of the death of Mr. F. C. Bartels of Rocky River, Ohio, near Cleveland, on Sept. 16, 1917. Mr. Bartels being killed in his home by an unknown man with robbery or revenge as probable motives. Mr. Bartels was 62 years of age and was superintendent of the J. M. Gasser Co. green-houses. He was a member of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club and is survived by his widow and two daughters. We extend our deepest sympathy in the loss which they have suffered.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

STATEMENT TO SEPTEMBER 29th, 1917.

Stock Fund.			
Balance		$4749.66	
Receipts		35.00	$4784.66
General Fund.			
Balance		$1053.88	
Receipts	$480.45		
Disbursements	424.74	55.71	$1109.59
Insurance Fund.			
Balance		$1875.18	
Receipts		26.45	$1901.63
Exchange Acc't.			
Balance		$2.35	
Receipts		.20	$2.55

Suspense Acc't.			
Balance		$51.85	
Transfer to Gen. Fund		35.75	$16.10
			$7814.53
American Philatelist Acc't.			
Debit Balance		$1230.76	
Receipts	$237.55		
Disbursements	170.27	67.28	$1163.48
			$6651.05
Resources.			
Bonds			$3489.34
Cash			3161.71
			$6651.05

J. E. SCOTT, Treas.

THE REPRINTS OF BRITISH GUIANA.

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in alignment. There appear to be no uniform differences in the transfer themselves to indicate a fresh transfer.

These reprints are printed on thick wove surface coloured paper, gummed (which became yellowish from age) and are perforated 12½.

The reprints are easily distinguishable from the originals, the colours are much brighter, and the paper is of a harder texture while the stamps are perforated 12½.

Specimens have frequently been found with perforations removed, ostensibly for the purpose of passing them off as originals.

Reprints of the 1853 Issue.

Two values:—

1c. . . . red.
4c. . . . light blue.

Fresh lithographic transfers were made for these, and as in the case of the originals:—Five impressions were taken, presumably from the engraved die, arranged horizontally, then reproduced in vertical rows of 10 and repeated to make up the number to 100 —in 10 rows of 10.

A careful examination shows that there are identifying marks, minute, it is true, yet I think fairly constant —showing the five horizontal transfers.

I have a photograph of the complete sheet of the 1c red of 1853, taken by me some years ago which will help you in following the description of the five transfer varieties, which are in vertical rows as follows:—

1. White spot over TI of PETIMUS.

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2. Minute point to left of main mast of ship.

3. White spot on wave above M of VICISSIM and minute spot under MT.

4. Minute spot over S of POSTAGE.

5. E of CENT slightly malformed.

The identifying marks of the reprints of the four cent value are also very minute, they are confined to the point of junction of the value label to the main design, but, as in the case of the one cent, these marks are sufficiently constant to indicate that they were reproduced in multiples of five.

They are:

Vertical Row 1 white space over FO

Vertical Row 2 white space over F

Vertical Row 3 white line not showing over FOUR

Vertical Row 4 white curves up over O

Vertical Row 5 white line not showing over FOUR C

These reprints are printed on wove paper of medium thickness, slightly transparent in texture, and are gummed and perforated 12½. They are easily discerned from the original issue by the colours and the paper which are both totally different to the originals.

Reprint of 1 Cent Rose of 1860.

The reprint of the one cent rose of 1860 was evidently printed from the lithographic stone which was in use at the time these reprints were ordered from Messrs. Waterlow & Sons (1864). They are similar in all respects (except in colour) to the then current stamp—the first one cent black S. G., 57 of the 1863 series—being printed on a paper of medium thickness, perforated 12½ and having the similar blurred appearance which characterises some of the printings of this series (s. g., 57-65) and later series. This blurred appearance may have been due to a worn lithographic stone, poor quality ink, unsuitable paper, or a combination of all these causes.

These reprints are distinguished from the original 1 cent rose, by the same differences that separate the first 1860 issues from the fourth 1863 issues, i. e., the 1 cent rose of 1860 is printed on thick paper and perforated 12, the holes being large and clean cut; whereas the reprint is on a paper of medium thickness and perforated 12½, the holes being small and slightly, rough cut. The colour is too similar to the original, to alone differentiate it, especially as I have seen several shades of the reprint,—no doubt due to the action of the gum on the back, exposure to light, etc.

I am firmly convinced that a number of these unused reprints have been sold to collectors, as originals, either through ignorance of their nature or duplicity.

GENERAL:—From the remarks of Mr. Dalton quoted above you will gather that a quantity of these reprints must have been supplied to private collectors about the period 1865 and several years after and unless Mr. Dalton specifically stated that they were reprints, the recipients may have considered them the original stamps.

It is rather curious that Mr. Dalton in his protest (see below) against the issue of the British Guiana reprints makes no mention of this particular 1860 reprint, perhaps thinking that there was no objection to the issue of this stamp, as being of the current design. There is, however, no evidence that this particular reprint, or any of the other four types, were ever used for postal purposes.

A large stock appears to have been sent out by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons through an error. On this account the Government had in view the issuing of these stamps in 1867 as the following extracts will show. On the 26th July, 1867, the Goverenment Secretary wrote to the Postmaster calling upon Mr. E. T. E. Dalton to state the grounds on which he objected to putting these stamps in circulation. Mr. Dalton, in his reply of 31st July, 1867, gave two

reasons:—Firstly, because they have been superseded by the introduction of other postage stamps for the postal service of the colony, secondly, because they were ordered for a special purpose and were not intended to be put into circulation for the ordinary work of the Post Office.

It is interesting to know the views held in these early days of postage stamps on the subject of obsolete issues. Commenting on the first reason, Mr. Dalton writes: "I infer that it is not singular in having superseded one set of stamps by an issue of another from the fact that in all applications made to me by different Governments, special request was made for our superseded stamps as well as those in use, which leads to the conclusion that in their own departments stamps have been superseded and gone out of use. Corroborative of this conclusion I have in my possession different stamps of the same value sent to me by these Governments, and it is unreasonable to suppose that any Government would allow two sets of postage stamps of the same value to be in circulation at the same time. Such superseded stamps necessarily became rare and difficult to procure and Governments are chary in in parting with them." Mr. Dalton protested vigorously against the issue of these reprints for postal purposes pointing out to His Excellency the Governor that it must be clear that so large a number came to the colony through a mistake of the printers and not in compliance with an order of the Government.

There is no record of the number of reprints sent to the colony by Messrs. Waterlow & Sons, but it was estimated at this time that the cost to replace the reprints with an equal number of the stamps then current would be about £6. For Mr. Dalton referring to this says: "To save this trifling cost I hope and trust His Excellency will not make me guilty of apparent caprice and inconsistency of circulating over again, and for a few months only, stamps that have been out of use, in one instance seven years, and in the other fourteen years. In the case under consideration it is not a costly one, and I sincerely hope His Exclelency will favourably consider my objection and direct that the stamps be specially reserved for the purpose for which they were ordered.';"

BRANCH No. 45 CELEBRATES.

The second annual dinner of the Indianapolis Collectors Club for the benefit of out-of-town members held Labor Day, Sept.3rd, 1917, was a splendid success from every standpoint. The program began at 2:30 P. M. at the Club's meeting room, Marion Club, with an address of welcome to out-of-town members and visitors by Pres. C. A. Ploch and replies by Wm. E. Ault, Editor, American Philatelist, Jeffersonville, Indiana; J. H. Orr, Muncie, Indiana; K. W. Gruelick, Lafayette, Indiana, and L. J. Flerlage, Cincinnati, Ohio.

A very interesting exhibition of collections was given as follows: United States, Le Grand Payne; United States, C. A. Ploch; United States, C. R. Sutton; Cape of Good Hope, C. L. Pond; General Collection, C. D. Vawter.

The exhibition was followed by an active stamp bourse. Mr. Flerlage had a splendid lot of early U. S. on hand that found a ready market among the Indianapolis collectors who are predominatingly U. S. enthusiasts. During the bourse a good snapshot was taken of the assembly of Hoosier collectors which is shown herewith.

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PHOTOGRAPH OF ATTENDANTS AT 2nd ANNUAL CONVENTION AND DINNER INDIANAPOLIS COLLECTORS CLUB, INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA.

September 3rd, 1917.

Top row (left to right)

A. R. Davis, Indianapolis.
B. F. Egan, Indianapolis.
L. G. Payne, Indianapolis.

Center row

G. L. Stanbrough, Indianapolis.
E. J. Stanbrough, Indianapolis.
L. J. Flerlage, Norwood, O.
C. D. Vawter, Indianapolis.
J. H. Orr & Son, Muncie, Indiana.
M. Moscovitz, Indianapolis.
K. W. Gruelick, Lafayette, Indiana.
E. L. Edwards, Indianapolis.
C. A. Fay, Indianapolis.
Bernardo Uricoechea, Bogota, Colombia.
C. W. Finney, Indianapolis.

Seated

C. V. Hollis, Indianapolis.
C. L. Pond, Vice Pres., Indianapolis.
C. A. Ploch, Pres., Indianapolis.
W. E. Ault, Jeffersonville, Indiana, Editor Am. Philatelist.
C. R. Sutton, Sec.-Treas., Indianapolis.

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At 6:00 P. M. the hungry throng adjourned to a private dining room at the Y. M. C. A. where an excellent stag dinner was served to twenty-one members and guests followed by toasts from various members.

Smoker and Auction.

Immediately following the dinner and while the members were enjoying their cigars, Mr. C. V. Hollis, Auction Manager of the Club, began the auction of eighty-three choice lots entered by members of the Club. Ten very nice lots were donated to the Club by Mr. Geo. W. Bass of Batesville, Indiana, to whom a hearty vote of thanks was given. Due to the capable efforts of the Auctioneer and the class of buyers present, very good prices were realized on the majority of the lots. Two well centred sheets of the 5c error were offered but no bids were made above the reserve of $12.50 on sheet with single error and $17.50 on sheet with two errors. A lively discussion of the proper price for well centered errors both perf. 10 and perf. 11 was evoked by these offerings.

Owing to the desire of some of the out-of-town members to return home the same night the festivities were concluded by 10:00 P. M. but all were agreed that the second annual dinner of the Indianapolis Collectors Club had been the biggest event in Indiana Philately.

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BY S. F. BOXSIUS.

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Surcharge 1897 issue, 05 on 15c.
Surcharge 1897 issue, 05 on 30c.
Surcharge 1897 issue, 10c on 40c.
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Surcharge 1904 issue, 05 on 30c.
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Another variety which has not been chronicled is the figure 1 with a foot thus 1.

I have a used specimen in my collection.

I have also been informed that stamps exist, (though I have not yet seen them), with the figures reversed thus: | 0 1 | | 5 0 | this clearly being caused by bad register in printing. I would be very interested to learn of any varieties that I have not mentioned above.

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4355 Schernikow, Ernest, from 17 Battery Pl. to 23 W. 75th St., New York City.

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15 Scott, John W., from 36 John St. to 120 W. 49th St., New York City.
2557 Scott, Walter S. from 36 John St. to 116 Nassau St., New York.
4667 Stewart, Alex. B. from Curtis Olive Corp. to Box F. Long Beach, Calif.
3272 Teele, F. W., from Hudson, Mass. to 330 Coristine Bldg., Montreal, Canada.
4984 Underwood, Capt. A. R. from Sierra Blanca to 64th Infantry, El Paso, Texas.
3110 Webb, C. V. from Perry to Box 16, Painesville, Ohio.
4740 Webster, R. O. from Chicago to 1026 O St., Lincoln, Neb.
4106 Whittemore, A. from Boatman's Bank Bldg., to 5355 Berlin Ave., St. Louis, Mo.
1130 Wolseley, H. W. from Title and Trust Bldg., to 69 W. Washington St., Chicago, Ill.

Membership Summary.

Membership October 1, 1917		1624
New Stockholders	2	
Reinstated	1	3
		1627
Deceased		2
Total Membership Oct. 15, 1917		1625

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

By the International Secretary.

From the Copenhagen headquarters of our corresponding member, the Scandinavian Philatelic Association, our International Secretary has received the following items of literature:—

THE LOCAL STAMPS OF DENMARK 45 pages, illustrated.

CATALOGUE of the RAILWAY STAMPS OF DENMARK, NORWAY and SWEDEN, 43 pages, illustrated.

Membership List for 1917 of the Copenhagen Philatelic Club, 32 pages.

Numbers 1 to 5 of the Society's journal, "Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift", for the current year.

All of these items have been forwarded to the Assistant Librarian.

CHECKS LOST.

Treasurer J. E. Scott, through recent recovery of a number of remittances for dues from some of our members, learned of the loss or theft of some of his mail, either by a lost package before delivery to him, or by a robbery of his mail. There is, of course, no way of even guessing at the extent of the loss, but if you have remitted and have received no acknowledgment, and your letter was mailed prior to Oct. 6th, write Mr. Scott at once.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 45.

The forty-first semi-monthly meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club convened 8.00 P. M. June 28th, Director's Room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Indiana. Sxteen members present. President, C. A. Ploch presided. Minutes of the fortieth meeting read and approved.

The Secretary-Treasurer submitted a semi-annual report on the finances of the Club, showing cash on hand June 14th, $23.50.

The Auditing Committee reported on the Semi-annual credit of the Club's books and submitted a recapitulation as follows:

Recapitulation Receipts.

For six months, ending June 28th, 1917.

Cash on hand last report	$2.94
Membership Dues	13.00
Auction Sales	4.90
Sales Commissions & Insur.	8.86
Year Book Receipts	19.75
Sundry Receipts	5.20
	$54.65

Expenditures.

Stationery	$6.40
Advertising	4.75
Subscription for Gossip	3.00
Year Book Printing	13.50
Postage	3.50
Cash on hand	23.50
	$54.65

(Signed)
AUDITING COMMITTEE,
LeGrand Payne, Chairman.
C. D. Vawter,
Chas. Theamann.

New Members Admitted.

The following were admitted to membership by unanimous vote of the Club: Clemens A. Mueller, 2064 North Alabama Street, Indianapolis, Indiana; Roger Hackett, 744 Adams Avenue, Evansville, Indiana.

The Secretary introduced a resolution pledging the support of the members of the club to "THE PHILATELIC GOSSIP" in its contest for the Official Journalship of the S. P. A. The resolution was passed as read by unanimous vote.

Special Auction.

Mr. C. O. Hollis, Manager of the Club's Auction Department, conducted a special auction of small lots donated by members of the Club, which brought $1.85 for the benefit of the entertainment fund of the Club. A practically new Stanley Gibbons U. S. Album and a Scotts International Album, also a $6 stock book were auctioned by Mr. Hollis, bringing $8.65, one-half of which was donated to the Club by Mr. C. A. Ploch who entered them.

Smoker and Bourse.

The entertainment committee provided cigars and apples for the enjoyment of the members while browsing through the sales circuits of the club now under the supervision of Mr. C. H. Pond, the newly appointed sales Manager. Meeting adjourned 10.30 P. M.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

BRANCH No. 3.

At the 337th regular meeting of the Pacific Coast Philatelic Society Branch No. 3, there were present President Folte, Vice-President Phillips, Messrs. Chaloner, Lazarus, Meril, Doscher, O'Shaughnessy and the Secretary.

Mr. John J. Krivanek, of Cleveland, Ohio, was a visitor, and was later proposed for membership in the Society by Mr. O'Shaughnessy.

After running for a year without dues, they were restored to $3.00 per year, effective Oct. 1, 1917.

The Society also voted to suspend the dues of any member called to the national colors during the time he remains therein. The President read a lenghty letter from the national Sales Manager which provoked a great deal of discussion.

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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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SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

American Representative

The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

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No. 15. 17 ore.

From April 1, 1866 to June 30, 1872.

Number printed: 833,300 copies.

Shades. Violet, 1866. Red violet, 1866. Light gray, 1869. Lilac gray, 1869.

Reprints. 2000 copies were printed in 1885. They are of a bluish gray color and perf 13.

Notes. The color of the 17 ore stamp has been the subject of much controversy and a thorough investigation by a committee of the Swedish Philatelic Society in conjunction with the hearty cooperation of Postoffice officials failed to bring about a definite solution. According to the official circular sent to postmasters at the time of issue, the color of the stamp is violet. Persons who had charge of the stamp stock also state that all the 17 ore stamps received from the printer were of a violet color. There is also a statement by the printer himself that these stamps were always printed with a violet ink, and that gray ink was never used. On the other hand, there are copies of this stamp which have such a pure gray color that it seems hardly possible that they are changelings from the violet. Amongst remainders of unused originals which are in the possession of the Postoffice Department, there are copies of a pure gray color. Two other facts which cannot be explained away are, that only stamps cancelled after 1870 have the gray color, and that the reprints of 1885 are gray.

The violet color of the 17 ore stamp can be changed into gray by chemical means but copies thus manipulated never have the pure gray color but a lilac gray. Such forgeries can also be detected by placing them in a glass of water when they will immediately sink to the bottom, the sizing in the paper having been destroyed. Genuine copies will float.

If it is accepted as a fact that no gray 17 ore stamps were used previous to 1870, it would seem that it was in the last printing of the 17 ore, which was delivered April 1, 1869, that the gray color was used. This delivery consisted of 99,100 copies. The previous delivery took place September 4, 1868.

No. 16. 20 ore.

From April 1, 1866 to June 30, 1872.

Number printed 1,733,100 copies.

Shades. Brown red, 1866. Brick red, 1866. Bright red, 1869. Red, 1869. Dull red, 1869.

Plate defect. ORF instead of ORE.

Reprints. 2,000 copies were printed in 1885. They are of a red color and perf. 13.

Notes. It is claimed that unperforated copies of this stamp are in existence.

1872-1877.

Perforated 14.

Scott Catalogue Types A5 and A6.

A special steel die was engraved for each one of the nine values of this issue, the 3, 5, 6, 12, 20, 24, 30, and 50 amination of the frames and the word ore and the 1 Riksdaler. By a close ex- "SVERIGE" slight differences, establishing different types, are found. Five cuts for each value were made from the die and soldered together. From these blocks other five cuts were made and soldered together so that they formed a block 5 stamps wide and 5 stamps high. Further reproductions were made so that a printing plate of 100 stamps consisting of 4 of the last mentioned blocks soldered together, was obtained. Two of these plates were used for the printing of each sheet of 200 stamps. An exception to this was made in the case of the 12 ore value. On account of the comparatively great consumption of these stamps new plates of 100 cuts, reproduced from the die, were put together from time to time. It is also quite probable that the plates for the two colored 1 Riksdaler stamp only contained 100 cuts each. The type of stamps represented by this issue is by Swedish philatelists called the "numeral type" and all the stamps of this type are typographed.

No. 17. 3 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed 10,782,700 copies.

Shades. Dark Brown, 1872. Brown, 1872. Light brown, 1874.

Plate defects. Copies are found which have the figure "3" much heavier than is normally the case. Defects are also found in the word "Frimarke" and "Sverige."

Notes. The light brown shade is the most common, and the dark brown, the least common. This, as well as other stamps of this issue are found with clear indications of a sort of cross hatching in the figures of value. This can be explained by the fact that the dies and plates were originally prepared so as to show the figures of value in relief. For this purpose each figure had inner crosshatched fields in the heavy strokes which were lower than the printing surface of the cut.

All the values, except the 4 ore had the recessed figures filled with these shaded portions. The process was tried, but was found too expensive and two hard on the plates, and was consequently abandoned. Now, when the plates bebecame worn, and undue pressure forced the paper into the recessed figures, it came in contact with the crosshatched parts and these left impressions which are quite frequently seen especially on the 12 ore value. This stamp, as well as the other values of this issue was announced in an official circular of June 21, 1872. The first delivery of 3 ore stamps by the printers undoubtedly occurred as early as February 22, 1872.

No. 18. 4 ore.

From January 1, 1877 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed 1,100,900 copies.

Shades. Gray.

Notes. This stamp was announced in an official circular of December 13, 1876. The printers made the first delivery December 28, 1876. No separate steel die was made for this value but a copper die, probably produced from the original die for the 12 ore value, was used. On this die, which was without figures of value, the figure "4" was engraved after which it was used for the making of the plates. It will be noted that the figure "4" on the 4 ore stamp is quite different from the same figure on the 24 ore value of the same issue.

No. 19. 5 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 2,788,800 copies.

Shades. Blue green, 1872. Emerald

green, 1873. Dark green, 1873. Green 1874. Light green, 1874.

Notes. The first delivery of this stamp by the printer took place March 26, 1872. The emerald green shade is rather scarce unused and is in that condition worth five times as much as the green and light green shades.

No. 20. 6 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 5,610,500 copies.

Shades. Dark lilac, 1872. Dark violet, 1872. Blue violet, 1873. Red violet, 1873. Olive gray, 1874. Olive brown, 1874. Blue gray, 1874. Dull blue lilac, 1875. Red lilac (lilac), 1875.

Notes. The first delivery by the printer of this stamp took place on the date of issue, July 1, 1872. Although the printer declares that no other color than the violet was used for the printing of this value, it seems difficult to explain the purely gray shades.

No. 21. 12 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 74,916,700 copies.

Shades. Light blue, 1872. Ultramarine, 1872. Blue, 1872. Dark blue, 1873.

Plate defects. Copies of this stamp are found which have the figure "12" much heavier than on normal copies. Unused specimens are rather scarce. Other minor defects are quite common on account of worn plates.

Notes. Unused, the ultramarine shade is worth twice the price of the other shades. Unperforated copies of this stamp with wide margins are known and are considered great rarities.

No. 22. 20 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 3,002,900 copies.

Shades. Cinnabar red, 1872. Light red, 1872. Brown red, 1874. Pale orange, 1875. Bright red, 1875. Brick red, 1876.

Notes. The printer made his first delivery of this stamp February 22, 1872. The "pale orange" shade is represented by stamps which have more or less lost their original red color. This fading was undoubtedly caused by some fugitive red color having been substituted for the original cinnabar color. This fading only occurred with stamps printed in 1875. Three different printings of this value took place during the year mentioned involving a total of 754,000 copies. An official circular of October 9, 1876 requested the postmasters to return all 20 ore stamps of 1875 printing which did not have the regulation color. This on account of their pale orange color being easily mistaken for the pale yellow shade of the 24 ore value.

No. 23. 20 ore on 20 ore.

(The pale orange shade of No. 22 overprinted with new ink.)

From September 1876 to December 1877.

Number printed: not known.

Shades. Red on pale orange, 1876. Light red on pale orange, 1876.

Notes. This interesting stamp was not discovered until the summer of 1913 when it was observed by a well known stamp dealer in Stockholm. When the faded printing or printings of the 20 ore value were recalled by the circular of October 9, 1876, it was taken for granted that they were destroyed. It is now established that they were overprinted with a new red color and again placed in circulation. An examination of 55,000 copies of the 20 ore stamps brought to light quite a number of the overprinted stamps and none of the latter were cancelled earlier than November 1876. This overprinted stamp is not scarce, ordinary used copies are quite common but copies with plain first printing are sought after and demand a higher price. Unused copies have not been mentioned

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"2000—1917."

NOTES ON EARLY SOUTH AUSTRALIANS.

A Paper read before the Manchester Philatelic Society on 1st December, 1916.

BY B. GOODFELLOW.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

The early stamps of South Australia must, of course, be reckoned amongst the "good old classics", being line-engraved, or "taille douce", productions of the firm of Perkins Bacon & Co.; but owing perhaps largely to a want of scientific and sympathetic treatment in the recognised catalogue lists, and to the muddling and bewildering arrangement of those that exist, and possibly also to the over-elaboration of perforation varieties, these stamps have failed to attain that hold upon the attention of philatelic collectors to which their intrinsic interest justly entitles them.

In this regard I have the good fortune to be, as it were, a herald of better tidings in store for the immediate future; since I feel I am betraying no secret in telling you that the new Stanley Gibbons Catalogue of South Australia for the year 1917 will be entirely re-written on new and, I think, much improved lines, which I hope and believe will arouse some new enthusiasm for the early South Australian stamps.

The source of my knowledge is the fact that I have recently had the opportunity of going through a collection which Stanley Gibbons described as "a magnificent one of quite exceptional nature, which was founded on the well-known collection of Mr. Gordon Smith, afterwards acquired by Mr. Leslie Hausburg, who added to it from the collections of Messrs. A. J. Bullock, H. J. White, Vernon Roberts, W. W. Blest, W. B. Avery, and other sources."

Mr. Hausburg had, as anyone knowing him might have expected, arranged his collection on thoroughly scientific lines and in a scientific method. This collection has, I understand, been adopted as the basis for the new catalogue arrangement.

My collection, which has been in course of formation during a few years only—and is still in that condition—had I am glad to find, been arranged in its main lines upon what is henceforth to be adopted as the correct model. It is only fair that I should acknowledge that the original source of my inspiration as to the method of arrangement came from a display and notes given by Mr. R. B. Yardley, to the Royal Philatelic Society in London, early in 1913, at which I had the good fortune to be present. The collection as I show it tonight is still in the arrangement in which I have had it for purposes of formation and study, viz.: so as to deal with each value of Type I. throughout its life in one continuous set. Being on separate sheets it would, of course, be an easy matter to re-arrange it so as to show it historically according to the separate dates of issue; but I have preferred to show it you as it exists in my own method of arrangement, although I do not suggest that this can ever be the proper catalogue arrangement. I think, however, that you will probably agree with me that, for the purpose of comparative study of issues and shades, my method has some advantages.

It would perhaps, be as well if, before showing the stamps, I called your attention to some of the main lines of the amended arrangement which is to come out in the new catalogue, and emphasize some of the main alterations. In the first place, perhaps the most important change of all to the collector, is that the troublesome and unsatisfactory lists of differences in the stamps of the 1867-70 issues, as between those perf. 11½, perf. 12½, perf. 11½x12½ and perf. 12½x11½, hence-

forth disappear altogether, and in their place you will find one heading, "perf. 11½, 12½ or compound." That this is scientifically correct, Mr. Yardley proved to demonstation by producing strips which showed the perf. 11½ and 12½ running alongside of, or following upon, one another in the same row; which proves that they were done by one and the same machine, in which the spacing of the pins differed in different lengths of the machine; but, as all these perforations are the result of one and the same machine, it is scientifically correct to include them under the same variety, at any rate for the general collector. If any extreme specialist cares to separate these issues further, it is open to him to do so if he wishes, though I consider that henceforth such an arrangement of a collection would be devoid of any true philatelic, or is least of any scientifice basis. Those of you who remember the paper which I read before that Society on the "Stamps of Prince Edward Island" may recollect that precisely similar position arose in connection with certain issues of the stamps of that Colony, which were perforated by a machine gauging irregularly 11½ and 12; and the principle which I then contended for, as regards the stamps of Prince Edward Island, of placing all these together as one issue, is now adopted as the catalogue arrangement.

In the second place full recognition is now given to the fact that amongst the stamps of the earliest Colonial Printing,—as distinguished from London Prints,—all of which were at first issued imperforate, some of these imperforate sheets were rouletted early in the year 1859, although there is no trace of there having been any fresh printing for the rouletted varieties.

It follows that what is now styled "the first rouletted issue" must of necessity be in the precise shades of the imperforate Colonially printed stamps and in those shades only. All other shades must, therefore, be relegated to what is now styled "the second rouletted issue," which runs from the year 1860 down to 1867 or 1868, about which period the perforating machine above mentioned gauging 11½-12½ irregularly, came into use. This perforating machine was at first apparently used in conjunction with the rouletting machine, thus creating a legitimate heading for a new issue; "Perf. 11½-12½ by roulette"; and when the perforating machine was used alone another new heading—Perf. 11½-12½ or compound.

By means of picked dated copies (and fortunately in South Australia dated copies from 1858 onwards, are nothing like so uncommon as in the case of other Australian Colonies, particularly New Zealand) it has become possible to arrive at much more certainty regarding the different shades and their different dates of issue, and the new catalogue will, I think, be found a vast improvement on the old, in this respect. I shall particularise these shades when showing the stamps.

Between the years 1868 and 1872 you come across a few specimens of the earlier stock, which had eveidently not been rouletted, but which got perforated by the 11½-12½ machine; and you also come across a few other specimens from sheets of the old stock, which had already been rouletted, but which were nevertheless put through the 11½-12½ machine, thus giving both a roulette and a perforation on the same stamp, not as a compound, but one over the other. These may be styled the "fancy" stamps in South Australians. They occur in the 2d. pale bright vermilion, in the 1d. bright green, and more commonly in the 9d. grey lilac.

From the year 1867 down to 1870 you get the then current shades, compound of perforation by roulette; and it should be noted that the perforation is always horizontal and the rouletting always vertical.

From the year 1867 down to 1875 or 1876 you get the stamps perforated

11½, 12½, or compound; but in 1870-1 a new perforating machine came into use gauging 10; and, consequently, you get the same shades perforate 10 all round, and, as this machine was also used in conjunction with the 11½-12½ machine, you get them perforate 10x 11½-12½.

So far you have been dealing with stamps printed entirely on what is known as the "large star" water-marked paper; but from 1876 to 1896 you find the stamps printed on a new paper known as the "broad star" watermark. Except for an occasional digression, in stamps of certain values, on to the V crown paper, generally used for Victoria (probably due only to a temporary shortage of the correct paper), and to other stamps—printed on what is known as the crown S. A. wide paper, you have now got a practically complete and intelligible working list, for catalogue purposes, of all the S. A. stamps known as Type I.

All the issues of Type I. of South Australia are printed from the Perkins Bacon plates, containing 240 stamps in twenty rows of twelve each. The first issue of 1855 was, however, the only one printed by Perkins Bacon & Co., and in this issue the colours are so distinct from any others that there can be no difficulty about placing them; they are all, of course, imperforate, and are known as the "London Prints."

The Perkins Bacon plates were sent out to the Colony quite early on in the philatelic history of this Colony. The 2d. plate was the first to be sent out to the Colony, together with a million stamps printed from it, and a supply of water-marked paper, ink, gum, obliterating dies, and an iron printing press with fittings complete. These were sent out by Perkins Bacon & Co. in April, 1854.

The issue of stamps by this Colony was first announced from the Colonial Secretary's office at Adelaide, in the official Gazette of the 23rd October, 1854, as being intended to take place on the 1st January, 1855; and it appears probable that stamps of the 2d. value were issued on or about that date.

The 1d. and 6d. values were not, however, issued at that date, as it was not until June, 1855 that Perkins Bacon & Co. sent out to the Colony the plates for the 1d. and 6d value, together with 200,000 1d green and 500,000 6d. blue stamps. These could hardly arrive before October, 1855. There exists an official notice under date of October 26, 1855, intimating that as postage stamps of the value of 1d., 2d., and 6d. are "now issued" no money will henceforth be taken for postage on letters, etc.; so that the date October, 1855, may be assigned as that of the issue of the 1d. and 6d. values.

On the 21st August, 1856, Perkins Bacon & Co. sent out to the Colony two plates of the 1/- value, together with 500,000 violet stamps printed from them, and also a further supply of water-marked paper and a supply of violet ink. Now the 1/- value was not issued until the 8th July, 1857—nearly a year afterwards, when it was issued in shades of orange, not violet.

(To be continued.)

THE EARLIEST STAMPS.

Contributed by Wm. Lloyd.

The other day I came into possession of a number of old documents. They dated back to 1597, Queen Elizabeth, which, by the way is in Latin, James I, Charles I to William III. This latter, an indenture dayed 1699, has fastened on it, glued or gummed, two separate six pence stamps. They are 30 mm. long by 22 mm. wide, on blue paper, Royal Arms of England in circle with motto around it "Honi soit que mal y pense", Crown above and "VI Pence" below. Both are alike but gummed (?) on separately.

Early embossed-in-the-paper stamps of the Georges, especially George III, are not very uncommon and I have seen old Spanish used in Mexico in 1816, but the ones I describe were evidently printed in sheets and sold as required.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS. The attention of all correspondents and exchanges is directed to the permanent address of the Editor, 3881 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo., to which all mail should now be sent. It is the hope that all philatelic papers favoring us with copies of their publication will make the necessary change in their records at once, in order to insure the proper receipt of their papers.

A NEW THIRTEEN CENT STAMP. Advices from Washington tell of the impending issue of another value to the present set, that of thirteen cents, intended to pay the new letter rate and Registration fee. The design is to be the head of Franklin and we suppose it will conform with the series now in use. We will thus have an unbroken series of stamps from one cent to thirteen cents, and with the addition of the high values which have recently been revived, the issue will present truly a wonderful range of denominations, and with the many shades which can be found, will in the proper exposition of the series, give the specialist a work of considerable proportion.

DOING ITS BIT. The action of the recent Convention of the Society in recommending the purchase of $1,000 of the Second Liberty Bond issue, puts the Society on record in a highly patriotic position. These bonds present an absolutely sound investment of our surplus funds and at the same time we are doing a service to our country in placing such at its disposal in the fight to bring about an extermination of the ill-conceived ideals which have been contributing such distress and suffering to the entire world for more than three years past. If it takes more than the sum recently subscribed by our country for the purpose of making democracy safe, we hope that the American Philatelic Society can again share in the honor of rendering such assistance as is in its power.

That our members are responding to the call of our country in a noble cause is shown by the list of fifty who are now in the various branches of its service. Undoubtedly all are not yet listed. We want to do them the honor of including ther names on our Roll of Honor. The Society feels proud of their record, as we know that should they be called into active service at the front, as is more than probable in the case of a

number of them even at this time, they will fully bear out all the traditions of the American soldier and we shall hope that they may be spared to join us after the conclusion of the victorious peace which will crown the efforts of America and her Allies.

The Alexandria Bay convention also voted that no member who is in the service of the United States may be dropped for non-payment of dues during the life of such service. This was a truly patriotic rule, as those who are fighting our battle for the existence of democratic principles will have little time to devote to our hobby and the least that we can do is to continue such membership until the return of such members to private life. May that day, however, be a speedy fact.

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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4471 Chapman, Geo. S. from Montreal to 160 W. 21st St., New York City.

4518 Corner, K. R. from Cleveland, O. to Primrose Farm, Annapolis, Md.

2437 Gribble, Jno. from 1264 Kinau St. to 1800 Vancouver Highway, Honolulu.

3167 Herzog, H. A. from Austin, Tex. to 406 Grandview Ave., El Paso, Tex.

4637 Hollers, Victor D. from 2301 Morris Ave. to 2460 Webb Ave., New York City.

1981 Hollowbush, Frank from Allenhurst, N. J. to 925 St. Nichols Ave., New York City.

3565 Jenney, Chas. E. from Fresno to c/o J. E. Tade, Colfax, Calif.

4334 Kaufman, A. from 122 5th Ave. to 220 W. 98th St. New York.

4720 MacNutt, Barry from Gloucester, Mass. to Lehigh University, South Bethlehem, Pa.

4827 M'Daniel, A. K. from Foster Bldg. to 50 W. 4th Ave., Denver, Colo.

4690 Noble, H. D., Jr. from 129 South St. to 122 Genesee St., Auburn, N. Y.

1868 Parrish, Percival from Real Estate Trust Bldg. to 1500 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

5036 Pennefather, Capt. G. H. from Manila, P. I. to S. S. Taming, c/o Butterfield & Swire, Hong Kong, China.

3445 Plummer, E. L. from R. F. D. #1 to 546 Lincoln Ave., Ferncliff, Erie, Pa.

4636 Rex, R. W. from 155 Stillman St. to 3207 Devisadero St., San Francisco, Calif.

4784 Rickseeker, Wheeler, from N. P. Headquarters to 1006 East 31st St., Tacoma, Wash.

4973 Rowley, A. M. from 33 Crescent Hill to 131 Magnolia Terrace, Springfield, Mass.

4755 Sears, Richard, from Watertown, Conn. to 636 Wright Hall, New Haven, Conn.

4340 Smith, C. W. from Carlton to R. F. D. 3, McMinnville, Ore.

2007 Speakman, H. from Congress & Honore to 3526 W. Monroe St., Chicago, Ill.

4495 Stiles, H. A. from 366 McClellan to 315 Campbell Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

4814 Thoma, Ernest E. from Akron to Moose Club, Canton, Ohio.

1451 Watson, H. D. from 100 William St. to 68 William St. New York City.

Membership Summary.

Total Membership Oct. 15th, 1917	1625
New Stockholders	2
Total Membership Nov. 1, 1917	1627

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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TREASURER'S REPORT.

FOR MONTH ENDING OCT. 31st, 1917.

Stock Fund

Balance	$4784.66	
Receipts	5.00	$4789.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1109.59	
Receipts	$523.55		
Disbursements	70.75	452.80	$1562.39

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1901.63

Exchange Account.

Balance	2.55	
Receipts	.10	$2.65

Suspense Account.

Balance	$16.10	
Receipts	7.20	$23.30
		$8279.63

American Philatelist Account.

Bebit Balance		$1163.48	
Receipts	$256.20		
Disbursements	54.39	201.81	$961.67
			$7317.96

Resources.

Bonds	$3489.34
Cash	3828.62
	$7317.96

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

OUR REVIEW.

BY. DR. WM. DEADERICK.

The United States Post Office, Daniel C. Roper, Funk and Wagnalls Company, New York, 1917. Cloth, 382 p., price $1.62 post paid.

Mr. Roper was first assistant postmaster general from 1913 to 1916. The first hand information thus gained together with unlimited facilities for investigation for the preparation of the book have rendered it possible for Mr. Roper to prepare the most accurate and readable book ever written upon this subject. To the history of the postal service from the mounted post established by Cyrus in Persia in 599 B. C., the colonial postoffices in America, the British control of the American post offices and the United States postal history are devoted 80 very interesting pages. There is not a dull chapter in the entire book; some of the most interesting, however, are The Workings of a Post Office, How the Farmer Gets His Mail, Postage and Mail Classification, Parcel Post, Special Services, The Post Office Department and Comparative Postal Service. The last chapter is devoted to Philately. Commenting on the attitude of the United States Government toward the philatelist the author says: "Some nations have recognized the stamp-collector to the extent of printing new issues of stamps at frequent intervals in order that the Government might profit by the large number of stamps of each issue purchased by the stamp-collector and never used as postage. The Government of the United

States, however, has paid but scant attention to the stamp-collector and adequate official information regarding the early American issues does not exist. There have been not only frequent issues, but also variations in the paper, ink, and die within the specimens of the same issue. Stamp-collectors assert that even at the present time, when much of the former confusion is avoided by the printing of United States stamps by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, much remains which the Government might do in the interest of their fraternity. They desire that a plan be adopted by which the uniformity of each issue shall be absolutely secure and under which the Government would publish a detailed and authentic description of each issue. It is estimated that the Post Office Department of the United States receives annually approximately $250,000 for stamps purchased by collectors and dealers for which no postal return whatever is required, and for which no postal service is performed."

In the appendix are given a glossary of postal terms in general use, a table showing the presidents of the United States and officials of the Post Office Department, 1775-1917, a chronology of postal events from 599 B. C. to date and a bibliography. The illustrations are ample. The book can be conscientiously recommended as a most valuable acquisition to any philatelic library.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Philatelic Index, Vol. 1 No. 1, Sept. 25th, 1917. Published by C. A. Burner, Normal, Ill. Subscription $1.00 per year. The initial number of this promised publication has been received and if its policy is carried out it will undoubtedly be a welcome addition to our literature. The publisher has hit upon a happy scheme of printing the prices realized at the various auction sales, which is the primary object of the "Index." In the issue before us the sale of the Worthington U. S. Collection, as well as the auctions of J. C. Morgnthau & Co., Sept. 10, 11 and 12, and that of Vahan Mozian of Sept. 8th are reported.

Postage Stamps of the Italian States. "Stamp Collecting Handbook No. 7," published at the office of the above publication, 89 Farringdon St., London, E. C. 4, England. Price 6 pence. Also an edition of fifty numbered copies signed by the author at 1sh 6d.

This little volume of 28 pages of text and illustration is a reprint of an article by Derek Ingram which originally appeared in the "Stamp Collectors Quarterly", with revisions and corrections by Dr. Emilio Diena. The subject is covered in a very condensed manner, yet there is a great deal of interesting information regarding these fascinating stamps. It is fully illustrated and the story is told in a manner which will appeal to the collectors of these issues. The historical data concerning the stamps tells us much that the catalogue does not contain.

Notes on the Chinese Postal Service, "Stamp Collecting Handbook No. 6," published at the office of the above publication, 89 Farringdon St., London, E. C. 4, England. Price 6 pence. Also an edition of fifty numbered copies signed by the author at 1sh 6d.

While there are only ten pages of text, they form a very readable and interesting account of postal matters in that vast country and recite some of the troubles incident to the introduction of postal reforms in the orient. It is a book well worth the reading, as while it cannot be said to be exactly philatelic in its make-up, yet the information it gives is sufficient to insure its place among the literature of a collector of these stamps. The author is Mr. Paul

British Colonials. To members of the A. P. S. who collect these interesting stamps, I wish to offer the Mutual Stamp Exchange service. We send out circuits of Gt. Britain and Col. to those collectors sending in books of the same. You simply exchange stamps at Cat. values and we take a small commission. It works two ways. You can get Br. Col. for your other duplicates or you can get U. S. or Foreign stamps for your Br. Col Why not try it once? Rules are free.
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King, who read the text before the Herts Philatelic Society.

The Postage Stamps of St. Vincent, "Stamp Collecting Handbook No. 8", published at the office of that publication, 89 Farringdon St., London, E. C. 4, England. Price 1 shilling. Also an edition of fifty copies signed by the author and numbered at 2sh. 8d.

Its twenty pages of text and illustration present an excellent philatelic treatise on the stamps of the island of St. Vincent. Naturally the subject cannot be treated in the extent which may be desired by the extreme specialist, but the information is sufficient for the average collector, who will find much to increase his knowledge of the various issues. The history of the stamps is carefully given and much valuable data is set forth, especially of the issues down to 1898, when the De la Rue prints came into use, as up to that time St. Vincent is a country which will delight the specialist who can afford the many high priced stamps to be found among the issues. The little book should find a ready welcome among the collectors of the stamps of the British Empire.

SWEDEN—1855-1915.

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or priced and are undoubtedly very scarce. The Stockholm dealers search of his stock in 1913 revealed only one unused copy.

No. 24. 24 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 3,703,500 copies.

Shades. Red orange, 1872. Orange, 1872. Yellow orange 1874. Lemon yellow, 1875.

Notes. This stamp is also found in brown and olive brown shades which are caused by oxidizing. It is worthy of notice that on this as well as on the previous value the word "twenty" is spelled "TJUGO" while the same word is spelled "TJUGU" on the issue of 1858. The lemon yellow shade is very scarce unused, and used copies are worth five times as much as the orange shade which is the most common. Copies are met with which have such a pale yellow color that the words in the ring surrounding the figures of value can hardly be read.

No. 25. 30 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.

Number printed: 7,279,700 copies.

Shades. Red brown, 1872. Chocolate brown, 1872. Dark brown, 1874. Brown, 1874. Light brown, 1874.

Plate defects. Copies with very heavy numerals are found and in used condition, they are quoted around $1.25. Unused they are very scarce.

Notes. The first stamps of this value were delivered to the P. O. Department Feb. 22, 1872. It will be noted that here we also find a change in spelling. The word "thirty" which was spelled "TRETTIO" on the issue of 1858 is

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spelled "TRETIO" on this stamp. Copies are met with on which the colored oval center of the figure "O" is missing. The red brown shade is very scarce unused, and used it is worth six times as much as the brown and light brown shades. Copies with black color are chemical changelings.

No. 26. 50 ore.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.
Number printed: 2,048,000 copies.

Shades. Rose, 1872. Carmine rose, 1873. Violet rose, 1873. Dull carmine, 1875.

Notes. The first delivery of this stamp took place at the same time as that of the 30 ore value. The rose shade is the scarcer both unused and used. The dull carmine is the most common.

No. 27. 1 riksdaler.

From July 1, 1872 to March 31, 1877.
Number printed: 590,500 copies.

Shades. Yellow brown and blue, 1872. Yellow brown and ultramarine, 1873. Brown and blue, 1875.

Reprints. 2000 copies were printed in 1885. They are yellow brown and dark blue and perforated 13.

Notes. The printing process used was two color typography. The first delivery was made July 1, 1872 and consisted of 18,200 copies. The yellow brown and blue shade combination is the scarcest.

1877.

Perforated 13.

The only difference between the stamps of this issue and the previous is found in the perforations. Design, paper and color are the same. From a postal point of view there is no difference and stamps with different perforations but of the same value were considered as belonging to the same issue. That the matter of perforations is of importance to the philatelists can be easily understood when, for instance, it is considered that the total number of stamps printed of the 4 ore, perforated 14, was only 1,100,900 while the printings of the 4 ore perf. 13 totalled 20,464,500 copies.

The new machine, perforating 13, was put up April 6, 1877 in the printery and was tried out the following day and found satisfactory. The deliveries of stamps did not follow until in May and the exact dates of issue cannot be ascertained.

No. 28. 3 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to April 8, 1887.
Number printed: 19,753,100 copies.

Shades. Brown, 1877. Light brown, 1877. Dark brown, 1878. Yellow brown, 1878. Gray brown, 1880. Light brown **on soft paper**, 1883.

Notes. One unperforated copy is known. The dark brown shade of 1878 is quite scarce unused and is worth twenty times as much as the light brown shade of 1877 which is the most common.

No. 29. 4 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to April 11, 1886.
Number printed: 20,464,500 copies.

Shades. Black gray, 1877. Gray, 1880. Light gray, 1880. Gray on soft paper, 1883. Light gray on soft paper, 1883.

Notes. The light gray shade of 1883 is the least common and the gray of 1880 the most common.

No. 30. 5 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to May 23, 1886.
Number printed: 15,613,100 copies.

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Shades. Gray green, 1877. Blue green, 1878. Dark green, 1878. Yellow green, 1879. Green, 1880. Dark green on soft paper, 1883. Green on soft paper, 1883.

Notes. In unused form, the gray green shade of 1877 and the dark green of 1883 are the least common and are of equal value.

No. 31, 6 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to August 6, 1888.

Number printed: 13,816,500 copies.

Shades. Red lilac, 1877. Lilac, 1878. Dark lilac, 1879. Light lilac, 1880. Blue violet on soft paper, 1883. Red violet on soft paper, 1883.

Notes. It will be observed that this stamp has no gray shade. The red lilac of 1877 and the dark lilac of 1879 are the least common in unused condition. This stamp exists in the Lejonhufvud collections overprinted "10 ore" in blue but was never officially issued thus. Used unperforated copies are known but are very rare.

No. 32. 12 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to September 30, 1889.

Number printed: 166,627,100 copies.

Shades. Dark blue, 1877. Blue, 1877. Light blue, 1878. Blue on soft paper, 1883. Light blue on soft paper, 1883.

Plate defects. Numerals heavier than the normal.

Notes. The dark blue shade of 1877 and the light blue of 1878 are the least common, unused. An **unperforated** copy of this stamp was found in February 1916 and is, naturally, considered very rare.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS The attention of all correspondents and exchanges is directed to the permanent address of the Editor, 3881 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo., to which all mail should now be sent. It is the hope that all philatelic papers favoring us with copies of their publication will make the necessary change in their records at once, in order to insure the proper receipt of their papers.

MAKING OUR JOURNAL OF WIDER INTEREST. This is a question which is constantly before us and when one stops to consider the wide and varied collecting tastes of our membership and the necessity of holding the expense of publication at a minimum, with no appropriations, beyond those necessary for its publication, available for use in improving the journal, one can readily realize the limitations with which we have to contend.

There are certain items which we must publish and certain others which we feel under obligations to print in our columns. Of the former, it is imperative that the reports of the various officers and committees be published in full, and this is true especially of the report of the Secretary, as it is upon these published reports that admissions of applicants are based. Our By-Laws require the publication of applicants' names, addresses, references, etc., and these cannot be admitted to membership until this form shall have been fulfilled. This is a matter of vital interest to the Society and instead of looking upon such reports as devoid of interest, they should be considered the very opposite, as they clearly show the condition of the Society. The reports of the Treasurer, Sales Superintendent and other officers should have the same consideration.

Reports of the various branches and acknowledgments of publications received, as well as the review of the various philatelic works sent us for this purpose, have a certain interest and present a considerable news value which should not be overlooked by our readers. It is of great importance to the Society that the work of the branch-

es be fostered and the printing of the minutes of their meetings should be an incentive to other philatelic centers for the formation of local clubs, through which the greatest of benefits to collectors can accrue. It is no more than due to those publishers who send their journals that we at least acknowledge receipt of their publication, especially as copies of all of these papers also go to our library and become a valuable adjunct of that collection of philatelic literature.

Many suggestions have reached us from time to time of the desires of our members and so far as we are able to do so, we meet these in the scheme of our publication. It is of course manifestly impossible that we produce a journal each month which will be in accord with the wishes of every one, as to do so would naturally require far more than the Society can appropriate for the journal, even if it were not impossible to secure the manuscript which would be required for this purpose.

Practically all the articles which have appeared during the past five years have been supplied to the Society without cost to it, thanks to the generosity of our members who have so willingly assisted us in this respect.

There are several features which we believe would be of considerable interest to our members, judging from expressions which have reached us, among these being a monthly listing of new issues and news letters from the various philatelic centers. We should indeed be pleased to have such columns appear as a permanent part of The American Philatelist and if there are among our members any who would be willing to undertake this work for the Society, we feel sure their contributions would be highly appreciated by our readers.

The American Philatelist has, we believe, the second largest circulation of any philatelic magazine in this country and even though it may be confined almost entirely to the membership of our Society, it should offer a splendid opportunity for the dealer. Advertising now and then will never bring results, no matter what the medium may be and in a field such as stamp collecting, it is undoubtedly a hard matter to trace the full value of any particular advertising. But the fact remains that there is among our membership a very large buying power and it should be a part of the policy of every live dealer to see that his name is kept constantly before the members. Advertisements of stamps are always of interest to collectors and frequently the relations formed through a single advertisement are of such value that the cost of a year's advertising becomes a small item. There are among our members a considerable number of dealers whose advertisements should appear regularly on our pages.

To obtain the fullest measure of benefit which The American Philatelist offers requires the co-operation of our membership. Remember, it is not possible to produce a satisfactory journal unless each does what he can to make that possible. There are many ways by which one can assist in the production of a journal which will be a credit to the Society. It is the proper outlet for the results of your studies and researches, and is the logical means by which such studies should be given to the philatelic fraternity. Have you done your part? If not, the pages of The American Philatelist are open to you. Help others that others may help you. If we co-operate, we shall yet be able to produce a philatelic magazine which shall be a worthy one and which shall reflect the proper credit to American Philately and the American Philatelic Society.

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REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Phila., Pa., Nov. 1st, 1917.

Mr. H. A. Whipple, Recorder,
Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,
214 Farnam Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

Herewith I present a report of the business transacted by the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society for the period of July 21st, 1917 to November 1st, 1917.

		Valued at
1630	Books in circulation..	$36,617.46
206	New books received..	5,201.62
1836	Total	41,819.08
98	Books retired (Sales $612.12)	2,174.63
1738	In circulation, Nov. 1st, 1917	$39,644.45

The Insurance of the 94 retired books was $12.73 for which amount a check has been sent to the Treasurer for credit to the Insurance Fund.

During this period the cash sales from books circulating in the Sales Department were $1505.91.

I am pleased to note that this first period of the Sales Department for the new year of the Society beginning September 1, is a decided improvement over last year both in the number of new books received and the amount of the cash sales. This is a very good augury for the coming year.

In my first period report covering the same time from July 21st to November 1st there were only 105 new books received last year valued at $1991.19, while this year we have 206 new books received valued at $5201.62.

This shows a decided increase in the number of books and also the valuation indicates that the quality must be 100% better. I am glad to state that some splendid books have been sent in to the Department, and I trust that the members will keep me supplied with a better grade of books this year. Our membership is not composed of beginners, and the demand has been at least 95% for better grade stamps and rarities. Do not hesitate to send in good stamps, for they will find buyers, particularly if they are marked at attractive net prices.

I can only repeat that the principal demand is for good books of United States stamps, particularly older issues before 1870, including imperforate pairs and blocks. I might say the same of early European stamps before 1870.

Next in popularity are the stamps of British North America, excepting the 20th Century issues of Canada and Newfoundland. Following these in popularity, and for which there is the greatest demand are all old issues of British Colonies.

My Annual Report of the Sales Department for the year 1916 and 1917 will appear in the Year Book and I trust that the patrons of the Department will note some of the suggestions made for the betterment of both buyer and seller. I will repeat one of the principal paragraphs here in regard to the movement of Circuits.

"This past year has shown no improvement whatever in the quick circulation of Circuits. I have done all I possibly can to speed up these Circuits, but it seems to be second nature of some stamp collectors to just hold on to the books, regardless of the members to follow them, who may be waiting for the Circuit. It is a somewhat selfish motive to hold on to the books for a longer period than provided. I am frequently informed that it is impossible for a member to look over a ten book mail Circuit in three days time, yet there are other members who do not hold the Circuit twenty-four hours.

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"The Branch Agents also complain that many of the members not only keep the Circuits out longer than the Rules and Regulations provide for, but they frequently purchase stamps and do not pay for them promptly. This of course is a serious violation, as the Branch Agent is held responsible for the amount, and in some cases has forwarded the amount of the purchases to the Sales Superintendent, before he has received it. It is certainly very unreasonable and very unfair for members on Circuit to withhold payment for any length of time. The Rules and Regulations explicitly state that all sales are strictly on a cash basis, and the Superintendent is not permitted to allow credit.

"Several members have indulged in the practice of removing stamps from Circuits and not reporting for them at all. The Sales Superintendent would not be aware of the fact that they have purchased stamps until the Circuit is finally returned and checked up; then it would be necessary for the Sales Superintendent to send them a statement, which means extra and unnecessary work, correspondence and postage."

I trust all the members on Circuits, both those receiving the mail Circuits and those who receive them from the Branch Agents will co-operate with me in speeding up the Circuits. Do not pigeon-hole a Circuit and forget about it, or put it away in your safe while you are going on a trip, or delay it in any manner whatever. Should you be suddenly called out of town leave somebody in authority to receive any Circuit that may arrive while you are gone and forward it to the next member. Assist your Branch Agent in speeding up the books and having them returned as promptly as possible. Remember every little bit helps, and a day saved may mean a week or more in the final movement of the Circuits.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 45.

The forty-second regular semi-monthly meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club convened 8.00 P. M., September 13th, 1917, in Clubs regular meeting place Directors Room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Indiana, Vice President, C. L. Pond presided. Minutes of 41st meeting and report of Second annual dinner held Sept. 3rd read and approved.

Mr. C. V. Hollis gave a report of interview and arrangements made with photographer to retouch the photographs taken at the 2nd annual dinner which had been rejected.

Applications for Membership.

Applications for membership were received as follows: Harry A. Show, 1856 South Bronson Street, Marion, Ind., age 38, occupation Iron Worker, proposed by C. V. Hollis; James C. Peales, 107½ East 3rd St., Marion, Ind., age 38, occupation Machine Foreman, proposed by C. V. Hollis; Bernardo Vricoechea, Metropole Hotel, Indianapolis, Ind. age 26, occupation Representative B. Vricoechea & Co., Bogota, Columbia, proposed by C. R. Sutton.

The Secretary-Treasurer read report from C. L. Pond, Sales Manager, enclosing $4.07 for the Insurance Fund

and $1.00 for the Treasury from unexpended balance, of sales book account and a report from C. V. Hollis, Auction Manager, enclosing $5.83 received from lots donated to Club for annual dinner auction and $1.53 entry fees, on other lots entered.

A letter from H. S. Ackerman, Detroit, Mich., a former resident member of the Club was also read.

The Secretary-Treasurer tendered his resignation due to a lack of time to give proper attention to the details of the office. After considerable discussion and various suggestions as to creating a separate office of treasurer and appointing an assistant, it was decided to lay the resignation on the table and submit amendments to the constitution at the next meeting.

Prof. L. R. Huber of Hanover, Indiana, one of the many State members of the Club, gave a very interesting talk on his experiences in learning stamp collecting by correspondence and the printed page rather than association with other stamp fans and expressed great pleasure in meeting fellow stamp collectors for the first time.

Mr. W. L. Gates of Oelwein, Iowa, who is said to have the fourth largest collection of precancel stamps in the United States also gave a very interesting and instructive talk on his collecting experiences and a remarkable fund of information on the conditions under which many various precancel stamps were issued. Mr. Gates also advised that he is considering locating in Indianapolis and will be a welcome addition to the Club. After adjournment Mr. Gates exhibited his albums of precancel issues.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The forty-third regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club was called to order by Vice President C. L. Pond, 8:15 P. M., Thursday, September 27th, 1917, Marion Club, Indianapolis, Indiana. The minutes of the forty-first meeting were approved as read.

The Secretary reported the result of the investigation of applications for membership pending except one on which no replies to inquiries had been received and action was therefore deferred. Favorable vote on the others was as follows:

New Members Admitted.

Harry A. Show, Lock Box 74, Marion, Indiana.

Bernardo Uriocoechea, Metropole Hotel, Indianapolis, Indiana.

A report was given by Mr.C.L. Pond, Sales Manager, relative to affairs of his Department and reported excellent sales. Entry of more books was urged to take the place of books being depleted very rapidly.

Action on amendments to the by-laws anticipated at the previous meeting was deferred until an officers' meeting could be held and amendments formulated.

After the adjournment of the business meeting, an interesting time was afforded in browsing through the sales circuits and discussing the values of various offerings.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

BRANCH No. 25.

At the meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Society, held on October 3rd, the following officers were elected:

Honorary Life President, General C. A. Coolidge.

Honorary Life Vice President, Herbert Bowen.

President, Maj. Warren L. Babcock.

1st Vice President, Frederic T. Norris.

2nd Vice President, Theo. P. Ladue.

Sec.-Treas., F. R. Schmalzriedt.

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Sales Superintendent, C. F. Heyerman.
Auction Superintendent, Harmon Wendell.
Executive Committee, Messrs. Geo. W. Rice, Chas. H. Jumper, Chas. F. Sharpe and the society officers.

FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT, Sec.

BRANCH No. 30.

Meeting of G. P. S. C. held Sept. 20, 1917.

The regular meeting of the Club was called to order by President Tubman with the following members present:

Barnum, Rust, Moses, Good, Whittaker, Chamberlain, Lloyd, Preston, Weigel, Beatty, Lewis, McLaren, Zink, Tubman, Young, Larsen and Mader. Visitor, Mr. Hunter.

The applications of Mr. M. E. Northrop of this city and Mr. Thos. Hunter of Akron,Ohio, proposed by Mr.Whittaker, were ordered posted.

Mr. Wilford Zink was accepted as a member of the Club.

Motion was made that a letter of condolence be writted to Mrs. F. C. Bartel, whose husband lost his life recently; also, that the Secretary write her, offering the services of the Club in disposing of Mr. Bartel's collection. Carried.

Motion was made by Mr. Moses that a donation auction be held on October 18, and that a mimeographed list be mailed to all members and collectors in adjacent cities or towns, and that the proceeds be given to the Club for the permanent club rooms fund. Carried.

An auction of 40 lots was then held which netted the Club Treasury $2.33.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

Addresses, subscription rates, etc., of any of the journals listed herein will be gladly furnished on application to the Editor.

PHILATELIC GOSSIP, Vol. IV Nos. 1 and 2, Sept. and Oct. 1917.

THE ECONOMIST BULLETIN, Vol. 4 No. 12, Vol. 5 Nos. 1 and 2, Sept., Oct. and Nov. 1917.

NEW ENGLAND STAMP MONTHLY, Vol. VI No. 11, Sept. 20, 1917.

EVERYBODY'S PHILATELIST, Vol. VIII No. 7, Sept. 1917.

THE COLLECTORS JOURNAL, Vol. VIII Nos. 3 and 4, Oct. and Nov., 1917.

STAMP TRADE, Vol. III No. 28, Oct. 1917.

THE PHILATELIC SUN and THE ILLINOIS PHILATELIST, Vol. 2 Nos. 9 and 10, Oct. and Nov., 1917.

UNITED STAMP CO. HERALD, Vol. VI No. 10, Oct. 1917.

THE ALBEMARLE STAMP COLLECTOR, Vol. III Nos. 9 and 10, Sept. and Oct. 1917.

THE PHILATELIC GAZETTE, Vol.VII Nos. 9 and 10, Sept. and Oct. 1917.

COLLECTORS' ADVERTISER, Vol. I No. 8, Oct. 1917.

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THE STAMP HERALD, Vol. 2 Nos. 7 and 8, Oct. and Nov. 1917.

STAMP COLLECTING, Vol. VIII, Nos. 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, Vol. IX Nos. 1 and 2, Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Oct. 6, 13 and 20, 1917.

NORDISK FILATELISTISK TIDSKRIFT, Vol. 24 No.6, Aug. 30, 1917.

THE AUSTRALIAN PHILATELIST, Vol. XXIV Nos. 1 and 2, Sept. 7 and Oct. 5, 1917.

THE PHILATELIC MAGAZINE, Nos. 79 and 80, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, 1917.

LE PETIT BLEU PHILATELIQUE, Vol. 2 No. 9, Aug. 31, 1917.

THE PHILATELIC JOURNAL OF GREAT BRITAIN, Nos. 321 and 322, Sept. 1 and Oct. 1, 1917.

THE WEST-END PHILATELIST, Vol. XIV No. 163, Sept. 1917.

MADRID FILATELICO, Vol. XX No. 223, August, 1917.

THE POSTAGE STAMP, Vol. XX No. 4, Oct. 1917.

THE STAMP LOVER, Vol. X No. 3-4, Aug.-Sept., 1917.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

International Precancel Club Year Book, 1917. We have been favored with a copy of the year book of the I. P. C., compiled by Dr. C. W. Hennan, Secretary of that society, embracing the constitution and a complete list of members to Oct. 1st, 1917. From the extent to which the collecting of precanceled stamps exists, it is rather surprising to note that the membership of the I. P. C. is not much larger, as undoubtedly it offers many advantages to those who are interested in this particular field.

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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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1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

American Representative

The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

(Continued from page 57.)

No. 33. 20 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to March 18, 1886.
Number printed: 18,568,100 copies.

Shades. Dark red, 1877. Cinnabar red, 1878. Light red, 1880. Red on soft paper, 1883. Light red on soft paper, 1883.

Plate defects. Heavy numerals, and very uneven numerals.

Error. "TRETIO" (thirty) instead of "TJUGO" (twenty), cinnabar red. This error occurred in December 1879. At a printing of the 20 ore value it was found that one of the cuts in the plate had become damaged. As the center field with the numerals "20" was intact, the surrounding ring and the frame were cut away and the ring and frame from another cut were substituted. The cut from which the latter were taken happened to be a cut for the 30 ore value and consequently the inscription in the ring read "TRETIO" instead of "TJUGO." As the damage to the plate was noted and repaired before the printing started, this error occurred once on every sheet of that printing which consisted of 6000 sheets. 182 of these were burned as printers waste and 5818 sheets, each containing the error, were delivered to the Postoffice Department December 19, 1879. Of this delivery 1,583 sheets had been sent out to postmasters before the error was discovered. In a circular dated February 5, 1880 the Department requested the return of all copies of the error that could be found. There is no official account of the number of copies that were returned but 4,848 of these errors were officially burned March 31, 1880. Thus it seems that the number of copies used was 970. A great number of these were attached to post money orders which were retained by the Postoffice Department. In Sweden unused copies of this error are quoted at $135 unused and $120 used. Very dangerous forgeries are in existence on some of which the only difference that can be observed is the absence of the characteristic brown line which is a trace of the repair which caused the error.

Notes. Copies of the 20 ore in a brown color are met with but have been chemically changed. Unused, the dark red shade of 1877 is far scarcer than the other shades.

No. 34. 24 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to September 30, 1889.
Number printed: 4,444,600 copies.

Shades. Orange, 1877. Yellow orange, 1877. Dull orange, 1882. Red orange soft paper, 1883. Yellow orange on soft paper, 1883. Lemon yellow, 1884.

Notes. Unused, the lemon yellow shade of 1884 is worth 8 times as much as the orange shades of 1883. The yellow orange of 1877 is sometimes found so faded that the inscription cannot be read and the numerals only with magnifying glass.

No. 35. 30 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to March 21, 1886.
Number printed: 16,821,600 copies.

Shades. Brown, 1877. Light brown, 1878. Dark brown, 1882. Dark brown on soft paper, 1883. Brown on soft paper, 1883. Yellow brown (olive brown), 1885.

Plate defects. Heavy numerals, also various spots and misformed numerals caused by worn plates.

Notes. Ths stamp is known unperforated. In unused condition, the brown shade of 1883 is the scarcest and is worth three times as much as the light brown of 1878 which is the most common.

No. 36. 50 ore.

From April 1, 1877 to May 24, 1886.
Number printed: 4,247,900 copies.

Shades. Carmine rose, 1877. Rose, 1879. Violet rose, 1880. Light red, 1882. Red on soft paper, 1883. Light red on soft paper, 1883.

Notes. Unused, the light red of 1882 is the most common. The shades of 1880 and 1883 are more scarce.

No. 37. 1 riksdaler.

From April 1, 1877 to July 1, 1878.
Number printed: 221,500 copies.

Shades. Brown and blue.

Reprints. The reprints which were made in 1885 are yellow brown and dark blue and perf. 13. They are the same reprints which are mentioned in connection with No. 27.

Notes. Only one printing of this stamp took place and the entire lot was delivered to the P. O. Department May 18, 1877.

1878.

Perforated 13.

Scott Cat. Type A6.

No. 38, 1 krona.

From July 1, 1878 to October 1, 1886.
Number printed: 895,600 copies.

According to the coinage law of May 30, 1873 the unit for the Swedish coinage system should be called "krona" (crown), and the highest value of the official stamps and the Postage Due stamps were given the value "1 Krona" with the beginning of 1874. This notwithstanding it was not considered necessary to change the designation of value on the highest value of the ordinary postage stamps and it was not until 1879 that the change from "riksdaler" to "krona" was made. It is very likely that when preparing the plate for the blue central field of the 1 Krona value, the plate for the central field of the Riksdaler stamp was used, but with a slight retouching. This retouch consisted in an enforcing of the white line to the right of each of the three crowns thus making the crowns stand out better from the ruled background. This was done by hand on every cut in the plate, and copies of the stamps show that in a couple of cases the graving tool slipped a little.

The plate for the brown frame was produced from a new die and shows good and sharp impressions. It will be observed that in the frame for the 1 krona stamp the two stars in the ring are smaller and do not occupy the same position as the stars on the 1 riksdaler value.

Shades. Light yellow brown and blue, 1878. Yellow brown and blue, 1880. Yellow brown and dark blue, 1880. Brown and blue, 1882. Yellow brown and blue on soft paper, 1883.

Notes. Unused, the shades of 1878 and 1883 are equally scarce and are worth double the price of the yellow brown and dark blue of 1880, and the brown and blue of 1882. The yellow brown and blue of 1880 ranks close to the two shades first mentioned.

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1885.

Perforated 13.

Scott Cat. Type A7.

No. 39, 10 ore.

I. From January 1, 1885 to February 25, 1885.

Number printed: 12,741,900 copies.

Shades. Dark carmine.

II. From February 26, 1885 to February 23, 1886.

Number printed: 26,148,100 copies.

Shades. Carmine rose, 1885. Rose, 1885.

Notes. In a circular of November 21, 1884 it was announced, that on account of a reduction of the postage rates, stamps of a value of 10 ore would be issued on January 1, 1885. These stamps are not of the "numeral" type but show the head of King Oscar II in profile. A special steel die was engraved which also had the numerals indicating the value. Plates for printing according to the typographic method were prepared from this die. The printer made his first delivery November 29, 1884 and the entire lot of 10 ore stamps of the dark carmine color was delivered before the close of the year mentioned. January 23, 1885 Jacob Bagge the stamp contractor requested the permission of the Postoffic Department to use another color for the printing of the 10 ore ordinary stamps, the 10 ore official stamps and the 10 ore envelopes. His reason was, that the dark carmine ink had proved unsuitable. The following day the P. O. officials gave their permission to the use of a light carmine color of which the printer had submitted a sample. The first delivery of the second issue occurred February 14, 1885. The rose shade of 1885 is the least common.

1886-1891.

Perforated 13.

With a blue post horn on the back.

Scott Cat. Types A5, A6 and A7.

This series has the same values as the issues of 1872-1885 with the exception of the 12 and 24 ore, for which there were no further use; and the addition of a 2 ore value. The paper used for the "Posthorn series" is thinner, more transparent and more even in quality than the paper from Tumba Mills. Consequently the printed impressions are clearer and better, and defects in the printing, so frequently met with in the previous issues, occur very seldom in the posthorn series. As the printer furnished the paper himself, and for the sake of proper control, the P. O. Department printed on the back of each sheet a series of blue posthorns so arranged, that one posthorn would show on the back of each stamp. After having been thus control printed, the sheets were counted and delivered to the printer. It may be mentioned as something truly remarkable that among all the stamps of the posthorn series not a single copy with inverted posthorn has been found.

No. 40. 2 ore.

From July 8, 1891 to August 24, 1892.

Number printed: 1,981,100 copies.

Shades. Yellow orange, 1891. Orange 1891.

Plate defects. (a) narrow foot stroke on "2". (b) a dot before the word "Frimarke". (c) a dot before "Frimarke' and narrow foot stroke on "2".

Notes. This stamp was announced in a circular dated the day before the stamp was issued. It is of a provisional nature because it was issued to serve while the plates for the two colored 2 ore stamps were being prepared. These plates failed to materialize in time for a reduction of postage on local printed mail matter to 2 ore. According to a Department protocol of June 15, 1891, the plates of the 24 ore value were to be used for the 2 ore after the central part with the numerals "24" had been bored out and patches with the figure "2" inserted. The extra dots found on the stamps are caused by the

little rivets used to fasten the patches and which in some cases were not trimmed off properly. The varieties in figure "2" are also caused by the method used in the preparation of the plate. The entire figure is poorly formed.

No. 41. 3 ore.

From April 9, 1887 to September 22, 1892.

Number printed: 1,465,100 copies.

Shades. Light brown, 1886. Brown, 1887. Dark brown, 1890.

No. 42. 4 ore.

From April 12, 1886 to May 28, 1892.

Number printed: 23,182,100 copies.

Shades. Gray, 1886. Light gray, 1887. Black gray, 1889.

No. 43. 5 ore.

From May 24, 1886 to March 24, 1891.

Number printed: 9,465,400 copies.

Shades. Green, 1886. Light green, 1886. Dark green, 1887. Yellow green, 1888.

Notes. Is said to exist with reversed impression on the back.

No. 44. 6 ore.

From August 7, 1888 to August 26, 1892.

Number printed: 856,900 copies.

Shades. Blue violet, 1888. Red violet, 1888.

Plate defects. A large dot between "SEX" and "ORE".

No. 45. 10 ore.

From February 24, 1886 to May 20, 1891.

Number printed: 182,212,400 copies.

Shades. Violet rose, 1886. Dull rose 1890. Carmine rose, 1890.

Notes. This stamp exists unperforated and is the rarest of all Swedish stamps found thus. It is also said to exist with reversed impression on back. The ink used for this value is somewhat soluble in water, and fades easily.

No. 46. 20 ore.

From March 19, 1886 to March 26, 1891

Number printed: 17,994,100 copies.

Shades. Brick red, 1886. Light brick red, 1886. Bright red, 1888.

Notes. This stamp is found on a heavy carton like paper.

No. 47. 30 ore.

From March 22, 1886 to October 5, 1891.

Number printed: 10,417,500 copies.

Shades. Olive brown, 1886. Red brown, 1886. Brown, 1887. Light brown (yellow brown), 1888.

Notes. Occurs on the same carton paper as previous value and are such copies of both values priced at $1.25 in used condition. The red brown shade of the 30 ore is the least common both unused and used.

No. 48.. 50 ore.

From May 25, 1886 to December 4, 1892.

Number printed: 2,834,800 copies.

Shades. Rose, 1886. Carmine rose (violet rose), 1887. Aniline rose, 1890. Carmine, 1891.

Notes. The aniline ink used in 1890-91 penetrated the paper so that the design is visible on the backs of many stamps. The rose shade of 1886 is the least common, unused.

No. 49, 1 Krona.

From October 2, 1886 to January 9, 1900.

Number printed: 2,474,900 copies.

Shades. Yellow brown and blue, 1886. Yellow brown and dark blue, 1890. Brown and dark blue, 1891.

1889.

Perforated 13.

No. 32 and No. 34 with values changed to 10 ore.

Scott Cat. Type A8.

As the 12 and 24 ore values became unnecessary after the postal rates had been reduced it was found desirable,

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from an economic point of view, to use up the large remainders of these stamps which were on hand in the Post-office Department. Consequently it was decided, according to an official circular of March 13, 1889, to overprint these remainders so that they could be used as 10 ore stamps. A special steel die was engraved for this overprint and plates were prepared by the usual methods.

No. 50. 10 ore on 12 ore.

From October 1, 1889 to December 8, 1889.

Number printed: 1,957,000 copies.

Shades. Dark blue on blue. Dark blue on light blue.

Notes. The Senf catalogue mentions this stamp with inverted overprint but it is simply a forgery.

No. 51. 10 ore on 24 ore.

From October 1, 1889 to November 25, 1889.

Number printed: 204,400 copies.

Shades. Dark blue on orange (red orange). Dark blue on yellow orange. Dark blue on yellow.

Notes. The yellow orange shade, used or unused, is only worth one fourth of the two other shades.

It may be mentioned here, that through an official decree of March 25, 1911, all Swedish postage stamps issued from 1855 to 1879, the 2 ore stamp of the posthorn series, and these two overprinted stamps were demonetized.

1891-1903.

Perforated 13. Watermarked Crown.

Scott Cat. types A9, A10, A11 and A12.

The 1, 2, 3, and 4 ore values of this series are printed by two color typographic process. In 1892 the 2, 3 and 4 ore stamps of the posthorn series were exhausted and according to a circular of May 5, 1892, these two colored stamps of the same value took their places. Five different dies of steel were prepared for these four values. One served for the frame for all and the others for the four different numerals. 100 cuts were soldered together to a plate and from this a silver-plated reproduction was made which served as a matrix for the printing plates. The paper used for the 1, 2, 3 and 4 ore values is the same watermarked paper which was brought into use for the copper plate stamps the previous year.

The "copper plate stamps," which include the rest of the values of this series, were first announced in an official circular of March 13, 1891. This circular only referred to the 5, 10 and 20 ore values. The other values were added as needed, and as corresponding values of the previous series became exhausted. One steel die was engraved and served for all the different ore values having the picture of Oscar II. The space for the numerals was left blank on this die. After it had been engraved and hardended, it was pressed into a piece of soft steel, leaving an impression which had all lines raised which were sunk on the die. The steel impression thus obtained was in its turn hardened and pressed into another piece of soft steel producing an exact duplicate of the original die. These duplicates were engraved with the different numerals thus providing a separate die for each value. Impressions were made in lead and 100 of these lead impressions were assembled into a plate. This plate was used to obtain copper precipitates which served as printing plates.

The paper used for the copper plate stamps as well as for the four two color ore stamps of this series is so-called "machine paper" provided with a watermark which is visible on every stamp in the form of a crown. Every half sheet has also along its four edges the watermarked inscription "Kongl Postverket" (Royal Post Department). All the values of this series are found with the watermark inverted.

(To be continued.)

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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.

Buczynski, Ferdyand
Goodwin, W. E.
Gould, W. B.
Lillie, Dr. R. K.
Lutz, Mabelle M.
Ohmit, Jacob H.
Shreve, Forrest
Stilson, J. H., Jr.
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Tedsche, Dr. L. S.
Wallick, Galen S.
McIntosh, W. G.
Ogden, Henry V.
Rochefort, Chas. H.
Tiedemann, Ronald

Applications Posted.

Abbott, Spence, Box 147, care Alta Loma Sanatarium, Alta Loma, Calif.; Age 19; Student; Guaranteed by H. S. Abbott, 215 N. Fern Ave., Ontario, Calif.; Reference: Security Mortgage Co., Ontario, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Arnold, Abraham S., 165 Broadway, New York City; Age 29; Lawyer; Reference: J. Jacobs, 2041 Fifth Ave., New York; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, #2279.

Georgantas, N. A., 533 Gettysburg St., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age 32; Treasurer Liberty Market Corp.; Reference: C. B. Reynolds, care Armour & Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by Nickolaus Hagenauer, #4859.

Holbrook, Arthur T., M. D., 612 Kenwood Blvd., Milwaukee, Wis.; Age 47; Physician; Reference: H. W. Protzmann, 1031 28th St., Milwaukee, Wis.; Proposed by Dr. H. G. Oakland, #4785.

Lemont, Cedric W., South Orchards, via. Theodore, R. F. D. #3, Ala.; Age 37; Musician; Reference: Merchants Bank, Mobile, Ala.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Meek, Thos. J., 5207 Greenwood Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 35; Lawyer; Reference: Hyde Park State Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by C. E. Severn, #65.

Meyer, Robert O., 371 Grandy Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 48; Molder; Reference: Hoskins Mfg. Co., Lawton Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by J. E. Scott, #3916.

Rogers, Chas. S., 400 S. Hardesty, Kansas City, Mo.; Age 35; Asst. Plant Engnr., S. W. Bell Telephone Co.; Reference: Empire Printing Co., R. Y. Goggin, 10th & Wyandott Sts.; Proposed by Wilson D.Wood, #4861.

Vos, A. H. J., Box 144, Paramaribo, Surinam, D. G.; Age 34; Notorial Clerk; Reference: Nederlandsche Vereeniging van Post #39, Amsterdam, Neth.; Proposed by H. J. Rack, #3291.

Application for Reinstatement.

1791 Johanzon, Carl, 424 7th Street, Rockford, Ill.; Age 54; Jeweler; Reference: Chas. E. Severn; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

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New Stockholders.

5075 Bogart, C. R., 2419 Cottage Grove Ave., Des Moines, Ia.
5076 Gilyson, Richard, 625 23rd St., Sacramento, Calif.
5077 Heffer, W. G., 335 Pennsylvania Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
5078 Levett, Charles M., 105 E. 15th St., New York City.
5079 Tschudy, F., 3409 Ave. E, Ensley, Ala.

Reinstated.

1162 Swensen, Harry S., 192 Cedar Lake Road, Minneapolis, Minn.
4408 Gundlach, T. J., 503 Woodlawn Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.

Replaced on List.

The following having paid dues in full for 1916-17 and 1917-18 is replaced on List.

4485 Kaker, Otto, 222 Lauder Avenue, Toronto, Canada.

Deceased.

4183 McCann, Burt, 321 N. Newton St., Minneapolis,, Minn.
4504 Kunkel, Clarence G., 1016 W. 46th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

Change of Address.

4896 Austin, Wallace K., from Y. M. C. A. to care Railway Mail Service, El Paso, Tex.
3654 Ballentine, D. L., from 125 Blain Ave. to 1743 3rd Ave., Detroit, Mich.
1717 Champagne, Theophile J., from Philadelphia to 184 E. Elmwood Ave., Sharon Hill, Pa.
553 Goerner, W. F., from 130 Gladstone St. to 65 Lawrence St., Arlington, R. I.
643 Gregory, W. F., from 95 Nassau St. to Room 410, 17 W. 42nd St., New York City.
2136 Hibbard, Chas. S., from 69 Genesee St., to 6 Weaver Bldg., Utica, N. Y.
2009 Howlett, Henry J., from 86 Hudson St., New York City, to 250 Washington Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
4469 Macfarlane, Peter S., from Montreal to Box 986, Welland, Ont., Can.
3016 Marquardt, W. F., from 22 Dracut St. to 5 Narragansett St., Dorchester, Mass.
1646 Mendel, Edw., from 5492 Everett Ave. to Hyde Park Hotel, Chicago, Ill.
4880 Muller, Otto, from Liberty, N.Y., to 853 Seneca Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.
15 Scott, John W., from 30 E. 42nd St. to 120 W. 49th St., New York.
818 Strauss, Adalbert, from St. Louis, Mo. to Perla, Ark.
3631 Tudbury, Warren C., from Chevy Chase, Md. to Bureau of Yards and Docks, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.
4075 Wichmann, Paul from 545 O'Farrell St. to Apt. 403 434 Leavenworth St., San Francisco, Calif.
4884 Yewell, Fulton E., from 2845 N. Calvert St. to 1714 Eutaw Place, Baltimore, Md.

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Replaced on List	1	8
		1633
Deceased		2
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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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Congratulations.

Cards have been received from General and Mrs. Chas. A. Coolidge announcing the fiftieth anniversary of their wedding, which took place at Tallahassee, Fla., Nov. 19th, 1867. Hosts of friends will join in wishing them many more years of happiness and success. Gen. Coolidge has long taken an active part in A. P. S. matters, serving two years as our President prior to which he was a member of the Board of Vice-Presidents.

The Corner That Failed.

We are indebted to Mr. Henry J. Howlett for the following extract from Harper's for October, taken from "The Ocean Cross Road," (re Danish West Indies) by W. D. Steele, in which he (Steele) writes—"He (Steele's boy) told me another thing dear to his heart. The last meagre issue of the Danish Island stamps was nearly exhausted and my "boy" had been devoting the pennies taken from such as I to purchasing as many as possible of those precious prints. He told me that one day after the Americans had come, these stamps would be worth one hundred dollars apiece for each one. *** The Americans had come and the last of these Island stamps had been disposed of to the avid collector for one dollar apiece for each one."

It is interesting to note the references to philatelic matters which one finds now and then in the current literature and articles of the day. We thank Mr. Howlett for calling our attention to the article in which the above appears.

BURT McCANN.

We learn from Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News of the death of Mr. Burt McCann, which occurred Nov. 14th, 1917, at his home, 321 Newton Ave., Minneapolis, Minn., after a long illness. He was born in 1872 at Stark, N. H., locating in Minneapolis twelve years later.

Before becoming an invalid he was an actor of recognized ability. He has been active in stamp circles for many years and during the latter years of his life his stamps have been one of his chief pleasures. He was also a dealer and advertised quite extensively until recently. He is survived by three sisters, to whom the Society extends its sincere sympathy in our mutual loss.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS. **The attention of all correspondents and exchanges is directed to the permanent address of the Editor, 3881 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo., to which all mail should now be sent. It is the hope that all philatelic papers favoring us with copies of their publication will make the necessary change in their records at once, in order to insure the proper receipt of their papers.**

PHILATELY AND PUBLICITY. Advertising is one of the largest factors of modern business and the pages of almost every magazine or even newspaper will disclose the name of some product or firm which it has made famous. Advertising has not lowered the dignity of such firms, nor has it detracted from the value of their products. To the contrary, it has been the means by which both have been brought to their highest state of usefulness and has served as the medium by which untold numbers have been made acquainted with their merits.

These being recognized facts in business life, facts we meet every day, there is no reason why advertising should not prove of great advantage to the American Philatelic Society.

There was a time when sentiment dictated that in a Society such as ours we should not seek the member, but that the member should desire admission first and then hunt around for means of becoming a member of the A. P. S. The old theory that the collector should seek the Society will no longer hold. If we would have our membership increased to any appreciable extent, the Society should let it be known that it wishes all stamp collectors to become members of it, should advertise this to the greatest possible degree and in every possible manner that can be done without lowering its standard of membership requirements.

We should, of course, never for one moment lose sight of the fact that quality of membership is to be desired above mere quantity, but when we pause to consider the large number of high class collectors who would be eligible to membership in the A. P. S.. we should make the greatest effort to reach them nad let them know that they are welcome to our ranks.

If any of the great advertisers should stop their publicity campaigns, there would quickly be such a lessened demand for their goods, no matter what

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their merits might be, that no better idea of the force of the printed word could be shown. If The American Philatelic Society would be content to sit back and await the coming of the collector asking for admission, we would speedily see such a decrease in membership that a few years would leave us with not much more than a memory. It has been aptly said that "Once upon a time Opportunity failed to knock at a wise man's door, but he advertised for her and she came and stayed." We can just as well put this idea to work for us. It will not detract from the worth of the Society to give it the widest possible publicity and to let it be known that every reputable collector is desired as a member.

PRESS NOTICES. The recent error of the Five Cent Rose stamps has furnished considerable copy for the newspapers and many of them have given considerable space to philatelic matters. One of the best written articles that has come to our notice has been sent us by Mr. Otto C. Reymann, taken from a Philadelphia paper. It not only gives a very good story of the Five Cent error, but tells in an interesting way of the celebrated 1869 inverts. This is publicity which cannot help but do a great deal of good for philately and should be the means of interesting many people in stamp collecting.

AN A. P. S. WEEK. During the past few years we have read of numerous days or weeks set aside by some advertiser to exploit some particular brand of something or other. Why could we not have an "A. P. S. Week"? Such a movement would we believe, attract considerable attention from the philatelic press and this could be supplemented by advertising on the part of the Society. A date could be set and the attention of every member called to it, with the request that during that week he secure at least one application for membership. It would be an innovation in philatelic circles that would be unique and would undoubtedly be productive of good results.

STAMPS AS A BUSINESS INDEX. The Canadian Government recognizes that the number of stamps issued has a certain bearing on the progress which the Dominion has made in the past fifty years. On the face of a postal card, a copy of which has just reached us, there is a comparative statement of the years 1867 and 1917, in connection with the Jubilee of Confederation being celebrated now by a special stamp. In the former year postage stamps to the value of $669,000 were issued, while in the latter there has been issued $23,000,000 worth.

CHRISTMAS 1917. Again Yuletide draws near and again we extend to all our friends the wish that the season may be one of Great Cheer and filled with thoughts of Good Will. To those who are fighting for us in foreign lands our thoughts will go out on this Christmas Day with the hope that they may be spared to enjoy the fruits of their efforts to bring about an universal "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men." And may the Coming Year bring not only individual Happiness to all but a successful end to the strife which now involves almost all nations.

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A FEW LINES FROM THE PRESIDENT.

The slogan of the last President of the A. P. S. was "2000-1917" and I find the same motto adorns the bottom of each page of the Official Journal. The last report of our worthy Secretary places our membership at 1625, leaving 375 yet to be secured before the year ends. Many ways have been proposed to bring the number up to the desired 2000, prizes have been offered to those securing the largest number of desirable members; unfortunately the results have been small. This was to be expected because the old saying is still true "what is everyone's business is no one's business." I presume most of us know the old fable of the "Farmer and the Lark." It is a good story and will bear repeating.

A Lark, who had young ones in a field of corn which was almost ripe, was under some fear lest the reapers should come to reap it before her young brood were fledged and able to move from the place; therefore upon flying abroad to look for food, she left this charge with them, that they should take notice what they heard talked of in her absence and tell her of it when she came back again. When she was gone they heard the owner of the corn call to his son—"Well," says he, "I think this corn is ripe enough; I would have you go early tomorrow and desire our friends and neighbors to come and help us to reap it." When the old Lark came home, the young ones came a quivering and chirping round her, and told her what had happened, begging her to move them as fast as she could. The mother bid them be easy, "for," says she, "if the owner depends upon friends and neighbors, I am pretty sure the corn will not be reaped to-morrow." Next day she went out again upon the same occasion, and left the same orders with them as before. The owner came, and stayed, expecting those he had sent to; but the sun grew hot and nothing was done, for not a soul came to help him. "Then," says he to his son, "I perceive those friends of ours are not to be depended upon, so that you must even go to your uncles and cousins, and tell them, I desire they would be here betimes tomorrow morning to help us to reap." Well, this the young ones in a great fright reported also to their mother. "If that be all," says she, "do not be frightened, children, for kindred and relations do not use to be so very forward to help one another; but take particular notice what you hear said the next time and be sure you let me know it." She went abroad the next day, as usual; and the owner, finding his relations as slack as the rest of his neighbors, said to his son, "Harkye, George, do you get a couple of good sickles ready against tomorrow morning and we will even reap the corn ourselves." When the young ones told their mother this, "Then," says she, "we must be gone indeed, for when a man undertakes to do his business himself, it is not so likely that he will be disappointed." So she moved her young ones immediately and the corn was reaped the next day by the good man and his son.

No single member of our organization can secure any appreciable number of new members. A few dealers can, if they are so moved to, add about a dozen members each, but this will not amount to 375. What I want to say is that **every member can get one new member,** if he or she makes up his or her mind to help build up the Society. Do it now. Propose a friend this week. You each know some stamp collector who has not joined. Call on him this evening, secure his consent, sign his application and send tonight to our Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, Box

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613, Denver, Colo. Every new stamp collector makes your collection more valuable. Every new member of the A. P. S. increases its usefulness. Your new member may not be of any special advantage to **you** but **he** may add other sheep to the flock. The collectors that other members add to the list are of advantage to you. You must do your share. I presume that I have at least one hundred personal friends in the A. P. S. and rely on each of these to add at least one name to the list of "Applications Posted." See that you do your part in swelling the list in the next number to at least five pages.

The editor of **your** paper, Mr. Wm. E. Ault, would like to hear from you. I know he wants to fill the pages of The American Philatelist with exactly the sort of reading you desire. He is a good editor but not a mind reader and if he does not hear from his readers occasionally he cannot guess what interests them.

The Society and everything it owns belongs as much to you as to the other members and I want everyone to do his bit to build it up. So work enthusiastically for its well being.

Another word before I close. The last Convention did not decide on its next meeting place, but did appropriate money to entertain those who attend. Where do you want to go? The majority rules. Write to me where you desire the next Convention to be held.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

Rare Postage Stamps and Rare Paintings.

THEIR COMPARATIVE PRICES.

By OTTO C. REYMANN, A. P. S. 3773.

There has recently been considerable discussion in the philatelic press regarding the effect of the world war on stamp prices in the United States. Shortly after the war got fairly under way, most American writers were of the opinion that it would have a bad influence on our hobby, leading to a restriction of collecting, followed by a lessening of the demand for stamps and finally resulting in a lowering of their prices. It was also feared that many collectors, especially abroad, would hasten to throw their collections and stamp accumulations on the American market as the only available one for the purpose of raising much needed capital. It is a matter of record that stamp values have not receded, but have steadily risen, contrary to early expectations and opinions held by those best able to judge correctly. The reasons for this may be found in a greater demand for good stamps by our collectors and a much smaller supply from European sources than normally obtainable. The demand has steadily increased, because our country has been prosperous for several years. The wage earner, the salaried employee, the business man, the professional collector, in fact most every collector, has profited through war prosperity in the shape of a larger income and a part of this excess cash over former income has been invested,—and I use the word "invested" purposely,—in scarce and rare stamps. On the other hand the supply has been considerably curtailed through the interruption of transportation facilities with Europe and South America. A number of European countries have actually prohibited commerce in stamps with people living beyond

their own frontiers and this condition has resulted practically in a cessation of imports of stamps from abroad. The only possible result of the free play of demand and supply has been a rising market for stamp values.

This state of affairs was forcibly brought to the attention of all stamp men through the record prices obtained at the auction sale of the magnificent Worthington collection. Recent public sales of stamps in London and Vienna had caused considerable surprise on account of the very high prices obtained for rare and desirable stamps even in war torn countries, the more so because it was presumed that the people across the sea had no other thought but that of war and conquest and still less money to put into a hobby like stamps. Yet the fact that 3160 lots of stamps offered at the recent Morgenthau sale brought $120,891.25 has again set collectors and dealers to thinking about the value of their holdings and it is only natural that the old question of how stamp prices compare with those of rare paintings have arisen anew.

It so happens that Duveen's of New York, the well known art dealers who are noted for the size of their transactions in rare works of art, have recently imported and sold a very rare painting which brought the record price of $200,000, just at a time when new records were set for some of the rare U. S. stamps from Mr. Worthington's collection at Morgenthau's sale. This particular painting, an authentic work by Mantegna, offers a good comparison, because there are only thirty-five genuine examples of this painter's art known. Mantegna was a master of the Paduan school and lived from 1432-1506, so that it will be seen that these paintings are very much older than our earliest stamps. It is with rare paintings the same as with rare postage stamps, the smaller the number of available specimens the higher their price and in that respect paintings and stamps lend themselves to a comparison of their value. The only inconvenience encountered in that paintings are very much larger in size than postage stamps and in order to arrive at some measure of comparison it might be permissible to determine the prices paid for each square inch somewhat after the method by which real estate prices are compared.

Mantegna's famous picture showing Judith with the head of Holofernes, a Babylonian general whom she just had beheaded, measures only seven inches by twelve inches. Its price per square inch was therefore $2381. The highest price paid at the Morgenthau sale for a single stamp was $4100 for an unused copy of the 15 cents 1869, two-colored issue, with inverted center. The design on this stamp, showing the Landing of Columbus, measures thirteen-sixteenth by twenty-seven thirty-seconds inside the frame line, or six hundred eighty-five thousandths of a square inch, hence the price per square inch realized for this rarity was $5985, or nearly two and one-half times that obtained for the Mantegna painting. If there were such a thing in existence as a block of seven by thirteen stamps, having approximately the same size as the painting and leaving out of consideration the enhancement in value on account of its being in the shape of a block, could be valued at the snug sum of $373,000. It will be seen from this that the value of stamps of the right sort compares favorably with that of other art treasures and that rare stamps are well worth having among one's earthly possessions.

At the same time it must be borne in mind that the "inverted 15 cent" Landing of Columbus is neither the rarest stamp known nor is Mantegna's Judith the highest priced painting in existence, if the price as a whole is considered without regard to its size. When about two years ago the portrait of Leonello d'Este by the hand of Roger van der Weyden was sold for

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$150,000, it set a record at that time, because this picture measures ten inches by sixteen inches and its high price was mainly justified on the ground that a portrait by van der Weyden is exceedingly rare, the existence of only five being known. The Mill by Rembrandt cost Mr. P. A. B. Widener, of Philadelphia, $500,000 and the Raphael Florentine Madonna cost him $750,000. This latter painting measures fifteen inches by twenty-seven inches. However, none of these famous works of art commanded a price per square inch as high as the Mantegna just sold, but the total price paid was in excess, and if these same paintings were sold over again today, they would probably fetch still higher prices, just as the famous Mauritius Post Offices, the British Guianas and other rarities of the first rank would command higher prices today than they have ever been sold for in the past.

In closing a short description of Mantegna's painting may be of interest. The painter selected the beheading of Holofernes by Judith as the subject for his work. Holofernes was a general in the army of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Assyria, whose capital was Nineveh. He besieged Bethulia located in Judaea. When a surrender of the beleagured town became almost inevitable, Judith, a beautiful and pious widow of the tribe of Simeon, was dispatched with her maid through the lines into the camp of Holofernes. He became infatuated with her and gave a sumptous feast in her honor. When the meal was finished and the General had fallen asleep on a couch in his tent, Judith took his sword from him and beheaded him, thus killing the leader of her people's enemy. The painting shows Judith standing outside the opening of the tent. She is dropping the severed head into a bag held open by her youthful female servant. In her right hand she holds the general's square headed sword. She turns away as if averse to the touch of the grisly object she is holding in her left hand. Inside the tent one can see the foot of Holofernes lying on the couch who has just fallen a victim to her treachery.

New Stamp Booklets for Our Expeditionary Forces.

Major Warren L. Babcock, M. R. C., now with the American Expeditionary Forces in France, writes the Editor in part, "Recently saw new booklets of one and two cent stamps for use in the field (Army P. O. Stations). 300 stamps each, face value $3.00 and $6.00."

Mr. C. F. Heyerman supplements the above in a recent letter with the following information, having obtained it through the same source—

"The booklets, or rather books because of their size, were made up and furnished our foreign military postal stations. The books consist of twenty pages of 3 by 10 stamps each interleaved with wax paper, on which the size of the stamp is very clearly impressed. The books measure 3 by 8⅝ inches, bound in pink stiff covers. On the outer back cover is printed in black the value and contents. The panes, I am told, are imperforate on all four edges. Whether plate numbers exist on the margins, has not yet been discovered by the Doctor (Major Babcock). The books exist with the one cent and two cent stamps, the values being respectively $3.00 and $6.00. From the appearance they were very hastily prepared."

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NOTES ON EARLY SOUTH AUSTRALIANS.

A Paper read before the Manchester Philatelic Society on 1st December, 1916.

BY B. GOODFELLOW.

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The interesting question therefore arises—what has become of the 500,000 violet stamps? They were evidently prepared for use but never issued. Were they destroyed? Not all of them at any rate for about 1888 a small number of 1/- stamps in a dark violet shade were sold both privately and by public auction. I have seen one, but do not possess one. There had been an unused one in Messrs. Stanley Gibbons' collection (which was priced £30), but I understand that no used copy is known, and I should hardly care to give that price for one until I knew that there could be no risk of the remaining 499,999 coming to light. My own belief, based on the conclusions of Messrs. Napier and Gordon Smith in their book on the South Australian stamps published in 1894, is that as the Colonially printed 6d. in slate blue had probably been printed, if not issued, before July, 1857 (the date of the 1/- issue) the Authorities feared that confusion would arise as between these and the dark violet 1/-, and so they suppressed the violet 1/- and substituted an orange 1/- stamp; and that they probably used up the violet ink for the purple violet issue of the 6d. rouletted stamp which appeared early in 1860. A second 2d plate was sent out by Perkins Bacon & Co. on the 12th December, 1863, on which the specimens appear to have been more regularly spaced, but I will refer more fully to this plate when I come to show you the actual stamps.

The 1d Value.

Note similarity of Queen's Head to N. S. W. Diadem issue.

Oct. 1885. London Print. 200,000 sent out. Large Star, imperf. Colour: Deep green (S. G. 1916), dark green (1917), full green (Napier). Never repeated in correct shade, though the deep bright greens of the later roulettes and perf. 11½, 12½ are closely allied.

1857-59. Colonial print. Imperf.
pale yellow-green.
or light yellow-green.
deep yellow-green.
or dark yellow-green.

1859. Ditto. First rouletted issue, in the same colours as the locally printed imperf. stamps.
light yellow-green.
deep yellow-green.

1860-67. Ditto. Second rouletted issue.
bright yellow-green.

'64/67 dull blue-green.

'66 Sage-green pale sage-green (Mursell).

'67/68 pale bright green.
deep green emerald-grn (Mursell) '68.
deep yel-grn deep grass grn. (Mursell) '68.

1867-70. Ditto. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ and roulette.
'67. Pale bright green.
'68 bright green
'68 grey-green record date 24/3/68
'70 blue-green

1868-72. Oddments of old stock, perf. by the new 11½, 12½ machine.
bright green Dec. '69.

1868. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound.
'68 pale bright green
'68 grey-green record date May '68
'70 dark green
'74 deep yellow-green

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1870-71. Ditto. Perf. 10, 10x11½, 12½.
yellow-green
blue-green

The 1d. was superseded in 1868 by a new type, De la Rue, surface printed, small die, Cr. S. A.

The 2d. Value.

1st Jan., 1855. London print. 1,000,000 sent out. Large Star, imperf.
dull carmine
carmine

1857-59. Colonial print. Imperf.
blood red record date 10/1/57
red
pale red

1859. Ditto. First rouletted issue. In same colours as last, but the blood red shade is not found rouletted.
red
pale red

The 2d. of first rouletted issue in pale red ran from Feb. 1859 to June, 1863.

The 2d. of second rouletted issue in pale shades ran from July 1863 to August 1864.

All the above were from Plate I. Plate II. was sent out Dec. 1863 and the stamps from it did not appear till after July 1864. All the bright vermilion stamps seem to be from Plate II.

1860-67. Ditto. Second rouletted issue.
pale vermilion
bright vermilion.

1868. Ditto. Oddments of old stock, perf. by the new 11½, 12½ machine.
bright vermilion.
pale vermilion.

The 2d. was superseded in 1868 by a new type, De la Rue, surface printed, small die, Cr. S. A.

The 6d. Value.

Oct. 1855. London print. Large Star, imperforate. 500,000 sent out by P. B. & Co., June '55. Colour: (S. G. 1916) deep blue, (1917) Prussian blue, (Napier) dark blue. Colour never repeated, the latter Prussian blues are darker in shade.

1857-9. Colonial print. Imperf.
slate-blue

1859. Ditto. First rouletted issue, in same colour as last imperf.
slate-blue

1860-67. Ditto. Second rouletted issue.
'60/63 violet-blue

I suggest a purple-violet shade first. This was probably the consignment of ink intended for the violet 1/-.

'63/65 greenish blue

I suggest peacock blue.

'64 dull ultramarine

A doubtful name. I suggest adding a grey blue in '65.

(65/7) grey-blue

Not yet listed in Gibbons.

'65, also re-issued in '68. violet ultramarine

'65?/68 dull blue

A poor name. The old "sky-blue." Why not dull sky-blue.

The shade comes in the perf. by roulette, also 11½, 12½.

'69/70 Prussian blue

A rare stamp, rouletted only.

1868-9. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½, x roulette.

Roulette always vertical.

The 6d. value is not yet chronicled, perf. plus roulette.
dull (sky) blue
Prussian blue
indigo

1868. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½, or compound.
'68 dull (sky) blue
'69 bright blue
'69 Prussian blue
'69 indigo

1870-71. Ditto. Perf. 10, 10x11½, 12½.
Prussian blue
dark blue

1876. Ditto. Perf. 10, 10x12½, 12½, 11½, 12½, or compound. Broad Star.
dark blue
deep bright blue

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1880-?87. Perf. 10x11½, 12½. Broad Star.
bright ultramarine pale ultra (Napier).

The 1/- Value.

1856. London print. Large Star, imperf. Prepared for use but not issued. 2 plates with 500,000 violet 1/- stamps sent out by P. B. & Co.
21st Aug., 1856.
dark violet, in the shade of the 6d.

1857-9. Colonial print. Imperf.
red-orange
orange

1859. Ditto. First rouletted issue. In same colour as last but the red-orange shade is not found.
orange

1860-67. Ditto. Second rouletted issue.
'62 yellow
? also ochre yellow or olive in October, 1862 (? action of sea-water)
'63 grey-brown
dark grey-brown
'64 chestnut
'65 lake-brown

1867-70. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½x roulette. Roulette always vertical. This value does not come in the oddments perf. plus roulette.
'68 chestnut
'69 lake-brown

1867- . Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound.
'68 lake-brown
'72 chestnut
'74 dark red-brown
red brown

1870-71. Perf. 10 and 10½x11, 12½.
chestnut-brown (Napier)

1876-7. Perf. 10x11½, 12½, and 11½, 12½. Broad Star.
red-brown
lake-brown
dull brown
sepia

1880-93. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½.
grey-brown
black-brown

1897. Ditto. Ditto., large holes.

1902. Cr. S. A., wide.
chocolate-brown
dull brown

The 9d Value.

The first St. Lucia issue (1860) is from the same die, with the oval label only altered. Plate sent out by P. B. & Co. in June 1860, but no stamps; also lilac ink.

24th Dec., 1860 to 1872. Colonial print. Second rouletted issue. Large Star.
grey-lilac
Napier says first issue was in a shade of dark brownish-lilac, and later in deep to pale grey-lilac. But note my first used stamp. It ran till 1872, but no printings in these shades after 1867.

1868-72. Ditto. Oddments of old stock perf. by new 11½ machine and rouletted also. Not chronicled perf. x roulette, but Napier says he has seen two specimens.
grey-lilac

Aug. 1872. Perf. 11½, 12 or compond.
claret

1873 bright mauve

1874 red-purple variety; printed on back.

1876-96. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound. Broad Star.
pale claret
pale to dull rose

1897. Ditto. Large hole. Ditto.
deep to dull rose

1902. Ditto. Large holes. Crown S. A. wide.
dull claret

The 10d. on 9d. Value.

July, 1866. Colonial print. Second rouletted issue. Large Star. Gibbons says 1865, but see my specimens in top row.
in blue on orange-red

1867 in blue on yellow
1869 in black on yellow variety: surcharge inverted
1869. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ x roulette. Ditto.
in blue on yellow variety: printed both sides
1868. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound. Ditto.
in blue on yellow error: on S. A paper
1870 in black on yellow
The surcharge is type set in a group of 6 arranged in two horizontal rows of 3 each. Probably stereotyped with 40 blocks of the 6 types bound together in one frame, which was evidently preserved until 1885 as the reprints in that year are identical.
1870-71. Perf. 10x11½, 12½
in black on yellow

The 8d. on 9d. Value.

The first stamp printed on the Broad Star paper.
1876-85. Colonial print. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound. Broad Star.
burnt sienna
olive (?) yellow-brown
grey-brown

The 4d Value.

Note the resemblance to the Nova Scotia die. The plate for this value was sent out by P. B. & Co. 11th Nov. 1866, along with the 2/- plate of similar design. No stamps were London printed, but a supply of "lilac" ink was sent. The stamps were on issue 24th Jan., 1867.—"Postmaster's Circular."
24th Jan., 1867. Colonial print. Second rouletted issue. Large Star.
dull violet dull purple (Napier)
yellow-gum
white gum
A second plate of the 4d. value was sent out by P. B. & Co. 10th Jan. 1867. I do not know of any distinguishing marks, but think likely that this would be used for the 3d. surcharged on 4d., issued August, 1870, as the 4d. in dull purple or dull lilac still continued to be issued concurrently.
1869. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ x roulette. Large Star.
dull violet
dull purple
1868. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound. Large Star.
dull purple
dull violet
yellow gum and white gum
1870-76. Ditto. Perf. 10, 10x11½, 12½. Large Star.
dull violet
dull purple
1871. Ditto. Perf. 10. V. and Crown wmk.
dull violet, on paper borrowed from Victoria during a temporary shortage
1876. Ditto. Perf. 10, 10x11½, 12½, also 11½, 12½. Broad Star.
dull violet
1880-90. Ditto. Ditto. Broad Star.
dull purple
deep purple (?)
The surface printed 4d. on pale violet was issued in 1890.

The 3d. Value, Surcharged on 4d.

Aug. 1870. Colonial print. Perf. 10 mostly, but occasionally 10, 11½, 12½. Large Star.
in carmine on slate-blue, some say indigo
? ditto, bright blue
1871. Ditto. Perf. 10, or 10x11½, 12½. Ditto.
in black on deep blue
in black on sky blue
Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½, or compound. Ditto.
1872 in black on deep blue
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1791 Johanzon, Carl, Rockford, Ill.

Applications Posted.

Abdill, Wm. V., 305 Jones Ave., Burlington, N. J.; Age 46; Telegrapher; Reference: Burlington Loan & Trust Co., Burlington, N. J.; Proposed by W. R. M'Coy, #4507.

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Margarit, Enrique, R., P. O. Box 143, Havana, Cuba; Age legal; Merchant; Reference: Rafael J. Fosalba, Ministero Uruguay, Linea 80-Vedado, Havana, Cuba, Francisco Penichet-Monte 226, Havana, Cuba; Proposed by S. L. Israel, #3504.

Saxton, Burton H., P. O. Box 735, Ft. Dodge, Ia.; Age 41; Gen. Agt. Conn. Mutual Life Ins. Co.; Reference: First Natl. Bank, Ft. Dodge, Ia.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Seymour, Rev. C. Lansing, 714 Cortland Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.; Age 33; Presbyterian Minister, Elmwood Presbyterian Church; Reference: W. Y. Foote, Co., Syracuse, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Young, August, 527 Renwich Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.; Age 40; Sheet Metal Worker; Reference: Syracuse Twist Drill Co., Frank Singer, Pres.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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3043 Hubbell, Grover C., 1608 E. Silver Ave., Albuquerque, N. M., Age 34; Real Estate; Reference: State National Bank, Albuquerque, N. M.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

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885 Pickard, F. W. from Pittsburg, Pa. to Hotel Du Pont, Wilmington, Del.

896 Winterhalter, Admiral A. G. from Care Postmaster, N. Y. to General Board U. S. Navy, Navy Dept., Washington, D. C.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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FOR MONTH ENDING NOV. 30th 1917.

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Balance	$4789.66	
Receipts	6.00	$4795.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1562.39	
Receipts	$275.78		
Disbursements	159.61	116.17	$1678.56

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1901.63	
Receipts	46.16	$1947.79

Exchange Acct.

Balance	2.65

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Balance	$23.30	
Receipts	2.60	$ 25.90
		$8450.56

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Receipts	$111.87		
Disburements	99.96	11.91	$ 949.76
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EDITORIAL.

OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS. The attention of all correspondents and exchanges is directed to the permanent address of the Editor, 3881 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo., to which all mail should now be sent. It is the hope that all philatelic papers favoring us with copies of their publication will make the necessary change in their records at once, in order to insure the proper receipt of their papers.

OUR SECRETARY'S BEREAVEMENT. His many friends and they are legion, will join Dr. Davis in his grief for the death of his son, Ralph L. Davis, which occurred in Hoboken Hospital, Dec. 23, 1917, after a short illness of scarlet fever.

Here we have the true spirit of America. Ralph L. Davis, born Feb. 8th, 1896, just entering life's brightest age, and having answered his country's call, enlisting in Battery C, Colorado National Guards, last May, now is called to lay down his work and make that great journey which lays ahead. Yet surely he is entitled to every honor that will be accorded those who fight for their country. He was ready and willing, and in this thought Dr. Davis can take much consolation and feel great pride, for he was a manly soldier and one who will be missed by comrades in arms and peace.

After enlisting he was successively at Camp Baldwin, Colo.; Camp Greene, N. C.; Camp Mills, N. Y., and Camp Merritt, N. J., from which latter point he was transferred to the Hospital on the Thursday preceding his death.

May the name of Ralph L. Davis be added to the list of America's heroes.

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OUR ROLL OF HONOR. With the constantly increasing size of the "Roll" there seems to be a correspondingly greater interest

in it for the membership and several good suggestions in the matter of arrangement have reached us. With the additional information which have also been given us by one whose name is listed, we shall endeavor to rearrange the Roll in our next number and bring it as near up-to-date as the rapidly changing rankings of the various members will permit. The Society has every reason to feel proud of the fifty-four members who are now known to be serving our country in some branch of the Army and Navy. There are doubtless many, many others who are rendering just as patriotic work in some other branch, but it is the intention to enroll only those who are actually wearing a uniform in active service.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 3.

The 338th regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society Branch No. 3, was held Oct. 18, 1917, in our new headquarters in the Reese Building, 235 Montgomery St.

Present:—Messrs. Folte, Bransford, Chaloner, Doscher, O'Shaughnessy, Lazarus, Meril, Fischer and Dillingham.

Mr. J. J. Krivanek was regularly elected a member of the Society. Resignation of Mr. H. O. H. Shelley, of Cupertino, Calif., was read and very regretfully accepted.

The President named Messrs. Doscher and O'Shaughnessy as a Recruiting Committee and Messrs. Doscher and Fischer as a Press Committee. It was unanimously agreed to insert a standing meeting notice in the official A. P. S. journal.

The special event for the next, or 339th meeting, the 3rd Wednesday in November, will be of each one's favorite country.

The Treasurer reported receipts as $20.

On motion of Mr. O'Shaughnessy, seconded by Dr. Fischer, the question of thanking the President for securing our elegant headquarters was put by the Secretary and unanimously carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9.28 p. m.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, was held October 4, 1917, the meeting was called to order by President Tubman at 8.15 with the following members present:

Tubman, Moses, McLaren, Chamberlin, Volk, Zink, Young, Weigel, Rust, Good and Mader.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. President Tubman appointed Messrs. Young and Chamberlin to take charge of the November entertainment.

Mr. McLaren announced that a report of the new membership committee, of which Mr. Barnum is Chairman, would make a report in the near future.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

Regular meeting held October 18, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by

President Tubman at 8.20 P. M. with the following members present.

Chamberlin, Young, Lloyd, Good, Zink, Hanford, Lewis, McLaren, Weigel, Preston, Tubman, Becker, Moses, Rust, Beatty, Mader, E. M. Brown (visitor).

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. Thos. Hunter and Mr. M. E. Northrop were accepted as members of the Club.

Motion was made by Mr. Hanford and seconded by Mr. Moses that the changes in the Constitution be voted on in its entirety. Carried.

Motion made by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Hanford that the amendments be rewritten so as not to conflict with the by-laws and Consitution. Carried unanimously.

A donation auction was then held for the benefit of the permanent club rooms fund, 96 lots netted the fund $100.50 which was invested in a liberty bond.

Meeting adjourned 10.45 p. m.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

Regular meeting Nov. 1, 1917 was called to order by President Tubman at 8.40 P. M., with the following members present: Chamberlin, Young, Whittaker, Oettinger, Lloyd, Weigel, Beatty, Zink, Tubman and Mader.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. On account of the inclement weather, which brought out only a few of the members, the entertainment was postponed until the following meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10.01 p. m.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 45.

The forty-fourth regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club, convened at 8.15 p. m. Oct. —, Marion Club, Indianapolis. Vice President C. L. Pond presided. Minutes of forty-third meeting read and approved.

Mr. C. L. Pond, Vice President and Sales Manager rendered an excellent report on the Sales Department, as follows:

28 books received from predecessor total entered value	$181.12
Total sales therefrom when received by me	16.50
Net value of same	164.97
55 books entered since June 14 entered value	311.23
Total number of books in debt since June 14th 83 entered value of same	492.35
18 books retired, entered value of same	118.92
65 books left in debt, entered value	373.43
Sales from books retired (about 25 per cent)	27.49
Of 18 books retired, 4 account of thefts 9 by owners request 5 retired in regular procedure of dept. from which the sales were 47 per cent or	14.96
Total sales since June 14th	91.96
Paid to owners on account of same	68.13

Mr. C. V. Hollis, Chairman of Publicity and Auction Manager rendered a report on the distribution of the Club's Year books to well known collectors and dealers throughout the country, part of which were sent at his own expense.

New member admitted: Following the reading of replies received by the Sec. from references given, Mr. J. C. Pealer, 107½ E. 3rd St. Marion, Ind., was admitted to Club membership.

The Sec. read communications from A. V. Divorak, Editor Philatelic Gossip, C. A. Bruner, Editor Philatelic Index, and special correspondence to H. Fein-

berg, 516 E. 149th St., New York which had been approved by the officers meeting, preceding the regular meeting.

Amendments Read.

An amendment to the Sales Department rules was presented by Mr. Ploch as follows: Rule 7 of the Sales Department rules shall be revoked. A commission of 10 per cent will be charged on all sales, 1/5 of which shall be paid to the insurance fund of the club, and 4/5 of this commission retained by the Sales Manager for conducting the department.

The Secretary offered the following amendment to Article 4 of the Club By-Laws as follows: (Resolved that)

Section 1. The elective officers of this Club shall consist of a President, Vice President, Recording Secretary, Financial Secretary, Treasurer, Sales Mgr. and Auction Manager.

Section 5. The recording Secretary shall keep records of all the Clubs activities, receive and investigate membership applications, issue membership cards, make reports to Parent Society, The American Philatelist and the official Journal and assist the Sales Manager and Publicity Commiteee in promoting the Clubs growth and welfare. Also to notify members of all regular and call meetings to make announcements of special programs, etc.

The Financial Secretary-Treasurer shall collect and keep all funds of the Club, make dispursements at the direction of the Club and render a Financial Report to the Club at the last meeting in June and the last meeting in December.

Section 7. The Auction Manager shall conduct the Auction Department in accordance with the rules hereinafter provided.

After some discussion the Secretary was directed to pay the annual dues of the Club as a branch of the American Philatelic Society. The Treasurer was directed to pay a claim of $11.98 from the Insurance Fund to C. A. Ploch to cover value of stamps lost by theft in Clubs Salesbooks.

Meeting adjourned.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The forty-fifth regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club was called to order by President Ploch 8.15 p. m. Oct. —, Marion Club, Indianapolis. Minutes of the forty-fourth meeting read and approved.

Amendments Passed.

An amendment to the rules of the Sales Department read at last regular meeting providing for a commission of 10 per cent. to be charged on all Sales, 1/5 of which should be paid to the Insurance Fund of the Club and 4/5 of said commission to be retained by the Sales Manager was passed by unanimous vote.

An amendment read at the last meeting providing for a change in the elective officers of the Club was further amended at this meeting making it necessary to lay over until the next meeting before action could be taken.

The Secretary read a review of the new postage rates that were to go into effect Midnight November 1st and suggested that it would be quite fitting to have a special liberty issue of postage stamps or at least of the 3 cent denomination showing the figure of liberty and having the words "To make the world safe for democracy."

Mr. LeGrand Payne exhibited his specialized collection of U. S. postage and revenues also some mighty nice match and medicine stamps, all arranged in fancy geometric designs.

Following adjournment of the regular business meeting a pleasant time was had in Philatelic Gossip.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The Forty-sixth meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club convened 8.00 P. M. November 8th, in the regular Club meeting room, Marion Club, Indianapolis, President C. A. Ploch presided. The Minutes of the forty-fifth meeting read and approved.

Plans were discussed for conducting the coming election of officers to be held December 27th. It was decided to appoint a nominating committee of three members to nominate 2 officers for each elective office and formulate a ballot showing these nominations and also leaving a blank space for filling in any other name it may be desired to vote for each office. These ballots to be mailed by the Secretary to all members and to be returned to Mr. LeGrand Payne, Chairman, of the nominating committee, 1026 Tecumsah St., Indianapolis before December 27th on which date they will be counted in the presence of officers and members of the Club.

At the suggestion of Mr. C. V. Hollis it was decided to hold an auction for the benefit of the Red Cross, December 19th. The Secretary was directed to notify all members to forward any lots they would donate for this purpose to Mr. C. V. Hollis, Auction Manager, 1221 Tuxedo St., Indianapolis, for listing and advertising. The only expense to be incurred will be postage in soliciting lots which will be deducted from the proceeds from the Auction.

Attention was called to the mis-statement in the Stamp Trade Magazine that F. H. Pavey of Indianapolis, against whom complaints have been received was a member of the I. C. C. The Secretary was directed to advise the Fidelity Stamp Co., publishers for this magazine that F. H. Pavey is not and never has been a member of this club.

Mr. B. F. Egan kindly offered to donate to the Club ½ of the front inside cover of his next Auction Catalog to announce the Clubs Red Cross Auction. His offer was gladly accepted and a vote of thanks given. Mr. Egan also agreed to display the Auction Lots of this his fourth mail auction which he advised contained some splendid early U. S. issues. After a pleasant chat lasting quite late the meeting was formally adjourned.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

The forty-seventh regular meeting of the Indianapolis Collectors Club was called to order 8.00 P. M. November 22 Marion Club, Indianapolis. President C. A. Ploch presided. Minutes of the preceding meeting read and approved.

Mr. C. V. Hollis, Auction Manager reported that a number of very nice lots had been received for the Red Cross Auction to be held December 19th. Special mention was made of the splendid lots of U. S. that had been contributed by Mr. Geo. Baas of Batesville, Ind., which will catalog well over $15. A hearty vote of thanks was given Mr. Baas. Mr. Hollis also reported that Mr. J. E. Guest editor of the Collectors Journal had definitely promised to be present with the club on the night of the Red Cross Auction. It was also announced that Mr. L. J. Flerlage of Norwood, Ohio, had contributed a very nice lot of stamps which would catalog quite high for the Red Cross Auction and that he would be present at the auction if possible. By unanimous vote Mr. Flerlage was elected an honorary member of the Club.

Mr. LeGrande Payne, Chairman, of the nominating committee announced that the committee had not been able to meet together as yet, but would forward their nominations to the Secretary shortly, that they might be mailed to the members.

The Secretary presented a bill for $4.20 from the Indianapolis Engraving & Electrotype Co., for half tone cut of the annaul dinner group for use in the Philatelic Gossip and the new Year Book, which was allowed without dissent.

Plans for the new Year Book were discussed and it was decided to have the book of the same size as the 1917 Year Book but to have a book of 24 pages and contain personals as well as the list of officers, committee, members and By-Laws. The co-operation of the Club in securing advertising for the new Year Book was requested. All inquiries should be directed to Mr. C. V. Hollis, 1221 N. Tuxedo St., Indianapolis.

Mr. B. F. Egan displayed most of the lots of his coming mail auction and it was a rare treat for the members as some really excellent lots are entered especially in early U. S. issues. The splendid condition of practically all the lots was commented on. After looking over these lots till quite late the members adjourned to the new offices of Mr. Egan in the United Building where very nice quarters have been established for taking care of his fast growing stamp business.

C. R. SUTTON,
Secretary-Treasurer.

AMERICAN STAMP DEALERS ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The annual Convention was held on Tuesday, December 4th, at the Venetian Room, Park Place Restaurant, 30 Park Place, New York, N. Y. The results of the election of officers was announced as follows:

President, Eugene Klein; Vice-President, J. M. Bartels; Treasurer, B. W. H. Poole; Secretary, J. E. Guest, 320 McKnight Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Directors, W. P. Colman, Fred S. Martin, F. S. Parmelee, Frank J. Pope, and C. F. Richards; Trustees, H. W. Doscher, A. L. Stern and C. S. Thompson; Sales Manager, Maitland Milliken; Auction Manager, M. Ohlman; Librarian, Mrs. L. W. Kellogg; Attorney, H. A. Whipple.

The Secretary reported ninety members and three applications.

CLEVELAND WANTS 1918 CONVENTION.

The following letter, addressed to Pres. J. W. Scott, is really self-explanatory, but at this writing we have received no word from the Board of Directors regarding their disposition of the matter, although it is too early to expect any action. Those who attended the 1913 Convention at Put-in-Bay, when the Society was the guest of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, will need no second invitation, even though the Cleveland Branch was handicapped by being obliged to entertain away from home.

Cleveland, Ohio.
December 10, 1917.

Mr. J. W. Scott, President
American Philatelic Society,
120 W. 49th St., New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

At a meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, A. P. S. Branch #30, held December 6, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:

"RESOLVED, that Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, A. P. S. Branch #30, extend an invitation to the Officers and Members of The American Philatelic Society to hold their 1918 Convention in the City of Cleveland."

Would therefore request that you bring this matter before your official board at your earliest opportunity and advise us of its reception or rejection.

In case this city is selected as the next meeting place, this Branch will be pleased to arrange all details and conduct the entertainment of all visitors to the best of its ability.

Respectfully yours,
The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club,
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I try to make him see.

Old grills galore I next set forth
With choicest word and phrase;
Effects of chemicals on inks
And of the sun's bright rays.

And here and there I drop a word
About the wondrous joy
That I derived from hunting stamps
Since I was but a boy.

The errors cannot idly sit
Between my album leaves;
Nor bright surcharges sulk about;
For each some word receives.

I take the pondrous catalog
Down from the oaken shelf
And let him see that of the stamps
It knows more than myself.

I show him organs of the trade
And talk about their worth.
I tell him funny things of stamps
And thus arouse his mirth.

The many papers that I get
He glances quickly o'er
And looks as if he wonders why
There are not many more.

And when I dry my sweaty brow
And try to get some air
And think that I have helped out some
And I have done my share,

He asks a question, artless man,
That makes me shake and shivver,
It jars me more than riding in
My trusty friend, the Flivver,

"Why is it that you save such things?"
Could anything be worse
Than we should let live in our land
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No. 9 **January 1, 1918**

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Abbott, Spence.
Arnold, Abraham S.
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Holbrook, Dr. A. T.
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Saxton, Burton H.
Seymour, Rev. C. Lansing.
Young, August.

Application for Reinstatement Pending.

3043 Hubbell, Grover C., Albuquerque, N. M.
1791 Johanzon, Carl, Rockford, Ill.

Applications Posted.

Alig, Otto P., 1230 Ottawa St., Leavenworth, Kans.; Age 24; Soldier, U. S. A.; Reference: Manufacturers National Bank, Leavenworth, Kans.; Proposed by Wm. S. Vawter, #4817.

Deisler, F. A., 1421 E. 14th St., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Age 47; Clerk; Reference: Bank of the Metropolis, 31 Union Square, N. Y.; Proposed by Herman S. Riederer, #4959.

Moert, Joseph, St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, Ont. Canada; Age legal; Stationary Engineer; Reference: St. Jerome's College, Kitchener, Ont., Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Otten, E. G., 24 Richmond Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Age 39; Manufacturer; Reference: L. K. Thompson, Thompson Carter Co., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by F. M. Harris, #4482.

Applications for Reinstatement.

4320 Burnett, Thomas, 1133 N. 32 St., Camden, N. J.; Age 40; Printer and Publisher; Reference: P. M. Wolsieffer and Percy McGraw Mann, Philadelphia; Recommended by Wm. E. Ault, #1908.

3937 Guidi, Dr. G. M., 212 Christine St., Elizabeth, N. J.; Age 41; Physician; Reference: National State Bank, Elizabeth, N. J.; Recommended by Ira C. Greene, #2676.

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5093 Tiedemann, Ronald, 130 Saratoga Ave., Brooklyn, N. Y.

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2315 Allen, H. D., Coolidge Corner, Mass.
4470 Bell, G. A. W., Toledo, Ohio.
1224 Bridge, Chas. F., Albany, N. Y.
4528 Bronson, A. W., Titusville, Pa.
4857 Black, Arthur G., Kansas City, Mo.
3535 Elmlinger, Ben, Racine, Wis.
4172 Gaskill, N. B., Trenton, N. J.
4765 Neel, M., Brooklyn, N. Y.
1960 Repplier, J. M., Philadelphia, Pa.
4588 Shaw, G., Garden City, N. Y.
1588 Weeks, H. H., Racine, Wis.
5045 Wolf, Paul, New York City.

Deceased.

1752 Feigel, Jos. B., 2403 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Changes of Address.

3309 Bartlett, Dr. S. R., from 1103 Wood Ave. to Pikes Peak Club, Colorado Springs, Colo.

4013 Bendix, B. from 5622 Broad St., to 844 N. St. Clair St., Pittsburg, Pa.

2113 Berthold, V. M. from 99 Nassau St. to 159 Broadway, New York.

4783 Boecklin, Aug. von from Washington Mfg. Co. to Box 1235, Tacoma, Wash.

1570 Crowell, H. C. from 415 Huron Rd. to 1514 Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio.

4221 Diemer, Hugo from State College, Pa. to U. S. Cartridge Co., Lowell, Mass.

1962 Hand, Forest P. from 5943 Washington Ave. to 1117 S. 60th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

4849 Hennan, Dr. C. W. from Richland Centre, Wis. to 6450 Drexel Ave., Apt. 1, Chicago, Ill.

849 Lewis, Chas. R. from Cumberland Centre to R. D. #4, Portland, Me.

4505 Robbins, J. Mark, from 243 S. Oliver St., to 129 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, Calif.

5074 Tener, Jno. F. Jr., from Beaver Creek, Jervis Inlet to 1419 Pendrell St., Vancouver, B. C. Can.

4817 Vawter, W. S., from Arkansas City to O. S. M., U. S. D. B., Ft. Leavenworth, Kans.

4394 Weiland, Geo. P. from Groton, N. Y. to 141 Renwick Place, Syracuse N. Y.

4756 Woodward, Geo. B., from 1 Madison Ave. to Box 1, Madison Square P. O., New York City.

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Membership December 15th, 1917		1641
New Stockholders		4
		1645
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Deceased	1	13
Total Membership Jan. 1, 1918		1632

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

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The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

(Continued from page 80).

No. 52. 1 ore.

From June 15, 1892 to September 17, 1911.

Number printed: 19,987,700 copies.

Shades. Brown and blue, 1891. Light brown and blue, 1900.

Notes. According to the judgment of the Philatelic Society of Sweden there are two kinds of unperforated Swedish stamps, which are named "official" and "unofficial", and both are represented in this series. With "official" is meant such unperforated stamps

which **accidentally** found their way to some Postoffice. "Unofficial" are those which found their way into the stamp market through some unexplained influences. 300 copies of the brown and blue shade of 1891 came accidentally into circulation and are worth three times as much as "unofficial" unperforated copies of the light brown and blue shade. On this as well as on the other three values of same design, the central field with the numeral is sometime found badly shifted.

No. 53. 2 ore.

From August 25, 1892 to December 9, 1910.

Number printed: 91,740,600 copies.

Shades. Light blue and yellow orange, 1892. Blue and yellow orange, 1893.

Notes. "Unofficial," unperforated stamps have been met with. Copies with inverted watermark are not so common. An unused copy of the shade of 1892, for instance, with inverted watermark is worth fifty times more than a copy with the watermark normal.

No. 54. 3 ore.

From September 23, 1892 to October 25, 1903.

Number printed: 8,630,300 copies.

Shades. Dark brown and orange, 1892. Brown and orange, 1896.

Notes. In 1896 this stamp was considered unnecessary and May 29th of that year, the printer received order to discontinue the printing of this value. At the close of the year it was found that the 3 ore value together with the 15 ore would come in handy for 25 francs international post money orders to France on which the rate was fixed at 18 ore. The printer, consequently received a notice dated January 19, 1897 to again take up the printing of the 3 ore stamp.

No. 55. 4 ore.

From May 29, 1892 to April 4, 1910.

Number printed: 181,855,700 copies.

Shades. Dark carmine and blue, 1892. Carmine rose, 1893. Aniline rose and blue, 1903.

Notes. "Unofficial", unperforated copies are in existence.

No. 56. 5 ore.

From March 25, 1891 to February 1, 1897.

Number printed: 53,415,500 copies.

Shades. Green, 1891. Pale green, 1892. Blue green, 1893.

Error. Printed in **brown** color instead of green. One day during the latter part of September 1891, preparations were made in the postage stamp printery for the printing of 30 ore stamps. Color proofs were being taken both on waste paper and on regular stamp paper. To save time, plates of the 5 ore values, which were in the press at the time, were utilized for these color proofs. In some way, a sheet of these color proofs happened to come amongst the sheets of 30 ore stamps which were printed later and was gummed, perforated and packed with these. The controller's office failed to discover the 5 ore sheet and part of these stamps were sent out amongst the 30 ore stamps as specimens to foreign post administrations. The German Post office officials discovered the error and informed the Swedish department. An investigation showed that 55 copies of these brown 5 ore stamps had been sent out to 11 different foreign Postoffice departments which all desired to keep them. In 1901 the German Postoffice department requested and was given two additional copies. One copy is in the magnificent collection of Sweden owned by Baron E. G. E. Leijonhufvud. In 1908 seven copies of this error remained in the Swedish Postoffice.

Notes. 200 unperforated copies of the blue green shade came accidentally in circulation in 1893. The pale green shade of 1892 is quite scarce unused with a present quotation of about $2.75. Unused copies of this shade with inverted watermark are noted at $5.50

while some stamps of the green and blue green shades are only worth about 15 cents. **Prices are only quoted for the purpose of indicating relative scarcity.**

No. 57. 5 ore.

From February 2, 1897 to April 4, 1910.

Number printed: 669,744,140 copies.

Shades. Light green, 1877. Yellow green, 1898.

Notes. In 1896, complaints became frequent, that the blue green color of the 5 ore stamps caused them to be easily confused with the 20 ore stamps, especially in artificial light. Consequently, the stamp printer was ordered on December 7, 1896 to print the 20 ore stamps in a light blue color. In a short while this order was countermanded and instead it was decided to print the 5 ore stamps in yellow green.

About 5000 "unofficial," unperforated copies of the stamps have come into the market with a present quotation of about 85 cents each.

A stamp book issue of 3,753,840 copies of this stamp is included in the "number printed."

No. 58. 8 ore.

From October 26, 1903 to March 11, 1912.

Number printed: 16,914,500 copies.

Shades. Red violet, 1903. Violet, 1903.

Notes. "Unofficial" unperforated copies are in existence.

No. 59. 10 ore.

From Mary 21, 1891 to November 18, 1910.

Number printed: 1,127,237,870 copies.

Shades. Carmine, 1891. Carmine rose, 1891. Bright carmine, 1896.

Notes. In 1890 a number of unperforated sheets of this stamp was sent out to postoffices in Southern Sweden and in 1900 a branch postoffice in Stockholm received a lot said to have amounted to 300 sheets. June 26, 1901 the Postoffice Department issued a circular declaring that all unperforated stamps issued at the time or thereafter were to be considered as printers waste and should be returned for exchange as not acceptable for the prepayment of postage. Unperforated 10 ore stamps are quoted at 50 cents each. They are found in the carmine rose and bright carmine shades.

Unused stamps from a printing of 1902 have been found with a brown color closely resembling the color of the 15 ore value. Although some declare that it is a common case of oxidation there are others who believe in the possiblity of a color error.

The figures giving the total number printed included 4,368,270 copies which were used in the 10 ore stamp books.

No. 60. 15 ore.

From December 4, 1896 to August 7, 1911.

Number printed: 32,836,900 copies.

Shades. Red brown, 1896. Light red brown, 1897.

Notes. "Unofficial", unperforated copies exist. Unused copies of the red brown shade with inverted watermark are worth five times more than the light shade with same kind of watermark. The latter is quoted at 30 cents.

No. 61. 20 ore.

From March 27, 1891 to August 21, 1911.

Number printed: 113,268,300 copies.

Shades. Ultramarine, 1891. Slate blue, 1892. Blue, 1894.

Notes. About 500 unperforated stamps of the "unofficial" kind came on the market and are quoted at $1.35 per copy. All these shades occur with inverted watermarks but the ultramarine, unused, is five times scarcer than the other two.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR PERMANENT ADDRESS. The attention of all correspondents and exchanges is directed to the permanent address of the Editor, 3881 Connecticut St., St. Louis, Mo., to which all mail should now be sent. It is the hope that all philatelic papers favoring us with copies of their publication will make the necessary change in their records at once, in order to insure the proper receipt of their papers.

USE THRIFT STAMPS. For the present at least there is a convenient and at the same time a patriotic way of making small remittances by mail. Use Thrift Stamps. Several dealers have already advertised that they are willing to accept Thrift Stamps in payment for purchases of stamps. This idea should be encouraged and there is no reason to confine the usefulness of such a plan to the stamp trade. Thrift Stamps can readily be converted into War Savings Certificates and every stamp sold means just that much more funds to help the cause of democracy. Let both collectors and dealers do their best to assist the Government in this manner.

BRANCH SOCIETY REPORTS. The publication of reports from branch societies has always been a regular feature of our journal, but of late too few of our branches have availed themselves of this opportunity to let collectors know of their work. Reference to late issues of The American Philatelist will show that while three or four branches have been steadily represented in these reports, others have never or seldom taken advantage of the chance to obtain publicity. This should not be the case. Every branch should welcome the means of letting others know of what they are doing and thus lend encouragement and become an incentive for the formation of other local branches. We should have a local society affiliated with us in every one of our large cities and in even many of the smaller ones, as the laws of the Society make it a very easy matter for a club to become a branch of the A. P. S.

MIXING ADDRESSES. In one of our philatelic papers in which the Society carries a standing advertisement pointing out the advantages of membership in the A. P. S., there recently occurred a mixing of ad-

dresses which has lead to some little confusion. When your Editor forwarded a notice of the change in his address, probably from the fact that he served as Secretary in the past, the address of Secretary Davis in the advertisement referred to was changed to that of the Editor. This will account for the seeming change of location of Dr. Davis, but all such mail has been promptly forwarded and the proper correction has been made.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We are always glad to publish letters from our members which seem of general interest but necessarily cannot hold ourselves responsible for opinions expressed therein.

POPULARIZING THE A. P. S.
No. 1.

It has been a matter for discussion and comment for many a long day as to the best method of making the A. P. S. more popular to the average collector. We have seen expressed through the Philatelic press many plans as to the how, why, when and where of bringing about this happy condition. This subject has caused thought and action of various kinds; and so after much cogitation, mediation and procrastination I have the temerity to reduce to black and white, some thoughts; these will probably provoke both amusement and ridicule. To have any discussion whatever caused, will content me, like the man in "Annie Laurie", figuratively speaking, "to lay me down and die."

Is it not true that between the officers and the "Philatelic 400" on one side and the ordinary member such as "Yours truly" on the other, there is a great gult fixed? This condition may not be the fault of any individual perhaps, but is a natural development. We all know that the good old A. P. S. is the Premier Society of Philatelic America and I am sure I esteem it an honor and privilege to be able to put A. P. S. under my name. But cannot something be done to make of more tangible value, the benefits which we should enjoy?

Great credit is due the editor of our magazine for the efforts he puts forth; painstaking, constant and, I am sorry to mention, quite often unappreciated. There are in our membership many who are doubtless of a literary turn. They could give us papers, essays, poems and other articles of light literary refreshment. Some of them may be provokative of mirth; others be interesting and also informing. It is very well and proper that we should have cultured, scientific emanations from the Great Minds of Philatelists, but let us also have short, bright snappy "tid-bits"; so that like a spraying stream of bullets from a Maxim, we would at least create some life to our rank-and-file membership.

Advertisements on New Zealand Stamps.

(Note:—Some years ago it was a common matter to find New Zealand Stamps with printed advertisements on the back of them and the following, clipped from "Stamp Collecting" which in turn had reprinted it from the "Australian Stamp Journal," gives us some interesting information concerning these varieties.—Ed.)

We take the following valuable information from a comprehensive article published in the June "Australian Stamp Journal", with which an illustration of the advertisements on the back of a complete sheet of the 4d green, perf. 10, 1882 issue, was presented as a supplement:—

"In 1893 a contract was made with a business firm in Wellington for the right to advertise on the backs of postage stamps. The contract, which was for three years, was terminable by the contractors at the end of twelve months. The venure not proving a satisfactory one, the contractors exercised their right to determine the agreement.

"The stamps on which the advertisements appear are the 1882-97 issue, side-face Queen. The advertisements are to be found on the following denominations, viz: 1d., 2d., 2½d., 3d, 4d., 5d., 6d., 8d., and 1s. Nearly all are perf. 10, but they are known perf. 12x11½ and 12½x10 (vide the "History of New Zealand Stamps," page 31).

"A good deal of uncertainty has heretofore existed with regard to these advertisements on the backs of the stamps. Many collectors wonder what they are. A few collect them, but not on any definite plan, their idea seeming to be to get a specimen of each advertisement.

"Quite recently there came into our possession a complete sheet of 240 of the 4d. stamps, perf. 10, which contains all the advertisements on the back. The back of the sheet with the advertisements is illustrated and published as a supplement to this month's number, quarter size, and we append hereunder a list of the different advertisements, together with the order in which they appear, taking the numbers from the top left-hand corner. 'U' in brackets signifies that the advertisement appears upright; 'S', sideways; 'D', diagonal; 'in frame', also in brackets, signifies that the advertisement has a line all round it.

"It will now be possible to reconstruct, or plate the sheet. Obviously 240 stamps could not be put on the page of any ordinary album, but the sheet could be divided into four panes of sixty stamps each, and each pane put on a separate page.

"We understand that the same advertisements appear on all denominations, so that the matter of plating could be simplified if collectors were to ignore the denominations altogether and merely try to get the particular advertisement to fill the space, for, as the stamps would be face downwards, their denomination or colour would not be seen.

"Heretofore these stamps have not created any general interest, very little extra has been charged for them by those who wish to sell them, and doubtless many collectors will have specimens in their collection; so the task of reconstructing the pane or sheet might not be a very difficult one. At any rate, assuming that a collector did not think of plating these at the start, he could easily affix the number above it in his album, and he could then find out as time rolled on how many different varieties he had acquired."

As will be seen from our contemporary's list, there are ninety-four different advertisements, some of which have been repeated several times on the sheet. The particulars have been carefully compiled and checked, and it is believed that they are absolutely correct.

THE POTATO STAMP.

At the moment food seems to be one of the inevitable topics in our daily press, and in spite of all the splendid work done on allotments we may find this winter again that potatoes will fill an unduly large place in our thoughts if not in their more useful destination. It is not inconsistent with the journalistic persuasion to think and write of these things; in a letter to Mrs. Proctor about sixty years ago Thackeray wrote:

My dear Mrs. Procter,

Don't you know that potatoes baked or biled is always pleasant to eat in your house? How I wish I had some now! Your ever hungry

W. T. M.

But what have potatoes to do with stamps? There is a stamp that has

been called the potato stamp. You will remember that in 1903 the island of St. Helena issued an 8d. stamp (in the Wharf design), appropriately coloured brown and black. It was an unusual denomination for the colony, but its issue was due to the fixing (in 1902) of an 8d. rate for sample packets from the colony to the Cape colony, and as the chief export from St. Helena is new potatoes, the stamp was chiefly used on samples of these comestibles. Hence it has been dubbed the potato stamp.—(The "Postage Stamp").

THE 20 LEPTA OF THE GREEK ISSUE OF 1876-79.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

THEODORE GROOM, M. A., Cantab., D. Sc., Lond.

The stamps dealt with in this communication are the 20 lepta on cream paper with control figures on the back.

Of these stamps Galsewald (1) recognized the following four varieties:—

a Light blue on whitish yellow paper
b Dark blue on yellowish paper.
c Dark grey-blue on yellowish paper.
d Ultramarine on yellowish paper.

Messrs. Beckton and Duerst (2) divide the series as follows:—

A Blue on cream, 1876.
B Deep blue on cream, 1877.
C Bright blue on cream, 1877.
D Dull ultramarine on cream, 1878.
E Bright ultramarine on cream 1878
F Ultramarine on buff, 1878.

Mr. Morris (3) classifies the series as follows:—

18 Prussian blue on cream paper.
19 Indigo on cream paper.
20 Royal blue on cream paper.
21 Dull ultramarine on cream paper.
22 Bright ultramarine on cream paper.
23 Dull ultramarine on buff paper.

M. Brunel (4) recognizes the following:—

76 Deep blue on cream with greenish-blue control.
77 Deep blue on yellowish-white.
78 Ultramarine on cream with ultramarine control.
78a Indigo on cream.

M. Nicolaides (5) catalogues four varieties:—

55 Ultramarine.
55a Deep blue.
55b Light blue on white paper with greenish controls.
55c Deep blue (oily impression), on yellow transparent paper with dark blue figures at the back.

Mr. P. L. Pemberton (6) recognizes the following, all on cream paper.

T Prussian blue, with Prussian blue controls (good paper).
U Deep blue, with Prussian blue controls (grained paper).
V Blue, with Prussian blue or blue controls (grained paper).
W Royal blue, with Prussian blue or blue controls(grained paper).
X Dull Prussian blue, with Prussian blue or blue controls (grained paper).
Y Royal blue, with ultramarine controls (grained paper).
Z Blue, with ultramarine controls (grained paper).
Za Indigo blue, with ultramarine controls (grained paper).
Zb Ultramarine, with ultramarine controls (grained paper).

(1) A. E. Glasewald, "Die Postwerthzeichen von Griechenland," 1896
(2) W. D. Beckton and G. B. Duerst, "The Stamps of Greece," Brendon & Son, Plymouth, 1897.
(3) T. W. Morris, "The Stamps of Greece", The Stamp Collector, 1906, P. 95, et seqq.

(4) G. Brunel, "Les Emissions des Timbres Grecs." Mindel, Paris, 1909.
(5) N. S. Nicolaides, "Description, Historique et Catalogue des Timbres Grecs." 7th Ed. 1911.
(6) P. L. Pemberton, "The Stamps of Greece," Philatelic Journal of Great Britain, 1912, p. 35.

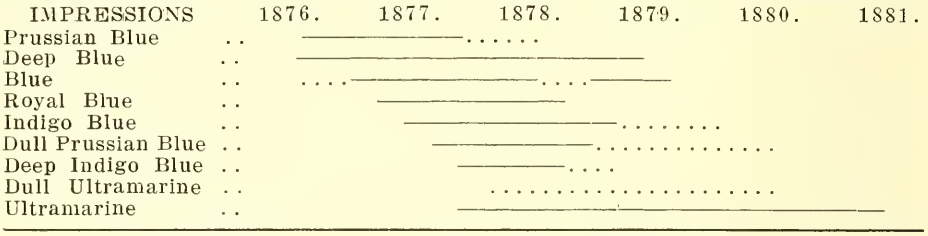
He remarks, however, that the series might be sub-divided still further.

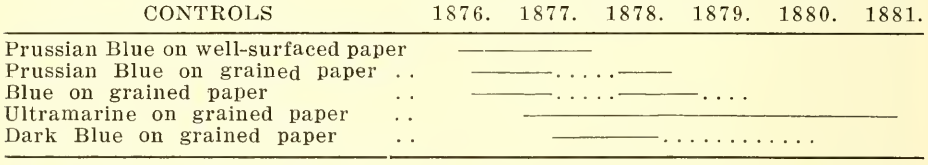
That such is the case, an examination of a large number of copies has convinced the present writer. In addition to the shades enumurated by Mr. Pemberton it is, I think, possible to recognize varieties of the Prussian blue, together with a deep indigo blue, and probably the dull ultramarine distinguished by Messrs. Beckton and Duerst, and also recognized by Morris.

In the case of the Controls, Mr. Pemberton distinguishes Prussian blue, blue greyish ultramarine and ultramarine. Besides these we may, I think, recognize dark blue, and a bright shade of the blue, noted chiefly in 1878, which approaches the royal blue of the impressions. I am inclined to suspect, indeed, that most of the shades seen in the impressions recur in the controls, though owing to the small surface of colour presented by the latter, this is difficult to prove.

It may be thought that no particular importance can attach the variations in shade, either in the case of the impressions, or in that of the controls, since among the many mixings of ink that presumably took place (see Brunel, loc. cit.) the same shade might occur repeatedly, and that therefore any grouping according to shade would not lead to a simple and natural chronological classification. With the object of testing this view I have tabulated all the dated copies of each shade in my possession, both in the case of the impressions and of the controls. The first table shows the time distribution of each prominent shade of the impressions whatever the colour of the control.

The second table shows the distribution in time of the chief shades of the controls, whatever the colour of the impressions.





The examination of the first table suggests that the different shades of the impressions have not sporadically appeared and disappeared time after time, but rather, that each had a particular time range (the length of which depended on the number of sheets printed). The periods of the different shades commonly overlapped, owing to the appearance of a new printing, before preceding ones had been exhausted. The order of appearance seems to have been first, Prussian blue; then deep blue, and blue; all three in 1876: and then royal blue, (Jan. 18th, 1877), indigo blue (June 7th, 1877), dull Prus-

sian blue (1877), deep indigo blue (April 30th, 1878), and ultramarine (Feb. 21st, 1878).

In dealing with these shades it may be noted that while the deep blue is fairly distinct from the blue, it seems to merge into the dull Prussian blue. There is also some difficulty in drawing the line between the blue and the royal blue shades. While the extreme members are distinct, there appears to be every gradation between these extremes. Something might be said in favour of grouping these two shades together; it must, however, be recognized that a new printing does not necessarily involve an appreciable change in the composition of the ink, if this be made up according to rule.

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NOTES ON EARLY SOUTH AUSTRALIANS.

A Paper read before the Manchester Philatelic Society on 1st December, 1916.

BY B. GOODFELLOW.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

(Continued from page 93).

1871 in black, between Prussian blue and pale ultramarine. Variety: deep ultramarine without surcharge, only known in three or four collections. The rarest S. A. stamp. Variety: double surcharge.

1876-87 Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½, or compound. Broad Star.
in black on deep blue
in black on bright blue and ultramarine.

The 3d. surface printed was issued in 1887.

The 2/- Value.

The plate for this value was sent out by P. B. & Co. 11th Nov., 1866, along with the 4d. plate of similar design. The inks sent out were called "drop lake-scarlet" and "drop lake-crimson." The stamps were on issue 24th Jan., 1867. —"Official Circular."

24th Jan., 1867. Colonial Print. Second rouletted issue. Large Star.
rose-carmine
not chronicled Perf. 11½, 12½ x roulette

1870. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ or compound. Large Star.
pale rose-carmine (rare)
intermediate shades to crimson-carmine, and deep carmine
crimson-carmine
carmine

1870. Ditto. Perf 10x11½, 12½. Large Star.
crimson-carmine
carmine

1876-96. Ditto. Perf. ditto. Broad Star.
ditto

1897. Ditto. Perf. 11½, 12½ large holes. Broad Star.
ditto

1902. Ditto. Perf. ditto, ditto. Crown S. A. wide.
carmine

(To be continued.)

A STAMP TRAGEDY.

By W. G. HEFFER.

Something in the nature of a mild sensation has recently been created amongst London, England, philatelists, and those in other parts of the country too, for that matter, by an incident which originated in a certain office not a hundred miles from that city. The philatelic press have found in it a good copy, the "Stamp Collectors' Fortnightly" characterising it as a stamp tragedy in East Anglia. And this is what it is all about. A certain newspaper office again not a hundred miles from London has for some time been purchasing large quantities of waste paper. A few weeks since such a consignment comprised a large quantity of documents on each of which were magnificent copies of the famous "penny black," that beautiful adhesive, which was first used on May 1st, 1840. To a philatelist these were of unusual interest, particularly as there were a goodly number of colored postmarks, "Too late" marks, and other details, in which he, smitten of the stamp fever, would revel for hours. But what happened? Did these treasurers find their way to some enthusiast at a figure a few thousand times in advance of what could be secured for the quantity as waste paper? No, unhappily no! For a fortnight they were lying about the floor of the waste paper room, being carelessly trampled upon and treated with no more consideration than a well read and much begrimed newspaper. And then at last they were bundled off —there were hundreds of them, too— to be converted into pulp! And that apparently was their fate, for when a few days later it leaked out what had been lost, vain efforts to recover the consignment failed, inasmuch as the stamps had already been pulped out of recognition. I can speak feelingly of the subject for I am a stamp collector myself and I arrived at the office a week after the tragedy had been enacted.

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SELECTIONS on approval to A. P. S. Members at Rock Bottom Prices—A trial means your gain. Only first class stamps. **E. A. MOSELY, Box 292, Bloomfield, Mo.**

CARRANZA — VILLA — ZAPATA—Mex. Revolutionary postage stamps, 50 diff. 50c. 33 diff. used on original covers $1. Want lists filled. S. B. Hopins, Loredo, Texas.

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.

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.

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Block of 4 o. g. No. 213 .....60c
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Block of 4 used No. 229 superb $2.00
Set 1 to 90c 1890 used fine 2.25
24c lilac 1865 on entire fine 1.25
100 10c orange Spec. del. scarce....2.00
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GOVERNMENT ISSUE of Postal Cards and Letter Cards. Approval selections to responsible collectors. S. Schachne, Chillicothe, Ohio.

WHOLESALE list desirable stamps, fine condition but cheap in lots 10 up sent upon receipt of stamps. Collections bought. A square deal always.
BEEBE COMPANY, YONKERS, N. Y.

WANTED—Manuscript for articles of interest to our members written by members for publication in this journal. Address The Editor.

EXCHANGE—I take 1 to 1000 of a kind, and give single copies. The rate? that depends. Harry C. Bradley, Dorchester Center, Mass.

I SPECIALIZE in Jamaica. Have a fair stock of the better sorts. Many unused some in blocks. Also some fine Brit. Colonials, Great Britain, Hayti, etc. Prices very low. Send your Society No. and I will send on approval. Geo. A. Goubault, Annotto Bay, Jamaica, B. W. I. A. P. S. 4640, S. P. A. 1932.

WANTED—to send foreign stamps on approval to A. P. S. members. State choice. O. R. Bertram, 2300 East Ave., Austin, Texas. A. P. S. 4188.

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 ben sent on approval to U. S. specialists furnishing references. V. D. MacBride, 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

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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.

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Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

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LOPEZ, CAPT. PASCUAL, Porto Rico Infantry.

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French Army.

CHASE, MAJOR CARROLL, M. D.
GIBSON, HENRY C.

British Army.

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Lester, Lieut. George M., Co. L, 57th Infantry, Moonshine Hill, Texas; Age 38; First Lieut. U. S. A.; Reference: First National Bank, Massillon, Ohio; Proposed by Capt. C. K. LaMotte, #4762.

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1791 Johanzon, Carl, 424 7th St., Rockford, Ill.

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4231 Burton, Capt. Kenneth, from Tacoma, Wash., to 364th Inf. Camp Lewis, Wash.

4791 Haller, Wm., from 118 N. St. Louis St. to 433 S. Perry St., South Bend, Ind.

4733 Henn, Ralph F., from Cleveland, O., to Occidental Hotel, Washington, D. C.

4668 Higgins, Geo. E. from Toledo, O, to Ohio State Telephone Co., Canton, O.

66 Kilbon, Rev. Jno. L., from 188 Marion St. to 820 State St., Springfield, Mass.

3558 Krippner, L. L. from St. Cloud, Minn. to Box 594, Minneapolis, Minn.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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"If it be true that the Englishman takes his pleasures seriously, how much more may we say it of the American and his Philately! There is nothing in this country to approach the proceedings of our American cousins. The annual report of the Royal Philatelic Society never requires more than a half-dozen or so pages, but the record of the great Convention which was held at Alexandria Bay, N. Y., in August last occupies close on one hundred pages. And it is not all dry-as-dust Society matter, for the volume under notice contains a most informative article by Mr. J. B. Leavy on "The United States Government Collection of Postage Stamps as installed at the United States National Museum," while it also affords an insight into various enterprises for which the American Philatelic Society is responsible.

A most interesting volume, and one we are glad to have for our Library."

Save—and win the War.

JOSEPH B. FEIGEL.

We have just been advised of the death of our member Mr. Joseph B. Feigel, of Philadelphia, but no details are available at this writing.

25,000 OLD STAMPS USED TO MAKE U. S. SHIELD.

ABERDEEN, WASH., Jan. 23.—(By I. N. S.)—Twenty-five thousand cancelled postage stamps representing thirteen administrations, have been used by Mrs. Sarah Erickson to make a government coat-of-arms. The stamps were gathered in the last twenty-five years.

The coat-of-arms represents an American eagle with outspread wings. Below it are five spears and a shield. Three stamps are from the George Washington administration. A lodge has offered Mrs. Erickson $2,200 for the picture, but she has refused it. She still is gathering stamps for completion of the work. She will add the words "Liberty" and "E Pluribus Unum."—(Clipping from St. Louis "Star.")

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

Mr. B. Bittencourt, of Valparasio, Chile, in sending his yearly dues, makes the suggestion that a fund for the benefit of the American Red Cross be started by the A. P. S. and backs up his suggestion with an initial and liberal contribution, which is acknowledged below. The list is now open and contributions will be accepted by our Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich., to whom all remittances should be sent, and who will acknowledge same through this column. The list will be kept open for three months and the total amount collected during that time will be turned over to the Red Cross Society. We hope this appeal will meet with instant and generous support by our members. Send whatever you can, little or much, for it is not the amount by which such gifts are truly measured. The spirit which prompts the small gift is just the same as any other and when we have done the best we can, we have every reason to be proud. So let us "be up and doing" and all help to make the amount which Treasurer Scott will turn over to the Red Cross on May 1st a really representative contribution of the American Philatelic Society. Get YOUR name on this list QUICK.

Contributions Received.

B. Bittencourt, Valparaiso, Chile $6.40.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 3.

At the 339th regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, held Nov. 21st in its room, 333 Russ Bldg., 235 Montgomery St., there were present—President Folte, Vice-President Phillips, The Secretary, and Messrs. Doscher, Lazarus, Dillingham, H. C. Marcus, Fischer, O'Shaughnessy and Ruellan.

A communication from J. E. Scott, Treas. of the A. P. S., in regard to collection of delinquent A. P. S. members' dues was read by the Secretary and it developed that this Society had never collected its members' A. P. S. dues.

A letter from Eri H. Richardson stating his reasons for resigning was read and regretfully accepted with the hope that when he could find the time he would rejoin us.

Mr. H. C. Marcus stated that Mr. Timothy Hopkins had presented the Society with a quantity of valuable philatelic literature and the Secretary was instructed to thank Mr. Hopkins for his generosity.

It was voted to eliminate the December meeting and meet some time early in January for the "Christmas Jinks" and the annual meeting. The details of the meeting was left to the discretion of Mr. H. C. Marcus who named as his associates Messrs. Phillips and Lazarus.

The special event for the evening being "Favorites" there were displayed by President Folte stamps of Prussia, Roman States, Roumania and Russia.; by Vice-President Phillips, San Francisco Locaos, including the exceedingly rare "Reed S. F. 1854."; by Mr. H. C. Marcus, specialized collection of Denmark and Danish West Indies; by Mr. H. W. Doscher, U. S. Private Proprietary, in nearly complete and unusually excellent condition; by Dr. Fischer, specialized collection of U. S. cut squares.

The meeting adjourned at 9.26 P. M. to feast upon the various displays.

We will be pleased to meet any visitors at any of our meetings, usually held the third Wednesday of each month.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held November 15, 1917.

President Tubman called the meeting to order at 8.45 with the following present: Chamberlin, Young, Whittaker, Tubman, Preston, Lloyd, Moses, Geuder, McLaren, Barnum, Zink, Jenkins, Mader, and Visitor—Mr. Harrington.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. McLaren announced that he would take steps to procure permanent club quarters in the locality bounded by Superior Avenue and Prospect Avenue on the north and south and by E. 14th Street and the Public Square on the east and west.

President Tubman appointed Messrs. Good and Geuder on the December entertainment committee.

A recent jollification was held by the Collectors' Club at Cincinnati, to which our prominent members Messrs. Good and McLaren were invited and which was thoroughly enjoyed by both.

Mr. McLaren reported that they had one continuous round of pleasure from the time they arrived until they left the Qeen City.

On account of the lateness of the hour the entertainment was again postponed. Condolences are extended to Messrs. Chamberlin and Young.

The meeting adjourned at 10.20 P.M.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

Regular Meeting of the Gareld-Perry Stamp Club held 12-6-17.

The Meeting was called to order by Vice President Chamberlin at 8.15 with the following members present:

Barnum, McLaren, Moses, Whittaker, Good, Preston, Zink, Lloyd, Weigel, Hanford, Young, Chamberlin and Mader.

Minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Motion was made by Mr. Barnum and seconded by Mr. Hanford that each member present personally solicit those members who as yet have not signified their intentions as to their membership classification for 1918. Carried.

Mr. Chamberlin appointed Messrs. Whittaker, Moses and Good as a nominating committee who nominated the following members, seven of whom will constitute the Board of Directors for 1918: McLaren, Young, Weigel, Tubman, Good, Geuder, Hanford, Barnum, Chamberlin, Moses and Mader.

Motion was made by Mr. Good that

an invitation be extended the A. P. S. to hold the 1918 Convention in Cleveland. Carried.

Mr. Whittaker read a communication from the New York Philatelic Society offering to exchange sales circuits.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

Annual Meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held Dec. 20, 1917.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. Tubman at 8.15 P. M. with the following members present: Lloyd, Preston, McLaren, Chamberlin, Young, Zink, Hanford, Good, Whittaker, Tubman and Mader.

The resignation of Messrs. Hayden and Hitchcock were accepted. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as amended. It was decided not to launch the campaign for new members until the new permanent club rooms were secured.

The election of members to the Board of Directors resulted as follows:

Mr. McLaren.....12 votes
Mr. Mader .....11 votes
Mr. Good .....11 votes
Mr. Tubman .....10 votes
Mr. Preston ..... 9 votes
Mr. Young ..... 8 votes
Mr. Chamberlin ..... 8 votes

The Board then unanimously elected Mr. McLaren Pres., Mr. Good Vice-Pres., Mr. Young, Treasurer and Mr. Mader, Sec., the President reappointed Mr. Moses as Sales Mgr.

The new Board empowered Mr. McLaren and Mr. Good to complete negotiations for the room in the Hippadrome Bldg.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

CARL W. MADER,
Secretary.

COMMUNICATIONS.

We are always glad to publish letters of general interest but necessarily cannot be held responsible for opinions expressed therein.

ALL TOGETHER, FOR THE GOOD OF THE A. P. S.

Our worthy President has called on each and every one of us to do our share. And he says, "Do It Now."

He also tells us not to depend on "George" but to attend to it ourselves. Are we going to admit that the other National Societies have better and more sincere workers than we have?

Are we willing to admit that the other societies have better departments and offer better inducements to non-members to join their ranks than we? The answer is "No."

And it is up to us to get together and prove it.

We must not pull separately but must work as a whole.

We must help one another and the different departments must wake up and show that we can get as many and as good stamps as the younger Societies are doing.

Our members must take as many stamps from the sales books as it is possible for them to take and must return the books at once.

And then the Sales manager must make returns and remittances to the

owners at once, and not wait for the whole season.

This the younger Societies are doing and they are gaining by so doing.

In my visits to the many A. P. S. members, this has been the one great objection to the Society.

I would not like to say that we have lost any members by this seeming or absolute negligence, because I think that all A. P. S. members are too loyal to the Society to let a matter of this kind have any weight with their real decision, but if a member should happen to mention to a non-member that he had to wait an entire season for a report on stamps sent in to the department, do you think that the incentive for that non-member to join us, would be as great as if he could tell how prompt we were in our returns?

I am under the impression that this matter is not given enough attention.

We are so busy getting new members that we are not looking after the old ones that we have, and who are loyal and true to all that the A. P. S. stands for. Quality members, we always want.

And quantities we must have.

Workers we need.

But we hust not forget to take care of those who have entered our fold and must have our attention.

As for PUBLICITY, I can not impress on each and every one of you the great importance of keeping before the PUBLIC.

How many of you, who read this, ever knew that Col. E. H. R. Green, the son of the richest woman in the world was a Philatelist?

We have some of the biggest men in all walks of life, on our roll of members, and I am sure that most of them know other big men who would join us if they were properly approached.

Most of our members seem to think that it belittles them in the eyes of their friends to admit that they are Philatelists.

Please note that I said "Philatelists" not "stamp collectors."

The time is passed when any boy who accumulates stamps can be classed as a Philatelist. He must study his stamps and know them. He must be a man of tact and a business man. He must know how to buy as well as sell his duplicate stamps. He must be up on art and history. He must be a connoisseur on colors as well as engraving and printing. He must be an up-to-date, live collector. Then why should one be ashamed to mention that he has a hobby?

A collector of great paintings advertises the fact.

A collectors instinct comes natural to all of us, and whether it be old china or old furniture, or old miniatures, or coins or any other curiosity that may strike their fancy, if they take pains in displaying these items and can talk knowingly and interestingly on these different subjects, then his time is not wasted but he is looked up to as a man of knowledge and a specialist in his certain line.

One can not help but admire a man who can concentrate on one thing and one purpose and who is satised only when that object is accomplished.

Then by all means tell about your stamps.

Show how interesting they are.

Where can you find another hobby that takes up so little room and are always increasing in value?

Where can you find a hobby that you can lay aside any time you care to do so and pick it up where you left off, and lose nothing in interest, in so doing?

For a child, for a youth and for a man, the interest is the same.

For a rick man or for a poor one, the fascination for the little bits of paper is the same.

On a dark day or on a bright one, the "call" is just as strong.

To a sick person or to a "shut in", the hobby is a blessing.

To a tired and "fagged" mind, stamp collecting is a rejuvenator.

To a well man, Philately is a pleasure.

Then it is up to you to tell your friends about it.

Show them what they have to gain and nothing to lose.

Tell them that if it does not appeal to them, after trial, to drop it and the stamps that they have accumulated can be given to some one in the family who has the collecting tendency. For you can not make a collector. It must come natural to him. He must love it.

In my travels I have never mentioned my hobby in a crowd of as many as five intelligent men that I have not resurrected at least one former devotee of our hobby and they always have "a few left some where at home."

And I assure you that this has worked to my personal advantage as they are always pleased to send the stamps to one who will appreciate them.

When ever I take a trip in the Pullman I always order a table and assort my stamps. This not only helps to pass the time but the interest that the other travelers take in my work is wonderful.

And at the end of a long trip, when the other passengers were all tired and worn out, when the monotony and sameness has fatigued them beyond expression, I would be rested and ready to go to work, and only regretting that the trip was so short and so many stamps yet to be separated and sorted. Try it.

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SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

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The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

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No. 62. 25 ore.

From December 4, 1896 to May 2, 1911.
Number printed: 34,077,900 copies.

Shades. Yellow orange, 1896. Orange, 1896. Dull orange, 1910.

Notes. Unofficial, unperforated copies have leaked out. The dull orange shade is priced four times the other shades for unused copies, and with inverted watermark this shade is quite scarce.

No. 63. 30 ore.

From October 6, 1891 to October 10, 1911.
Number printed: 52,162,100 copies.

Shades. Yellow brown, 1891. Brown, 1891. Dark brown, 1892.

Notes. Unperforated specimens of the "unofficial" kind have been found. The yellow brown shade is the least common unused and with inverted watermark it is priced at $1.35.

No. 64. 50 ore.

From December 5, 1891 to February 29, 1904.
Number printed: 6,962,900 copies.

Shades. Gray, 1891. Blue gray, 1895.

Notes. Unused copies of this stamp are priced at $1.35 each and with inverted watermark three times this amount.

No. 65. 50 ore.

From March 1, 1904 to February 4, 1912.
Number printed: 8,733,400 copies.

Shades. Dark olive gray, 1904. Olive gray, 1904.

Notes. As the former gray blue color led to confusion with the 20 ore value the printer was ordered to print the stamps in an olive gray. Unused copies of this stamp are priced at 80 cents and with inverted watermark 5 times this amount.

No. 66. 1 krona.

From January 10, 1900 to June 7, 1911.

Number printed: 3,791,500 copies.

Shades. Carmine and gray, 1900. Carmine rose and gray, 1900.

Notes. December 9, 1899 the Postoffice Department announced that new 1 krona stamps would be issued as soon as the stock of the old type had been exhausted. A steel die was made of the complete design and from this die 100 cuts were produced for the frame and 100 for the center portion. These were assembled into two printing plates, one for the red and one for the gray color. "Unofficial" unperforated copies are known. The carmine rose shade is quoted at 55 cents, and the carmine at double this amount. This stamp is very scarce with inverted watermark and used copies are worth over 5 dollars.

No. 67. 5 kronor.

From October 26, 1903 to July 14, 1914.

Number printed: 339,250 copies.

Shades. Blue. Grayish blue.

Notes. A steel die was engraved for this stamp and the printing plates were produced by the method used for the other "copper plate stamps." Each plate provides for 50 stamps, and as the stamps are twice the size of the ordinary postage stamps, two watermarks, or two crowns, are found on each stamp. Copies with inverted watermarks are scarce and are quoted at $5.50 unused and half that amount for used.

As the picture of the General Postoffice at Stockholm is done in much finer line work than the frame the effect is as if the picture was printed in a lighter color, and this caused some foreign catalogues to refer to the 5 kr. stamps as a two color production. At the Post Exhibition in Stockholm in 1903 two color proofs of this stamp were shown.

Stamp Books.

As the 5 and 10 ore stamps of the 1891-1903 series are the only stamps which have been used in stamp books these books will now be mentioned. They were announced in an official circular of April 12, 1904. There are only two kinds of books, 5 ore and 10 ore books. One contains 30 stamps of the 5 ore value, with 5 leaves of 6 stamps each, and the other contains 30 stamps of the 10 ore value arranged in the same way. The make up of the books, with waxed paper between the stamp leaves, binding, etc., is very similar to the stamp books issued in the United States. The covers for the 5 ore books are green and for the 10 ore red. The front cover has the coat of arms of Sweden between two posthorns and the following inscriptions translated. In the upper left hand corner, "Price 3 kronor", and across the length of the cover in three lines, "Royal Swedish Post Department. This booklet contains 30 postage stamps a' 10 ore." On the 5 ore book the figures are suited to that value. The size of the books is 44 mm x 80 mm. The stamps used for these books are printed from separate plates. Each plate contains 90 stamp cuts. The three top rows face in the right direction, the three following rows are inverted. The seventh row is omitted so as to allow margins for the binding. The three bottom rows face in the right direction. The entire output of stamp books at the close of 1904 consisted of 125,128 books with 5 ore stamps and 145,609 books of the 10 ore value. None have been made up since and still there is a supply on hand. The entire sale during the first year comprised about 25,000 books of each value. For some reason, the Swedish public did not think much of this con-

venience, and when the remaining stock of books is exhausted, it is quite sure that no more will be printed.

1910-1914.

Perforated 13x about 13½.

Watermarked Crown.

Scott's Cat. Types A13 and A14.

Although king Oscar II died December 8,, 1907 and was immediately succeeded by his older son, the present king Gustavus V, the postage stamps with the picture of Oscar II continued in use and nothing was heard about a new issue until October 1908 when the superintendent of the stamp division of the Postoffice Department gave an interview to representatives of the Philatelic Society of Sweden. He stated that the present design with king Oscar's portrait was considered so satisfactory, that a change would be unnecessary and he intended to propose the retention of this design with the substitution of the picture of king Gustavus for that of his father. A different view was taken of the 1, 2 and 4 ore values and it was stated that the design of these values probably would be changed. At the time of this interview, the only preparations for a new issue that had been made so far was the submitting of the paper for the proposed issue to the Royal Technical High School to be tested. The superintendent said that after this was done, the Postoffice Department would take up the question of design.

Nothing further was learned until June 1909 when it was announced that the design submitted by the artist Olle Hjortzberg had been accepted. The daily press had pointed out the disability of including in the stamp designs views reperesentative of the beautiful scenery of which Sweden has such an abundance but these suggestions, unfortunately were ignored. It was decided to add a 35 ore value to the series of ordinary postage stamps, and 1, 15, 25 and 35 ore, and 5 kronor values to the series of official stamps. The new designs were submitted to the king June 17, 1909. A steel die for the portrait on the copper plate stamps was ordered from Ferdinand Schirnbock, the Vienna stamp engraver, who charged 1,000 Austrian crowns for the work. Bids for the printing were asked from Jacob Bagges Sons, and from the Hasse W. Tullberg Co., and the firm first mentioned proved the successful bidder. In April 1910 proofsheets of the 10 ore value were submitted to the Postoffice Department and were rejected as unsatisfactory. No remarks could be made against the plates which were made in Vienna and were pronounced very fine. In this connection it may be mentioned that all previous dies and plates for the Swedish stamp issues were made in Sweden. The trouble with the new copper plate stamps was, that many of the fine lines failed to show up in the printing. The printers asked for deeper lines as experts considered the engraving too fine for this class of work. The Postoffice officials pointed to the satisfactory printing done in Vienna with the same kind of engraving and in May the Department requested the professor of etching and engraving of the Royal Academy of Arts to prepare a suitable ink for the printing of the 10 ore stamps. He was also requested to assist the superintendent of the Jacob Bagges' Son's establishment in the exercising of technical control over the manufacture of the printing plates and the printing of the stamps.

No. 68. 1 ore.

From September 18, 1911 to February 28, 1912.

Number printed: 1,441,200 copies.

Shades. Black.

Plate defect. SVF.RIGE.

Notes. Copies with inverted watermark are quoted at 25 cents both used and unused.

No. 69. 2 ore.

From December 10, 1910 to November 26, 1911.

Number printed: 8,550,500 copies.

Shades. Orange, yellow orange.

Notes. Inverted watermarks are found but no quotations on such are available

No. 70. 4 ore.

From April 5, 1910 to June 5, 1911.

Number printed: 18,167,600 copies.

Shades. Blue lilac, lilac.

Notes. With inverted watermark both used and unused copies are priced 25 cents.

No. 71. 5 ore.

From May 8, 1911 to May 31, 1911.

Number printed: 1,303,400 copies..

Shades. Green.

Notes. It will be observed that this stamp was in use less than one month. Used copies with inverted watermark are quoted at 4 dollars.

No. 72. 10 ore.

From November 10, 1910 to April 30, 1911.

Number printed: 23,857,500 copies..

Shades. Carmine rose, rose.

Notes. Copies with inverted watermark are considered worth 25c for unused and 15c for used.

No. 73. 1 krona.

From June 8, 1911.

Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 2,686,000 copies.

Shades. Black on yellow paper.

Notes. (In connection with stamps current at the time of writing, the number printed up to a certain date (Oct. 1, 1914) is merely given as a guide to relative consumption).

Unused copies with inverted watermark are worth 1½ times face value.

No. 74. 5 kronor.

From January 15, 1914.

Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 848,000 copies.

Shades. Red brown on yellow paper.

Notes. Unused copies with inverted watermark are priced 25c above face value. In the "Swedish Philatelic journal" of March 15, 1916, it was announced that this stamp had been temporarily withdrawn in order to permit remainders of the 5 kr. of 1891-1903 issue to be used up.

1911.

Perforated 13.

Without Watermark.

Scott's Cat. Type A10.

No. 75. 20 ore.

From August 22, 1911 to October 10, 1911.

Number printed: 1,725,100 copies.

Shades. Blue.

No. 76. 25 ore.

From May 3, 1911 to September 5, 1911

Number printed: 1,316,900 copies.

Shades. Orange.

1911-1912.

Perforated 13.

Watermarked wavy lines.

Normally the wavy lines in the watermark run from the right to the left but copies of all values with the lines running from the left to the right are common.

No. 77. 1 ore.

From March 1, 1912.

Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 8,459,100 copies.

Shades. Black.

No. 78. 2 ore.

From November 27, 1911.

Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 40,397,800 copies.

Shades. Orange, yellow orange.

No. 79. 4 ore.

From June 6, 1911.

Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 69,809,800 copies.

Shades. Blue lilac, lilac.

1911-1912.

Perforated 13.

Without watermark.

Scott's Cat. Type A14.

In this series the watermark "KUNGL POSTVERKET" was placed in the margin of the sheet and the stamps themselves were intended to be without watermark. After a while stamps were found which had one, or part of two letters of the margin watermark showing on their backs. These watermarked letters were found upright, inverted, reversed, placed sideways, etc., and are very common on all the values of this series as well as on Nos. 77, 78 and 79 of the previous series. An explanation of these conditions has been given and if of interest to collectors. The watermark "Crown" was superseded by the marginal watermark for reasons of economy. The former watermark which was intended to appear in the center of each stamp called for a good deal of extra attention. Thus it was found necessary, before the perforating was done, to arrange the sheets on top of each other and fasten the corners with needles in order to keep the sheets together. When the marginal watermark "Kungl. Postverket" was adopted a new perforating machine was secured which was constructed in such a way, that the watermark would always appear in the margin. With this machine the margins were not perforated across but formed an unbroken strip of paper around the entire sheet.

When this perforating machine was worn out and was replaced with a new machine, the latter was found differing from the former in construction with the result that the "marginal" watermark happened to come anywhere in the sheet, and the margins were perforated across both vertically and horizontally. Above explanation was given in the Spring of 1916 by one of the controllers at the stamp printery.

No. 80. 5 ore.

From June 1, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 292,865,700 copies.

Shades. Green, light green, yellow green.

No. 81. 8 ore.

From March 12, 1912.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 9,858,400 copies.

Shades. Red violet, dark violet to light violet.

No. 82. 10 ore.

From May 1, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 324,889,900 copies.

Shades. Carmine rose, rose.

Notes. In the January number of 1913 of the Swedish Philatelic Journal it was reported that copies of this stamp had been found which were 2 millimeter higher than the normal.

No. 83. 15 ore.

From August 5, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 17,438,900 copies.

Shades. Red brown.

No. 84. 20 ore.

From Oct. 11, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 30,730,900 copies.

Shades. Dark blue, blue.

No. 85. 25 ore.

From September 6, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 19,205,600 copies.

Shades. Orange.

No. 86. 30 ore.

From October 11, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 15,307,800 copies.

Shades. Brown.

No. 87. 35 ore.

From September 6, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914:
8,151,500 copies.
Sades. Violet.

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UNNECESSARY HIGH VALUES.

By Theodore Siddall.

The announcement that China has lately issued a $20 postage stamp recalls an intention I have had for some time to explain just what these extremely high values are for, to point out their true status and why they should not be listed as postage stamps, thereby tending to discourage collectors from hoping to ever complete their sets.

About the only use for stamps over $2 in China is for money orders. Stamps to the face value of money orders are struck on the order form along the stub, the order is then cut off, through the middle of the stamps, and the buyer of the order gets halves of the stamps and the paying office gets the other halves on the advice, and they must fit correctly or else there is trouble for someone. The order blank has room for about ten stamps, so that an order for say $99.75 would need more stamps than could be stuck on the line, even using the $10 value; hence it is easy to see that a higher value is needed. But for strictly postal use there are very few even of the $5 stamps used.

In the Straits Settlements there is catalogued a stamp of $100, and of course while the post official would not object to anyone buying a $100 stamp to mail a post card, there is very little postal need for such a value. However, I have had postally used pairs of the $25.

When in Sandakan, British North Borneo, a few years ago, wishing to get a complete set of the postage stamps then in use, I inquired at the post office the highest amount that could be paid on a package or letter of the limit of weight, and was told that something over $9 would pay postage on the heaviest letter permissible to mail, so I ended my set with the $5 and did not consider that the $10 stamp was a postage stamp, even though it was on sale at the post office and bore the word "Postage".

It requires more than sale at a post office and the word "Postage" to make a postage stamp. There is required that the stamp shall be sold to the public for use in prepayment of postage. If there is no possible postal rate that requires such a high value, it follows that such high values can not be postage stamps.

It will be found, too, that wherever these very high values are issued they are issued for purposes other than postage; in British colonies they are issued for fiscal purposes, in China they are for use on money orders, and in the Philippine Islands for telegraph and cable tolls, and there can be no obligation on anyone to include them in a collection of postage stamps, and they should not be catalogued as such.

If a $20 postage stamp is necessary in China (with about the cheapest postal tariff in the world), a $100 stamp in the Straits, or a 10 peso stamp in the Philippines, the United States should have, in the same proportion, a postage stamp of about $300; yet before the present temporary use of high values on account of high ocean freight rates, it was found that even a $1 stamp filled all needs, and the $2 and $5 stamps formerly issued were discontinued.

A correspondent in India informs me that all Indian stamps of higher denominations than the 3 rupees are used telegraphically and have been stolen, if offered in used condition, since the highest postal rate does not require more than 3 rupees, and the stamps on telegraph forms are supposed to be destroyed, after being kept on file a certain length of time.

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EDITORIAL.

WHAT'S THE TROUBLE? Reading the editorial in the February issue of the "Bulletin" published by the Philadelphia Stamp Club causes us to ask this question, not about the P. S. C. in particular, but about philatelic societies in general, and to apply his remarks in a most fitting manner to our own Society. The same luke-warm condition exists in the City of Brotherly Love philatelic circles that seems to be the rule in the A. P. S. Since it would not be possible to put the matter in clearer words, we are reprinting a few extracts of the "Bulletin's" editor which seem to have a special bearing on the condition of our Society. He says:—

"The Editor has more requests for short articles or shorter items of interest to the members, but the hundred members do not seem to have time to write even the shortest items. The Bulletin as it now appears, is unworthy —or is it the Club that is unworthy of the Bulletin?"

A society publication must necessarily depend upon the members of that organization to supply it with articles, notes and matter of general interest. It has no income, or at most only a nominal one, and consequently is not in position to secure manuscripts in the ordinary methods. Being published by a society for the benefit of its members, it seems to have a logical right to expect those members to take such an interest in the publication as to insure it being supplied at all times with matter of general interest to the members and while we cannot expect every member to find each number to his especial liking, yet there are such a wide variety of subjects to be drawn from such an extensive field, with so many who are capable of writing instructively and entertainingly, we wonder, at times, what is the trouble with our members.

And again, on the subject of the members relying "upon the Editor to provide what entertainment they may derive from the monthly visits of the Bulletin," our Philadelphia co-worker says —"Thereby they make a mistake relying upon the Editor, because if the members do not care to assist the Editor, he can only furnish them with the entertainment they may get from a perusal of the words here set forth—a poor entertainment, verily."

Let that thought strike home, you members of the A. P. S. It seems that there are many who imagine an Editor as one who should fill the pages of his

journal with nothing but that which he writes and that which he writes must be, perforce, of interest to each of those particular members. Webster defines editor as "one who edits, and to edit is" to superintend or direct the publication of." How can there be an editor if he has nothing to edit? How can he have anything to edit if those for whom he would gladly arrange for the publication of their writings provide him with no articles or manuscript for publication? Yet there are many who expect him to do all these things.

The American Philatelic Society has a right to expect you to assist it in its efforts to publish a high grade society journal, one to which the members can point with pride as an inducement of no small value to the collector who is not a member, not on account of your membership in the Society, but for the benefit which its very existence has been to stamp collecting and for the work which it has done in popularizing philately, the fruits of which you are enjoying today in the constant increase in the value of your philatelic holdings. And for this condition the A. P. S. can claim at least a share. Don't you think the Society asks but little when it seeks your help in building up your own journal?

Not only do we wish to provide our members with a high class journal, but we want to bring "The American Philatelist" to such a philatelic standpoint that will so widen its sphere of usefulness as to create for it a firm place in our literature and make it a magazine of philatelic research and authority.

It is time we looked this issue squarely in the face. We, the American Philatelic Society, have the talent. We have the vehicle for the publication of philatelic papers. We like to think we set a standard in philatelic matters. Then why don't we have a journal worthy of our name? There is only one answer. But there are many of you members who can answer that question in such a way as to convince the philatelic world that the American Philatelic Society is justly entitled to first rank among all stamp collector's societies. It is no time to let the other fellow do it. It is time to act.

Shall we or shall we not have an official journal worthy of our A. P. S.? It is up to you, you who can make the pages of our American Philatelist reflect the true worth of our membership. Awake! Do something, and again in the words of the Philadelphia editor "Don't be slackers."

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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2531 Doyle, G. A. from 571 Main St. to 10 Southbridge St., Worcester, Mass.

4028 Edgar, Robt. C., correct address is 1425 Vermont St., Waco, Tex.

4503 Goodman, Chas. J., from 311 Washington Bldg., to 231 W. 3rd St., Los Angeles, Calif.

3896 Hileman, Commander J. L., from U. S. S. Wyoming, c/o Postmaster, New York, to Sept. of Marine Construction, U. S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, Md.

4693 Hoskins, H. P., from 50 Tireman Ave. to Box 471, Detroit, Mich.

4501 Larter, Harry C., from New York City to 605 Mt. Prospect Ave., Newark, N. J.

4198 Pugsley, Dr. F. N., from Honolulu, Hawaii, to Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Calif.

Membership Summary.

Membership January 15, 1918	1642
New Stockholders	6
Reinstated	1
Total Membership Feb. 1, 1918	1649

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Awarding of Printing Contract.

The contract for the printing and mailing of the Publications of the American Philatelic Society for the fiscal year 1917-18 has been awarded by the Board of Directors to J. W. Stowell Printing Co., of Federalsburg, Md.

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REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR MONTH ENDING JAN. 31st, 1918.

Stock Fund.

Balance	$4810.66	
Receipts	13.00	$4823.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1882.57	
Receipts	$104.60		
Disb'mnts.	66.00	38.60	$1921.17

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1960.52

Exchange Account.

Balance	$ 3.05	
Receipts	.10	$ 3.15

Suspense Account.

Balance	$ 25.90
Receipts	3.60 $ 29.50
	$8738.00

American Philatelist Account.

Debit Balance		$1201.99	
Receipts	$ 85.18		
Disb'mnts.	205.74	120.56	$1322.55
			$7415.45

Resources.

Bonds	$5489.34
Cash	1926.11
	$7415.45

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

THE 20 LEPTA OF THE GREEK ISSUE OF 1876-79.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

THEODORE GROOM, M. A., Cantab., D. Sc., Lond.

(Continued from page 121).

Conclusions similar in the main may be drawn as to the unity of the shades of the Controls, though the order of their appearance does not seem to be quite the same. The order indicated by dated copies is:—Prussian blue (21st Sept., 1876), blue (16th Oct., 1876), ultramarine (Feb. 19th, 1877), dark blue (1877). Nevertheless, on the whole, the time periods of most of the shades agree to a fair extent with those of the corresponding shades of the impressions. The late appearance of the dark blue controls was perhaps, due to the large quantity of paper with blue controls previously prepared.

It is probable, then, that the impressions were printed in batches on paper a short time previously also printed in batches, with ink mixtures approximating to or identical with that used for the impressions taken earlier, or sometimes, as in the case of the ultramarine controls, specially prepared for the occasion (see concluding section of this paper).

Apart from differences in the colour of the control there are certain varieties of paper. The earliest appears to have been the well surfaced very pale cream paper without obvious grain, which is mentioned by Mr. Pemberton (printing T). The remaining papers that I have seen have a conspicuous grain and are less highly surfaced. They include a pale cream soft thin paper, a far commoner cream paper, and a deep cream paper.

Turning now to the classification, we have to take into consideration

(1) The colour and character of the impression.
(2) The character of the paper.
(3) The colour and character of the controls.

It is evident that if the papers were printed beforehand with controls varying in colour, in rather rapidly succeeding batches, accumulated to a certain extent, and if the stock were then drawn upon without much discrimination, differences in the colour of the control would almose certainly arise in the case of any particular extensive printing of the impressions. It will be probably granted that in determining any such printing the colour of the impression is likely to be of first importance. Under these circumstances a change of paper alone will not be a safe criterion as to what constitutes a printing.

We therefore deal first with the colour of the impression.

The colours I would propose to recognise are the following:—

Prussian blue, blue, royal blue, ultramarine, indigo blue, deep indigo blue, dull Prussian blue, deep blue. Of these the Prussian blue was apparently the earliest, and the ultramarine the latest in use. Mr. P. L. Pemberton points out that the royal blue is a mixture of Prussian blue and ultramarine, in which the latter is an important ingredient, a view also suggested by Morris. The same mixture in variable proportions would seem to influence most are all of the remaining shades. The Prussian blue appears to approach closely to the blue, which, however is a little brighter, this in its turn graduates into the royal blue, the brighter shades of which approach the ultramarine. It is not, however, I think, possible to explain the other shades simply as variations of this mixture. Were these two colours alone employed it ought to be possible to arrange the shades in a linear order, with these two colours as extremes, each shade intermediate between the adjoining ones. This is not the case, and it becomes necessary to assume the presence of another pigment in the case of some of the colours, such as indigo or some ingredient of the Prussian blue would account for the existence of the deep indigo blue, indigo blue, dull Prussian blue, and deep blue, the proportion of indigo being smallest in the deep blue.

Of the Prussian blue several shades may be recognised, and these are on different papers. The commonest, and probably the earliest, is the printing distinguished by Mr. Pemberton as T, which consists of good prints on pale cream well-surfaced paper with sharp Prussian blue controls. The remaining shades, hitherto unrecorded, are all on grained paper. One of these, represented in my collection by three copies, one of which is dated 1877, consists of rather or very coarse prints in a dull shade, the tint of which is possibly due to the addition of indigo. This may be termed dull blue. The controls are of a darkish blue colour, in one stamp rather bright. A second, still rarer, type shows a fine impression on pale blue on

a pale cream soft thin paper with a dark blue control. A third type, of a pale dull blue tint, which, though still rare, is commoner than the two foregoing, is on rather pale cream paper with dull ultramarine controls. This stamp approaches the indigo blue in shade, but is distinctly paler; most dated copies seen belong to 1878, and nearly all were obliterated at Agrinion. Since in these cases differences in paper are accompanied by differences in shade, these four stamps may, perhaps, be regarded as separate printings, especially as the dull blue and pale dull blue shades apparently came into circulation later than the printing T.

It must, however, be admitted that the pale dull blue might be equally well regarded as a late variation of the indigo blue, and the pale blue and dull blue as rare varieties of the same on paper with controls of a different colour.

The deep indigo blue and the indigo blue are characterized each by the colour of the impression, and each occurs, so far as I know, on paper with controls of one colour only, the former with dark blue controls, the latter with ultramarine controls. These stamps, then, probably belong to two distinct printings.

The stamps with ultramarine impressions all show ultramarine controls, and they are not subdivided by Messrs. Glasewald, Brunel, or Pemberton, but Messrs. Beckton, Duerst, and Morris distinguish ultramarine, or bright ultramarine, and dull ultramarine shades and recognise cream paper and buff paper. In my own collection the two shades appear to be distinct. Two papers are also distinguishable, which may be termed cream and deep cream respectively. It will, I think, be admitted that the tint termed buff by some philatelists would be designated deep cream by others, and possibly the buff paper of Messrs. Beckton, Duerst, and Morris is similar to what I have spoken of as deep cream. However the case may be, I may say that I have not seen any copies of the 20 lepta now under consideration on paper with a buff tint anything like so pronounced as that of such stamps as the 30 lepta or the 60 lepta of 1876. In addition to the ordinary ultramarine, or bright ultramarine, stamps on cream paper (Beckton and Duerst, E; Morris, 22; Pemberton, 2b) my collection shows copies of a pale dull ultramarine on similar cream paper (1878) and of a darker dull ultramarine on deep cream paper (1880). These three may possibly be regarded as constituting three distinct printings. The one mentioned last may perhaps be compared or identified with the Messrs. Beckton and Duerst's printing F, and Mr. Morris's 23.

The case appears to be different with the remaining shades, namely, the dull Prussian blue, deep blue, blue, and royal blue. Each shade occurs on papers with Prussian blue, blue, dark blue, or ultramarine controls, and I have not been able to detect constant differences in the impressions of any one of these shades when on paper with controls of different colours. It is difficult to resist, or at least to disprove, the conclusion that at the time of each printing papers with controls of all the different colours mentioned were available. Accordingly it seems reasonable to regard differences in the shade of the control as varietal:

On the deep blue stamps on the writter's collection, the percentages of those with Prussian blue, blue, ultramarine, and dark blue controls are about 23, 51, 23 and 4 respectively. In the case of the blue stamps the corresponding percentages are 6, 38, 36, and 20; in that of the royal blue, 19, 31, 17 and 33, and in that of the dull Prussian blue, 6, 10, 3, and 81. These percentages can only be regarded as approximate, since, as already pointed out, the determination of the precise shade of a control is often a matter of difficulty. The blue Controls, indeed, are so often hard to distinguish from the Prussian blue that the most prac-

tical course seems to be to group them together under the name of blue. If that be done the result is as follows:

Colour of Impression	Colour of Controls Blue	Ultra-marine	Dark Blue
Deep Blue	74	23	4
Blue	42	36	20
Royal Blue	50	17	33
Dull Prussian Blue	16	3	81

From this it will be seen that the blue controls predominate in the deep blue, blue, and royal blue stamps. For each of these printings those with blue controls may then be taken as types. This procedure has the additional advantage that in each case the stamps with blue controls seem to have preceded the others. The impressions with ultramarine or dark blue controls may be regarded as varieties.

(To be continued.)

SWEDEN—1855-1915.

A History of Its Postage Stamps.

(Continued from page 145.)

No. 88. 50 ore.

From February 5, 1912.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 8,736,200 copies.

Shades. Gray.

Notes. The watermark varieties caused by letters of the supposed marginal watermark being found anywhere on the sheets are receiving little or no attention at the hands of Swedish collectors. The Swedish Society's Handbook on the Postage stamps of Sweden states: "It is a new kind of watermark we have been given, a watermark, the postal meaning of which still remains unexplained."

OFFICIAL STAMPS.

Up to 1874, Swedish government officials mailed their letters free and without the use of any kind of stamps. Such letters were called "Fribref" (free letters) and the cancellations used on them generally had the abbreviation FR:BR besides the name of the Post office and the date. The general post office at Stockholm had a special division for "free letters." The discontinuance of the free franking privilege preceded the adoption of official stamps, the introduction of which with the beginning of 1874 was ordered in a congressional resolution of June 6, 1873. A decree announcing the advent of the official postage stamps was issued December 5, 1873. The new stamps received the same values and colors as the ordinary postage stamps which were current at that time but design and size were different. The height of the official stamps is the same as that of the ordinary postage stamps but the official stamp is twice as wide. The official stamps issued up to 1910 are, by philatelists, divided into two groups, those perforated 14 and those perforated 13. The official stamps were not perforated in the same machine that was used for the ordinary stamps but in a special machine furnished during the last part of 1873 by Rundlof & Co., in Stockholm. This machine was exclusively used for the official stamps up to March 19, 1881 which day a new machine constructed by Oller & Co. in Stockholm was put in operation. The erraneous conclusion that no official stamps perf 14 were turned out after May 1877 was based on the false belief that the same perforating machine was used for all the stamps, official as well as ordinary.

The paper for the official stamps was furnished by the printer. It shows great differences in strength, and in thickness it varies from very thin to very thick and stiff. When and to what extent the thinnest or the thickest paper was used cannot be stated but it seems that stamps on the thick paper are quite scarce.

An original steel die was engraved for the official stamps. This die had

those parts blank in which the value is indicated. Nine cuts were obtained from the die and on these cuts the different values viz: 3, 5, 6, 12, 20, 24, 30 and 50 ore, and 1 krona, were engraved in figures and letters. From each of these original cuts, with the exception of the 1 krona 5 other cuts were obtained and soldered together in a vertical row. Each block of 5 cuts of the same value was put in an iron frame and served as a die for the production of 10 cuts which were mounted on a mahogany base and so arranged that they formed 10 horizontal rows with 5 stamps in each row. This combination formed the original printing plate.

The original cut for the 1 krona value was sawed through diagonally from the upper right hand corner to the lower left and the two halves were soldered on a plate with the diagonal edges about 1 centimeter apart. From this, two printing plates were produced each having 50 cuts, one for the half printed in blue and one for the brown half of the stamp.

1874-1877.

Perforated 14.

Slightly blue or white to yellow white paper.

Scott Cat. Type O1.

No. 1. 3 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to October 3, 1881.

Number printed: 1,733,625 copies.

Shades. Light brown, 1874. Brown, 1874. Gray brown, 1877.

Plate defects. The last "E" in the left hand oval missing. The under foot support of the right hand lion broken off.

Notes. Unused, the gray brown shade of 1877 is the scarcest, with the brown shade next. Used copies on heavy cartoon paper are quoted in Sweden at $1.25.

(To be continued.)

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

Let us all help to make the Fund a substantial amount. Send a subscription, no matter how small, to our Treasurer, J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich., and it will be acknowledged through this column. Send any amount NOW and watch the Fund grow.

Subscriptions Received.

Mr. B. Bittencourt, Valparaiso, Chile $6.40

"Our Wounded" Auction Sale.

An auction sale will be held in Manchester, England, at the Grand Hotel, March 22nd and 23rd next for the benefit of "The Wounded Soldiers' Tobacco Fund." Mr. E. G. Harmer will conduct the sale, of which a souvenir catalogue will be issued and several silver and bronze medals awarded for the most interesting lots sent in. This "Fund" started shortly after the beginning of the war and has supplied upwards of eight million cigarettes and thousands of pounds of tobacco to sick and wounded soldiers in one hundred eighty hospitals.

A Stamp Collector At A Hundred.

In West Chester, Pa., on the 13th day of last December, Dr. Jesse Cope Green, a collector of stamps, celebrated his one hundredth birthday anniversary. He is an honorary member of the Philadelphia Stamp Club. His collection includes U. S. postage, revenue and tax paid stamps.

George H. Anders.

Friends of Mr. Anders will be grieved to learn of his death, which occurred at Norristown, Pa., Dec. 10th, 1917. He was fifty-five years of age. Mr. Anders was a member of the Philadelphia Stamp Club and was especially interested in U. S. Revenue stamps.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

The Recruiting Chairman would like to hear from persons with time and talent to do active recruiting work for the A. P. S.

In the following dustricts I desire "Recruiting Lieut."—Pacific Coast, Canada, Mississippi Valley, Northeastern States, Southeastern States and Foreign.

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Who will be the next?

Fraternally yours,

LLOYD GARFIELD SNOW,
Recruiting Chairman.

116 N. Paxon St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

Death of Father of Mr. M. Casper.

We have just been advised by Mr. Max Casper, of New York, of the recent death of his father. Mr. Casper is engaged as a traveling salesman and during his absence from home his father attended to his business. Mr. Casper writes that this will cause some delay but that all matters will receive his attention at the earliest possible date. The Society joins his many friends in sincere sympathy for his loss.

Several Corrections.

Several errors have crept into a recent issue of the A. P. and the Index for Vol. XXX.

In the latter, the third item on the first page of indexed matter, War Time Auction in Paris, the page number should be 258.

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.

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Greatest Stamp Collection Bequeathed to the Enemy.

(From the Herald's correspondent.)

London, Friday, (Feb. 16, 1918). The "Daily Telegraph" says—Philatelists will learn with regret of the bequest of the world's greatest stamp collection to a German institution. The late M. Philip La Renotiere von Ferrary, who was the son of the late Duchess de Galliera, passed nearly sixty years and spent several million francs on the formation of the famous Ferrary collection of postage stamps.

As the collection had been formed in Paris, under the direction of French curators, it was confidently expected that it would be bequeathed to a French institution. M. von Ferrary died in Switzerland last summer, leaving the entire collection to the Imperial Postal Museum in Berlin. At a moderate estimate 400,000 pounds is the value of this bequest, which includes the unique British Guiana 1-cent stamp of 1856. For this a fabulous price would be obtained if it ever came on the market.

M. von Ferrary also possessed five of the 2-cent circular Guiana stamps of 1850, which have sold for as much as £1,450 a pair, and no fewer than five of the celebrated Post Office Mauritius stamps of 1847, which have sold for £3,500 the pair. The collection, numbering about 200,000 stamps, is still in France. There may be, therefore, some difficulties in the way of the Berlin Postal Museum securing possession. (Clipping from Major W. L. Babcock, through the kindness of Mr. F. R. Schmalzriedt).

Mr. Otto C. Reymann has also sent us a clipping from the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" giving a similar account of this subject. It is evident this item has been widely used by the daily press.

ARMY STAMP BOOKLETS.

We have received a very interesting letter from Mr. C. F. Heyerman with further notes and corrections to the article published in our journal in the Dec. 15th, 1917, issue. We were the first to give news of this issue to the philatelic public and collectors will welcome the additional information so kindly furnished by Mr. Heyerman, who writes as follows under date of Feb. 18:—

Editor of American Philatelist:—

Hearing from Doctor Babcock, together with having a chance to examine the complete panes from the U. S. books used abroad, I would like to add the following.

The two cent stamps are bound in pink covers, while the covers for the one cent stamps are a bluish green. The panes are not imperforate on all four sides as first stated, but are bound in by the usual left or right hand side margin of a sheet. Panes are evidently prepared from the regular plates, perforating at the top of the first row of stamps, and at the bottom of the third row being left off, and repeated every three rows. This apparently would leave one row of stamps unused in every pane. Possibly these are made into coils? The reason for stating that the printing on the covers was on the back side was, that the first cover seen bound, were stamps taken from a right hand pane of the full sheet of 400. Whereas others have been seen since with the printing on the front cover and from the margin and guide line arrow, that were shown to be from the left hand side of the sheet. The one cent stamps are probably rarer than the 2's, as few are used. The Major writes, one might go by a dozen U. S. Postal Stations without knowing one was near one, as they are usually in huts just the same in appearance as the soldier's huts. They may only have a typewritten notice posted on inside of the small window pane, or even U. S. P. O. Station in soap on the glass, indicating that it is a station. These stations are called, "U. S. Army Postal Stations," also the "700 Stations," when speaking collectively, in as much as their numbering starts with 700. The post office stations obtain their supplies from the A. E. F. headquarters station, which is possibly #1. This of course, is the distributing station, receiving its supplies direct from the States. Thus far the only stamp that is handled in sheets, is the five cent stamp, not even having the one and two cent in sheets. The only books 3x10, thus far are the one and two cent. Each division has a divisional post office within its headquarters. Each brigade, a brigade headquarters P. O., and each regiment, a regimental headquarters P. O. These are merely sorting rooms. An officer is officially appointed P. M. for the regiment, brigade or division headquarters. He, of course, has other duties. In this regiment, as usual, it is the Chaplain. These officers, of course, do not belong to the P. O. department like the army P. S. clerks. From the division, brigade or regimental headquarters, the mail goes to the various units, such as companies, batteries and medical detachments, etc.

Trusting the above may be of further interest, I am

Yours truly,

C. F. HEYERMAN.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY.

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This party was expelled from this Society July 5, 1913 holding stock certificate #2984.

The Secretary.

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

It is too early to judge of the success of the "Fund" but this is the spirit which will win. We cannot do better than print in full a letter from Mr. C. F. Richards, A. P. S. 18, dated Feb. 14th, which we have just received. Mr. Richards writes—

Editor American Philatelist—

One cannot help endorsing the idea of our A. P. S. Red Cross Fund so generously started by Mr. Bittencourt, one of our foreign members. I am sending today to Treasurer Scott check for One Dollar, wishing it were a hundred times as much, and regretting that just now I feel unable to give more. I "joined up" with the Red Cross when the war was forced upon us to help "make the world safe for Democracy," and, of course, have since had plenty of opportunities to give. I am hoping that you will have a **long** list of members who can and will give a dollar, together with one of equal length who **can** and **will** give more.

Yours very truly,
(Signed) C. F. RICHARDS.

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EDTIORAL.

WILL YOU HELP? Some months ago we issued an appeal to our members for some assistance in matters connected with our journal and the response was most gratifying. We again seek your help to improve the American Philatelist.

There necessarily must be limitations to the scope of extensive articles on philatelic matters for which we can devote space in our journal and consequently, we cannot hope to appeal to as wide a range of our members as we would like. It is obviously impossible to print papers which will interest all, and those who receive no benefit from such as appear on our pages, feel the lack of other philatelic news.

We wish to meet the desires of our members as far as is possible for us to do so. We want short notes of interest on stamps, news of new issues, frequent letters telling us of philatelic matters from the various centers, reports of auction sales, statistics of stamp issues, in fact notes and papers of all kinds relating to any stamp or stamp-issuing country.

In every one of the philatelic centers in our country there is some member or members who can give us just the help we need and our membership wants. We hope that there will be some who will be willing to assist in giving our members the journal they wish. We will be glad to have any notes or articles which you may care to submit us. It is not necessary that such be exhaustive treatises of stamps, but only matters of general interest. There are many who can—now who will?

The Editor would also be pleased to hear from any of our members who would care to write us a monthly or bi-monthly letter of philatelic news from their city. We especially desire correspondents in Washington, New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, San Francisco and other cities. We would particularly welcome a regular news letter relating to the stamps of our United States, covering matters connected with the various classes of stamps as they are issued, including postage, envelopes and revenues. A precancel department would find many members highly interested in it.

Again, calls come from various sections for a regular department devoted to new issues of stamps of all countries and new discoveries among those

already issued. We have in the past had such a department and much regret has been expressed at its passing.

These are only a few of many suggestions which have been made for the betterment of the American Philatelist. The Editor would gladly attempt to do these things but it is manifestly impossible for any one to do justice to so wide a range. Surely there are members who will willingly devote some of their time to the end that this journal become of more value to our members and to the Society. The invitation is now extended, and we trust the response will be generous. If you feel that you can assist, even in a small measure, write the Editor now.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Phila., Pa., February 1, 1918.

Mr. H. A. Whipple, Recorder,
Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,
214 Farnam Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

The amount of business transacted by the Sales Department of the American Philatelic Society for the Quarterly period of November, December, 1917, and January 1918 is as follows:

		Valued
1738	Books in circulation Nov. 1st, 1917	$39,644.45
105	New Books received..	2,317.39
1843	Total	$41,961.84
150	Books retired (Sales $1072.83)	$ 2,953.74
1693	In circulation Feb. 1st, 1918	$39,008.10

The insurance on 150 books that amounted to $18.73 has been forwarded to the Treasurer to be applied to the credit of the Insurance Fund.

The amount of cash sales during this period was $1293.97.

I have had my attention called several times during the past quarter to the infraction of one of the most important of the rules and regulations and which might possibly have serious consequences if a continuance of it should prevail.

I refer to the very important rule in sending Circuits by sealed registered mail. Several members have indulged in the practice of forwarding these Circuits by insured parcel post which is contrary to not only the regulations of the post-office department but also to all consideration of safety.

The post-office department has decided that a Circuit of 12 books of stamps which contain writing and instructions besides the white route sheet cannot be mailed in any other manner than by sealed mail and that the privileges of the parcel post were not permitted. This has been spoken of in my reports time and again and I am sorry to see that some of the members continue the practice of sending them by insured parcel post, indicating that they have either deceived the postmast-

er at point of mailing as to the contents of the package or were permitted to do so by some postal employee that was ignorant of the post-office regulation regarding the matter accepted for parcel post shipment.

There is only one exception to this rule, that is when a Circuit is sent to Canada. Such a Circuit however must be paid for at full letter rate and registered, but left open for examination while passing thru the Canadian Customs House.

It is therefore the duty of every member to report to the Superintendent any infraction of this rule. If you receive a Circuit by parcel post please save the wrapper and forward it to the Sales Superintendent and he will take the matter up at once. The Sales Superintendent has been obliged to cut off two members during this past Quarter after repeated cautions and instructions. The Board of Vice Presidents are the governing power back of the Sales Superintendent and if any of the members who have been denied the privileges of the Sales Department by the Sales Superintendent desire to carry the matter further they may take the matter up with the Clerk of the Board. I trust there will be no further infractions of this commonsense and safe regulation.

The Sales Department is in need of good books of desirable stamps and rarities, particularly the early issues of United States and British North America. There is also the usual strong demand for old issues of European countries before 1880.

If you have any of the old issues as indicated above in fine condition and particularly imperforate pairs and blocks, you will find a ready sale for them at good prices in the Sales Department. There is also at present a strong demand for Confederate States stamps of the better grade.

Members and Branch Agents should use all efforts possible to speed up the Circuits. While each member is allowed the privilege of retaining a Circuit for three days, yet in the majority of cases it is possible to glance over a Circuit and make your selections in one day. Some careless members keep the Circuits much longer than the three day limit and this is one of the reasons why books do not circulate faster in the Department and cannot be retired sooner.

The slowness in Circuits being forwarded, which also means slowness in retirement of books is no doubt one of the reasons why better grade material is not sent into the Department and members have no one to blame but themselves if the service is not more satisfactory. The Sales Superintendent has done all in his power to expedite matters, but he requires the support of each and every member that participates in the Department, particularly the buyers.

New members contributing books to the Department are urged to read the rules carefully. I would repeat that books that are neatly mounted where the tops of the stamps are evenly placed present such an attractive appearance that it helps to influence sales. Also be sure to use but one kind of a hinge to a book. Do not use an old hinge a second time as it may not hold and the stamp drops off. Also bear in mind that penny stamps or cheap stamps such as are found in packets and cheap sets do not attract and seldom sell. The great majority of the members of the American Philatelic Society are not beginners and are looking for better grade stamps, and particularly in fine condition. If you have a rare stamp that is poorly centered or heavily cancelled, price it in accordance with its condition. If it is mended or has some defect be sure and make your price very low, if you expect it to find a buyer. Many collectors will buy defective stamps for space fillers if they are priced cheap enough.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

SWEDEN.

1855—1915

A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

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The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

(Continued from page 153.)

No. 2. 4 ore.

From January 1, 1877 to April 30, 1882.

Number printed: 1,016,850 copies.

Shades. Gray, 1877. Light gray, 1880.

Notes. In unused condition the light gray shade of 1880 is worth nearly three times as much as the other shade but used it is more frequently met with than the latter.

No. 3. 5 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to March 31, 1884.

Number printed: 405,975 copies.

Shades. Emerald green, 1874. Light green, 1875. Green, 1880.

Notes. Both unused and used, the emerald green shade is the scarcest and is worth nearly twice the price of the green shade.

No. 4. 6 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to December 4, 1881.

Number printed: 856,375 copies.

Shades. Red violet, 1874. Blue violet 1874. Gray, 1874. Olive gray, 1874. Red lilac 1876. Lilac, 1879.

Notes. Unused, the shades range in scarcity as follows: the red lilac is the most comman and then the lilac, the blue violet, red violet, gray, and olive gray. The last mentioned is worth six times the price of the first mentioned. In used condition the relative scarcity is about the same. Copies on heavy paper are found and are quoted at 80 cents in used condition.

No. 5. 12 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to September 11, 1881.

Number printed: 5,772,775 copies.

Shades. Light blue, 1874. Blue 1874. Deep blue, 1878.

Plate defects. An "R" in the right hand oval missing. The second "E" in the left hand oval is often found broken.

Notes. The deep blue shade is the least common. Unused it is quoted at twice the price of the blue.

No. 6. 20 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to July 4, 1882.

Number printed: 327,975 copies.

Shades. Cinnabar red, 1874. Dull red, 1878. Red, 1879. Brick red, 1881.

Plate defect. The three frame lines at the bottom of the central field are cut off above the letter "G" in "TJUGO". Occurs on the 6th stamp in the first and the 5th stamp in the second row, from the left.

Notes. The brick red shade is the scarcest, unused. The other three shades are of equal scarcity. Used, the dull red is the least and the brick red the most common. This stamp exists on heavy paper and used copies are quoted at $1.25.

No. 7. 24 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to June 7, 1881.

Number printed: 2,650,775 copies.

Shades. Red orange, 1874. Orange, 1874. Yellow orange, 1874. Yellow, 1875. Dull orange, 1876.

Plate defects. The second "E" in the left oval appears as an "F". The last "E" in the right oval missing.

Notes. The yellow shade is the scarcest unused and is quoted at double the price of the orange shade which is the more common. The stamp is found on heavy paper with used copies quoted at $1.25.

No. 8. 30 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to August 16, 1881.

Number printed: 1,276,875 copies.

Shades. Chocolate brown, 1874. Light brown, 1876. Brown, 1877. Dark brown, 1878.

Notes. Unused, the brown shade is the most common and the dark brown the least common. Used copies on heavy paper are priced $1.25.

No. 9. 50 ore.

From January 1, 1874 to October 5, 1881.

Number printed: 679,425 copies.

Shades. Violet rose, 1874. Rose, 1875. Carmine rose, 1880.

Notes. In both unused and used condition the carmine rose shade is the least common.

(To be continued.)

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 3.

Pacific Philatelic Society.

The 23rd annual meeting, also our 340th regular meeting, was held Jan. 8th, 1918, in the apartments of Mr. Henry C. Marcus. The meeting was called to order by Pres. Folte at 8.30 P. M. and in addition to the Secretary there were present Vice-Pres. Phillips, Messrs. O'Shaughnessy, Chaloner, Doscher, Blackwell, F. G. Marcus, Henry C. Marcus, Meril, Dillingham and Fischer. As visitors there were present Messrs. L. E. Milligan, Supt. of the State School for the Deaf and Blind, H. F. Maurer, of the Mutual Bank, and Walter King, a professional musician. The three latter put in their applications for membership.

The minutes of the 339th meeting were read and approved. Upon request the Secretary read the minutes of the 22nd annual meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Lazarus, seconded by Mr. Blackwell, the President appointed Messrs. Lazarus, Phillips and Henry C. Marcus as a committee to arrange a program for meetings to be held in 1918.

Mr. Blackwell volunteered to give a lecture on United States stamps during our regular meeting on the third Wednesday in February.

A standing vote of thanks was given to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marcus for the use of their apartments for this occasion and the good things for the inner man to follow. This was also the event for the Christmas "jinks" and much pleasure and hilarity was caused by the recipients of their presents.

The meeting adjourned at 9.12 P. M., but it was a much later hour before our host and hostess would let us go. Mr. King rendered some excellent music on the piano and accordian.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held January 3, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McLaren at 8.15 with the following members present: Preston, Moses, Chamberlin, Lloyd, Good, Whittaker, Beatty, Weigel, Zink, Young, Hanford, McLaren and Mader. The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read.

Mr. Moses was elected Sales Mgr. of the club.

Mr. Preston was elected Librarian of the club.

Mr. Warren Colson was elected Counterfeit Detector.

Mr. Lloyd was elected as Auction Manager.

Motion was made and carried that the Treasurer pay the rent monthly to the Hippodrome Bldg. Co.

Mr. McLaren appointed Messrs. Good, Tubman and Young on the club room committee, and Messrs. Tubman and Rust on the entertainment committee for February.

In the matter of the disposition of the Hanford Cup for 1918 the President was empowered to appoint a committee of three one of which shall be Mr. Hanford which shall formulate the rules for the 1918 contest for the Hanford cup. The President appointed Messrs. Hanford, Moses and Chamberlin.

Motion was made by Mr. Moses and seconded by Mr. Lloyd that the President appoint committee of arrangements to take charge of the A. P. S. convention.

It was suggested that any member who wished to donate pictures or wall ornaments might do so, the Secretary was requested to write all honorary members for autographed photos.

Meeting adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

TAZEWELL T. HUBARD.

We are again called upon to mourn the loss of another of our members, Mr. Tazewell Taylor Hubard, who died at his home in Norfolk, Va., on the morning of Feb. 15th, 1918, after an illness of but two days. Mr. Hubard was born in Norfolk fifty-two years ago. He received his education at Shenandoah Academy and the Virginia Military Institute, where he was a subprofessor for two years, afterwards graduating in law from the University of Virginia, entering the practice of his profession in 1890. He attained a high rank as an attorney, and at the time of his death was Commissioner of Accounts of the Corporation Court of Norfolk, which office he had held for twenty years. For several years Mr. Hubard was a staff officer of the Fourth Virginia Regiment, holding the rank of Captain. For many years he was Grand Historian of the Kappa Alpha, a national organization. He had been a member of our Society for some time, holding stock certificate No. 3993. As a collector he will be missed by his many friends.

Mr. Hubard is survived by his wife and two sons, to whom the Society expresses its sincere sympathy.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

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No. 10. 1 krona.

From January 1, 1874 to January 8, 1882.

Number printed: 345,625 copies.

Shades. Ultramarine and brown, 1874. Light blue and brown, 1876. Blue and brown, 1880.

Notes. The ultramarine shade is quite scarce unused and worth a little more than the other two shades which are of equal occurence.

1881-1896.

Perforated 13.

Scott Cat. Type O1.

No. 11. 2 ore.

From July 8, 1891 to September 30, 1911.

Number printed: 2,475,900 copies.

Shades. Yellow orange, 1891. Orange, 1892.

Notes. This value was made necessary by a reduction of the postage on printed matter for local distribution. A new die was made for this stamp and it will be noted on sharp impressions that the dots after "Sverige" and "ore" are square instead of round. The yellow orange shade is the least common.

No. 12. 3 ore.

From October 1881 to November 22, 1910.

Number printed: 1,446,850 copies.

Shades: Gray brown, 1881. Light brown, 1882. Brown, 1883.

Plate defects. Last "E" in the right hand oval missing. The foot rest under the right hand lion broken away.

Notes. The gray brown shade is not common and unused it is worth 6 times the price of the brown shade.

No. 13. 4 ore.

From May 1, 1882 to June 19, 1911.

Number printed: 14,243,050 copies.

Shades. Light gray, 1882. Gray, 1883. Gray black, 1893. Black, 1894.

Plate defects. An apparent letter "U" after "SVERIGE" thus: "SVERIGE. U".

Notes. Unused, the shade of 1882 is worth five times, and the shade of 1883 three times as much as the gray black and black shades. The change from gray to gray black was made on account of confusion with the 50 ore value.

No. 14. 5 ore.

From April 1, 1884 to July 11, 1910.

Number printed: 11,771,350 copies.

Shades. Blue green, 1884. Green, 1885. Light green, 1885. Yellow green, 1890.

Plate defects. The left leg of the left hand lion broken away. The foot rest under the same lion missing.

Notes. Unused, the blue green shade is worth five times the yellow green, and twice the other shades.

No. 15. 6 ore.

From December 5, 1881 to November 29 1895.

Number printed: 531,450 copies.

Shades. Lilac, 1881. Blue lilac, 1882. Light lilac, 1882. Red lilac, 1883.

Notes. The lilac and blue lilac shades in unused condition are twice as scarce as the other two.

No. 16. 10 ore.

From January 1, 1885 to November 23, 1910.

Number printed: 40,203,200 copies.

Shades. Light carmine, until February 12, 1885. Violet rose, February 13, 1885. Light rose, 1886. Rose, 1887. Carmine rose, 1892. Carmine, 1894.

Notes. The broader type of letters in the word "ORE" are easily noticed, and the dots over "O" are square instead of round. 443,900 copies were printed in the light carmine shade and such copies are quite scarce unused, Swedish quotations being around $2.75. The carmine shade, unused, is the most common while the violet rose, and light rose shades are worth about 6 times as much. Unperforated copies of this stamp of "unofficial" nature are in existence.

No. 17. 12 ore.

From September 12, 1881 to September 30, 1889.

Number printed: 2,781,650 copies.

Shades. Blue, 1881. Light blue, 1881. Deep blue, 1881.

Plate defects. Copies with heavy numerals are met with.

Notes. The deep blue shade is the least common in both unused and used condition. Copies with heavy numerals are quoted at $2.75 unused and 25c used.

No. 18. 20 ore.

From July 5, 1882 to May 1, 1891.

Number printed: 4,237,750 copies.

Shades. Brick red, 1882. Bright red, 1882. Light red, 1884. Red, 1884.

Plate defects. The letters in the word "TJUGO" without color and showing in outline only. The letters "ERI" in "SVERIGE" showing the same way.

Notes. The bright red shade is the least common in unused condition, the light red and red being the omst common. Unused copies with the word "TJUGO" without color are quoted at $13.50.

No. 19. 20 ore.

From May 2, 1891 to October 6, 1910.

Number printed: 20,666,950 copies.

Shades: Blue, 1891. Dark blue 1892.

Plate defects. "FRI ARKE" instead of "FRIMARKE" in the right oval. The footrest under the left lion broken off.

Notes. The dark blue shade unused is twice as common as the blue. The error "FRI ARKE" is quoted at $13.50 for unused copies and $1.35 for used. Unperforated stamps of "unofficial" nature are in the market.

No. 20. 24 ore.

From June 8, 1881 to September 30, 1889.

Number printed: 1,633,950 copies.

Shades. Orange (red orange), 1881. Yellow orange, 1881. Yellow, 1882. Olive yellow, 1887.

Notes. Unused copies of the two yellow shades are worth five times as much as the yellow orange which is the most common. Used copies of the olive yellow are not plentiful and are quoted at 50c in Sweden.

No. 21. 30 ore.

From August 17, 1881 to October 2, 1910.

Number printed: 8,783,000 copies.

Shades. Brown, 1881. Light brown, 1882. Red brown, 1884. Olive brown, 1885. Yellow brown, 1890. Dark brown, 1892.

Plate defects. "TJLV" instead of "TJEN" in the right oval. No dot after "SVERIGE". Heavy numeral "O" in the right oval.

Notes. Unused copies of the olive brown shade are quoted at $2.60 and used copies at 25c. The yellow brown shade comes next in scarcity while the red brown is the most common.

No. 22. 50 ore.

From October 6, 1881 to February 22, 1893.

Number printed: 1,216,400 copies.

Shades. Rose, 1881. Violet rose, 1884. Dull carmine, 1884. Carmine rose, 1890. Carmine, 1892.

Plate defects. Nearly half of the royal crown above the coat of arms missing. The second "E" in the left oval, and also the "I" in the same oval nearly entirely missing.

Notes. Unused, the violet rose shade is the least common, and next come the rose and dull carmine shades. The last printing in 1892 was done with some kind of aniline ink which penetrated the paper. On account of confusion with the 10 ore stamp, the color of the 50 ore value was changed in 1893.

No. 23. 50 ore.

From February 23, 1893 to December 2, 1911.

Number printed: 2,508,150 copies.

Shades. Olive gray, 1893. Gray, 1894. Light gray, 1894.

Notes. The olive gray shade is not common in unused condition and is quoted at $1.30. The other two shades are of equal accurrence.

No. 24. 1 krona.

From January 9, 1882 to January 26, 1914.

Number printed: 2,194,650 copies.

Shades: Light blue and brown, 1882. Blue and brown, 1891. Dark blue and brown, 1896.

Notes. The 1882 type of this stamp has a round period after "SVERIGE" and thinner letters. The type of 1896 has a square period and the letters in the ovals at the sides are heavier. The light blue and brown shade is the least common and the shade of 1896 the most common. The former, unused, is worth 2½ times the latter. The 1 krona stamp exists unperforated.

1889.

Perforated 13.

Official stamps Nos. 17 and 20 overprinted to change values to 10 ore.

Scott Catalogue Type O2.

This issue was announced in a circu-

lar of September 30, 1889 and its purpose was to use up considerable remainders of the 12 ore and 24 ore official stamps which became unnecessary after the reduction of the domestic letter postage to 10 ore. The overprint was designed to cover the old value and at the same time express the new value. A special die was engraved for the overprint and reproductions were made sufficient for a printing plate of 50 subjects. As the same overprint plate was used for both the 12 and the 24 ore stamps the same plate defects are found on both stamps.

No. 25. 10 ore on 12 ore.

From October 1, 1889 to December 1, 1889.

Number printed: 201,000 copies.

Shades. Dark blue on blue. Dark blue on light blue.

Plate defects. Minor defects in the overprint are numerous but the most pronounced is "FR:MARKE" instead of "FRIMARKE." This occurs on the 4th stamp in the 6th row from the top.

Notes. Copies with the broken "I" are quoted at 80c unused and a little over a dollar used. The stamp exists perforated 14 and up to March 1915 one unused and 17 used copies were known. The latter are all cancelled in the city of "VASTERAS" during the latter part of October, 1889. Kohl lists the used stamps at $75. each. The overprint has also been found inverted and an investigation showed that 200 copies were issued thus.

No. 26. 10 ore on 24 ore.

From October 1, 1889 to December 1, 1889.

Number printed: 144,250 copies.

Shades. Dark blue on orange (red orange). Dark blue on yellow orange. On yellow. On olive yellow.

Plate defects. "FR:MARKE" instead of "FRIMARKE".

Notes. The overprinted orange (red orange), and yellow shades are the least common and are worth five times the price of the yellow orange both used and unused. This stamp has also been found perforated 14 and are 14 unused copies known but only 2 used. The latter are both cancelled later than 1889. Several years ago an unused copy was offered to the writer for $250. The inverted overprint occurs on this stamp, 100 copies having been found of which 50 were cancelled "Lund 26/12 1889." These inverts are quoted at $135. in Sweden.

Copies with the broken "I" in "FRIMARKE" are quoted at $1 for unused and $1.25 for used copies. As far as ordinary copies of this overprint are concerned, unused and used copies are of equal value but of the 10 on 12 ore used copies are less common than unused.

1910-1914.

Perforated 13.

Watermarked Crown.

Scott. Cat. Type O3.

No. 30. 1 ore.

From November 23, 1910.

Number printed: 2,807,500 copies.

Color. Black.

Notes. Unused copies with inverted watermark are quoted at 80 cents.

No. 31. 2 ore.

From October 1, 1911 to April 18, 1913.

Number printed: 975,300 copies.

Color. Orange yellow.

No. 32. 4 ore.

From June 20, 1911 to January 10, 1913.

Number printed: 1,423,000 copies.

Color. Lilac.

No. 33. 5 ore.

From July 12, 1910 to September 27, 1911.

Number printed: 2,716,000 copies.

Color. Green.

Notes. Copies showing the watermark inverted are priced 27 cents, unused.

No. 34. 8 ore.

From November 23, 1910.
Number printed: 2,833,100 copies.
Color. Red violet.
Notes. Copies with inverted watermark are quoted at 55c, unused.

No. 35. 10 ore.

From November 24, 1910 to July 26, 1911.
Number printed: 5,715,400 copies.
Color. Carmine rose.
Notes. Exists with the watermark inverted.

No. 36. 15 ore.

From November 23, 1910.
Number printed: 2,680,400 copies.
Color. Red brown.
Notes. Copies with inverted watermark are valued at 80c each, unused.

No. 37. 20 ore.

From October 7, 1910 to May 29, 1912.
Color. Blue.
Notes. Exists with the watermark inverted.

No. 38. 25 ore.

From May 6, 1911 to October 29, 1912.
Number issued: 1,418,700 copies.
Color. Orange.
Notes. Is found with the watermark inverted.

No. 39. 30 ore.

From October 3, 1910 to Auguset 27, 1912.
Number printed: 1,307,200 copies.
Color. Brown.
Notes. Copies with inverted watermark are priced 27 cents, unused.

No. 40. 50 ore.

From December 3, 1911.
Number printed: 936,500 copies.
Color. Gray.
Notes. Exists with inverted watermark.

No. 41. 1 krona.

From January 27, 1914.
Number printed: 961,500 copies.
Color. Black on yellow paper.

No. 42. 5 kronor.

From August 12, 1911.
Number printed: 958,000 copies.
Color. Red brown on yellow paper.
Notes. Unused copies with inverted watermark are quoted at $2.70.

1911.

Perforated 13.

Watermark: Wavy lines running from right to left.

Scott Catalogue Type O3.

No. 44. 2 ore.

From April 19, 1913.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 2,809,700 copies.
Color. Orange yellow.
Notes. Unused and used copies with the watermarked lines running from left to right are quoted at five times face value of stamps.

No. 45. 4 ore.

From January 11, 1913.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 2,809,700 copies.
Color. Lilac.
Notes. Copies with watermark reversed quoted at same price as the previous value.

No. 48. 10 ore.

From July 27, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 13,601,200 copies.
Color. Carmine rose.
Notes. With the watermarked reversed it is listed at twice face value.

No. 50.. 20 ore.

From May 30, 1912.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 5,631,900 copies.
Color. Blue.
Notes. Copies with reversed watermark are quoted at twice face value of stamp, both used and unused.

No. 51. 25 ore.

From October 30, 1912.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 1,210,400 copies.

Color. Orange.

Notes. Copies with the watermark reversed are quoted at twice face value for unused and face value for used.

No. 52. 30 ore.

From August 28, 1912.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 7,231,300 copies.

Color. Brown.

Notes. Copies with reversed watermark are quoted at twice face value for unused and same as previous value for used.

No. 53. 35 ore.

From September 7, 1911.
Number printed up to Oct. 1, 1914: 2,857,500 copies.

Color. Violet.

Notes. Copies with watermark reversed are priced at 20 cents for unused and 13 cents for used.

Up to the close of 1915 the 1, 8, 15 and 50 ore values had not yet been issued on paper watermarked wavy lines, and the 1 krona value was not expected for years to come.

POSTAGE DUE STAMPS.

November 12, 1872, the king sanctioned a proposition for postage due stamps made by the Postoffice Department. The purpose of these stamps was an increased control of, and a more satisfactory way of accounting for money due on letters and other mail matter on which the postage had not been prepaid or only partly prepaid. The postage due stamps were issued at the same time as the first issue of official stamps, or January 1, 1874, and are divided into two series, one perforated 14 and the other 13. An original die without value inscriptions was made of copper and from this die six copper cuts were produced. On one of these the word "ore" was engraved in the right hand half of the curved label at the bottom. This cut was used as a die for the 1, 3, 5, 6 and 12 ore values for the making of reproductions on which the respective values were engraved. Four of the six copper cuts mentioned above were used for the 20, 24, 30 and 50 ore values and were engraved complete, one for each of these values. The sixth cut was used for the 1 krona value and was sawed in two, diagonally, from the lower left to the upper right hand corner after it had been engraved. The two halves were then fastened on a block with the diagonal edges 5 mm apart. From this block 200 cuts of 200 half stamps were obtained and of these 100 of each were assembled in two frames and reproduced so that two printing plates, each consisting of 100 half stamps was the result. One of these plates was used for the blue ink and one for the brown. The printing plates for the other values, except the 24 ore, were produced by mounting 25 cuts, each containing 4 subjects, on a mahogany base. The corresponding cuts for the 24 ore value consisted of 5 instead of 4 subjects. In the printing, two such plates were used at the same time so that each sheet contained 200 stamps. Although all the original cuts were reproduced from the same die, different types are found. Thus the foot stroke of the letter "L" in the word "Losen" is long on some of the stamps and shorter on others. This is found in connection with the 1, 12 and 24 ore values only.

The paper used for the postage due stamps differ greatly in thickness and some of these stamps are found on thick paper resembling cartoon paper. As a rule the due stamps are poorly centered. The reason is that the spacing between the due stamps was wider than on the ordinary stamps but nevertheless they were perforated on the same machine as the latter.

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EDTIORAL.

THE THIRTY-THIRD CONVENTION. As will be seen from the Report of Secretary Davis in this issue, the thirty-third Annual Convention of our Society will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, opening on the morning of Tuesday, August 13th. Any society can well be proud of an unbroken record of thirty-two annual meetings, and this is all the more remarkable for a philatelic organization. Conventions have been held in practically all the important philatelic centers of our country, from Boston, in the East, to San Francisco, in the West. These gatherings have been witness to the varying fortunes of the Society and have been the scenes of many notable events. Philatelic history has been made and many of the greatest minds among collectors have taken prominent parts in the proceedings. The A. P. S. can feel great pride in its achievements in the more than score and a half years of its life, with the knowledge that to it, more than to any other one cause, is due the present high position of American Philately.

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OUR HOSTS TO BE The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, of Cleveland, through whose invitation we will meet in annual Convention in that city during the coming August, is one of the most substantial local clubs in the United States, and those who attended the Put-in-Bay Convention in 1913 need not be reminded that a sincere welcome will be extended those who journey to the shore of Lake Erie next summer. The location of the Convention seat is such that it is within easy reach of a very large proportion of our members, and it is even now not too early to begin laying plans to be among those present.

POLITICS. This is an unhappy word to use in connection with the annual election of our officers, but who can think of an election with an admixture of politics? Fortunately, we have had but little of this to contend with for the past several years and as a result the vote cast has been light. But this is a condition which should not exist. Even though there may be no contest for any of the offices, the members should nevertheless

see that their individual vote is registered, to show, if nothing more, a vote of confidence in those who will be called upon to direct the destinies of the Society during the ensuing twelve months.

The call has now gone out for nominations for officers. In the past there has never been a lack of those who have given freely of their time and energies that the A. P. S. might continue its work and the present Board of Directors have upheld every tradition.

EXPORT AND IMPORT. As a result of two proclamations issued by President Wilson, on and after February 18, 1918, all imports and exports to and from the United States are subject to control by license. This is necessary on account of existing tonnage conditions and the military demands.

This will apply, it seems, to the stamp trade, and we presume the action of England in this respect will be followed more or less. British stamp dealers who would import or export stamps have been licensed.

When our dealers appreciate the conditions which have made necessary these regulations, their willingness to serve our country will cause them to readily accept the restrictions and do everything in their power to assist the Government in this matter.

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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. 13. **March 1, 1918.**

Applications Pending.

Tallmadge, Kenneth
Clarke, Edw. I.
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Street, G. B.

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2579 Close, J. J.
538 Vignon, J. L. Th. H.
1078 Cogswell, G. H.
2780 Heydon, F. E.

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Cresson, Ezra T., Jr., 11 Amherst St., Swathmore, Pa.; Age 41; Entomologist; Reference: C. G. Ogden & Co., Swathmore, Pa.; Proposed by Geo. B. Cresson, #4656.

Delp, Francis K., Brunswick & Shadeland Aves., Lansdowne, Pa.; Age 52; Secy. Gumpert Bros., Inc., Philadelphia, Pa.; Reference: F. G. Clark, Garrettford, Pa.; Proposed by Geo. B. Cresson, #4656.

Graves, Hubert N., 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I.; Age 9; Student; Guaranteed by Eugene S. Graves, Gen. Mgr. Franklin Process Co.; Proposed by Eugene B. Graves, #4862.

Guild, Chester, Jr., 23 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.; Age 33; Clerk; Reference: Fred Cox, Nashua, N. H.; Benj. Moorby, Nashua, N. H.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Knapp, Edward S., 158 E. 64th St., New York City; Age 38; Philatelist; Reference: J. M. Bartels, 99 Nassau St., New York City; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Soulman, George, 5724 S. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age 39; Salesman;

Reference: Citizens Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by John E. Lord, #2619.

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3993 Hubard, Tazewell T., Box 793, Norfolk, Va.

Change of Address.

4885 Carleton, Geo. W. from 1402 I St. to 818 E. 14th St., Bedford, Ind.

4431 Hayden, Horace E., Jr., from College Station, Tex. to Department of Biology, University Heights, New York City.

4712 Kmentt, Cornel, from Renfew, Pa., to P. O. Box 108, Sound Beach, Conn.

4659 Leavy, Jos. B., from 1413 Newton St., N. W., to 3600 13th St., N. W., Washington, D. C.

5005 Leber, Henry L., from Batavia, Java to 161 Russell St., Melbourne, Australia.

5084 Lutz, Miss Mabelle, from Easton, Pa. to 1123 Hamilton St., Allentown, Pa.

3227 Weissheimer, Capt. J. Warren, from Fort Oglethorpe, Ga. to 56th Inf., Camp McArthur, Waco, Tex.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

New York, Feb. 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the City of Cleveland, Ohio on Tuesday, August 13, 1918 at 10:30 o'clock in the morning and upon succeeding days until all business shall have been disposed of.

Appointment of Committees will be announced in an early number of the American Philatelist.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Death of Mr. Wm. Patterson.

Through a clipping received from Mr. Geo. Whitfield, A. P. S. 4893, we learn of the death on Feb. 15, 1918, of Mr. Wm. Patterson, of Montreal, Canada, at his home, 38 Torrance St., aged 60 years 8 months, after only a brief illness. He is survived by his widow and two sons.

Mr. Patterson was the possessor of a large and valuable collection. The Montreal Philatelic Association, of which Mr. Patterson was President, adopted resolutions of sorrow and adjourned its meeting held on the same date as a mark of respect.

TWILIGHT PLEASURES.

By a Collector.

Deep within the wondrous pages
Of books I call my own
Is a learning that I cherish
And a seed that's deeply sown.

When my work is growing tiresome
And the labors of the day
Make me weary with their worry
To my stamps I haste away.

In the softness of the twilight
Comes a reconciling charm
From the heroes of my album
Each and all with outstretched arm.

First the Father of our Country
Stands before my welcome eyes
And he seems to talk unto me
As he comes from out the skies.

And the great Emancipator
With his sweet and kindly look
From the darkness seems to beckon
Towards the course that he once took.

Many great men from our country
Just behind them firmly stand
Men who gave their lives and money
For the welfare of our land.

Would that more of our great statesmen
Who have long passed from the earth
Might upon our next adhesives
Find a place that's theirs by worth.

THE 20 LEPTA OF THE GREEK ISSUE OF 1876-79.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

THEODORE GROOM, M. A., Cantab., D. Sc., Lond.

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In the case of the dull Prussian blue stamps the dark blue controls greatly predominate. These with ultramarine controls are similar, except in the colour of the control. These with blue controls are of a prevailing lighter colour than the rest, but equally pale copies occur occasionally with dark blue controls, and the difference in shade is hardly sufficient to give the stamp a status greater than that of variety.

In accordance with what has been said it is proposed to classify the stamps under consideration as in the following table. In this the designations of the stamps are either identical with or related to those employed by Mr. P. L. Pemberton, who has given the fullest account of them.

Colour of Impressions.	Colour of Controls.				
	Prussian Blue, or Blue.		Dark Blue.	Ultramarine.	
Prussian Blue; smooth cream paper	T	1876			
Deep Blue; grained cream paper	U	1876	Ua (var. of U) 1878	Ub (var. of U)	1878
Blue; grained cream paper	V	1876	Va (var. of V) 1877	Z (var. of V)	1877
Royal Blue, grained cream paper	W	1877	Wa (var. of W) 1877	Y (var. of W)	1877
Dull Pruss. Blue; grained cream paper	Xa (var. of X)	1877	X 1877	Xb (var. of X)	1878
Deep Indigo Blue; grained cream paper			Wb 1878		
Indigo Blue; grained cream paper				Za	1877
Prussian Blue; grained cream paper	Zaa (Dull Blue)	1877	Zab (Pale Blue on thin paper) 1877?	Zac (Pale Dull Blue)	1877
Ultramarine; grained cream paper				Zb	1878
Pale Dull Ultra.; grained cream paper				Zbb	1878
Dull Ultra.; grained deep cream paper				Zbc	1880

Notes may now be given of the printings or varieties suggested as new, or only very briefly described by previous writers. These are all on grained cream paper.

Ua. Deep blue with dark blue control. March 5th, 1878.—These stamps resemble those of printing U described by Mr. P. L. Pemberton, except in the dark colour of the controls. It sometimes closely approaches in appearance the X (dull Prussian blue) from which it is then hardly distinguishable except by its brighter colour. Impression good to fair. Rarer than printing U. All dated copies I have seen belong to 1878.

Ub. Deep blue with ultramarine control. 1877? and June, 1878.—I possess a pair and two single copies only of this rare variety, which resembles printings U and Ua, except in the dull ultramarine colour of the controls and in the somewhat brighter colour of the impression.

Va. Blue with dark blue control. 1877.—This variety, like the almost equally common printing V, is brighter than printing U and its varieties, apparently owing to an increase in the proportion of ultramarine in the ink. It is similar to printing V, except in the dark colour of the controls. As in printing V, the impression is good to fair. In use chiefly in 1877 and 1878, especially during the latter; rare later.

Wa. Royal blue with dark blue control. Nov. 27th, 1877.—Similar to printing W described by Mr. P. L. Pemberton, except in the colour of the control, but not so common. As in the case of printing W, impression good to bad. In use in 1877 and 1878.

Wb. Deep indigo blue with dark blue control. April 30th, 1878.—Impression heavy, differing from the heaviest prints of the Royal blue stamps in the appreciably duller colour. The paper is sometimes very transparent. In use chiefly in 1878. Rare. This is perhaps No. 55c of M. Nicolaides (Op. Cit., p. 10).

X. Dull Prussian blue with dark blue control. 1877.—Described by Mr. P. L. Pemberton. Impression general-

ly rather good and smooth, sometimes fair only. In use chiefly in 1878.

Xa. Dull Prussian blue with blue control. 1877.—Distinguishable from printing X by the prevailingly lighter colour of the impression and control. Impression good to poor. Rare. 1877, 1878.

Xb. Dull Prussian blue with ultramarine control. April, 1878.—Similar to printing X, except in the colour of the control. Very rare. Represented in the writer's collection by a pair only.

Za. Indigo blue with ultramarine control. June 7th, 1877.—Described by Mr. P. L. Pemberton. The colour of this printing is characteristic: it is rarely as deep or as bright as that of printing Wb. The controls are commonly in dull ultramarine, more rarely in bright ultramarine. Rather rare. In use chiefly in 1877; rare later.

Zaa. Prussian blue (dull blue) with Prussian blue control. 1877.—The best printed of the three copies in my possession approaches printing T in general appearance, but the colour is appreciably duller, as though influenced by the addition of a little indigo; the impression is coarser, and the paper is grained. The colour is similar in the two remaining copies, and the impression is very coarse. One of these is dated 1877. Very rare.

Zab. Prussian blue (pale blue) with dark blue control. 1877?—Of this stamp I possess only a single copy, postmarked at Corinth. The colour is a little paler than that of any copy of printing T I have seen. The paper is grained, soft, transparent, exceptionally thin, and of a pale cream tint. The control, which is not sharp, is of a rather bright deep blue shade. The impression is as good as that of the better copies of printing T. Very rare.

Zac. Prussian blue (pale dull blue) with ultramarine control. 4th Oct., 1877.—The colour of this stamp is generally a rather pale dull blue, approaching that of printings Zab and Za, though paler than the latter, but the brighter copies approach the pale examples of varieties of printings V or Z. The paper is grained, and of a rather pale cream tint, and the controls are ultramarine, generally greyish in shade. The impression is fair. Most postmarked copies I have seen are dated 1878, and nearly all were cancelled at Agrinion. Rare, but much less so than printings Zaa and Zab. This stamp may be regarded either as a late variety of the indigo blue, or as a special printing allied to this, in either case supplied mainly to Agrinion.

Zbb. Pale dull ultramarine with ultramarine control. 1878.—This printing differs from the ordinary ultramarine (Zb of Mr. P. L. Pemberton) in the duller and paler colour of the impression. Rare.

Zbc. Dull ultramarine on deep cream paper with ultramarine control. Feb., 1880.—The printing is darker in colour than the preceding one, and the colour is appreciably duller than that of printing Zb. My distinctly dated copies show the year 1880. Rare.

The last two varieties are introduced here with some diffidence, as it is not clear to the writer to what extent they may be due to fading.

An exhaustive study of the varieties of the controls does not fall within the scope of this paper, but a few details are offered in support of the conclusions drawn as to the employment of papers with controls of different colours for one and the same printing of the impressions.

Examination of the flaws found on Greek stamps of the first type has shown that a number of stamps on the sheet, particularly in the case of the 20 lepta, can be recognized in several or a considerable number of printings. In such cases it is possible to compare the controls of a particular stamp in different printings, and to detect changes in them. Various varieties of the controls have been described or indicated by previous writers; for example,

the spaced 20, the raised or depressed 0, the broken 2 or 0.

In addition to the more marked varieties it is not difficult to recognize a number of minor ones which are repeated in different printings of the same stamp on the sheet. In some of these, particular portions of the outlines of a cypher are missing. It is perhaps hardly proper to attribute such variations to broken type, since slight tilting or local incrustation by foreign matter might produce the result. The term "broken type" may be reasonably restricted to cases in which the broken edge more or less completely leaves its impression. Other flaws consist in characteristic dots or blotches, others again in the particular form of one of the cyphers, as in the case of an 0 which shows a peculiar external bulge on the N. N. E. When no more or less constant peculiarity appears to affect the control the latter is here termed normal.

Instances of variations in the controls of particular stamps of the cream paper series out of a larger number noted may now be given. The numbers are those of the stamps on the sheet. The colours given are those of the controls.

(a) No. 10.—(1) The N. W. part of the 2 broken away, the S. W. part deficient: Ua, Va, X (all dark blue). (2) The 2 unbroken; Zb (ultramarine).

(b) No. 7.—(1) The 2 broken in the middle; Ua, Va, Wa, Wb, X (all dark blue); a flaw seen in earlier stamps also. (2) The 0 slightly raised; Za (ultramarine). (3) The 2 unbroken and the 0 not raised; Zb (ultramarine).

(c) No. 3.—(1) Base of the 0 flattened; small dot at top, and a second on the S. E.; outer oval deficient on the S. W.; Va and Wa (both dark blue). (2) The 20 normal; Xa (blue), Y and Z (both ultramarine). (3) The 0 inverted; Zb (ultramarine).

(d) No. 150.—(1) The outer oval of the 0 deficient on the S. W. and S. S. E.; V and W (both blue), Za (ultramarine). (2) The cyphers closer together than in a, both deficient on the left, the 0 inverted. (3) The 0 inverted; Zb (ultramarine).

(e) No. 24.—(1) E. side of the base of the 2 and W. S. W. part of the outer oval of the 0 deficient; Ua, Va, X (all dark blue). (2) Control normal; Z (ultramarine). (3) The 0 inverted; Zb (ultramarine).

(f) A non-marginal stamp:—(1) Outer oval of the 0 deficient on the W. S. W.; T and Xa (both blue), Z (ultramarine). (2) Blotch half way up the 2, a dot at the top, and a second in the N. W. part of the 0; Ua and X (both dark blue). (3) Right side of the 2 deficient; Zb (ultramarine).

(g) No. 17.—(1) An elongated dot in the S. W. part of the 2; U and V (both blue), Va (dark blue). (2) The 0 somewhat raised; Z and Zac (both ultramarine). (3) Control normal; Zb (ultramarine).

(h) No. 142.—(1) The 20 spaced, the 0 inverted; U and W (both blue), Za (ultramarine). (2) The outer oval of the 0 deficient on the N. N. W.; V (blue), Wb (dark blue).

(i) Another stamp of the lowest row, one of the Nos. 143-145.—(1) The 20 normal; Va (dark blue). (2) The 0 raised; Y (ultramarine).

(j) A third stamp of the lowest row, one of the Nos. 143-145.—(1) The 20 normal; X (dark blue), Za and Zb (both ultramarine). (2) The 0 somewhat dropped; V (Prussian blue) and Y (ultramarine).

(k) No. 146.—(1) A dot at the top and a second at the bottom of the 0; V and W (both blue), Ua (dark blue), (2) The 0 dropped; Y and Za (both ultramarine). (3) The 20 normal; Zb (ultramarine).

(l) No. 147.—(1) The 0 raised; V (blue), Z (ultramarine). (2) The outer oval of the 0 deficient on the S. W. and S. S. E.; Ua, Va, Wa (all dark blue), W (blue), Zb (ultramarine).

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1874.

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From January 1, 1874 to March 31, 1877.

Scott Cat. Type D1.

No. 1. 1 ore.

Number printed: 614,900 copies.

Shades. Black, 1874. Gray black, 1874.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on the letter "L" in "Losen."

Notes. Of the total printing 461,175 copies have short foot stroke in "L" and 153,725 have long.

No. 2. 3 ore.

Number printed: 544,800 copies.

Shades. Light violet red, 1874. Carmine rose, 1875. Violet red, 1876.

Notes. The carmine rose shade is the least common both used and unused. It may be mentioned in this connection that as a rule, used copies of postage due stamps are quoted at higher prices than unused.

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No. 3. 5 ore.

Number printed: 691,000 copies.

Shades. Dark brown, 1874. Brown, 1874. Light brown, 1876.

Notes. The dark brown shade is the least common, the other two being of equal occurrence.

No. 4. 6 ore.

Number printed: 433,600 copies.

Shades. Orange, 1874. Orange yellow (yellow), 1874.

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No. 5. 12 ore.

Number printed: 1,484,500 copies.

Shades. Red, 1874. Light red, 1874.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on "L" in "Losen."

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Underwood, Dale F., 224 Pasadena Ave., Highland Park, Mich.; Age 37; Clerk; Reference: J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Chas. C. Keller, #4824.

Application for Reinstatement.

2032 Walsh, Stevenson H., 203 Walnut Place, Philadelphia, Pa.; Age legal; Insurance; Reference: Bank of North America, Philadelphia, G. C. Gillespie & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, #2275.

New Stockholders.

5115 Clarke, Edw. I., Kennecott, Alaska.
5116 Klein, Herbert, 3910 Botanical Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

5117 Michel, O. A., Box 293, Newark, N. J.
5118 Notebaert, F. E., Stellarton, Nova Scotia.
5119 Tallmadge, Kenneth, 1408 Jerome St., Lansing, Mich.

Reinstated.

2579 Close, Jackson J., Jacksonwald, Berks Co., Pa.

Resignations Received.

797 Rood, P. E., 1805 Adams St., Toledo, Ohio.
2852 Kinell, Rev. A., 2211 Stuart St., Berkeley, Calif.
2887 Bruyn de Kops, W., Box 629, Charleston, S. C.
5014 Lehman, Howard, 32 W. 47th St., New York City.

Unless there are objections filed with the Secretary, these resignations will be accepted May 1, 1918.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918 at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.
L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.
Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and
C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OUR REVIEW.

BY THE EDITOR.

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EDTIORAL.

BUY THRIFT STAMPS TODAY—and TOMORROW.

THE A. P. S. AND PHILATELY. Occasionally a member or collector will fail to get the true relation between the American Philatelic Society and philately and to decry the benefits which he could and does receive from membership in the Society.

The true value of any society such as ours really does not consist in the individual returns which each of its members receives, but the primary object, and the one by which it should be gauged, is a broader one. If it can assist in the general uplift of the cause to which it is dedicated, bringing this to a higher plane of usefulness and worth to its members, seeking to constantly increase the standing and interest in such cause, making for it a greater sphere of activity with a consequent increase in the number of persons interested in that for which the society stands, it then accomplishes all that can be expected.

It has been the endeavor of the A. P. S. to do everything within its power for the furtherance of interest in stamp collecting, including the education of the non-collector in the many and distinct advantages to be derived therefrom, never losing sight of the fact that members should possess certain calls upon it.

The membership of such a society necessarily should be representative of all classes which bear a relation to its object. In a philatelic organization, the professional dealer, as well as the simon-pure collector, with all the intermediate stages, embracing collectors of all kinds, both financially and from a purely philatelic standpoint, find their places, and it would be decidedly against the aims of such a society to exclude one as the other.

The value of any society, however, should not be judged by the returns to the individual member, but should be

viewed from a broader aspect, and when a member takes an opposite position, he is only standing in his own light to make the most of the opportunities offered by his membership.

It is true the A. P. S. has certain departments for the benefit of its members, and that each member may be treated exactly alike and in the fairest manner possible, certain rules must be made for the conduct of such departments. That these rules may be known to every member, they are incorporated in and have become a part of the By-Laws under which we operate. These, at first glance, seem out of all proportion to the importance given them, but when one takes the trouble to carefully analyze them, he will find that they are finely balanced and to embody in the shortest possible terms all the essential rules of conduct.

If it were possible to organize stamp collectors as is done in many of the trades, it would be feasible to operate upon an entirely different plan, such as, for instance, the various fraternal societies, which are composed, first, of local bodies, then a State division, and lastly, a National or supreme body, but the fact that so many collectors reside in localities in which they may be the only one interested in philately, or where only a very few devotees are to be found, practically precludes such a method of organization, as to do so would only serve to limit the membership to those comparatively few centers where local societies flourish.

Undoubtedly the vast expanse of our country prevents the average member from having personal dealings with other members, such as is to be found in the countries of Europe. Nevertheless, there is no reason why a member should not be able to obtain unlimited benefits through other channels which are open to him.

It is a mistaken idea for any collector to have when he feels that membership in the A. P. S. would bring him no benefit. Even if it does not bring a direct return for the costs involved, the very fact that organized philately has been the most influential factor in putting stamp collecting on its present high basis and fostered many movements to increase the number of collectors, thereby contributing materially to the rise of stamp values, should be in itself sufficient grounds upon which any collector could base his membership. But to the greater majority of collectors, the Society becomes the means directly of adding both to their knowledge of stamps and to their collections.

If a member would get satisfactory results from his affiliation with any philatelic society, he must lose sight of "dues" and make the most of the opportunities which membership brings to him. He should not expect a society to make him direct returns of the costs of membership in it, but should realize that the society is only the means through which he can obtain benefits wholly out of proportion to the amount he pays each year towards its maintenance. And these benefits he will only obtain if he is willing to do his part. If his position is such that he does not need the assistance of the Society, he still owes it his support for the good which it has done for Philately in general.

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SECOND CLASS RATES. It is with great pleasure that we are able to announce that we have been granted second-class rates to take effect from December 31st. We feel that "The American Philatelist" and the Society will be greatly benefited by this and that it will be a step towards increasing the usefulness of both.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR MONTH ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 1918.

Stock Fund.

Balance		$4823.66	
Receipts	$10.00		
Disbursements	1.00	9.00	$4832.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1921.17	
Receipts	$77.70		
Disbursements	31.94	45.76	$1966.93

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1960.52	
Receipts	18.73	$1979.25

Exchange Account.

Balance	$3.15	
Receipts	.15	$ 3.30

Suspense Account.

Balance	$29.50	
Receipts	3.60	$ 33.10
		$8815.24

American Philatelist Account.

Debit Balance		$1322.55	
Receipts	$37.85		
Disbursements	0	37.85	$1284.70
			$7530.54

Resources.

Bonds	$5489.34	
Cash	2041.20	$7530.54

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

BURDETTE H. FEHLIG.

Again Death has claimed one of our members. Mr. Burdette H. Fehlig, A. P. S. 3831, died March 18th at his home, 1110 Milwaukee St., Denver, Col. Mr. Chas. A. Nast writes us as follows:

Mr. Fehlig was born twenty-nine years ago at Ypsilanti, Mich., where his kindred still live. For seven years he was connected with the Hussman Stamp Co. of St. Louis. In Nov. 1917 he removed to Denver and began as a dealer and publisher. His health had been undermined by a severe attack of pneumonia two years ago and it was thought the climate of Denver would restore him to his former health, but it was decreed otherwise. He leaves a wife and two children, boys of three and five years old. Mr. Fehlig was a man of great energy and business ability and his affairs are in excellent shape. He was an honorable man and observed the courtesies of upright conduct in the course of business. He had endeared himself to all the collectors in Denver. His demise is a great loss to Philately and he will be sincerely mourned by all who ever came in contact with this genial, wholesouled character. May he rest in peace.

Mr. Nast also writes that Mrs. Fehlig has not determined whether or not to continue the business so recently started by Mr. Fehlig.

The Society joins in sincere expressions of sorrow and sympathy in this hour of bereavement.

WALTER BAIN.

We are just informed of the death of Mr. Walter Bain, A. P. S. No. 2915, of St. Louis, Mo., but no particulars are available at this writing.

T. E. LEE.

Mr. T. E. Lee, of Ponce, Porto Rico, widely known among stamp collectors, died recently at his home in that city. He has been a collector for forty-nine years, having started while attending Dr. Holbrook's Military Academy, at Ossining-on-the-Hudson, N. Y., in 1869. Mr. Lee was not a member of the Society but his love of stamps has been inherited by his four sons, one of whom, Mr. Waldemar E. Lee, of San Juan, Porto Rico, holds membership certificate No. 4831 in the A. P. S., the others being Mr. Albert E. Lee, U. S. Food Controller for Porto Rico, Mr. Arthur E. Lee, of Hamburg, N. J., and Mr. William E. Lee, of Sao Paulo, Brazil.

We extend our sincere sympathy to our fellow member in his loss.

SWEDEN.
1855—1915
A History of its Postage Stamps.

Compiled by

L. HARALD KJELLSTEDT, C. E.

American Representative

The Philatelic Society of Sweden.

(Continued from page 185.)

No. 6. 20 ore.

Number printed: 688,600 copies.

Shades. Blue, 1874. Light blue, 1874. Ultramarine, 1875.

Notes. The blue shade of 1874 is not common and unused copies are priced at $1.35 and used at $1.05. The ultramarine color is most frequently met with. This stamp has been used bisected.

No. 7. 24 ore.

Number printed: 392,900 copies.

Shades. Dark violet, 1874. Gray, 1875. Light gray, 1876.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on "L" in "Losen."

Notes. What has been said in connectiontion with the 17 ore gray postage stamp of 1862-66 will probably explain the purely gray shades of this stamp. The violet color of 1874 is remarkably clear and fast. It is quite scarce and unused copies are quoted at $5.40 in Sweden while used copies are listed at $1.60. The gray shades are of equal occurrence. 196,450 copies of the total printing have short "L".

No. 8. 30 ore.

Number printed: 522,900 copies.

Shades. Light green, 1874. Green, 184. Dark green, 1876.

Notes. The dark green shade is the least common and the light green comes

next. This stamp has been used bisected.

No. 9. 50 ore.

Number printed: 502,200 copies.

Shades. Gray brown, 1874. Brown, 1874. Light brown, 1875.

Notes. The gray brown shade is the least common and the brown comes next. This stamp is found on cartoon paper and used copies are quoted at $1.35.

No. 10. 1 krona.

Number printed: 358,100 copies.

Shades. Light blue and brown, 1874. Blue and brown, 1876.

Notes. The shade of 1876 is the least common. Used copies on heavy cartoon paper are priced at $1.35.

1877.

Perforated 13.

From April 1, 1877 to December 31, 1891.

Scott Catalogue Type D1.

No. 11. 1 ore.

Number printed: 2,044,600 copies.

Shades. Black. Gray black.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on "L" in "Losen."

Notes. Of the total printing 1,533,450 copies have short "L".

No. 12. 3 ore.

Number printed: 1,568,100 copies.

Shades. Violet red. Carmine. Light red. Carmine rose.

Notes. The carmine shade is the least common and is followed by the violet red. The two other shades are of equal occurrence. On heavy cartoon paper unused copies are quoted at $1.00 and used at $1.35. This stamp has been found printed on the reverse side.

No. 13. 5 ore.

Number printed: 2,429,300 copies.

Shades. Light brown. Brown. Dark brown. Olive brown. Yellow brown.

Notes. The olive brown shade is the least common and the dark brown comes next.

No. 14. 6 ore.

Number printed: 1,784,800 copies.

Shades. Brown orange. Orange. Red orange. Yellow orange.

Notes. The brown orange and red orange shades are the least common. The yellow orange comes next. 100 copies of this stamp with impression on the back were issued. The impression on the back is facing in the right direction. Unused copies are quoted at $80 in Sweden.

No. 15.. 12 ore.

Number printed: 805,700 copies.

Shades. Light red. Brick red. Red. Bright red.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on "L" in "Losen."

Notes. The red shade is the most common and the other three shades are of equal occurrence. Of the total printing of this stamp 8,057 copies had short "L". They are quoted at 80c for unused and $1.10 for used.

No. 16. 20 ore.

Number printed: 1,686,300 copies.

Shades. Light blue. Blue. Dark blue.

Notes. The dark blue shade is the least common, the other two are of equal occurrence.

No. 17. 24 ore.

Number printed: 362,600 copies.

Shades: Gray lilac. Red violet. Violet.

Plate defect. Short foot stroke on "L" in "Losen."

Notes. The violet color is not as fast as on the corresponding value of the previous issue but shows a variety of tones from red violet to blue violet. The gray shades are always of a lilac tone. The gray lilac shade is the least common and is followed by the red violet. 181,300 copies of this stamp have short "L".

No. 18. 30 ore.

Number printed: 1,594,600 copies.

Shades. Dark green. Green. Light green. Yellow green.

Notes. The dark green shade is the least common and is quoted at double

the price of the green and the light green shades. The yellow green is the most common.

No. 19. 50 ore.

Number printed: 972,800 copies.

Shades. Deep brown. Light brown. Gray brown. Brown.

Notes. The gray brown shade is the least common and the deep brown comes next followed by the light brown. Used copies of this stamp on cartoon paper are quoted at $1.35.

No. 20. 1 krona.

Number printed: 530,800 copies.

Shades. Blue and brown. Light blue and brown. Gray blue and gray brown. Blue and light brown. Dark blue and brown.

Notes. The three shade combinations first mentioned are of equal occurrence and the dark blue and brown comes next. The blue and light brown is the most common. Used copies of this stamp on cartoon paper are priced at $1.35. An unknown number of unperforated stamps came into circulation and used copies that have been found were cancelled in Stockholm in 1897. They are quoted at $13.50.

Postage due stamps which are well centered and neatly and plainly cancelled demand higher prices than those ordinarily quoted.

As the postage due stamps were not found satisfactory for the purpose for which they were devised, they were with drawn from use December 31, 1891.

Before closing, the compiler wishes to express his thanks to the Philatelic Society of Sweden for the authorized use of its excellent reference work "Handbok ofver Sveriges Frankotecken" which has been followed in the arrangement of the different issues and in the naming of the shade varieties. He has also consulted "Die Postmarken von Schweden 1855-1905." published in Leipzig 1908 by Hugo Krotzsch & Co.

—THE END—

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 30.

Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

Meeting of Jan. 17, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McLaren at 8.15 with the following members present: Good, Tubman, Preston, Moses, Weigel, Whittaker, Lewis, Zink, Lloyd, McLaren, Young, Mader and visitor, Mr. Hilterman.

It was moved and seconded that a Furniture and Fixture fund be established to be used for the equipment of the Club room.

A motion was made and carried that the President be authorized to conclude negotiations with our prospective tenant for desk room in the club rooms.

After the secretary's report was read a vote of thanks was voted him for his work in the past year.

Motion was carried that the Club rooms committee be empowered to purchase a table for the room as per the sketch.

A vote of thanks was tendered Messrs. Weigel and Lloyd for their respective donations of pictures and bulletin board.

Mr. Lloyd, the Auction Mgr., announced that he expected to have an auction on the first meeting night of each month.

Mr. Preston, Librarian of the Club, advised that he would donate to the Club Burners Philatelic Index.

Mr. McLaren appointed Messrs. Tubman and Whittaker on the February entertianment committee.

Mr. Good then exhibited a wonderful collection of Civil War envelopes, the recollection of which will linger long in the memory of those who were privileged to see them.

Meeting adjourned 10.15 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

Meeting of Feb. 7, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McLaren at 8.15 with the following members present: Preston, Tubman, Chamberlin, Zink, Lewis, Whittaker, Moses, Lloyd, Young, McLaren and Mader, visitors, Messrs. Hilterman, Jaeckel, Waldorf, Sharpe, Butts, Sampliner and Rooney.

The reading of the minutes of the previous meeting were suspended.

The resignation of Mr. Barnum of the membership committee was received and the chairman appointed Messrs. Weigel and Geuder as members on this committee with Mr. Whittaker as the Chairman.

The President announced that he had appointed Mr. Good to act in conjunction with himself to take charge of the arrangements of our 28th anniversary meeting and provide suitable entertainment.

A motion was made and carried that applications for membership be posted on the bulletin board.

The entertainment committee provided an old fashioned spelling bee as entertainment for the evening, only words of geographical origin used in philately were submitted, after a spirited contest Mr. Preston was awarded 1st prize and Mr. Chamberlin second prize.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 3.

Pacific Philatelic Society.

The 341st regular meeting was held in our rooms, No. 333, 235 Montgomery St. Present: Pres. Folte, Messrs. Doscher, Merill, Herbert Seebohm, Blackwell and O'Shaughnessy. Visitor, Mr. Chas. M. Hackmeier. Messrs. Walter King, H. F. Maurer and L. E. Mulligan were regularly elected members. Mr. O'Shaughnessy proposed Mr. Hackmeier as a member. The weather being bad probably accounted for the non-attendance of the Committee on Program for year, so they were given more time. The meeting adjourned at 8.45 P. M. to hear Mr. Blackwell discuss his display of United States stamps.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD, Secy.

BRANCH No. 46.

Cincinnati Philatelic Society.

Official Bulletin No. 2 has been received. This little publication tells of many great things which this Branch has done in its short existence and reflects some of the interest in philately which abounds in the Queen City. On March 26th the Society begins another new year with the election of officers and a contest exhibition, to be held in their room, 312 Union Central Building. Two complete tickets are offered for the members' choice in the election, "The Pinks" and "The Lakes." Mr. Samuel W. Richey is the candidate for President on both. The others forming the former are: for Vice President, Prof. Lauder Jones; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Walter Ossege and four Trustees, Messrs. Stanley Ashbrook, William Doepke, F. G. Huntington and Thomas Scallon. The remainder of "The Lakes" ticket are—for Vice President, Mr. Andreas Burkhardt; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. Claude Miller and four Trustees, Dr. J. J. Conzett, Messrs. Henry Pogue, P. M. Weiss and Rudolph Wurlitzer.

BRANCH No. 45.

Indianapolis Collectors Club.

We learn that the Red Cross Auction held by Branch No. 45 last December netted about $35. This is, indeed, a very creditable showing.

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In the following dustricts I desire "Recruiting Lieut."—Pacific Coast Canada, Mississippi Valley, Northeastern States, Southeastern States and Foreign.

In every large city I would like an A. P. S. man to volunteer as a "Captain."

To all who will accept the appointment, I now appoint "Official A. P. S. Boosters."

V. W. Rotnem is the first one to accept. He promises the A. P. S. ten good members.

Who will be the next?

Fraternally yours,
LLOYD GARFIELD SNOW,
Recruiting Chairman.
116 N. Paxon St.,
W. Philadelphia, Pa.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

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COSBY, COL. SPENCER, 5th Engineers.
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MORRISON, CHARLES R., Co. C. 122d Field Artillery.
PALMER, MAJOR FREDERICK L., retired.
PARKER, CAPT. CLYDE B., Infantry.
PARTELLO, COL. JOSEPH M. T., retired.
PETERS, MAJOR DON PRESTON, M. D.
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ROBB, WILLIAM, Masonic Ambulance Corps of Calif.
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SLUSSER, ENGINEER WALTER F., Coast Artillery Corps.
STANDISH, JAMES E., Aviation Corps.
STANGEBY, 1st LT. T. L., Dental R. C.
STARK, CAPT. ORA E., Q. M. C.
UNDERWOOD, CAPT. ARTHUR R., 64th Infantry.

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WEINGART, 1st LT. WILLIAM, M. D.
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WORRILOW, COL. ULYSSES G., Infantry.

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GREEN, DICK, 35th Co. Marine Corps.
HILEMAN, COMMANDER JOSEPH S.
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French Army.

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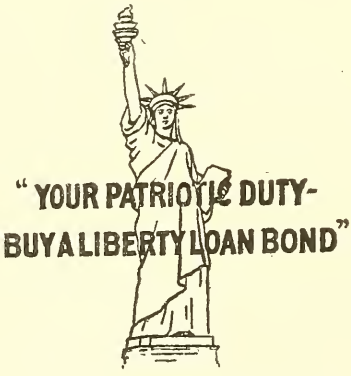

THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF THE PROVIDENCE, R. I., POSTMASTER.

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At the time the Providence stamps were issued the post office was located in the Union Buildings (which is the southwest side of Market Square between the ends of Westminster and Dyer Sts.) at No. 3 on the ground floor now occupied by a lunch room. The present buildings are the same with some slight changes more especially the part occupied by the Merchant's Bank which has been rebuilt.

The post office had previously been located at 12 South Main St., having been removed to the Union Buildings in 1844. About 1850 the post office was again moved to larger quarters, this time to the rear part of the What Cheer building (now the Providence Washington Building with very little alterations) and when the Federal building in Weybosset St., was completed the post office took up its home there until the new Federal building in Exchange Place was completed, when the post office again moved, this time to its present location.



UNION BLDGS.

The Providence City Directory was first issued in 1824, the ninth edition in 1844 and the tenth in 1847. In reference to the post office the 1844 directory says:—"Six men in addition to the postmaster are required to transact the business of this office, as 130 mails arrive, and about the same number depart every day, it being a distributing office for the whole of this State and a considerable portion of Connecticut and Massachusetts. The whole number of persons who are immediately served through this office is estimated at 300,000. The office is now situated in the centre of the City, having a spacious Lobby, 10 feet wide, and 16 feet long, with a Reading Room attached to it. The Office is open twice on Sunday, and during every day in the week, it is not closed from 7.30 A. M., to 9 P. M. There being no Post Office designated at Johnston and Cranston, the Postmaster of Providence is "ex-officio" Postmaster of these towns. In 1846 the population of Providence was estimated to be:—white 33,777 and colored 2,476, a total of 36,253.

In the 1847 directory we find the following: The Post Office force consisted of

Welcome B. Sayles, 108 Angell St., Postmaster.

Robert H. Barton, 54 Pine St., Asst. Postmaster.

F. C. Gardiner, Mail Clerk and Cashier.

George M. Kendall, 55 Arnold St., Bookkeeper and Delivery Clerk.

James N. Ashley, 107 Fountain St., Bookkeeper and Delivery Clerk.

C. F. Goodwyn, Bookkeeper and Delivery Clerk.

Jessee Calder, 85 Arnold St., Letter Carrier.

John P. Hagan, 75 Stewart St., Letter Carrier.

Francis O. Ballou, Letter Carrier.

The rates of postage were:—Single letters, ½ oz. or less, up to 300 miles, 5 cents. The same amounts additional for each additional ½ oz. or less.

General printed matter three cents per sheet prepaid.

Pamphlets, magazines and periodicals, up to one oz., 2½ c. each, any distance, with one cent more for each additional ounce or less.

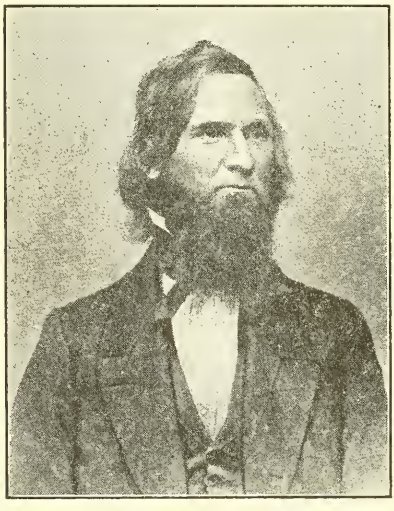
Newspapers from publisher, up to 100 miles or anywhere in State, one cent, and out of state or over 100 miles, 1½ c.

Transient newspapers, or not from publisher, three cents.

Drop letters for local delivery, two cents.

This was by act of March 3, 1845, which made rates uniform in the U. S.

More than 80,000 letters were deposited at this office during the quarter ending June 30th, 1847.



WELCOME B. SAYLES.

Welcome Ballou Sayles was son of Daniel and Olive Ballou Sayles, and was born in Franklin, Mass., July 4th, 1812. He was educated in the schools of Bellingham. At about the age of 20 he went to Bernon village and then across the river into Woonsocket, R. I. He was clerk in the Bernon store, afterwards becoming proprietor of it. He became prominent in the Dorr rebellion in 1842, and was Speaker in the House in the Dorr legislature, but when the rebellion was quelled he quietly removed to Keene, N. H., afterwards going to Boston for a year, and after the strong feeling about the Dorr incident had subsided he returned to Woonsocket whence he was appointed Postmaster of Providence in 1845 by President Polk, and was again appointed by President Pierce in 1853. (The Postmaster in 1849-53 was Henry L. Bowen.) With Messrs. Miller & Symonds he founded the Providence Daily Post, and was its editor until he went to war.

When Lincoln became President, Sayles was selected to go among the Secessionists and secure such settlement with the postmasters there as would entail the least loss and embarrassement to the U. S. and his work received the unqualified approval of the Postmaster General. When the civil war came he joined the 7th R. I. regiment and was made its Lieut. Colonel. He was killed in the battle of Fredericksburg, Dec. 13, 1862.

When, in the summer of 1846, Postmaster Sayles determined to issue postage stamps he knew that the English had proven their utility and convenience, the public could prepay their correspondence without bothering each time to pay specie and make change at the postoffice and could mail their letters at any time without being dependent upon the open hours of the post office. He therefore gave the order to George W. Babcock to prepare and engraved copper plate for the Providence stamps. Babcock conducted business as a watchmaker and engraver doing a large proportion of the fine copper plate engraving done in Providence for the banks and commercial houses, being considered at that time the best engraver in the city. One of the old time

collectors, Mr. J. Frank Read, a contractor of Providence, knew Mr. Babcock and personally learned from him about the engraving and printing of the stamps and later communicated the information to the writer who has also been able to corroborate it from other sources.

When the plate was engraved it was at first intended to have each sheet consist of twelve 5c. and four 10c. thus making their face value one dollar per sheet and also as representing the relative proportion of single and double letter rates.* Before the plate was completed this was changed to be eleven 5c. and one 10c. as more nearly approximating the probable proportion of sales and incidentally to reduce the cost of engraving by omitting four of the stamps originally planned.



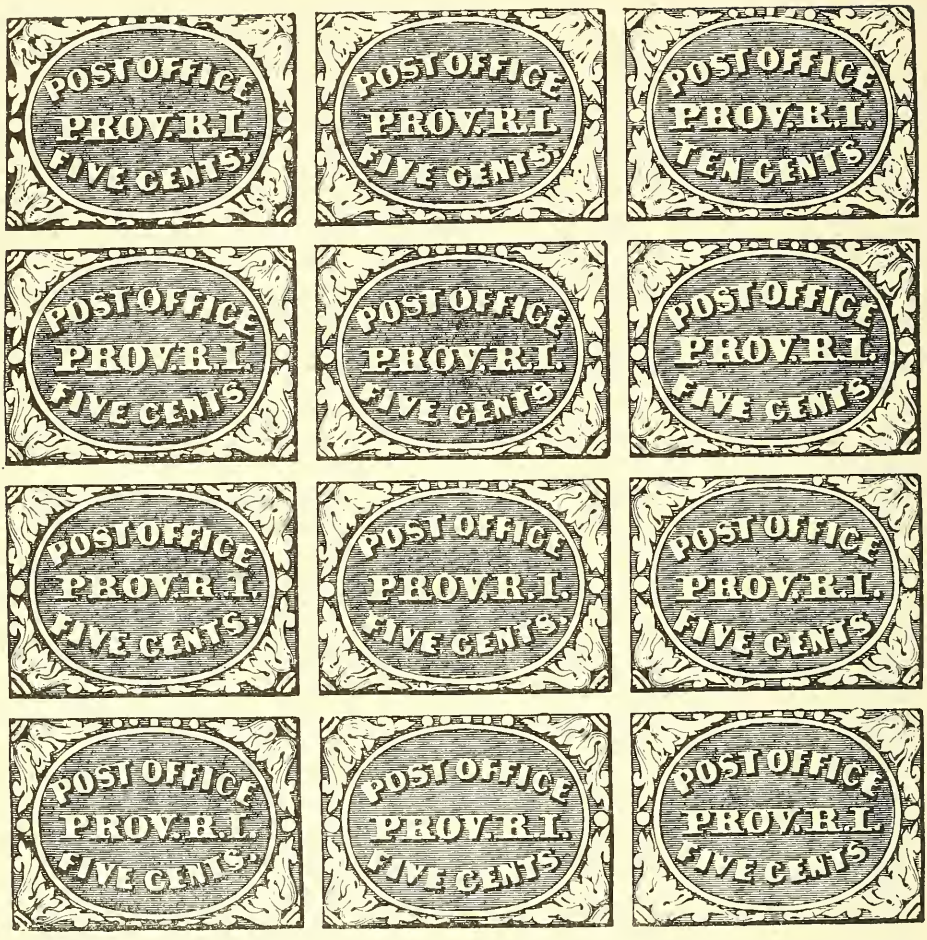
HIDDEN'S SHOPS.

On its completion the plate was taken to the printing shop of Henry A. Hidden & Co. on the top floor of the Turks Head Building (afterwards occupied by the Reynolds rubber stamp and stencil works) with entrance at 3 Broad St. (formerly Weybosset St., which name was afterwards restored to it). and there the stamps were printed.

Henry A. Hidden & Co. did engraving and plate printing and although their engraving was not considered equal to Babcock's, they had the largest and best equipped printing shop in the city and did very much of the printing for the other engravers, and also most of the printing of bank notes and similar class of work for the banks and commercial houses of the State.

The paper used was a hard, tough, white, hand made paper such as was used for bank notes of the period, rather grayish white, usually thin, averaging a trifle over 3/1000 of an inch thick, and of quite uniform thickness but of mottled texture by transmitted light. In the lot of sheets secured afterwards by Hanes with the plate was one sheet very perceptibly thicker than the others, being 5/1000 of an inch thick although of the same quality and, as noted by Mr. Luff, it was a common practice in those days to sell the paper at so many pounds per ream and as it could not be expected that hand made paper would be absolutely uniform, any sheets noticeably thick or thin were laid aside to be used in increasing or decreasing the weight of a ream to the required weight. That one sheet on thick paper was sold to H. E. Deats who afterwards disposed of it, and it finally landed in the Providence collection. The sheets are usually about 4 5/8 inches wide and 3 inches vertically. The ink is not a full black, but a rather grayish black which sometimes appears to have a brownish cast, but that is due to the creamy or yellowish discoloration of the paper by the gum applied at the post office, or by the Hagans, and is not easily removed. We have not yet seen one of the original sheets which had not been gummed, so we cannot give the chrinkage of the paper at the time of printing, but the stamps on the plate measure 28mm. wide and 20¾mm. high, and the block of twelve is 89mm. at the top, 89½mm. at the bottom and 89½mm. high at left and 89¾mm. high at right of the printed sheet supposing the print remained the exact size with the engraving on the plate.

* Note. The original sheet, show at the right hand spaces for a strip of four stamps blocked out.—J. W. S.



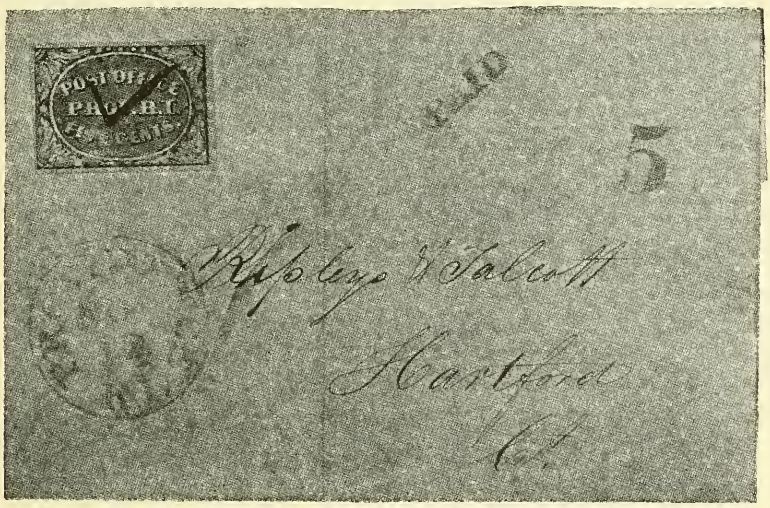
On Friday, August 21, 1846, the plate was delivered to the Postmaster with the printed stamps in five bundles of three hundred sheets each, and he immediately had printed some small hand bills 5½ by 7 inches announcing the stamps and besides posting some in the lobby of the Post Office, sent a copy to the Providence Daily Journal which printed the whole notice verbatim in the issue of Monday, Aug. 24th.

The stamps as received by the Postmaster were not gummed, and it was said that Mr. Robert H. Barton, who was Assistant Postmaster, had to work that Sunday spreading the mucilage on the backs of the sheets from two packages, and drying and straightening them preparatory to "opening days." The gum use by Barton penetrated the paper sufficiently to give a creamy tint.

Cashier Gardiner said that there were more stamps sold on the first day, Monday, than on any subsequent day that they were current. However, it is quite certain that from first to last, comparatively few of the stamps were sold, although no doubt practically all that were sold were for postal use, as postage stamp collectors were in those days naturally almost unknown. Very few of those used escaped destruction in the

ordinary course of events as there are probably to-day not more than fifty copies postally used known to exist, and several of the copies claiming to be such are seriously questioned. It will probably never be known exactly how many of the stamps were sold from the post office but from all information that we have so far been able to obtain, it appears that one at least of the two packages of 300 sheets were gummed and turned over to Mr. F. C. Gardiner, cashier of the post office, were sold to the public. Three packages are accounted for, those given to Mr. Hagan at the time of the removal of the Post Office from the Union Buildings to the What Cheer Building, and a small part of another package remained at the Post Office when the sale of them was stopped at the time the U. S. 1847 stamps were received.

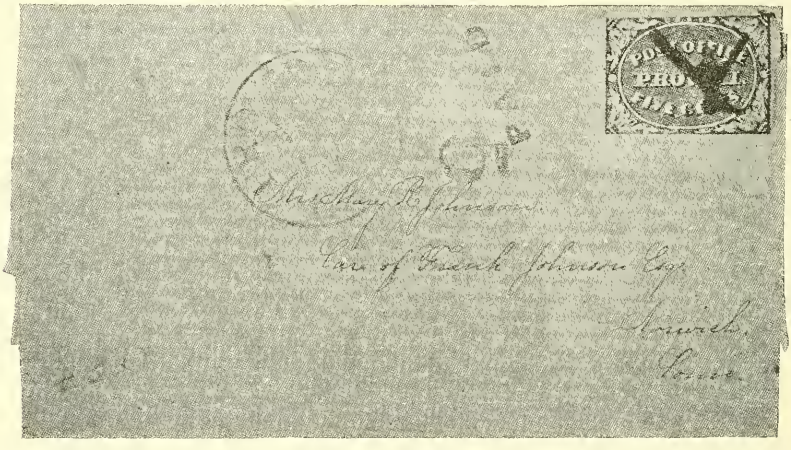
It has been said, but we have found no corroborative evidence, that a lot of the stamps of the Providence Post Office were sent to the Postmaster Maturin L. Fisher at Worcester, Mass., for experimental use there. A note in the National Aegis of Worcester on September 2, 1846, is a verbatim copy of Postmaster Sayles' circular notice except that the last sentence, vix:—"They are for sale at the Post Office" is omitted. The Providence Postmaster's diary of August 27th, 28th and 29th states that letters asking for information about the stamps has been received from the Postmasters at Taunton, Fall River, New Bedford, Worcester and Springfield and that in each case he had answered with description of the stamps and a copy of the "public notice." Further notes indicate that Postmaster Fisher of Worcester wanted to experiment with stamps but that Sayles' stamps were not perfectly suitable because of the fact that they had "Prov. R. I." on their faces. The fact that there was formerly a doubt as to the disposition of one of the original packages of stamps left it open to imagine the possibility of its having been sent to Worcester, but information later brought to light showed that they were without doubt sold at the Providence Post Office in the regular manner. No Providence stamps have ever been found on covers mailed at Worcester and if any such should turn up they would have to have an extremely clear pedigree to be accepted by philatelists. This matter was very carefully investi-



gated by Mr. Edward Francis Coffin of Worcester, who concluded that the note in the National Aegis was merely a clipping from the Providence Journal. A full report of his investigation was published by him in the Proceedings of the Worcester Society of Antiquity, of 1907, pages 243-9 inclusive.

Providence stamps genuinely postally used, on original covers are invariably cancelled by black pen marks usually in the form of a check mark, or large V. This was done by Assistant P. M. Barton who looked after making up the mails, and it is interesting to note the statement by one of his relatives confirmed by two or three others who knew him, that he insisted on always using a goose quill pen, and not a metal one.

ter with PROVIDENCE R. I. in Roman capitals arranged in a circle inside with tops of letters about 1½ mm. from the enclosing line with three letters for the month, and one or two figures for the day on the centre, there being nothing to indicate the year. On all genuine covers we have seen the office markings were all stamped in red. The post marks were applied by ordinary hand stamps, probably of brass, which were struck on an ink pad, and then on the letter, as is done in the smaller post offices today. The hand stamps were morticed in the centre for inserting the logotypes to mark the month and day, there being a set of twelve such for the months and 31 with figures for the days. The difference between the two stamps is that the type



The cancellation was sometimes done by Cashier Gardiner, the mail clerk who did not make the V, but approximated it by two or three coarse lines crossing near the ends like the rays of a folding fan. These cancellations were probably intentionally different. The office marks on the covers consist of the office date mark, the word PAID and figure or figures indicating the amount of postage. There are two varieties of the post mark both consisting of a circle about 30 mm. in diame-

in one is more extended than the other the angle in one from P. to E being about 90 degrees, and in the other about 112 degrees, which is very noticeable. In the former, the V of Prov. looks wide, and in the other it appears very narrow. These stamps were probably supplied by different makers to the same general specifications.

The logotypes apparently fitted either stamp, but there were evidently two separate sets, in one of which the letters of the month were 4 mm. high and

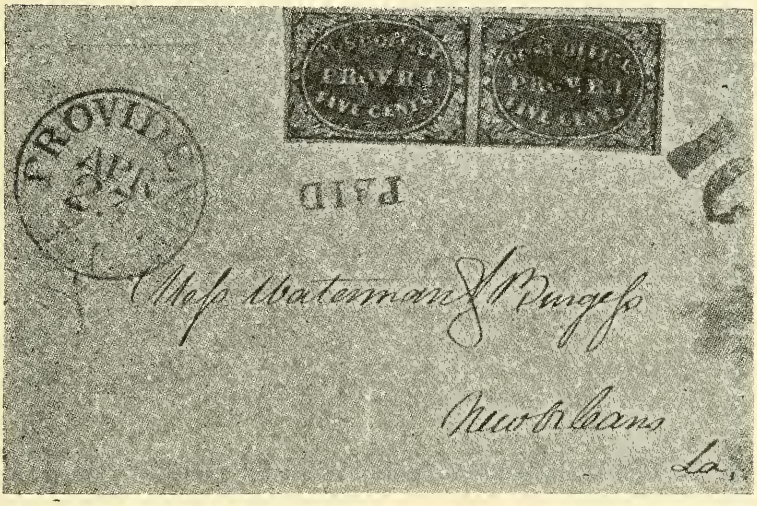
the figures 6 mm. high, and in the other set the letters were 3½ mm. high and the figures 5 mm. high, therefore, the various combinations with the two hand stamps might produce eight varieties, six of which we have seen on genuine covers dated between August 25th (1846) and August 10 (1847). The space between the month and day also varies according to the bits of wood or other material sometimes used to fill the mortice in which the logotypes were secured by a screw at the side.

The word "PAID" appears in red in Roman capitals about 4 mm. high, the word measuring about 16 mm. long. Another style of stamp for "PAID" came into use probably after May, 1847, and this is a sort of Gothic type about 3½ mm. high, and the letters spaced so that the word measures about 21 mm. long. We have seen covers on which the word "PAID" was missing although bearing genuinely used stamp, evidently an oversipht in the office of mailing.

For many years before postage stamps were used the amount of postage paid was indicated by figures hand stamped on the covers at the office of mailing and this practice was continued up to about 1849.

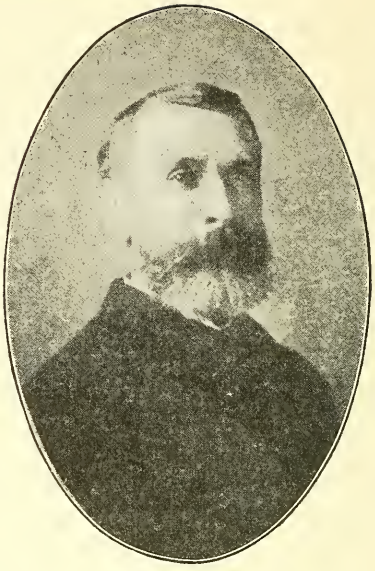
Providence covers with the postmaster's stamps have so far been found with only the 5c or 10c rate. The figures used are the Arabic numerals in style of Roman type. There are two varieties of the 5, both being 8 mm. wide but one is 10¾ mm. high, and the other is 12 mm. We have so far seen but one variety of the 10 which is about 12½ mm. high and 17 mm. wide over all. It is rarely the case that any of the post marking or other hand stamping on the cover, laps on to, or even touches the adhesive stamps, so generally that it appears in striking the cover the adhesive stamp was purposely avoided.

In the Seybold sale by J. C. Morgenthau & Co. was a cover with a used Providence 5c stamp and postmark of August 10. The Providence stamps were not put on sale till August 24th, of 1846, and so if this cover is genuine as we fully believe it is, it must have been used after the U. S. Government issue of 1847 was issued, and we have been as yet unable to determine wheth-



er the U. S. stamps were on sale at Providence before the middle of August, 1847, although they were on sale at several other cities, notably New York and Boston, as early as July 7, 1847, but the first supply consisting of 400 ten cent, and 1200 five cent was, according to official record (See Philatelic Gazette, June 1916, Vol. VI, No. 6, page 168), received by Postmaster Sayles at Providence on July 31st, 1847 It is also quite possible, in view of the fact that the use of the new U. S. stamps was not compulsory, that there were outstanding a few of the Providence stamps which the postmaster could not at once repudiate, as he had officially received the cash for them, and so for a time recognized them as receipts for postage paid, although no further sales of them were made. Covers bearing stamps for the ten cent rate are very rare. We have seen one bearing an unsevered pair, being Nos. 8 and 9 in the sheet, and the other bearing a pair, severed but rejoined on the cover, being Nos. 7 and 8 in the sheet, the first cancelled by Gardiner, and the other by Barton. We have been informed that there was a cover in the Paul collection bearing a ten cent stamp and addressed to the American Tract Society, Philadelphia, Pa., but this cover, we have been up to the present time unable to locate. In the Providence collection is a ten on the cover. It is one of the crudest fakes we have seen. To begin with, the stamp is one of Hussey's counterfeits, and then it is struck onto the envelope in such a manner as to cover a large figure three stamped on the envelope in red, which proves that the cover must have been really mailed without any stamp after the postage rate had been reduced from five to three cents in 1851.

There have, as yet, been no great finds of the Providence stamps on covers, although there have been two finds of some importance.



E. B. HANES.

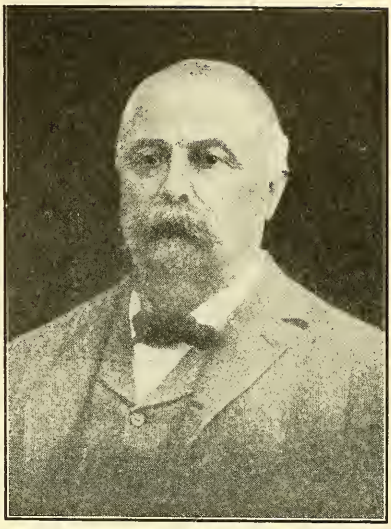
Mr. E. B. Hanes, formerly of the Bogert & Durbin Co., was when a boy, a playmate of the Hagan boys, sons of John Hagan the letter carrier and at one time asked John Hagan how it was that he had so many of the old Providence stamps, and Hagan said that at the time of the removal of the Post Office from Union Buildings to the What Cheer Building, there was a general sort of house cleaning, in the course of which was found in the cellar nearly a cubical bundle consisting of three packages of the sheets and as they were supposed to be worthless, the janitor, Mr. Almon G. Bennett, was about to throw them away, when it occurred to Hagan that they would do as a plaything for his children. Hagan asked if he could have them, and they were given to him, and did serve as plaything for the children who even used the bundle as a football at times. Many of the outer sheets were thus ruined, but after a time the bundle was opened and Mrs. Hagan used a lot of the sheets to paste on the walls of a small attic room, where Hagan then

lived at Somerset St. in a white cottage on the east side between Broad and Pine Sts., and a few were pasted on wooden tree boxes on the sidewalk in front of the house, while odd copies were given among the boys' friends thus coming to the attention of stamp collectors, and finally to the only Providence stamp dealer, John B. Calder, who sold one of the first sheets he obtained to the writer for $2.50. The demand having started, the Hagans collected the remaining sheets, had a lot of them gummed, because, as John Hagan said, they would better suit the collectors who were asking for them, and sold most of them to collectors and dealers.

The gum applied was common mucilage, mostly gum Arabic, brown, lumpy, unevenly applied, while the gum of those prepared by Barton for sale at the post office was white, thin and quite evenly applied.

Mr. E. B. Hanes, after becoming interested in stamps, bought, in 1873, some sheets then remaining in the hands of the Hagans, Mr. Hagan signing a bill of sale drawn up by Hanes, and specifying that it include all sheets that Mr. Hagan had, Hanes paying ten dollars for the lot, which amounted to about forty sheets. Hanes sold the whole lot to Wm. P. Brown, a stamp dealer of New York, for ten dollars cash, and ten dollars in stamps, and many of the lot of stamps so received turned out afterwards to be common reprints. Brown afterward said that he sold all the sheets in a very short time, and at moderate prices, which a number of old time collectors remember to have been from $3.50 to $7.00 per sheet.

Postmaster Sayles had kept the plate and the remainders from the lot (being originally two bundles, 600 sheets) that had been on sale at the time they were in use, and some years afterwards gave them, plate and all, with the original box the stamps were sold from,



LYCURGUS SAYLES

to his nephew, Lycurgust Sayles. This happened at a time (about 1857) when W. B. Sayles was clearing his desk of old papers, etc., and Lycurgus Sayles happened to be present. W. B. on removing old, valueless papers, threw them out on the floor, and among them the box of old stamps; the plate in an old manilla envelope went next, and as it struck the floor, caught the attention of Lycurgus, who, picking it up, asked what it was, and W. B. said "Oh, that was the plate my old stamps were printed from, and there are some of the stamps in the box, they are worthless, you can have them if you want them." Lycurgus took the last as souvenirs of old times, to his office, put them in a pigeon hole, and rarely thought of them afterwards. The lot of stamps that went with the plate to him remained in his possession, unknown to collectors for nearly forty years. Meanwhile rumor among stamp collectors had it, sometimes that the plate had been destroyed, sometimes that it was in safe keeping at the State House, and again that it was in the hands of the R. I. Historical Society, but strangely none of these

rumors seem to have been definitely run down, although it is said that many collectors made efforts to do so. Lycuryus Sayles gave away some single stamps, but certainly not many. It is stated by some of his relatives that in amusing children he once stuck a stamp on each of their foreheads, saying, "go tell your mother you are worth five cents," and to another, "you are worth ten cents," etc., but strange to say, apparently none of these came to the attention of mature of active stamp collectors, most likely because extremely few were so given.

L. Sayles did some of his banking with the firm of Spencer, Trask & Co., in Exchange St., Providence, where Mr. George F. Bliven, a stamp collector, was cashier. Mr. E. B. Hanes, then president of the Bogert & Durbin Co., stamp dealers of Philadelphia, also had an account there and was well known to Mr. Bliven. Late in August, 1893, Bliven acquired a copy of the Providence 5c stamp, and one day having it at the bank, and knowing Lycurgus Sayles to be a relative of Welcome B. Sayles, showed him the stamp when he came in, and was much astonished when Sayles said, "Why, I have some stamps like that, and also the plate they were printed from." Bliven lost no time about telegraphing to Hanes. who came at once to Providence. L. Sayles was not only a shrewd and able lawyer, but also, in matters of trade, a typical Yankee, which resulted in his scenting good value in the plate, and in getting some competitors to bid against Hanes for it, and the price rose rapidly from a couple of hundred dollars to the thousands. Sayles had the plate and stamps in his desk in his law office at #4 College St., and when he sold the lot, he reserved one sheet for himself, afterwards selling it to Mr. Chas. W. Bowen, of Providence. Bliven, who really brought about the discovery of the plate, was suddenly stricken by a fatal illness, dying at his home on Sept. 25th, 1893 (See the Philatelic Monthly, Phila. Nov. 1893, page 105.)

Hanes finally secured the plate and remainders nearly intact as they were when the sale was was stopped on the issue of the U. S. Government stamps which were received at Providence on July 31st, 1847. It is stated that Hanes paid $2500 for the plate and stamps, but the expenses of the trip including the cleaning of the plate, making card proofs and the reprints, etc., made the whole thing amount to about $3,000. Mr. Hanes said that the best newspaper accounts of the finding of the plate was published in the Boston Globe late in 1893, after Sept. 3rd, also in the Phila. Press of about the same, or slightly later date.

The stamp remainders consisted of 32 whole sheets and a lot of cut sheets and singles amounting to 61 five cent, and 18 ten cent, all of the cut sheets still having the ten cent stamp left in. It is very probable from the statement made by Lycurgus Sayles, himself, that all the stamps disposed of by him amounted to about two or three singles so that the lot left from the sales at the postoffice must have contained about 32 whole sheets with cut sheets and single stamps amounting to 64 five cent and 20 ten cent corresponding to five more whole sheets with 9 five cent and 15 ten cent over, which deducted from the 600 sheets made up for sale would leave as actual post office sales during the time they were current (less than a year) about 6184 five cent and 548 ten cent. Is it, therefore, strange that genuine postally used copies are so rare today? Removal from original envelope or cover on which they did postal duty instantly thereby destroys most of their value, as is the case with practically all used stamps of this class.

Search through over five hundred of the principal American stamp auction catalogus only showed six 5c on original

covers, four used 5c not on covers, thirty entire sheets, forty five cent and eighteen ten cent unused singles sold between 1882 and 1910, but this probably does not cover all those sold at auction, nor any of those sold otherwise during that period, but many individual pieces undoubtedly changed hands more than once in that time.

As to the probable maximum sold at the post office, note that the issue was on sale probably 49 weeks (the supply of government stamps were not received until July 31st, 1847) this would be an average of less than two sheets per business day which we do not consider a very extravagant average. Of the postally used we do not consider 1¼% to be an unreasonably high estimate of the proportion preserved and possibly ultimately to find places in collections, and this would lead us to hope for more finds of possibly 25 fives and perhaps half a dozen tens yet to be added to the philatelic stock now known to exist.

When Hanes bought the plate and remainders it was for the Bogert & Durbin Co., which was incorporated, and the active men were E. B. Hanes, Pres., R. R. Bogert, Treas., and Arthur E. Tuttle, Sec'y. Bogert died January 23, 1907, not long after retiring from active connection with the company, and Hanes had already retired in 1896, leaving A. E. Tuttle who had gradually taken up available stock in the company until he was practically sole owner, he finally transferring the concern to the United States Stamp Co. (which afterwards sold out to the Philadelphia Stamp Co.) reserving to himself the Providence plate and such originals, reprints and proofs of it as were in stock.

The plate was kept in a shamois bag, in safe deposit vault in Philadelphia, but at one time on a very hot summer day it was taken out, and while being examined some drops of perspiration fell on the face of it and had not been thoroughly dried off when the plate was put back, and this resulted in a severe oxidation of the coating in spots all over it, not a stamp escaping, so that at the present time, February, 1918, no perfect printing can be made from it. It was sold on May 29th, 1917, to A. B. Slater, the present owner.

That the plate was in perfect condition when found was proved by the proofs taken from it soon after the purchase, though it had to be cleaned as it was dirty, and had a thin film of black oxidation of the copper. About the time the first reprints were made some pessimistic Providence collectors started a rumor that some of the stamps on the plate had been marked so that they, and therefore entire sheets could be identified as reprints, but that others were not so marked, and J. B. Calder used to claim that if cut apart they would be very dangerously like the originals. Careful inspection of the plate in its present condition shows that no such marks were made on the plate at that time.

Supposed initials of Geo. W. Babcock appear on all proofs, reprints and trial prints taken at Providence and New York and were on the plate before it was cleaned at Providence in 1893, but do not appear definitely on the original sheets although we have seen some which apparetnly bear traces of them. Even on the best proofs the supposed letters are very crude and do not have the appearance of having been done by Babcock, who, four or five years before he died, was asked if he had put any shop mark on the plate to identify it and he stated that he had not. Te supposed letters are very faint and have more the appearance of minute bruises or accidental scratches than any definite attempt to form letters even in disguised form. However, although we have no proof that Babcock did not make the marks, we are not at all convinced that he did. They are found by

the aid of a glass in the upright body of the I of R. I. in the upper left corner stamp.

After securing the plate, Hanes took it to Livermore & Knight, plate printers of Providence, and had them clean it and take some proofs.

There were then taken 15 sets of proofs in five colors on a thick solid white Bristol board about 55 thousandths of an inch thick, 9 1/8 in. long by 7 1/16 in. wide. The printing was done under heavy pressure so that the plate itself was forced into the cardboard, a fine sunken impression showing the size and shape of the plate. These impressions were taken in five colors, viz: black, seal brown, Cossack green, dark Orient blue and a rather light tint of ox blood red. (For colors, see "Color Standards and Nomenclature" by Robert Rirgway,, Washington, D. C. 1912.)

I am certain that at least one set of these card proofs has been cut up, as I have seen several single specimens from them, some crudely thinned down. Such things can be done only by the most despicable class of parasites on Philately whose excuse is always founded on a false idea of commercialism absolutely devoid of ethics and sentiment.

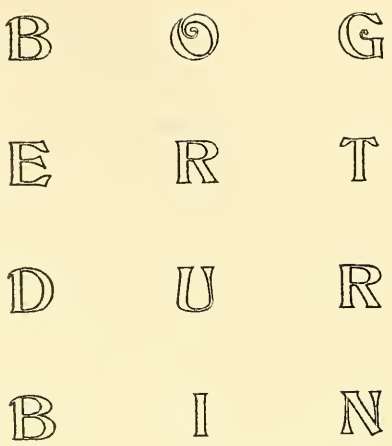
At the time the proofs were made, the Livermore & Knight Co. found some very small quantities of paper similar to that on which the originals were printed, and made about 500 sheets of reprints, though very few, if any of these reprints were let out until after the second reprinting in 1898. There were three varieties of paper used for the reprints of 1898, the first being a very white fairly hard bond of very even texture, and all very close to its average thickness of three thousandths of an inch, very white and smooth by transmitted light, no special fibres. There were, we believe, 232 impressions on this paper. The second paper was of average thickness 3¼ thousandths, uneven in thickness and texture, slightly yellowish white, and upon careful examination by transmitted light shows bits of what appear to be straw and also occasional bits of a blue fibre. There were about 168 impressions on this paper. The third paper is much thinner being only 2½ thousandths thick although thickness is uneven, texture by transmitted light is much more uniform than the second paper, but not as smooth as the first. Examination shows it to be well filled with reddish pink fibre. On this paper there were but 100 impressions, making about 500 in all. Some prints shrink greatly vertically, while others have greatest shrinkage horizontally, i. e., on the second paper of the Providence reprint the block is 2mm. narrower than the New York reprint, which is very nearly the same size as the original.

Lots of pessimistic rumors about the plate and reprints were going the rounds at that time but the writer traced most of them directly o one of he older collecors of Providence, undoubtedly honest, but had unfortunately more confidence in the evolutions of his own ideas than did his better informed contempories. These rumors, of course, affected the standing of the reprints which never were intended to deceive, and as a result practically none of them were marketed till after the second reprinting in New York, in 1898.

Mr. Hanes retired from the Bogert & Durbin Co. in 1896, and in 1898 Mr. R. R. Bogert, then at the helm of the B. & D. Co. became under the influence of Harry G. Mandel of the American Bank Note Co., with the result that notwithstanding the fact that he had about 500 reprints of the Providence sheet (those made at Providence in 1893), Mandel induced him to have a lot more made and pursuaded him to let Mandel electroplate the Providence plate, ostensibly to avoid wear of the plate while making the reprints. Mandel told him

he had learned a secret method of electroplating with steel from a high official of the Imperial Russian Printing Office, and Bogert allowed him to electroplate the copper, but of course the metal deposited was pure iron and not steel, although steel might have been used for the anode in the process. This was done at the plant of the American Bank Note Co. in New York in the spring of 1898 under the personal supervision of Mandel. The second reprinting was then done, producing 999 sheets or reprints on a fine quality of white paper 2½ thousandths thick similar to that of the first paper of the Providence reprint. Of all the various impressions that we have the block measuring most vertically is 90mm. the least 85¼, the first being one of the Providence trial prints, and the other one of the Hagan sheets, and the widest is 89½mm. (Providence trial print, white laid paper), the narrowest 86 mm. (Providence reprint, first paper), out of 23 sheets.

The New York reprint paper shows no fibres. Whether caused by oily matter in the paper or ink, or by the heat of printing from a hot plate, we cannot say, but the paper of the New York printing nearly always shows upon careful examination an apparently oily discoloration of the paper through and around the impression, although very slight. This does not appear at all in any of the Providence reprints. The paper used for the New York reprints was some made in 1848 and found in the American Bank Notes Co., by Mandel, and there was but one quality, all from the same package. Mandel also furnished the indelible, analine ink and bronze for printing the initials on the backs of the reprints, which was done to all of them including the 500 made at Providence. The initials on the backs of the reprints were, when seen looking at the back of the sheet, one letter on the middle of each stamp



At the New York reprinting there were 1000 impressions taken, being 999 in black on the old hand made paper, and one in a rather dark green on a somewhat coarse woven, yellowish white paper. This last did not receive the initials on the back, and was given to Mandel as his souvenir of the job, and after his death went to Lord Crawford with the rest of Mandel's collection of proofs. After the death of Lord Crawford in 1916, the lot was bought by John Klemann, Jr., of New York, and the sheet of Providence in green was sold to A. B. Slater.

It is believed that at the time of the New York reprinting every sheet of reprints in the hands of the Bogert & Durbin Co. received the initials on the back, and that none of the Providence reprints had been let out up to that time, neverheless, it has been rumored that some sheets of the Providence lot escaped, but the two or three that we have seen, except those in the Providence collection, bear evidence that the initials had been removed probably by a glass pencil eraser. Mr. Percy G. Doane, a nephew of Mr. Bogert, was employed by the B. & D. Co. at that time, and assisted Mr. Bogert in the inspection and count at the New York reprinting. He states that the

cost of the job was 3c per sheet of reprints, or $30.00 for the whole job, including all the initialing, etc.

We have so far, found but four different counterfeitings of the Providence stamps, and all are lithographs or photo etchings, and none have as yet turned up that were engraved. It has been stated that there was a counterfeit plate in Europe, but on careful investigation, the stamps said to be from it turned out to be evidently from a photo etched plate for surface printing, photographed from an original sheet, and all evidence so far gathered leads us to firmly believe that it was done by or for L. H. Mersier, of Geneva, Switzerland, who, and also his successor, F. Fourier, have long been known as makers and dealers in fac similes of rare stamps. An ordinary magnifying glass shows that they are surface printed, and the lines are rough and not nearly as smooth as the poorest prints of the originals, although the paper is very like the original, though usually a little stiffer, slighty more yelowish, and a little more opaque than it. The ink is a slightly brownish black. A number of these Geneva counterfeits have been found with a very neat New York post mark and sometimes with a bar cancellation, usually cleverly placed so as to cover the most noticeable defects of the counterfeit. The size of both 5c and 10c is usually 27¾ to 28 mm. horizontally, and 19½ to 19¾ mm. vertically varying with the shrink of the paper. The Geneva counterfeits nearly always show the outside edge of the stamp to be a rather heavy line all around, while the originals had a heavy edge line at right and bottom, but very light at the top and left. We have reported, but not yet seen, two entire sheets of the Geneva counterfeit, although we have seen several blocks, enough to identify.

At one time there was current in Providence, a rumor that there was a duplicate of the genuine original plate held in England, but investigation developed only that Mercier's sheets were being handled by certain parties in London. Some years ago there were rumors that there was a counterfeit plate in Providence, and it was claimed that it had been used as late as about 1892, but all specimens claimed to have been from such plate, proved on examination to be of the Mercier product, or from Hussey's lithograph stones. In this connection it was also rumored that a second plate was made by the original engraver, but this was flatly denied by Babcock himself, and common sense would convince us that there was no basis in fact for such a statement, as evidently no engraver of those times could engrave a plate so like the original as to be at all dangerous, and the original engraver, himself, could not make any two alike in the original plate, and the transfer process now used could not be well applied in the case of copper and even by the electro process it would have been altoghether too expensive to have been done with any degree of success. All specimens claimed to have been from the alleged Providence made duplicate plate so far as we have seen them, proved to be from Hussey's stones, the original dies for which did originate in Providence.

For many years Mr. Chas. A. Pabodie of Providence, at one time of the firm of Pabodie & Thompson, was a copper plate engraver, and with whom the writer was very well acquainted. Personal conversation with him, and personal knowledge of the writter developed the following facts:

In the 60's Mr. George A. Hussey, of New York, sold lots of the Express Co.'s stamps to collectors, and becoming much interested in this source of revenue, acquired the plates and ideas of quite a number of letter express companies, and made reprints galore of lots of the so called "locals."

About that time it was supposed that the original plate of the Providence

stamps was in the hands of the engravers or printers, and about 1868, Hussey made a trip to Providence to hunt up that plate but after much search, failing in that, he finally went to Mr. Pabodie and engaged him to make a plate to reproduce two specimens of the originals, a five and a ten for purposes of illustration. As the stamps had long been out of use and having no postal value, Mr. Pabodie, who was a most thoroughly conscientious and sterling man, made the engravings, both on one copper plate such as used for engraving visiting cards, for Hussey, who took it to New York. Later developments showed that Hussey had had made three large lithographic stones by ink transfers from prints from Pabodies plate. The first stone bore 100 of the five cents; of course all alike, and said to be in imitation of No. 6 in the original sheet, (but it may have been ony one of Nos. 3, 4, or 5,) being in ten rows of ten stamps each. The second stone bore 100 of the ten cents likewise, and the third stone bore 99 transfers, being 45 of the five cent, and 45 of the ten cent with one of the 10c inverted (tete beche).

Many years ago a block of 24, being four stamps high by six stamps wide from the lower left corner of this third lithograph, was seen in Providence, and gave rise to the rumor that there was a "counterfeit cast" of the genuine "which printed twelve of the 5c and twelve 10c." From these stones many prints were made on a great variety of papers, particularly from the third stone, by Thomas Wood of 2½ Murray St., New York City. Much paper was used very like the original though usually thinner and softer but many sheets were on thin white paper very full of pink silk fibre, some on green surfaced glazed paper, yellow surfaced glazed paper, buish surfaced paper, some light lilac, blue, deep violet blue, emerald green, pink, deep rose, orange paper, etc. On the 5c. the left outside edge is a heavy line, which in the originals is very light. In the 10c the edge lines are more like the original. The 10c. is shorter, measuring 26½ to 26¾ mm. horizontally, and 19½ to 19¾ vertically. This difference in length is easily noticeable in the sheet of mixed 5's and 10's. A dry proof from Pabodie's plate shows the 5c 28 mm. by 20 mm. and the 10c. 27 mm. by 20 mm.

95% of all the imitations we have seen were these Hussey lithographs. Nothing appears to be known as to what became of the stones, but it is supposed that they were either destroyed, or cleaned and used for other purposes. Pabodie's plate also, has never turned up, nor have any impressions from it ever been found except the original proof which Pabodie kept for himself, as he always did of all engravings made by him.

C. A. Pabodie's son, C. Walter Pabodie, is an engraver still in business at 139 Mathewson St., Providence.

The third imitations were apparently from a zinc photo etching which printed the block of twelve at a time in imitation of the original sheets. These we have not been able to prove as the product of any original person, but all that we have seen trailed right back to the shop of the late S. Allan Taylor,* of Boston, well known as connected with many curious things in philately. We do not know how many of these were made, or what became of the plate, but we have never seen more than one sheet and fifteen or sixteen singles, so that there were probably not over a hundred sheets made and it is quite unlikely that there is any stock of them now in existence. The print was black, very fair, but the paper of all we have seen was a medium weight wove book paper, creamish white, calendered and by transmitted light cream colored and very smooth texture, much more opaque than the originals. All that we

* Note. I have a print showing a number of counterfeit stamps including a 5c Providence, together with a bill head of S. A. Taylor proving that a wood block for a counterfeit of this stamp was in his possession.—J. W. S.

have seen of this lot of counterfeits measure about 28 mm. horizontally by 20¼ mm. vertically.

The fourth counterfeit of the ten cent was copied from the original ten cent, and is a dangerous imitation as it does not have the heavy out side line at the left as does the Geneva 10c, if follows correctly the lines of the original, which Hussey's does not, and it is far better executed than Taylor's, but is surface printed, not line engraved, ink is full black, not the peculiar black of the originals which has a gray brown cast to it. This 10c we have seen in full black on thin white card, and the print measures 28 mm. by 20 mm. It is probable that a plate of the entire sheet was made and if printed on paper like the original would be very dangerous to any but experts. We have as yet seen only one five cent (No. 11 in sheet) that seems to belong with this ten, as all other counterfeit fives we have yet seen have been identified as of the Geneva, Hussey, or Taylor productions. This five was also on the white card, and measured same as this ten and has the same characteristics. Both these fourth counterfeits were found in New York, but their origin is as yet not clearly indicated. Many years ago Senf Brothers of Germany dealt in fac-similes, but we believe that such goods handled by them were really the product of Geneva.

Various cuts of the Providence stamps have been made to illustrate catalogs, and also of whole sheets for similar purpose, as a very good half tone by the Rhode Island Philatelic Society and printed in reddish brown on the menu of their 10th annual banquet February 12, 1895. A similar illustration was also gotten out by the Scott Stamp & Coin Co., a phototype on heavy white paper very well executed and very useful to identify the stamps, and can still be obtained from them. Both of these cuts show the paper margin, and between the stamps.

Another fine illustration of the whole block of twelve was also gotten out on thin white cardboard, possibly from the same plate, but not showing the paper margins or between the stamps, and was obtained from Germany by many purchasers of Luff's standard work on the U. S. Postage Stamps. The Rhode Island Philatelic Society also had a cut of the upper six stamps which was used to print as a background on cards used as certificates of awards at some exhibits. A few other illustration cuts have been made from time to time, but nearly all too crude to be of any possible use to swindlers who might get hold of them.

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

But fifteen days remain until the time set for the closing of the A. P. S. Red Cross Fund shall have expired. Wake up, Members of the A. P. S. No matter if you have given before, give again and again, give until it hurts. Think of the sacrifices thousands of our boys are making "Over There." No matter how much we give we cannot equal their gift to our Country. Grasp this opportunity to help a cause worthy of the support of every American. Send any amount, little or big, to our Treasurer, J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich. Acknowledgments will be made through this column.

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CONVENTION NOTES.

The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch No. 30, has appointed the following Committee on Arrangements for the coming American Philatelic Society Convention which will be held in Cleveland, August 13th to 15th inclusive:

Alvin Good, Chairman, W. W. MacLaren, Dr. T. H. Tubman, J. F. Rust, and W. H. Barnum, Secretary.

This Committee organized March 21 and promises some very interesting details in the near future.

For many years attendants have had no fault to find with the entertainment offered and Cleveland hopes to maintain the standard set. Let the Cleveland boys look after that end of the program and in return they want the visitors to think up some interesting legislation to bring before the Convention that will be useful and helpful to the Society.

As in the past, we desire to publish a list of those who will attend the Convention next August. Just as soon as you decide to be there, notify the Editor, so that your name can be published.

Joy For Philatelists.

Jerusalem and Bagdad May Soon Issue Special Postage Stamps.

The recent fortunes of war in Jaffa and Jerusalem foreshadow the appearance of Palestine as a stamp-issuing nation. Philatelists familiar with the practices of occupying armies do not anticipate that the world conflict must end before new stamps come forth from this region. What they do expect is that the Anglo-Indian forces which entered Jerusalem in December will take over, if they have not already seized, stocks of local franking labels and will surcharge these to signify the return of Palestine to Christian rule.

These local labels are the current stamps of Turkey. If the Turkish labels were burned before the city surrendered provisional stamps of new design might be expected which would be used until that day when the Jews were permitted to create a homeland of their own, when permanent stamps would appear.

Approximately nine months before Jerusalem fell, Bagdad, chief city of Mesopotamia, was captured by the British. Here limited stocks of Turkish stamps were found, and the news comes now that the Anglo-Indian invaders provided fascinating war varieties for the collecting world by overprinting these Ottoman labels with an inscription including "Baghdad" across the top, "British" and "Occupation" parallel with the sides, and a new value, expressed in the currency of India, across the lower portion of each stamp. Inasmuch as it has been reported in cable news dispatches that England plans to establish Mesopotamia as a sultanate, similar to Egypt, these surcharged Turkish stamps may be regarded only as provisionals, to be superseded by permanent ones after the war. —(Clipping from Lewis M. Lang).

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EDITORIAL.

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HISTORICAL. To many of our members the very complete history of the Postmaster Stamps of Providence, written by our member, Mr. A. B. Slater, who has kindly permitted the Society to make use of it concurrently with our esteemed contemporary, Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News, will prove both interesting and instructive. It represents the result of many year's work on the part of the author collecting and arranging the data for publication. In printing this work complete in a single issue of our journal, we feel sure our members will find it of much added value. Our thanks are tendered Mr. Slater for his kindness and co-operation.

BUY WAR SAVING STAMPS.

VARIETY. We feel, in no small measure, gratified to print what we confidently hope and believe to be but the first of many entertaining and informative letters from Mr. Chas. A. Nast telling of philatelists and philatelic doings in Denver. In sending this, Mr. Nast writes in part as follows: "It is in the 'gossipy style' and quite in contrast to the usual dignified and well prepared essay. These letters we must have, of course, but if we take musical magazines as a criterion, and no one will dispute with me when I place Music as a science, an art, a fad and recreation ahead of philately, you will find the columns of those journals, though filled with theoretical dissertations, still make room and gladly, for the gossip of musical centers. 'Variety is the spice of life,' and I may add of the life of stamp journals. There is a tendency, and collectors as well as dealers are alike culpable to withhold information about stamp matters: afraid some one will get ahead of you and this is where the chiefest trouble lies." Thanks Mr. Nast.

REAL NEWS Mr. Nast's letter gives us some real news and holds forth a good example of how philatelic information should be circulated for the benefit of others. He tells the story of the finding of the current Three Cent stamp part-perforated. Recent issues of our country has given us some surprises and many varieties and just where, or when, or what, the next one to hold our attention will be, no one can tell.

COLLECT THRIFT STAMPS.

PRECANCELS. Now, Precancel Members, here is something especially for you! In this number we print the first of a series of monthly Notes concerning these interesting issues. We feel fortunate in securing Dr. Hennan to conduct this department. Now get busy and show him and the Society that you will help to make it of live value to every member who collects these stamp.

YOU CAN HELP. Lets make the A. P. brighter and better. Let us all have a hand in making it truly a credit to our Society. Let's give it a personal touch. Send us short notes of new stamps, tell us about new varieties of the older issues, give us any information you can relating to the stamps of any country. You who can, tell us of the news as it happens in the philatelic centers. Such letters need not be limited to telling about new stamps; there are plenty of interesting items concerning collectors and philatelic matters in general to make these letters well worth the reading. Now who will be next to see the way that is pointed out to assist his Society, his journal and his fellow-members?

PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennen, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

This being my initial appearance in the American Philatelist I am somewhat at a loss to know your wants. The Editor has been very kind in giving me a free hand in conducting this department. As Precancelled stamps are used upon special occasions in many small towns it is almost impossible for one individual to secure reliable information in regard to them. I would like to have your co-operation in making this department a success, and believe we will all be amply repaid. Any information will be gladly received and any stamps or clippings you care to send will be returned to you at once.

One of the latest and most difficult types to detect comes from New York, N. Y., San Antonio, Texas, Dallas, Texas, San Francisco, Cal., New Haven, Conn., Indianapolis, Ind. , and Chattanooga, Tenn. This type is a rubber roller type, the name of the city being in two lines forming a continuous cancellation. The entire cancellation being enclosed in a rectangle. These precancels can only be told "on cover". Advices from postmasters state that the cancellation was originally intended as a roller package cancellation, but that the device is now used to cancel odd lots and broken sheets of stamps. I have seen nearly all

values used, on both the 10 and 11 perforation. San Antonio, Texas has precancelled the documentary stamps used as a tax on Parcel Post packages.

Numerous counterfeits are being offered. Among the most dangerous are the Chicago inverts of 1902. The cancellation is blurred and usually the lines are slightly diagonal. Many collectors have the impression that making bogus precancels is not an unlawful proceedure, but it is just as much of an offense to make them for collections as for use for postage. Local Postal authorities inform me that the use of counterfeit precancels is considered as counterfeiting and punishable as such.

Most cities are using the perforated 11 at this time and it seems useless waste of space to list them. However if the readers of this department desire I will be glad to make up a list of the smaller towns using them.

Many of the large mail order houses are taking advantage of the zone mailing system. This method is to send packages and catalogues from their main office to a zone mailing point by freight and then mail them out. This will account for the excessive number of precancels from Zanesville, O., Elmira, N. Y., Seattle, Wash., Memphis, Tenn., Red Bluff, Cal., Oakland, Cal., Jacksonville, Fla., Reno, Nevada, Cincinnati, Ohio, Sacremento, Cal., and Pittsburg, Pa.

If the above items have helped you in any way I am amply repaid. I will be glad to answer any of your questions.

C. W. HENNAN, M. D.

OUR DENVER LETTER.

BY CHAS. A. NAST.

March 23, 1918.

I trust that an occasional letter from this point will not be uninteresting. Denver always has been on the philatelic map since the early 80's. Some of the most notable conventions have been held here. At one time, in 1887, no less than three splendid stamp magazines were published simultaneously. Some of the best known men and dealers in the philatelic world today have been connected with stampic efforts and achievements conceived here at the base of the Rockies. The stamp associations of the past cluster thick and opulently around the early history of Denver and the Pony Express. And things stampic are not dead yet.

This week we furnished the usual surprise. This time it is the Three Cent current purple perf 11 as a **part perforate**, imperforate horizontally. A business firm of this city procured at the local P. O. fifty sheets of three cent stamps. While using these on circulars one sheet that did not have "holes in it cross-wise", as the clerk explained, was discovered. "It was very annoying indeed, to have to crease every stamp in the strip before tearing it apart." So to the P. O. they went, taking a vertical strip of ten to show the clerk how Uncle Sam was growing careless in the multiplicity of his duties. The clerk promptly gave them other stamps for the strip and notified our member, Frank McCabe. Frank being connected with the detective department at the city hall, started out at once to "investigate the thing," with the result that he rescued the remainder of the troublesome sheet, being a block of 5 by 10 with the plate number, 8206, at the bottom. The color is bluish and very light and grow gradually fainter to-

wards the top of the sheet. In fact the diminuation in color is so marked that blocks taken from the extremes of the sheet would present good examples of the "light" and "dark" varieties so often advertised.

Part perforates in U. S. adhesives are not common. The only instance similar to this is recorded in Scott's "No. 316a imperforate horizontally," with this foot note added—"But one sheet of 316a is known. It was sold at the P. O. at Cleveland, O., and is now in the collection of a prominent philatelist of that city."

Some one suggested that other sheets might be found here but a search has revealed nothing. I am of the impression that only one sheet at a time is perforated, and that the sheets are fed on a belt through two perforating machines, one perforating horizontally and the other vertically. Who knows about this?

In this connection I wish to chronicle the Two cent "copper red," No. 339 and No. 348, perf. 12. Evidently this ink was used just at the time of the change from one series to the other. It is best described as being similar to the Two Cent "Farming in the West" stamp No. 286.

We had hoped much from the new dealer, B. H. Fehlig, who located here last November, bringing with him a very fine stock of stamps, but what was most important an intimate knowledge of stamps and stamp business and a personality that was bound to win friends and trade. But it was decreed otherwise. Mr. Fehlig died suddenly on the morning of March 18th. He was twenty-nine years of age and leaves a wife and two very young children. The remains were sent East and the family will not return here, and this circumstance leads me to say that there is a splendid opening here for a progressive up-to-date dealer. The field is large and inviting as to results. Mr. Fehlig always expressed himself as delighted with his business and prospects here.

At the last meeting of the Rocky Mountain States Society Mr. A. K. McDaniel exhibited one of his four volumes devoted to the issue of 1847 only. The display was punctuated by trite and instructive explanations by the owner. The collection is highly specialized and consists of hundreds of single specimeens selected for shades and cancellations, and of pairs and strips on and off covers. Many of the covers bear "Steamship", "Paid", and other obliteration marks which enhanced their interest or added to their beauty. Of course shifts and freaks abounded and cancellations in red, blue, green, brown and black were carefully noted. We are promised next a view of the Five Cent New Yorks, of which he probably has four hundred copies.

Mr. Godfrey Schirmer has returned from his trip to California and is ready to resume activities. His collection is now contained in some forty volumes. Mr. Guy Knox, another member of our Club, is busy arranging his accumulation of the U. S. $1.00, $2.00 and $5.00 stamps of all the different series. Finally it gives me peculiar pleasure to note that Mr. Richard P. Gottesleben of this city, who at one time enjoyed international fame as a philatelist and who is known to all the old pioneers, has decided to "come back."

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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McAndrews, Carl G.

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Hudson, Paul R., 1641 Carlgon Road, East Cleveland, Ohio; Age 21; Laboratory Asst.; Reference: The Ford McCaslin Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by W. G. Whittaker, #3549.

Josephson, L., 109 N. Dearborn St., Chicago, Ill.; Age 37; Dealer-Chicago Stamp & Coin Co.; Reference: Bass Camera Co., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Winslow H. Foster, #4874.

Kasper, Jno. P., 4466 Denison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 40; Commercial Reporter, The Bradstreet Co.; Reference: Edw. G. Hart, 1760 Avelon Rd., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by W. G. Whittaker, #3549.

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Wacker, Harry, 349 Broome St., New York City; Age 34; Pres. Henry Gade Corp.; Rerefence: E. B. Power, care Stanley Gibbons Co., New York City; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Walker, Eric L., 52 James St., Auburn, Me.; Age 26; Shoeworker; Reference: Ault-Williamson & Co., Auburn, Me.; Proposed by C. C. Abbott, #4975.

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3977 Clymer, Harvey M., 518 Gay St., Pheonixville, Pa.; Age 49; Insurance Broker; Reference: S. W. Deininger, Pheonixville, Pa.; Proposed by Eugene Klein, #2275.

2634 Feuchtinger, John, 147 E. Oakland Ave., Columbus, Ohio; Age 54; Printer, The Federal Printing Co.; Reference: The Ohio Natl. Bank, Columbus, O.; Proposed by Geo. W. Lynn, #2452.

3808 Mulhall, Sydney M., 444 F. Ave., Coronado, Calif.; Age 39; Christian Science Practitioner; Reference: San Diego Savings Bank; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

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3831 Fehlig, B. H., 1110 Milwaukee St., Denver, Colo. (Formerly St. Louis).

5000 Snow, Lloyd Garfield, 116 N. Paxton St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Change of Address.

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4506 Baldwin, W. F., from Alexandria, Va., to 1115 Anderson St., Savannah, Ga.

4813 Stivers, J. O., from 1159 Adams St., to 3423 E. Colfax Ave., Denver, Colo.

4926 Zink, Wilford J., from 1196 Holdom Ave., to 4607 Denison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

Resignation Accepted.

4657 Bridgeham, Jno. M., La Crosse, Wis.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918 at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

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L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.

Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

P. M. Wolsiffer, Phila., Pa., and

C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

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JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

The Three Cent Booklets.

By G. H. B.

The three cent booklet has made its appearance. As the Department feels that the increase in postage rates will curtail the demand for booklets the new emission is only being made up in the small size,—12 stamps, price 37c. The stamps are printed from the flat plates for the same reason, to wit: decreased demand will not necessitate using the rotary plates as originally intended.

The cover design adopted for the booklet just issued will not tend to further popularize the use of the handy little pocket editions of the three center. At first glance one is reminded of the old type 97c covers used back in 1910. The Post Office seal is replaced by the statue of Liberty, suggestive of the thrift stamp campaign but the color, while differing from the gray of the old ninety-seven center, is just as unhandsome. It constitutes a poor addition to the handsome and brilliantly printed designs now in use for the lower denominations. The inside covers contain the latest changes in postal rates but in most of the books I have seen a considerable portion of the text is left to the imagination. We may expect to see an improvement either in the ink used or the color.

Let us turn to a more interesting portion of the little volume. In the purple stamp we specialists will find relief. At last red and green will no longer monopolize the pages of our albums, and already a variation in shades prophisizes a fertile field in this direction. To make a long story short the new booklet is very much like those big shells we are sending toward Berlin—the interesting portion is all on the inside.

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PARTELLO, COL. JOSEPH M. T., retired.
PETERS, MAJOR DON PRESTON, M. D.
POLLARD, ROWLAND P., Co. I, 1st Vermont Infantry.
ROBB, WILLIAM, Masonic Ambulance Corps of Calif.
ROTH, JEROME R., Battery E., 20th F. A.
SHAW, GUTHRIE.
SHIRCLIFFE, LT. ARNOLD, 1st Ohio Infantry.
SLUSSER, ENGINEER WALTER F., Coast Artillery Corps.
STANGEBY, 1st LT. T. L., Dental R. C.
STARK, CAPT. ORA E., Q. M. C.
UNDERWOOD, CAPT. ARTHUR R., 64th Infantry.

URFF, CORP. PAUL J., Jr., Co. H., 306th Infantry.
VAWTER, SERG. WILLIAM S., Q. M. C.
WEINGART, 1st LT. WILLIAM, M. D.
WEISSHEIMER, CAPT. J. WARREN, 56th Infantry.
WETHERELL, D. E., Bat. F., 4th Field Artillery.
M. C.
*WHEAT, MAJOR A. F., M. D.
WHEATON, LT. COL. FRANCIS B., Q. M. C.
WOODHOUSE, 1st LT. S. W.
WORRILOW, COL. ULYSSES G., Infantry.

United States Navy.

FERGUSON, ENSIGN W. F., U. S. S. Indiana.
GREEN, DICK, 35th Co. Marine Corps.
HILEMAN, COMMANDER JOSEPH S.
*HOOGHKIRK, ROBERT C., Naval Reserves.
JUKES, ENSIGN E. W., Aide, 4th Naval District.
PUGSLEY, LT. FREDERIC N., M. D., Naval Reserve.
RYALL, GEORGE D., Co. d-6, Training Station.
THEAMANN, CHARLES M.
WIGGINS, JOSEPH G., Naval Reserve. G.

Reserve Officers' Training Camps.

CARPENTER, A. EVERLY, Student.
HUTCHINS, FERNALD, Student.

French Army.

CHASE, MAJOR CARROLL, M. D.
GIBSON, HENRY C.

British Army.

EVANS, MAJOR E. B., Royal Artillery.
GILBERT-LODGE, LT. E. M., Royal Engineers.
HERDMAN, SERGEANT MAJOR N., Seaforth Highlanders.
WURTELE, LT. COL. ERNEST F., Canadian Militia.

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

Iti s very gratifying to note the increased interest in our Red Cross Fund and the last report from our Treasurer under date of April 10th, is a list of seven additional contributions, one of these being an addition to a former one. Mr. C. F. Richards thus has the honor of having made two contributions to the Fund. Mr. William Lycett, in sending his subscription, brings up the thought that our members should feel this opportunity to help the Red Cross should not be allowed to pass. But only ten of our members have contributed. The number ought to be a hundred times ten. There is still time to get YOUR name on the list. See that it is there by sending any amount you wish to Mr. J. E. Scott, Treasurer, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich. Do it today, NOW, before you forget.

Contributions received.

Mr. T. D. Churchill, Portland, Me.	$2.00
Mr. G. P. Kettlewell, Calistoga, Calif.	.50
Mr. C. F. Richards, New York, N. Y., (additional)	2.00
Mr. Frank Clark Crosby, Boston, Mass.	5.00
Dr. H. A. Davis, Denver, Colo.	5.00
Mr. J. E. Scott, Detroit, Mich.	1.00
Mr. Wm. Lycett, Brooklyn, N. Y.	1.00
Previously acknowledged	10.40
Total	$26.90

The Fund closes May 15th, so if you want to contribute to this cause, there is no time to lose.

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, 1918.**

Applications Pending.

Arnold, Bruce Edw.
Bassler, John.
Carrow, Herbert P.
Cohn, P. H.
Livingston, P. A.
Mark, Andrew S.
McAndrews, Carl G.
Rockfellow, Geo. C.
Tomas, Dr. Salvador.
Underwood, Dale F.
Hudson, Paul R.
Josephson, L.
Kasper, Jno. P.
Sanborn, M. Ray.
Wacker, Harry.
Walker, Eric L.
Wood, Arthur C.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

3977 Clymer, Harvey M.
2634 Feuchtinger, John.
3808 Mulhall, Sydney M.
2032 Walsh, S. H.

Applications Posted.

Burzlaff, Emil, 304 N. Second St., Clinton, Ia.; Age 31; Printer; Anzeiger Printing Co.; Reference: A. J. Lubbers, Lubbers & Bell Mfg. Co., Clinton, Ia.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Capell, Preston, 915 W. Quartz St., Butte, Mont.; Age 16; Student; Guaranteed by C. J. Capell, 915 W. Quartz St., Butte, Mont.; Proposed by Henry Francis Parks, #4860.

Collinson, Frank, 791 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada; Age 36; Manager Parkers Dye Works, Toronto, Canada; Reference: The Royal Bank of Canada, Bloor & Yonge Sts.; Proposed by R. Clarkson, #4868.

Dewey, Lyman H., 304 9th Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.; Age 37; Lubricating Engineer, Standard Oil Co., of N. J.; Reference: Fisk Rubber Co., Commerce St., Roanoke, Va.; Proposed by Van Dyke MacBride, #3126.

Grahn, Henry V., 2011 N. 22 St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 26; Probation Officer Juvenile Div. Municipal Court; Reference: Wm. F. Leupold, A. P. S. #5035; Proposed by P. M. Wolsiefer, #38.

Hall, Harlan E., Rural Route, Cumberland, Ohio; Age 47; Lecturer and Farmer; Reference: Cumberland Savings Bank, Cumberland, Ohio; Proposed by Geo. W. Linn, #2452.

Livingstone, Alex. M., 629 Brooklyn St., Detroit, Mich.; Age 27; Machinist; Reference: Chas. L. Brisley, 845 E. Jefferson Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by J. E. Scott, #3916.

Rose, A. O., 143 Frances Ave., Pontiac, Mich.; Age 30; Inspector in Trunk Factory; Reference: J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich.; Proposed by Karl Koslowski, #3783.

Smith, C. N., 1658 4th St., Madison, Ill.; Age 50; Hardware Merchant; Reference: Tri City State Bank, Madison, Ill.; Proposed by Otto Arco, #4915.

New Stockholders.

5122 Cresson, Ezra T. Jr., 11 Amherst St., Swathmore, Pa.
5123 Delp, Francis K., Brunswick & Shadeland Aves., Lansdown, Pa.
5124 Graves, Hubert N., 247 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I.
5125 Guild, Chester Jr., 23 Temple St., Nashua, N. H.
5126 Knapp, Edw. S., 158 E. 64th St., New York City.
5127 Soulman, George, 5724 S. Park Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Deceased.

2739 Folte, G. J. O., 526 California St., San Francisco, Calif.

Change of Address.

2640 Cass, Leon V. from Great Bend, Pa. to Nicholson, Pa.

1672 Chambers, Robt. F., from 27 President Ave. to 104 Irving Ave., Providence, R. I.

4668 Higgins, Geo. E. from Toledo, O. to care of Ohio State Telephone Co., Canton, Ohio.

1913 Hunnewell, James M. from Vermont Bldg., to 340 Tremont Bldg., Boston, Mass.

4698 Preston, W. D. from 7404 Lexington Ave. to 10528 Wilbur Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

4811 Silvester, Rev. C. C. from Somerville, N. J. to Bala, Pa.

3968 Willcox, Harry T. from 249 Halsted St. to 224 Halsted St., East Orange, N. J.

Dropped for Non-Payment of Dues.

4927 Amick, Carl.
4164 Andrews, Jno. C.
2004 Baldwin, Mrs. C. A.
4519 Banfield, Elwood.
3171 Beatty, R. H.
4771 Bennett, M. W.
4794 Bowman, C. H.
1926 Boyden, A. L.
3938 Bressler, Victor.
1670 Brown, Clark W.
4015 Buckingham, C. H.
3539 Buckminster, I. H.
1780 Bultmann, Robt.
2759 Cady, W. G.
4976 Cassell, D. H.
2798 Chilson, Stanley G.
4940 Charters, Geo. M.
4616 Chitraro, H.
4327 Chittenden, J. B.
4301 Clarl, E. L.
4977 Clark, M. B.
4847 Clarke, Jno. Lee.
4797 Coddings, Howard W.
4707 Colman, S. E.
2215 Cook, Frederick S.
4357 Davis, Dr. W. W.
4547 DeCou, B. M.
4774 Dickey, K. McM.
1607 Doncyson, S. T. S.
4888 Doughty, J. K.
4124 Elmer, B.
1663 Elster, E. E.
3871 Evans, Thos. G.
3212 Flick, T. E.
4059 Fossett, Mary.
4449 Fox, Fredk. S.
4487 Freeman, Willis.
1087 Friend, F. H.
4773 Gardner, C. G.
3904 Geisenberger, L. R.
4901 Gifford, Geo. M.
4478 Gittelson, Dr. S. J.
4931 Goldammer, Hans G.
469 Gowing, Edward.
4932 Graves, Albro Newton.
4715 Greene, B. D. M.
4597 Greenough, F. L.
4272 Grimes, J. G. B.
2543 Halgin, R. J., Jr.
4285 Hammond, Geo. F.
4635 Hayden, E. W.
2365 Hepler, Jno. A.
4581 Herr, A. W.
4876 Herzfeld, Dr. H. S.
4286 Heyland, Henry.
4618 Higgs, Dr. C. J.
3795 Hill, Rev. Jno. C.
4803 Holloway, F. R.
4934 Huntington, Fredk. L.
5002 Hurley, F. H.
2074 Irvine, S. L.
2812 Jackson, Stedman.
4442 Johnson, Chas. H.
3430 Jones, H. A.
4935 Jordan, J. R.
4446 Kenny, R. W., Jr.
2218 Kidder, H. A.
4806 Kinnicutt, Dr. W. H.
2307 Lamscha, R. H.
5004 Leandro, J. R.
4277 Lent, E. P.
4845 Liebmann, Henry.
2743 Mervin, J. W.
4775 Masson, T. L.
4404 Means, Oscar E.
4007 Meyer, Hugo.

4219 Moseley, E. A.
3981 Nammack, C. H.
4769 Nash, G. E.
2254 Nevin, Chas. K. B.
4710 Newton, T. S.
4651 New York Stamp Society.
4585 Noack, M. O.
4955 Noble, N. Glen.
4770 Orbison, H. E.
4996 Orthal, A. J.
4923 Patchel, Richard.
4685 Pauline, Richard.
4730 Pflanz, H. R.
3262 Polk, W. C.
4881 Potter, W.
4780 Prager, Harry H.
4889 Pritchett, Karl.
3401 Richards, E. H.
4493 Richmond Stamp Club.
5007 Ritter, Karl.
4460 Root, H. F.
3569 Sachs, C. W.
4703 Sautter, A.
4509 Schafer, C. H.
4421 Schmidt, Geo. K.
4732 Scott, Jno. G.
1486 Semple, W. O.
4670 Schulz, W. S.
3712 Smith, Edw. E.
4605 Smith, Percy.
4316 Spalding, Dr. Fred M.
4093 Spathe, Chas. A.
3518 Stebbins, C. E.
4233 Steele, H.
4235 Stein, Alan N.
1643 Stewart, A. C.
2544 Stollenwerk, Rev. R.
4540 Tompson, Jno. W.
4855 Tragle, W. I.
4646 Triest, Montague.
4743 Tufts, Nathan.
3816 Turner, Rev. H. G.
5042 Voss, Louis.
3702 Webb, W. C.
5008 Webb, Mrs. W. C.
4553 Welch, J. W.
1484 Williams, Wilbert N.
3078 Windhurst, Wm. G.
4280 Nash, Monroe.

Membership Summary.

Membership February 15th, 1918		1654
New Stockholders		15
Reinstated		4
		1673
Resigned	1	
Deceased	6	132
Dropped for non-payment of dues	125	
Total membership April 15, 1918		1541

H. A. DAVIS,
Secretary.

A WORD ON RECRUITING.

Thru the death of our member Mr. Lloyd G. Snow, the Society has lost a valuable recruiting officer. We want a live wire to volunteer to fill the office of Rrecruiting Chairman. Please write the Secretary or President Scott. In the meantime we want one fourth of our members to send in one application each. Last year we dropped 131 members. This year the List numbers 125. Last year after the "clean up" we started anew with 1501 members April 15th. This year on April 15th we have an increase of 40 members, starting the clean slate with 1541 members. Not so bad considering the handicap we are working under. What a wonderful result if each member who has heretofore done no recruiting would promise himself "I'm going to furnish my Society with at least one new member before August 1st." Will you? Send for a supply of blanks and prospectuses.

THE SECRETARY.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society.

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such oth-

er business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918 at 10.30 o'clock in the morning and upon succeedings days until all business shall have been disposed of.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.

L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.

Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and

C. F. Hyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OUR REVIEW.

By THE EDITOR.

UNITED STATES PRECANCEL CATALOG, Part One, 1918. We have received a copy of the first part of what is to be a catalogue of all precanceled stamps issued in the United States, the book before us listing the stamps of a considerable number of cities, pricing the various items and giving their subvarieties. The cities and towns listed are:—San Francisco, Calif.; Denver, and Pueblo, Colo.; Ansonia, Bridgeport, Clintonville, Danbury, Derby, Lakeville, Meriden, Middletown, New Britain, New Haven, New London, Stamford, South Glastonbury, Waterbury, Conn.; Jacksonville and St. Augustine, Fla.; Aurora, Decatur, Chicago (1898 issue), and Elgin, Ill.; Attica, Ind.; Topeka and Wichita, Kansas; Marion, Ky.; Southbridge and Worcester, Mass.; Minneapolis, Minn.; Cincinnati, Ohio; Seattle, Wash.; and Charleston and Clarkesburg, W. Va. Precancel collectors will find the catalogue exceedingly useful and no doubt an excellent guide to the values of the various stamps. Price 25 cents. Published by B. Gordon Bushnell, 2646 Northwestern Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.

THE SOLDIER and HIS STAMPS. Junior Philatelic Society War Book No. 1, Edited by Fred J. Melville, published for the J. P. S. by Stanley Gibbons, Ltd. 391, Strand, W. C. 2, England. Price 6 pence, post free 7 pence.

In this little booklet, Mr. Melville makes a strong claim for stamp-collecting as "a gift beyond price" for the invalid soldier. It contains many interesting proofs of the absorbing fascination of the hobby written by soldiers themselves. There is also the Roll of Honor of the J. P. S., and a number of illustrations of its members who are serving the Allied Cause, and among them we find one of our own members, Dr. Carroll Chase, Medecin Aide-Major in the French Army.

LLOYD G. SNOW.

Lloyd G. Snow, Chairman of the Recruiting Committee of the A. P. S., died Thursday, March 14th, 1918, in West Philadelphia, Pa. Mr. Snow has been prominent in philatelic circles for some time. He was born in Cliftondale, Mass., in 1899. For several years he was engaged in newspaper work. He is survived by a wife and one child, to whom the Society and his many friends offer sincere expressions of sympathy.

GEORGE W. RICE.

In the death of George W. Rice, which occurred at his home, 310 Agnes Ave., Detroit, April 11th, Philately loses a devoted follower and the A. P. S. and the Detroit Philatelic Society a valued member. The immediate cause of his death was Bright's disease.

Mr. Rice was born Sept. 26th, 1852, at Oswego, N. Y., locating in Detroit ten years later. He was successfully connected with the Calvert Lithographing Co., Spitzley Company, building contractors, The Vinton Co., G. D. Mason, Architect, and last with A. C. Sisman Co., in the capacity of estimating engineer, which position he filled at the time of his death.

Besides being intensely interested in stamps, Mr. Rice had also collected coins, fractional currency and War Medals, his collection of the latter now being in the Detroit Museum of Arts.

Mr. Rice leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. H. J. Hoyt, of Cleveland, and Mrs. C. A. Hills, of Detroit. With his many friends the Society joins in offering these their deepest sympathy in this time of loss.

GUSTAVE J. O. FOLTE.

G. J. O. Folte died very suddenly at his home in San Francisco, on Thursday March 28th. He had been prominent in local philatelic circles for more than thirty-two years, being one of the oldest members of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3 of the A. P. S. and President of the P. S. S. at the time of his death. He was a keen student of stamps and the owner of a large and fine collection. Mr. Folte will be kindly remembered by any of our members who attended the San Francisco Convention in 1915, when, with other members of the local body, he was enthusiastic in his efforts to make that meeting a memorable one. In business circles Mr. Folte was well known, having been connected with the German Savings Bank for more than thirty years. He was 63 years of age and a widow and one son survive him.

In the death of Mr. Folte, the Society loses a valued member, and, with his friends and fellow collectors we mourn his passing from us.

INTERNATIONAL PRECANCEL CLUB.

Through the kindness of Dr. C. W. Hennen, Secy-Treas. of the I. P. C., we are able to present the result of the recent election. The officers are:—President, H. S. Dickey; Vice-Pres., Dr. John B. Newton; Secretary-Treasurer, Dr. C. W. Hennen, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Executive Committee, W. W. Norton, Gen. C. A. Coolidge and J. D. Hubel. After January 1st, the dues until the end of the fical year, April 30th, will be twenty-five cents. All members of the I. P. C. seving in the U. S. Army, U. S. Navy, Rerserve Corps or in active service of any kind with the United States or Allies, shall be exempted from payment of dues during the length of such service. The Sales Manager and SecretaryTreasurer are to be elected for a term of three years.

Collectors who are interested in precanceled stamps and desirous of joining the I. P. C. can obtain full particulars from Dr. Hennen.

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EXCHANGES—We will be pleased to exchange three copies with all philatelic publications upon receipt of request to do so. Kindly send one copy to Mr. Adam E. Daum, Assistant Librarian, 421 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., one copy to the Chairman of the Philatelic Literature Committee, W. R. Ricketts, 1577 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, (Wilkes-Barre) Pa., and one copy to the Editor.

EDITORIAL.

SURFACE PRINTED STAMPS. For the first time in the production of our stamps a method other than line engraving has been used. During the latter part of March there was placed on sale a supply of three cent stamps printed by the offset method, by which the impressions are taken from a zinc plate onto a rubber blanket, from which latter they are transferred to the stamp paper. The design is practically identical with the engraved stamps, but they can be distinguished by their appearance, presenting a perfectly flat surface, the lines of printing not being raised as they are on the engraved stamps. At this writing we have no information as to whether the remainder of the series will be printed in this manner, or if it is only a method which will be used to increase the production of those values which are in most common use.

RECRUITING WORK. Secretary Davis has distributed among the dealers and philatelic societies a novel, and what should prove a very effective, piece of recruiting "literature" in the form of an attractive calendar for the present year. This is of a convenient size for wall use and bears illustration of the seal of the Society with the wording "Join the American Philatelic Society—oldest and best national organization."

MEMBERSHIP FIGURES. In this issue is printed the report of the Secretary showing the list of delinquent members and after the deduction is made it will be seen that the Society is stronger numerically than it was this time a year ago. When we consider that this result has been accomplished during a time when our thoughts have naturally been directed into other and more serious channels, and while our Country and our People are engaged in a war that shall have such wide bearing on the rights of all peoples to live at peace and enjoy the fruits of brotherly relations with each other, we must recognize in Philately a wonderful charm and as offering a field of thought and diversion to which we

can turn for rest in times that "try men's souls." The progress of the Society, while very slow during the past several years, still shows a satisfactory growth, when the many changes that have necessarily been made and obstacles overcome have all been given full consideration.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH 1918.

Stock Fund.			
Balance		$4832.66	
Receipts		7.00	$4839.66
General Fund.			
Balance		1966.93	
Receipts	96.70		
Disbursements	111.07	14.37	$1952.56
Insurance Fund.			
Balance			$1979.25
Exchange Acc't.			
Balance		$3.30	
Receipts		.25	$ 3.55
Suspense Acc't.			
Balance		$33.10	
Receipts		1.80	$ 34.90
			$8809.92
American Philatelist Acc't.			
Debit Balance		$1284.70	
Receipts	$77.15		
Disbursements	304.28	227.13	$1511.83
			$7298.09
Resources			
Bonds			$5489.34
Cash			1808.75
			$7298.09

J. E. SCOTT,
Treasurer.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 3.

The 342nd regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society Branch No. 3, was held at the Club Rooms, 235 Montgomery St., March 20th. President Folte called the meeting to order at 8.15 P. M., the Secretary and twelve members being present. Reports from various committees read and approved. The Librarian reported the purchase of several bound volumes of philatelic works for the library, also a gift from Mr. Timothy Hopkins of a large and valuable lot of various old philatelic books and several files of stamp journals. The Society library is rapidly approaching the size it was in 1906 when the old library, one of the best in the country was totally destroyed during the memorable disaster of that year. Mr. Chas. Hackmeier was elected to membership and the application of Mr. H. Muller was posted.

After the business meeting, Mr. Folte displayed his fine U. S. collection, a very complete lot, containing amongst

other good things, a pair of the rare 5 Cent 1847, Van Dyke brown, on cover, pairs of the 1851 imperforate issues, all issues; about 50 copies of the 10 cents of this issue, including a superb copy of the rare outer line recut, a fine lot of old U. S. on the original covers, including a number of the 1869 issue and a lot of covers showing U. S. stamps with extra-territorial postmarks used in the various U. S. agencies in China, Japan, and other parts of the world. It was explained to the members that these extra-territorial postmarks on the old issues of our country constitute a most interesting, but sadly neglected, branch for the U. S. specialist, their interest being long recognized by European collectors, particularly by British collectors, who seek the long list of stamps of Great Britain used abroad. To the real philatelist they should certainly appeal a great deal more than the collection of the endless number and easily procured varieties of shades, perforations and watermarks which have been issued during the last fifteen years. A probably unique piece shown by Mr. Folte was a block of forty used one dollar ultramarine Postal Savings Stamps.

Mr. Dillingham showed some gems of Brunswick and Hanover from his fine collection of old Europeans.

The Entertainment Committee has drawn up a very attractive program for the year and collectors in San Francisco and vicinity are cordially invited to attend any of the regular meetings of Branch No. 3. The Pacific Philatelic Society has been in existence since its organization in 1884 and is one of the oldest stamp societies in America or the world.

Meeting adjourned at 10.15 p. m.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

The 343rd regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, was held April 17th, 1918, in their room, 333 Russ Bldg., 235 Montgomery St. It was called to order by President Phillips at 8.30 P. M. In addition to the Secretary there were eight members present. A card of thanks from Mrs. G. J. O. Folte for its floral piece in memory of her deceased husband was read, also one from the SanFrancisco Stamp Society expressing sympathy in the loss of our President.

Mr. A. H. Muller, Secretary of the German Savings Society, was regularly elected a member of the Society.

Mr. Phillips displayed three blocks of different shades of the current Three Cent U. S. stamps and called attention to the thickness of paper in a block of One Cent Stamps and the three cent stamps. He also exhibited some holders for entire covers. He further offered a prize of $2 for the best idea as to mounting stamps without hinges, provided three or more competed.

Mr. Doscher exhibited a Western Frank in the shape of an express cover on a Two Cent envelope, cancelled. Mr. Blackwell offered to display his stamps from M to Z at the next meeting.

Messrs. Blackwell and O'Shaughnessy were appointed a committee on Folte memorial.

Adjourned at 9.20 P. M.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Regular meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club held March 7, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McLaren at 8.15 with the following members present: Zink, Moses, Preston, Lloyd, Tubman, Hilterman, Young, Larsen, Lewis, Weigel, Whittaker, Geuder, Butts, Waldorf, Jaeckel, McLaren, Mader. Visitors Messrs. Bruce, Roney and Vorce. Messrs. E. M. Brown, Wallace Hardie and Douglas Sharpe were admitted as members of the club.

A letter received from the Secretary of the A. P. S. accepting the invitation extended by the C. P. S. C. for the 1918

convention was read and received with great applause.

Mr. Moses made a plea for more books for the sales circuit and asked the members to keep the books moving.

Mr. Good reported as to the details of the 28th anniversary meeting.

An auction was held which netted the club $1.81.

Meeting adjourned at 10.45.

CARL W. MADER,
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Meeting of the Garfield Perry Stamp Club held March 21, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Pres. McLaren at 8.15 with the following members responding to the roll call: Lloyd, Chamberlin, McLaren, Good, Preston, Tubman, Zink, Oettinger, Barnum, Hilterman, Young, Northrop, Jaeckel, Butts, and Mader, visitors Messrs. Runge and Roney.

The minutes of the previous meeting were accepted as read. Mr. Chas. Vorce was accepted as a member of the club.

A vote of thanks was extended to Mr. Good for his donation to the club of the picture he christened "Philatelia".

A motion was made and carried that the same committee of arrangements for the 1918 Convention appointed by the Am. Philatelic Soc. act in the same capacity for the G. P. S. C. the committee is made up of the following members, Mr. Good, Chairman Messrs. Tubman, Rust, Barnum, McLaren.

Messrs. Hilterman and Mader were appointed as an entertainment committee for the first meeting in April.

A contest of foreign money values occuring in philately was won by Mr. Runge.

Motion was made and carried that the Junior club meeting be held on the second and fourth Fridays of each month the first meeting to be held on April 12th.

Meeting adjourned at 10 P. M.

CARL W. MADDER,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 46.

Cincinatti Philatelic Society.

Spirited voting marked the annual election of the Cincinnati Philatelic Society Tuesday evening April 9th. The local organization is a branch of the American Philatelic Society and has become one of the most influential if its branches, a number of the most prominent people of the city being members.

In the contest exhibition of stamps the first prize was won by Prof. Lauder Jones who showed a fine collection of Danish West Indies, the second prize going to Walter J. Ossege, who had on exhibition a beautiful collection of Dutch West Indies.

The following Officers for the year 1918 were elected at this Meeting:

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U. S. ARROWS AND GUIDE LINES.

By JOHN J. SPENCER, A. P. S. 50.

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the head of the corner." Philatelically applying to the rejected and despised "straight edge" of our United States Stamps, more particularly to the specimens which show either the arrow or colored guide lines.

For many years these varieties were overlooked and neglected to be finally recognized or discovered, seemingly about the same time, by a few widely separated collectors and are now about taking their place as a specialized branch of undoubted merit. A branch of philately offering a field rich with treasure for the collector as, with but few exceptions, every stamp issued from 1869 to the present time furnishes from four to sixteen well defined varieties. Believing this field should be more generally known and cultivated by present day philatelists, it will be the writers endeavor to present to the uninitiated the result of his experience and findings as gathered from historical facts and a review of a far from complete collection.

It is the intention of this article to treat only of varieties bearing the character on the margin of the separated individual stamp. Prior to the issue of the stamps of 1869 series, the arrow or trident had been but little used by the engraver when preparing the stamp plates, but with the appearance of this series the arrow came into general use

and it is with this issue that our subject naturally opens.

Beginning with the series of 1869 the arrow as a guide has been generally engraved on plates of stamps, the printed sheets of which were to be cut into smaller, more convenient sizes, before issuing for sale, no arrows were engraved on the smaller plates, the printed sheets of which required no division later. During this issue and for several years following, stamp plates were mostly composed of 200 and 300 subjects, the printed sheets from which were divided into panes of 100 and 150 stamps respectively, by cutting vertically thru the marginal arrows, giving the unperforated straight edge sides. The vertical arrows from these plates will be found at either the top or bottom of the straight unperforated side of the stamp.

Later, when the larger plates bearing 400 subjects were prepared, the division into sheets of 100 was made by cutting thru both the vertical and horizontal arrows, giving unperforated straight edge tops or bottoms and sides. The vertical arrows from these plates will be found on stamps having straight edge sides and the horizontal arrows on stamps having either the straight edge top or bottom.

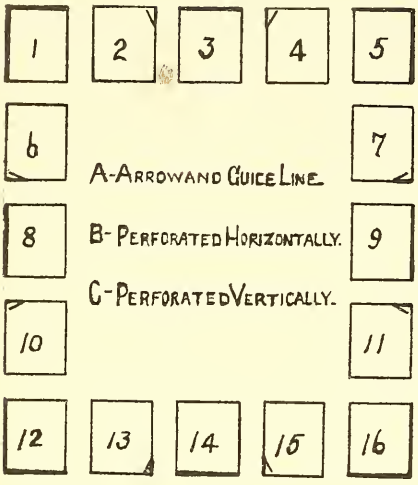
Beginning with 1869, arrows were alone used as guides on sheets of stamps issued during and thru the period while furnished by the various bank note companies, and for a short time prior to December 4, 1895, after the Bureau of Engraving and Printing took over the printing contract. The arrow was usually so located on the plate that the point projected inside the perforated sheet and was just in alignment with the edge of the outer row of stamps. When the sheets were properly divided, a half arrow would appear on a corner of each of the two adjacent stamps. More often this division was hastily performed with the result that the larger portion of an arrow is found upon one stamp and but a fragment was left to adorn the stamp adjacent.

Sheets printed from plates prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, after December 5, 1895, and until the appearance of the Panama-American series, bore the usual marginal arrow in the same relative location as formerly, but now connected by a guide line entirely thru the sheet of stamps. When the sheets were properly divided, a half arrow with attached guide line would appear on a side, or top or bottom of each of the two adjacent stamps, but here again the work was more often hastily performed with the result that the cut came on one side or the other of the guide line and one pane would show the colored guide and the arrow, while its companion would show barely a trace, if any at all. After the cutting of the sheet, where the vertical and horizontal guide line fell upon the same pane, one marginal stamp would be found inclosed on two sides by this colored angle, giving what is known as a "corner stamp" the rarest of the guide line varieties.

With the preparation of the Panama Pacific series, both arrows and connecting guide lines were used, but the position of the arrow was so changed that the arrow point now fell entirely without the finished perforated sheet of stamps. When the sheets are properly divided and perforated the arrow is entirely removed from the stamps with the marginal paper and only guide line varieties remain. No arrow should be found on the normal single stamp after this period.

A study of these arrows and guide lines as they finally appear on the individual stamp naturally groups them in three general divisions, viz.—First, arrows alone. Second, arrow and guide line together. Third, guide line only. These divisions may be combined and the varieties listed for ready reference and identification under 16 descriptions. The following diagram well illustrates these varieties and the num-

bers are used as a future standard for reference.



1869. Stamps of this series, 1c to 12c inclusive, were printed from plates of 300 subjects, with an arrow on the margin at the top and bottom center of the sheet, thru which the sheet was cut, dividing it into two panes of 150 stamps each and all vertical arrows will be found on these unperforated sides; two arrows were also engraved on each side of the full sheet between each five horizontal rows of stamps. The pane or sheet of stamps was not cut, but only perforated thru these horizontal arrows, the arrows having been placed here to later serve as a guide for the post-office clerk in making smaller divisions of the sheet of stamps. All horizontal arrows will therefore be found in the corner at the top or bottom of a full perforated stamp. As the perforating of this series was very poorly done, most arrow specimens will be found bearing a major portion of, if not the whole arrow, instead of a half arrow as in later issues when the perforating was done more accurately.

This series gives us eight varieties, #2, 4, 6b, 7b, 10b, 11b, 13 and 15. No arrows occur on values above the 12c, as these stamps were all printed from small plates, the sheets of which were not divided but supplied to post-offices for sale as they came from the printer.

1870. Beginning with the series of 1870 and running thru the printing of the various contractors up to the appearance of the issue of 1890 we have a very simple arrangement of the arrow varieties in the postage, official and due stamps inclusive. Plates were made up of 200 subjects with a marginal arrow at the top and bottom center only, dividing the sheet when cut thru these arrows into two panes of 100 stamps each. If the dividing of the sheet were made exactly in the center of the arrow, each pane would show a half arrow at the top and bottom along the straight edge side, on the right of one and the left of the other, giving varieties #2, 4, 13 and 15. Theoretically this would give us one arrow stamp for each 50 stamps issued, but owing to the notoriously faulty division of the sheets the average has been found to not exceed one to each one hundred. It will be noticed that the stamps printed from the later plates of the American Company show arrows with much elongated points, some extending considerably inside the stamp alignment.

1890-93. The series of 1890-93 introduces a more complicated assortment of varieties, in that the plates for the 1c and most of the 2c values were composed of 400 subjects each, while the remaining values were still produced from plates of 200 subjects. Sheets produced from the 200 subject plates still bore the arrows in the same location and were divided vertically into two panes of 100 stamps each, producing the four varieties 2, 4, 13 and 15. Sheets produced from the plates of 400 bore a marginal vertical arrow between the center stamps at the top and bottom of the sheet, also a horizontal arrow midway on each of the sides. The sheets were cut vertically thru the top and bottom arrow and horizontally thru the side arrows, dividing the sheet into four equal panes

of 100 stamps producing four vertical and four horizontal arrow varieties, viz., Nos. 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15, all to be found on the unperforated straight edges.

1893. The stamps of the Columbian issue were printed from plates of 200 subjects bearing a horizontal arrow midway on each side and these printed sheets were divided into panes of 100 stamps by cutting horizontally thru the arrows yielding four varieties, Nos. 6, 7, 10 and 11, all to be found on the unperforated top or bottom of the stamp.

1894. In 1894 the contract for the printing of the U. S. stamps was taken over by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing, giving us an increased number of arrow varieties. All sheets of the 1c, 2c and 10c stamps were produced from plates of 400 subjects having the top, bottom and two side marginal arrows and when divided into four panes of 100 stamps gave the eight varieties, 2, 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 13 and 15. The first four plates prepared for each the 3c, 4c and 5c values had 400 stamps each and all subsequent plates had but 200 stamps each. As all plates of both 200 and 400 subjects bore the vertical arrows and only the 400 subject plates produced the horizontal arrows, it will be found that the horizontal arrows are much less plentiful than are the vertical arrows of these three values. All other denominations above the 5c value were printed from plates of 200 subjects and yield but the four varieties, 2, 4, 13 and 15.

This series also complicates the situation by presenting two well defined varieties of arrows in all the denominations. One variety being composed of thick, heavy lines and the other, seemingly the more plentiful, of much finer, hair-like lines. Of the 2c value, arrow varieties of all three triangles are to be found, those of triangle I however greatly predominating.

1895. None of the plates under discussion made prior to Dec. 4, 1895 contained other guide lines than the marginal arrows or tridents. All plates of stamps prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing since Dec. 4, 1895 bear both a vertical and horizontal guide line terminating with the usual arrows on the margin of the sheet and crossing each other at right angles in the center of the sheet, dividing it into four equal parts.

In the case of plates containing 400 subjects, the sheets were divided into four panes of 100 stamps by cutting along these guide lines, leaving unperforated edges on two sides of the new sheet, consequently all stamps from these sheets bearing guide lines will be found with the guide line on the unperforated edge. If the guide line were heavy and the cutting into sheets accurately done, each new sheet of 100 stamps would show the colored guide line along each of the two unperforated edges and the two unperforated corner stamps of each sheet would have two colored sides at right angles (the "corner" stamp).

The original sheet of 400 thus possibly producing all 16 varieties, 1, 2a, 3, 4a, 5, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 13a, 14, 15a and 16. However as the guide lines were generally fine and the cutting into sheets none too carefully done, usually but half of the sheets will be found to show the guide line after the division and but one stamp of the four from the center of the plate will show the right angle guide line or "corner" stamp. The probabilities then are that while the original sheet of 400 subjects will produce 16 vertical and 16 horizontal plain guide line stamps, two vertical and two horizontal arrow guide line stamps with one "corner" or right angle guide line stamp, there may be but 7 of the 16 varieties recovered from any one sheet.

Sheets of stamps from plates of 200 subjects were cut along the vertical guide only, into panes of 100 stamps, while the horizontal guide line was simply perforated with the balance of

the sheet. The horizontal arrow and guide line being placed there merely as a guide for later division. Stamps from these sheets will be found having the vertical guide line along the unperforated side, the horizontal guide line along the perforated top or bottom and the four center stamps of the plate will show an unperforated guide line side with a perforated guide line top or bottom. The original sheet of 200 stamps, thus possibly producing the sixteen varieties 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6ab, 7ab, 8, 9, 10ab, 11ab, 12b, 13a, 14b, 15a, 16b.

The 1c, 2c and 10c green stamps of 1895 printed from plates engraved after Dec. 4, were in sheets of 400 yielding the sixteen varieties 1, 2a, 3, 4a, 5, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 13a, 14, 15a and 16.

The brown 10c stamp of 1898 appearing in two types, presents the one complication of the series and the greatest number of varieties. Type 1 was printed from plates of 400 subjects and produced the sixteen varieties just noted above. Type 1 was soon followed by type 2 which was printed from plates of 400 subjects up to April 1900, after which it was issued from plates of 200 thus yielding both unperforated and perforated top and bottom guide line specimens, giving twenty-two varieties of type 2, viz.: 1, 1b, 2a, 3, 3b, 4a, 5, 5b, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12, 12b, 13a, 14, 14b, 15a, 16, 16b or a grand total of 38 varieties of the 10c brown.

All the other values of this issue printed from plates prepared after Dec. 4, 1895, were in sheets of 200 subjects showing both guide lines and divided thru the vertical guide line into two panes, yielding the eight guide line varieties, 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b. In preparing the plates for this issue the arrows were engraved at the ends of both vertical and horizontal lines. The vertical arrows were still engraved so that the points projected in the perforated sheet in alignment with the outer row of stamps and gave the four top and bottom arrow varieties 2a, 4a, 13a and 15a for each value.

In the case of the horizontal arrows the plates for all values do not seem to have been prepared alike, only the 5c and 8c values showing the varieties 6ab, 7ab, 10ab and 11ab. The other values 3c, 4c, 6c, 10c brown type 2 from 200 plate, 15c, 50c and $1.00 seem devoid of these varieties, the arrow having been engraved farther back and being removed with the perforated marginal paper.

The first stamp books were issued in 1900 and panes bearing a horizontal perforated guide line between the first and second row of stamps appeared. These books were of the 2c denomination only and the single book stamp bearing a horizontal guide line can be distinguished from the regular issue by the perforation on the guide line of the book stamp.

1898. The stamps of the Trans-Miss. (Omaha) series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines, the sheets being cut vertically on the guide line into two panes of 100 stamps each, resulting in 16 varieties of each value, 1b, 2a, 3b, 4a, 5b, 6a, 7a, 8, 9, 10a, 11a, 12b, 13a, 14b, 15a, 16b.

1901. The stamps of the Pan-American series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines, the sheets being cut horizontally on the guide line into two panes of 100 each. The horizontal guide line will be found on the unperforated top or bottom, while the vertical guide line will be found on the perforated side. No arrows are found on the stamps of this and succeeding series, for while the arrows appear at the ends of the guide lines on the full sheets of stamps, they have been so engraved that the point of the arrow falls outside the perforation and is removed with the perforated marginal paper. This series therefore yields but eight varieties for each value, viz.: Nos. 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c.

1902. In this series the stamps of the denominations 1c to 13c inclusive were printed from plates of 400 subjects, showing both horizontal and vertical guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting on these guide lines into four panes of 100 stamps each. The arrow specimens being now eliminated we have but eight varieties for each value, 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16 The 15c stamp of this series appeared in sheets printed from both 400 and 200 subject plates, as a result we find the guide line on the top or bottom both in perforated and unperforated condition giving us fourteen varieties of this value: 1, 1b, 3, 3b, 5, 5b, 8, 9, 12, 12b, 14, 14b, 16, 16b. The 50c and dollar values of this series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, showing both guide lines and divided thru the vertical guide line into two panes of 100 each, yielding eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b and 16b.

Both the 1c and 2c stamps of this issue appeared in book form and the single guide line book stamps are readily distinguished from the regular issue by the perforation on the horizontal guide line of the book stamp.

1904. The stamps of the Louisiana Purchase (St. Louis) series were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were cut vertically thru the center on the guide line into two panes of 100 stamps each, yielding right and left unperforated vertical guide line varieties and perforated horizontal guide line varieties. No arrows are to be found on the single stamps of this issue and we thus have but eight varieties of each value, 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

1907. The series of stamps issued to celebrate the Jamestown Exhibition were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having both vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets of this series, like the Pan-American, were cut horizontally thru the center on the guide line, into two panes of 100 stamps each, producing unperforated horizontal guide line varieties and perforated vertical guide line varieties. As no arrows are to be found on the single stamps we again have but eight varieties of each value, 1c, 3, 5c, 8c, 9c, 12c, 14, 16c.

1908-1910. The stamps of these two issues, with the exception of the 50c and $1.00 values, were all printed from plates of 400 subjects, with vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting on these guide lines into four panes of 100 stamps each. All guide line varieties thus being on unperforated edges, yielding eight varieties of each value, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The 50c and $1.00 values were printed from plates of 200 subjects with vertical and horizontal guide lines. The sheets were divided by cutting vertically thru the center on the guide line into panes of 100 stamps producing unperforated vertical guide line varieties and perforated horizontal guide line varieties, or eight varieties for each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

The early 1c and 2c stamp books of the 1908 issue present some panes bearing a perforated horizontal guide line between the first and second row of stamps and the single guide line book stamp is readily distinguished by this perforation on the guide line. Later booklets when bearing a horizontal guide line show it on the lower edge of the pane and the single guide line book stamp is distinguished from the regular issue by the nearness of the guide line to the bottom of the engraving.

1912. The guide line varieties of the stamps of the regular series of 1912 only differ from those of 1908-1910 in that the 50c value was printed from plates of both 200 and 400 subjects giving us fourteen varieties of this value: 1, 1b, 3, 3b, 5, 5b, 8, 9, 12, 12b, 14, 14b, 16, 16b.

1914-1916-1917. The stamps of these three issues, with the exception of the dollar values, were printed like their predecessors from plates of 400 subjects and divided in the same manner, yielding eight varieties for each value, Nos. 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16. The dollar values were printed from plates of 200 subjects with vertical and horizontal guide lines and after division thru the vertical guide line produced eight varieties of each value, 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

The Lincoln commemorative stamp was printed from 400 subject plates. The Alaska, Yukon and Panama-Pacific were each from 280 subject plates, while the Hudson-Fulton was from 240 subject plates. Each of these commemoratives were printed with both vertical and horizontal guide lines, and the sheets of all were divided into four panes each by cutting along both guide lines. All guide line varieties were thus produced to appear with unperforated edges, yielding eight varieties of each value: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The Parcel Post stamps of 1912 were printed from plates of 180 subjects, having both horizontal and vertical guide lines. The sheets of all values were divided into four panes of 45 stamps each, by cutting along both guide lines producing the eight guide line varieties: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

Of the Postal Savings stamps of 1911, the 1c, 2c and 10c values were printed from plates of 400 subjects having the two rectangular guide lines and the sheets were divided into four panes each, by cutting along both guide liines, thus yielding eight varieties of each value: 1, 3, 5, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16.

The 50c and $1.00 values were printed from plates of 200 subjects, having the two guide lines and the sheets were divided into two panes of 100 stamps each, by cutting along the vertical guide line, producing eight varieties of each value: 1b, 3b, 5b, 8, 9, 12b, 14b, 16b.

Official, Due and Special Delivery stamps issued in connection with the different series of postage stamps, bear the same characteristic arrows and guide lines as do the stamps to which they are related.

Coil stamps bearing guide lines are to be distinguished from the regular issue guide line stamps, by the two parallel unperforated edges characterizing all normal coil stamps.

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

Four more names to be added to our list with this issue, bringing the total amount of subscriptions to $32.40. It should have been many times this figure, but undoubtedly many have been giving their support through other ways and have been buying Liberty Bonds to prevent another kind of bondage for the world, so with the closing of the List on May 15th, we can only express our sincere thanks to those who have subscribed, knowing that even our "bit" will help a little.

Subscriptions Received.

Mr. John F. Tener, Jr., Vancouver, B. C.	$1.00
Mr. J. W. Stowell, Federalsburg, Maryland	1.00
Mr. Louis Gundelfinger, Fresno, Calif.	2.00
Mr. Ross O'Shaughnessy, San Francisco, Calif.	1.50
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CONVENTION NOTES.



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Rates at the Hotel are $2.00 and up, with plenty of rooms at the lower prices.

The Manager, Mr. Thos. P. Cagwin, was for years Manager of the Convention Board of The Cleveland Chamber of Commerce, and his experience with conventions especially fits him for the service he will undoubtedly give our members.

W. W. MacLAREN.

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EDITORIAL.

AUCTIONS AND PRICES. Mr. H. J. Larsen, A. P. S. 4145, writes us concerning pricing of auction catalogues, his letter reading:

"On receiving Auction Catalogue, I notice a number of stamps without list price given, making it difficult to bid intelligently. I believe it would be a good plan to have the list price shown on all stamps sold at Auction. I always found that whenever I would buy anything from a dealer, he would give me a price on it without fail.

"Some time ago there were some lots offered at Auction and I wanted them, but did not send in my bid, having no idea what price I should offer. While I thought $5.00 was a good price, they sold for $2.25. Then there was another lot where my bid would be $3.00 and they were sold for $1.30. If a man could attend the sale himself, it would of course be much easier to get in the right bid. Now, if my bid would be the only bid, I would get it for my price, $2.75 more than the other bidder, and in the other case $1.70 more.

"For this reason I am writing simply as a matter of suggestion along this line."

Every one of us know that for certain stamps, and especially varieties sought after by the specialist, the catalogue value is not a true guide to their market value. It is well known that many stamps can be bought for a fraction of their catalogue valuation, while others, bring prices equal to, and in many instances, even higher than the price set upon them by any catalogue. This is often the case when certain stamps are being highly specialized and again when the offering is in the nature of an unusual combination, such as early imperforate blocks, special cancellations, stamps on original covers, and the many other forms which are to many collectors highly desirable and readily make the stamps of greater value than the catalogue price.

Our correspondent is not specific in his remarks and we can only generalize on the subject. Practically every dealer is aware of the various conditions which may make a stamp priced at a dollar worth considerably more and to place the catalogue valuation would, in his eyes, lessen the chances of that particular lot bringing a price in keeping with that which collectors who are interested in the stamp or stamps may be willing to give. To such collectors, the catalogue price is lost sight of, and they see the stamp, not as the variety

priced in the catalogue, but as the one which they possibly wish to show some of its forms or uses.

Again, an auction sale is really a question of what one individual is willing to pay for a certain stamp or lot. This may be more or less than some one else would pay for the same offering. Where only one bid would be received on a certain item, we suppose that bid would be accepted, in the ordinary course of business, and there would be no way by which to adjust the price which competitive bidding might establish. But it is our understanding that in the event of two or more bids being received on the same stamp or lot, the highest bidder is awarded the item at a price slightly higher than the next lowest. This refers, of course, to mail bids. It is the custom to suppose that the prices named by a bidder are the highest which he is willing to pay for the stamps or lots upon which he enters a bid.

The Standard Catalogue prices practically every regular stamp, and this value is used in the majority of cases in listing the various items in an auction catalogue. Many dealers make it a practice to give other catalogue valuations for varieties, when such are not priced in the Standard Catalogue, or when there is a marked variation in the pricing in the several catalogues. The question of prices established by private sale and by auction however, offer no real basis of comparison, inasmuch as the former is set by the seller and the latter by the buyer.

OUR REVIEW.

COLLECTORS' DIGEST. Annual (1917) Edition. Vol. 1 No. 1, of this publication, bearing date of January-February, 1918, has been received, and bears out in a very creditable manner the advance notices. The number before us is very interesting, including a short review of American philatelic journals; a very comprehensive philatelic Index, under a number of sub-divisions; short sketches of a number of American collectors; a list of stamp societies and local clubs in the United States and a directory of the stamp trade. A supplement containing a list of those reported on account of unsatisfactory dealings is included with this number. To be published bi-monthly by the Index Service Co., Station G., Buffalo, N. Y., A. H. Pike, Manager and Editor. Subscription: Annual (1917) Edition, 25 cents; yearly 50 cents. If the future issues of the C. D. keep up the standard set by the initial number, we feel sure that it will be very welcome to stamp collectors, especially those who take any interest in the literature side of the hobby, although it should be of service to all others who care to have a handy reference for locating articles on various subjects.

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. 17. May 1, 1918.

Applications Pending.

Hudson, Paul R.
Josephson, L.
Kasper, Jno. P.
Sanborn, M. Ray
Wacker, Harry
Walker, Eric L.
Wood, Arthur C.
Burzlaff, Emil
Capell, Preston
Collinson, Frank
Dewey, Lyman H.
Grahn, Henry V.
Hall, Harlan E.
Livingstone, Alex. M.
Rose, A. O.
Smith, C. N.

Applications Pending for Reinstatement.

3977 Clymer, Harvey M.
2634 Feuchtinger, Jno.
3808 Mulhall, Sydney M.

Applications Posted.

Blaisdell, J. Harper, 45 Bay State Road, Boston, Mass.; Age 33; Physician; Reference: B. L. Drew & Co., Boston, Mass.; Proposed by Daniel F. Kelleher, #4321.

Coons, M. R., Patterson, La.; Age 16; Student; Guaranteed by O. A. Coons, Parent, Patterson, La.; Reference: Union Bank, Patterson, La.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Kendrick, Ashley W., 19 Marion Place, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Age 28; Secy.-Treas., Willis Jason Kendrick, Inc.; Reference: Saratoga National Bank, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Walton, J. Clarence, 96 Worth Ave., Wakefield, Mass.; Age 64; Accountant; Reference: P. G. Beals, 170 Tremont St., Boston, Mass.; Proposed by W. L. Aldrich, #971.

Wing, Ching Sit, care Samuel Samuel & Co., Lmtd., Taipeh, (Taihoku), N. Formosa; Age 30; Bookkeeper and Cashier; Reference: Ki Chun, 10 Treacher St., Ipon, Perak, Fed. Malay States; Proposed by W. F. Van Malder, #2222.

New Stockholders.

5128 Arnold, Bruce Edw., 400 W. 118th St., New York City.

5129 Bassler, John, 417 Dickinson St., Madison, Wis.

5130 Carrow, Herbert P., care Hayes Mfg. Co., Detroit, Mich.

5131 Cohn, P. H., Box 435, Creede, Colo.

5132 Livingston, P. A., Box 943, Narberth, Pa.

5133 Mark, Andrew S., 431 S. McKinley Ave., Canton, Ohio.

5134 McAndrews, Carl G., Box 876, Charleston, W. Va.

5135 Rockfellow, Geo. C., 508 Watchung Ave., Plainfield, N. J.

5136 Tomas, Dr. Salvador, Box 206, Vedado, Havana, Cuba.

5137 Underwood, Dale F., 224 Pasadena Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

Reinstated.

2032 Walsh, S. H., 203 Walnut Place, Philadelphia, Pa.

Replaced on Roll.

3171 Beatty, R. H., 10716 Fairchild Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

4616 Chitraro, H., 500 W. 123 St., New York City.

4059 Fossett, Mary, Astoria, Ore.

2254 Nevin, Chas. K. B., 6 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

1643 Stewart, A. C., Toledo, Ohio.

2544 Stollenwerk, Rev. R., Liebenthal, Kans.

3078 Windhurst, Wm. G., 154 S. Main St., Marion, Ohio.

Resignations Accepted.

797 Rood, P. E., Toledo, Ohio.

2852 Kinnell, Rev. A., Berkeley, Calif.

2887 Bruyn de Kops, W., Charleston, S. C.

5014 Lehman, Howard, New York City.

Expelled.

4771 Bennett, Matthew W., Buffalo, N. Y.

4841 Smith, C. W., Chicago, Ill.

Deceased.

2429 Archibald, L. B., 71 Queen St., Truro, N. S., Canada.

3495 Rice, Geo. W., 310 Agnes Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Change of Address.

125 Brack, Geo. M., from 953 Hague Ave. to 1911 Selby Ave., St. Paul, Minn.

66 Kilbon, Rev. Jno. Luther, from Springfield, Mass. to 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.

3387 Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch #3, E. M. Bransford, Secy., from 301 California St., to 341 20th St., San Francisco, Calif.

5073 Rose, Dr. Homer D., from Groveland, Calif. to Sonora, Calif.

Membership Summary.

Membership April 15, 1918		1541
New Stockholders		10
Reinstated		1
Replaced on Roll		7
		1559
Resignations accepted	4	
Expelled	2	
Deceased	2	8
Total Membership May 1, 1918		1551

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

ANOTHER WORD ON RECRUITING.

We have only three months, May, June and July in which to make up the deficiency of 125 members dropped from our roll. Loyal A. P. S. members will or should see that the Secretary is sent at least 125 applications within the next quarter. Our "P. M." is doing fine work, he has already returned six to the fold. Are you trying? Are you working on some prospective members, collectors who should be members? Won't you send me their names and addresses and let me help you? Should our combined efforts succeed, I will be glad to give you the credit, and justly, for you will be presenting the prospect, digging him up as a mark for our guns.

The Secretary.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennen, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

I am indebted to Mr. Chas. Wilson for samples of the following Lincoln, Nebraska dues. These precancels appeared last winter. 5 types were used on the 3c postage due perforated 11. No. 1. Lincoln, Nebraska electrotype plate like regular type. No. 2. Lincoln, Nebraska, similar to the new roller type cancellation. No. 3. Lincoln, Nebraska Oval Office Killer. No. 4. A horizontal line drawn with a black grease pencil thru the center of the stamp. No. 5. A vertical line drawn with a black grease pencil thru the center of the stamp.

Niagara Falls, N. Y. is precancelling the entire set with blue ink. A broken L in Falls gives a distinct variety as it appears FAILS.

Boston, Mass. precancelled the 30c perforated 10 similar to Universal Type 8. A light violet ink was used.

Akron, Ohio is precancelling the documentary's used as a Parcel Post tax. So far I have seen the one and two cent cancelled with 2 horizontal lines, drawn with a ruling pen. As the lines vary in width it would appear that only a few are cancelled at one time.

Techny, Illinois is using precancelled stamps on their mission mixtures.

I have received a number of the one penny Great Britain with "ABINGTON" printed thereon. Is it a precancel? The cancellation is type set, and resembles our precancels.

Firms using precancelled stamps are not permitted to sell their "returns" to collectors.

Some of the largest precancelled collections are owned by Hartford, Conn. collectors. Theodore Lincoln has a collection of 14,000 and Dr. John B. Newton and E. F. Harrington have approximately that number.

As I stated before, most cities are using the perforated 11's. Here are a few of the new ones: Sheboygan, Wis., Holden, Mo., Morton, Ill., Still River, Conn., Foxboro, Mass., Ann Arbor, Mich., Red Bank, N. J., Bellingham, Wash., and Danville, N. Y.

Unlike the unused postage, unused precancels are of little value. In the past, many cities have sold sets of precancels to collectors and some continue to do so. Olympia, Washington seems to be making them to order, four or five types appearing quite recently.

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OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.
L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.
Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and
C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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PRECANCELS.—I will pay cash for any precancelled stamps. Also have some fine approvals. Write me. C. W. Hennan, M. D., 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

EXCHANGE.—What have you for 15 Vols. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News? Also have $1500 worth of duplicates to exchange for stamps not in my general collection. W. O. Staab, 1099 Fratney St., Milwaukee, Wis.

WANTED.—Stamps of old German States used only and in fine condition. Submit stamps with lowest offer for cash by return mail. Chas. Lange, P. O. Box 18, Cincinnati, Ohio.

WANTED.—19th Century U. S. Offer in exchange good foreign mostly 20th Century, Basis, Scotts 1917, some war surcharges. Address Wm. Schwarzwaelder, 11 Euclid Ave., Maplewood, N. J., A. P. S. 4538.

WANTED.—Correspondence in New York City and Washington to write monthly letter for American Philatelist. Address the Editor.

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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 ben sent on approval to U. S. specialists furnishing references. V. D. MacBride, 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

United States Army (all branches.)

BABCOCK, MAJOR WARREN L., M. D., 6th Regt. Coast Artillery, Am. Ex. Forces.

BANDHOLTZ, BRIG. GEN. HARRY H.

BURTON, CAPT. KENNETH, 364th Infantry.

CARTWRIGHT, CAPT. BRUCE, Jr., Q. M. C.

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COSBY, COL. SPENCER, 5th Engineers.

CRITTENDEN, CAPT. JAMES L., Coast Artillery.

DE HOSTOS, CAPT. EUGENIO C., P. R. Infantry.

DIEMER, MAJOR HUGO, Ordanance Dept.

FARNHAM, LT. FRED E.

FUSS, EDWIN W., Co. I., M. P., 78th Div.

GREENING, E. H.

HAMILTON, MAJOR CHAS. S., 11th Infantry.

HAMILTON, CAPT. WILLIAM A., 7th Co. Coast Artillery.

HENN, FIRST LT. RALPH F., Ordnance Dept.

HEYMAN, LT. LAURENCE J., 336th Infantry.

HOLT, MAJOR JOHN M., M. D.

HYDE, LT. COL. ARTHUR P. S., Coast Artillery Corps.

IRELAND, 1st LT. GORDON, Signal Corps.

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LaMOTTE, CAPT. CLARENCE K., Infantry.

LESTER, LT. G. M., Co. L., 59th Infantry.

LOPEZ, CAPT. PASCUAL, Porto Rico Infantry.

*MARTIN, DONALD W., Q. R. M. C.

MERILLAT, CAPT. LOUIS A., Jr., Infantry.

MILLS, MAJOR WILLIS E., 4th Machine Gun Bn., 2nd Div., Am. Ex. Forces.

MITCHELL, CAPT. WALTON I., M. D., 5th Infantry.

MORRISON, CHARLES R., Co. C. 122d Field Artillery.

PALMER, MAJOR FREDERICK L., retired.

PARKER, CAPT. CLYDE B., Infantry.

PARTELLO, COL. JOSEPH M. T., retired.

PETERS, MAJOR DON PRESTON, M. D.

POLLARD, ROWLAND P., Co. I, 1st Vermont Infantry.

ROBB, WILLIAM, Masonic Ambulance Corps of Calif.

ROTH, JEROME R., Battery E., 20th F. A.

SHAW, GUTHRIE.

SHIRCLIFFE. LT. ARNOLD, 1st Ohio Infantry.

SLUSSER, ENGINEER WALTER F., Coast Artillery Corps.

STANGEBY, 1st LT. T. L., Dental R. C.

STARK, CAPT. ORA E., Q. M. C..

UNDERWOOD, CAPT. ARTHUR R., 64th Infantry.

URFF, CORP. PAUL J., Jr., Co. H., 306th Infantry.
VAWTER, SERG. WILLIAM S., Q. M. C.
WEINGART, 1st LT. WILLIAM, M. D.
WEISSHEIMER, CAPT. J. WARREN, 56th Infantry.
WETHERELL, D. E., Bat. F., 4th Field Artillery.
M. C.
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WHEATON, LT. COL. FRANCIS B., Q. M. C.
WOODHOUSE, 1st LT. S. W.
WORRILOW, COL. ULYSSES G., Infantry.

United States Navy.

FERGUSON, ENSIGN W. F., U. S. S. Indiana.
GREEN, DICK, 35th Co. Marine Corps.
HILEMAN, COMMANDER JOSEPH S.
HOOGHKIRK, ROBERT C., Naval Reserves.
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Reserve Officers' Training Camps.

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French Army.

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British Army.

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A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

The Fund closed May 15th and Treasurer Scott remitted the total amount of subscriptions, $51.40, to the Red Cross Society on May 17th. Subscriptions received after the 15th will be returned. The following additional contributions, received prior to May 15th, are hereby acknowledged—

Previously acknowledged	$32.40
Mr. Eugene Klein, Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00
Miss Debby L. Kirk, Llanerch, Pa.	2.00
Marks Stamp Co., Toronto, Can.	2.00
Unknown	.50
Mr. Frank P. Gibbs, Ileon, N. Y.	10.00
Mr. Hernert W. Mason, Hacketts-town, N. J.	2.50
Total	$51.40

Treasurer Scott, in reporting the amount credited to "Unknown" states he received an envelope without any indication as to its source, containing two Thrift Stamps, which were duly credited, together with a quantity of foreign stamps and a clipping from our journal concerning the Red Cross Fund. Mr. Scott is holding the stamps and if the donor will send his name and address, they will be returned.

Thanks are due to all those who contributed to this Fund. We would liked to have seen it very much greater, both in number of contributors and amount realized, but undoubtedly our members are assisting in other War work and we shall have to be content with what we have been able to do in this matter.

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. 18. **May 15, 1918.**

Applications Pending.

Burzlaff, Emil
Capell, Preston
Collinson, Frank
Dewey, Lyman H.
Grahn, Henry V.
Hall, Harlan E.
Livingstone, Alex. M.
Rose, A. O.
Smith, C. N.
Blaisdell, Dr. J. Harper
Coons, M. R.
Kendrick, Ashley W.
Walton, J. Clarence
Wing, Ching Sit

Applications Posted.

Chun, Ki, 10 Treacher St., Ipoh, Perak, F. M. S.; Age 36; Stamp Dealer; Reference: The Times Weekly, Ed. Adv. Dept., London, E. C., England; Proposed by Delf Noronha, #4826.

Frederick, Harold K., 2744 Penn St., Saint Joseph, Mo.; Age 19; Bookkeeper, Gregg Grain Co.; Reference: Lorenz & Co., Photograph Supplies, St. Joseph, Mo.; Guaranteed by F. Frederick, Mgr. Gregg Grain Co., St. Joseph, Mo.; Proposed by W. S. Aldrich, #2167.

Inglis, Vincent W., care Security Mortgage Co., Winnipeg, Canada; Age 29; Secy-Treas. Security Mortgage Co.; Reference: J. W. Morrison, Barrister, Solicitor, Winnipeg, Canada; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Kolberg, Otto, 280 S. Robinsons St., Baltimore, Md.; Age 41; Machine Foreman; Reference: Tin Decorating Co., Baltimore, Md.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Swart, Arthur H., Richmond Beach, Wash.; Age 26; Mechanical Engineer; Reference: The Sumner K. Prescott Co., Seattle, Wash.; Proposed by W. G. Swart, #2204.

Taussig, N. W., 111 Wall St., New York City; Age 54; President American Molasses Co.; Reference: J. C. Morgenthau & Co., 87 Nassau St., New York; Proposed by M. Ohlman, #4073.

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5143 Walker, Eric L., 52 James St., Auburn, Me.
5144 Wood, Arthur C., 428 Lansing Ave., Detroit, Mich.

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3977 Clymer, Harvey M., 518 Gay St., Phoenixville, Pa.
2634 Feuchtinger, John, 147 E. Oakland Ave., Columbus, Ohio.
3808 Mulhall, Sydney M., 444 F. Ave., Coronado, Calif.

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1926 Boyden, A. L., Medina, Ohio.
4285 Hammond, Geo. F., 4220 Prospect St., Cleveland, Ohio,

4651 New York Stamp Society, Branch #44, W. F. Gregory, Secy., 95 Nassau St., New York.

Change of Address.

4949 Carlson, C. A., from 724 N. 18th St., to 516 N. 19th St., Omaha, Neb.
4104 Fischer, Charles G., from 325 Austin Ave., to 161 9th Ave., San Francisco, Calif.
1877 Grotjian, F. S., from 707 Richmond Ave., to 30 Ardmore Place, Buffalo, N. Y.
4631 Stanbrough, E. J., from 1910 Charles St., to 221 Merrill St., Indianapolis, Ind.
4817 Vawter, Wm. S., from 942 S. 6th St., Louisville, Ky. to Q. M. C., U. S. D. B., Fort Leavenworth, Kans.

Membership Summary.

Membership May 1, 1918	1551
New Stockholders	7
Reinstated	3
Replaced on Roll	3
Total Membership May 15, 1918	1564

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

STILL ANOTHER WORD ON RECRUITING.

Quite a few of our members are now on our List for the first time as a recruiter, having sent in one application. Wont YOU send in one within the next 60 days? YOU must know of at least one collector in your town who is a non-member. Wont you make it your business to see that his application is sent in? A determined effort will bring him. Have you ever made that determined effort? Wont you do so now? I'll help if you will send me his name and address and his objection to affiliating with our National Organization. The credit will be yours.

The Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.
L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.
Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and
C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

AERIAL POSTS. In accordance with the announced intention, the Post Office Department, on May 15th, inaugurated airplane mail service between Washington and New York and the press of the country gave considerable space to the first official effort to establish regular mail route by this means. While we have had various "aerial posts" for the past several years, these have all been in the nature of purely local events, no attempt being made to establish and maintain regular service, and should be classed only as exhibitions, although in many cases special postmarks have been provided. But May 15th marked an epoch in our postal history, and judging from the success which attended the first trial, we shall undoubtedly have, in the near future, a series of aerial mail routes connecting the larger cities of our country.

Dispatches tell that the airplane which carried the mail from New York to Philadelphia made the trip in one hour and ten minutes, and that which traveled from Philadelphia to Washington consumed one hour and forty-four minutes, the latter carrying five thousand letters, these being placed in a special compartment just to the rear of the engine.

It is indeed a long leap in postal transportation from the Pony Express days to the present. Our people marvelled at the speed with which letters were transported fifty or sixty years ago but in their wildest flights of fancy could have hardly conceived the day when our mail would be carried through the air at a rate of, and possibly exceeding, one hundred miles an hour.

A special stamp will later be issued for this service, which will be considered in the light of a special express mail delivery, the stamp to bear the face value of twenty-four cents, which we understand will be charged in excess of the regular postage, very much the same idea as our present special delivery stamp.

Already plans are under way to open up airplane mail routes between other cities, these only awaiting the final outcome of the New York-Philadelphia-Washington service.

REPORT OF SALES SUPERINTENDENT.

Philadelphia, Pa.,
May 1st, 1918.

Mr. H. A. Whipple, Recorder,
Board of Vice Presidents, A. P. S.,
214 Farnam Bldg., Omaha, Neb.

Dear Sir:

The following report indicates the condition of the Sales Department at this date and the amount of business transacted for the months of February, March and April.

		Valued
1693	Books in circulation Feb. 1st, 1918	$39,008.10
244	New Books received	6,840.86
1937	Total	45,848.96
64	Books retired (Sales $516.67)	1,511.47
1873	In circulation May 1, 1918	$44,337.49

The Insurance on the 64 books retired amounted to $9.23 which has been forwarded to the Treasurer to be credited to the Insurance Fund.

The cash sales for this period were $1498.44, a substantial improvement over the last "Quarterly Period."

In practically every Quarterly Report and Annual Report I have cautioned members who receive these Circuits either by mail or thru Branch Agents to handle them safely and carefully, and that they were presonally responsible if any loss or damage was caused by their carelessness. It has just transpired that a large Branch Circuit valued net at over $800.00 was carelessly left on a street car in a large city by a member on his way to business. This member was caused some anxious moments, in fact days before he found the books thru the medium of advertising in the Daily Press of his city.

This same experience happened some years ago when a member left a Circuit valued at nearly $3000.00 on a suburban train but he also was fortunate in recovering it. Another piece of carelessness is the rough manner that a few members indulge in when they handle the books, soiling the pages, creasing and damaging the stamps etc.

In my last report I called particular attention to the fact that the Post Office Department had decided that a Circuit of our books can only be mailed sealed first class and that the privileges of the parcel post system were not permissible because of the writing and description on the various books and the White Route Sheet with instructions. Although I have frequently cautioned members in regard to this very important matter, a few still persist in this practice and I have been obliged to withdraw two members from Circuits in the past month for disobedience to this regulation.

I mentioned the exception when sending Circuits to Canada that they must be left unsealed or opened. The requirements, however, of the first class rate and registration are the same and the parcel being left open is a ruling required by the passage of the package through Customs. One member has written that his Postmaster refused to accept the package in that way and obliged him to seal it. This of course was done by the Postal Official no doubt through ignorance of the regulations and the parcel was opened and examined when it passed through Customs.

Branch Agents are again notified that they must not circulate the entire Circuit at one time among the members of their respective Branches. If a Branch receives 50 books, it should be split up

into 5 Circuits of 10 books each. This is not only a safeguard in case books are lost by a member, but it also makes it more interesting for the members of a Branch receiving books more frequently. It also is a great factor in speeding up the circulation of books. The majority of the members would rather have but 10 books to look over of an evening than 50. The reason is quite plain for they can look them over more thoroughly and digest the contents much better of 10 books than if obliged to wade through 50. The majority of the members, themselves appreciate their responsibility in case of loss and would prefer not to be responsible for 50 books or more at one time.

I am pleased to report that a better grade of stamps have been contributed to the Department during the last three months, but still there is a very great shortage of good books of the United States stamps and British North America. Also European countries before 1880 are in great demand. If you have any old issues in imperforate pairs and blocks they will find a ready sale at good prices provided the condition is fine.

In closing I want to request all members to send to me a Green Report Blank with remittance at the same time that the Circuit is forwarded to the next member. If this is not done it deprives the Superintendent of the knowledge and information as to the location of the Circuit. Also it necessitates the sending of statement and unnecessary correspondence. I would also urge the members to check back their report slips before sending the Circuit on to the next member so as to be sure that they have included all the stamps that they have selected from the books and that they have accounted for all the blank spaces.

P. M. WOLSIEFFER,
Sales Superintendent.

OFFICIAL NOTICE.

RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY BOARD OF VICE PRESIDENTS.

WHEREAS: The quarterly reports of the Sales Superintendent discloses that Branch Agents, handling circuits for the Sales Department, have been circulating a circuit of 50 or more books in an entirety, and

WHEREAS: This practice delays the circulation of books and is accompanied with great risk and is not in harmony with the purpose of the law creating and permitting the circulation of books through the medium of Branch Agents, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: By the Board of Vice-Presidents that all books circulated by Branch Agents be so divided so that no member shall receive and have in his possession at one time to exceed ten (10) books belonging to the Sales Department; that the Sales Superintendent is directed to enforce this rule and refuse to send books to any Branch Agent violating the said rule.

On the passage of this resolution the Recorder shall forward a copy of same to the Sales Superintendent for his record and a copy to the Official Organ for publication.

This resolution was adopted and passed by the Board of Vice-Presidents at its regular meeting in Omaha, Nebraska on May 15, A. D. 1918.

F. S. PARMELEE,
Chairman.

Attest:
H. A. WHIPPLE,
Recorder.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR THE MONTH ENDING APRIL 30th, 1918.

Stock Fund.

Balance	$4839.66	
Receipts	8.00	$4847.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1952.56	
Receipts	$25.60		
Disbursements	50.19	24.59	$1927.97

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1979.25

Suspense Account.

Balance	$ 34.90	
Receipts	1.80	$ 36.70

Exchange Account.

Balance	$ 3.55
	$8795.13

American Philatelist Account.

Depit Balance		$1511.83	
Receipts	$11.30		
Disbursements	217.29	205.99	$1717.82
			$7077.31

Resources.

Bonds	$5489.34	
Cash	1587.97	
		$7077.31

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

DONATIONS TO LIBRARY.

Pittsburgh, Penna.,
May 9th, 1918.

Dr. H. A. Davis,
P. O. Box #613,
Denver, Colo.

Dear Sir:—

During October, 1917, I received a number of periodicals, books and papers from Mr. C. F. Richards of New York City, N. Y., which he kindly offered for the American Philatelic Society Library. A list of the same is attached hereto.

During the same period I received from Wm. E. Ault, Editor, list of books, periodicals and papers as per list "B" attached hereto.

Yours truly,
ADAM E. DAUM,
Asst. Librarian.

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BRANCH No. 3.

The 344th regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, was held at the Society's room, 333 Russ Bldg., 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, May 15th. Meeting called to order at 8.15 P. M. Mr. H. W. Doscher was voted to the Chair in the absence of Vice-Pres. Phillips. The Secretary, fourteen members and one visitor present. The committee on resolutions on the death of our last President, Mr. G. J. O. Folte, presented their report which was ordered spread on the minutes and suitably engrossed for the Society's records. The Entertainment Committee reported that our member, Mr. F. L. Stolz, would show his magnificent collection of Hawaii at a future meeting, so there is a treat in store for lovers of Hawaiians. Mr. Jos. B. Feustermann was proposed for membership by Mr. O'Shaughnessy. After the business meeting, Mr. William Blackwell exhibited the second part of his 19th Century collection, which was, needless to say, much enjoyed by all present, especially the display of the old classics, such as Sydney Views, early Victorias and New Zealands and a very pretty lot of the U. S. Civil War Revenues. He will show part of his 20th Century collection at our next meeting on June 19th and all collectors residing in San Francisco or vicinity are cordially invited to attend meetings held at above address.

Adjourned at 10:15 P. M.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD, Secy.

BRANCH No. 18.

The regular meeting of Philadelphia Branch No. 18, A. P. S., was held in the Club Room of the Philadelphia Stamp Club on the evening of April 16th, 1918, President Hahman in the chair. The following members were present: Hahman, Woodhouse, Green, Mann, and Henkels. Upon motion of Mr. Henkels, seconded by Mr. Mann, it was resloved that Philadelphia Branch No. 18 hereby offer a prize of $5.00 in gold to the member of the American Philatelic Society bringing in the greatest number of members for the Society during the fiscal year 1918-19, said privilege to be extended to all members excepting the Secretary.

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

A. F. HENKELS, Secy.

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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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THE PARIS STAMP BOURSE AND FRENCH PHILATELY IN WAR TIME.

By WARREN L. BABCOCK, MAJOR, M. R. C.,
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It has been my good fortune to attend the famous French Philatelic "curb-market" on numerous occasions during the past two months. The Stamp Bourse of Paris, meeting out of doors, has been famous among philatelists for many years and American collectors visiting Paris have always endeavored to attend one or more sessions. The meetings are now held on Thursdays from 1 P. M. to 5 P. M., and on Sundays from 9:30 A. M. to 5:30 P. M., the latter day drawing the larger concourse.

On a warm Sunday afternoon the attendance will sometimes reach 800 or more collectors and dealers, who busily buy, sell and exchange. The Bourse meets at the corner of the Avenue des Champs Elysees and the Avenue Marigny, one of the beauty spots of Paris. The dealers patronizing the Bourse, now nearly all women, or old men, mount their stamps on large sheets of card board about a square meter in size and expose them on long lines of park chairs and benches distributed across a corner of the park and on the broad side-

walk near the Restaurant Marigny, well within the Champs. The stamps exhibited are of the cheaper grades, often arranged in sets and are fully one-third French, the French Colonials. The crowd comprises, men young and old, boys and girls in their teens, and women of all ages, the latter composing one-fourth of the total.

There are many French officers and privates in uniform and usually the uniforms of nearly all the "entente" and neutral nations may be seen. Here are Belgians, English, Italians, Greeks, Japanese, Algerians, Tunisians, Moroccans, Spanish, East Indians, Swiss and Russians, presenting a picturesque assembly in their varied uniforms. The gathering is a wonderful commentary on the universality of our hobby and furnishes a scene during this time of strife and turmoil much in contrast with the scenes in the field and at the front, in which, for several months it was my privilege to participate. It may be interesting for American collectors to know that the stamps of the Hun are not tabooed, and the latest issues of the Empire, including many war provisionals of the German Colonies may be seen with the issues of Bavaria, Saxony, Wurtemberg, Baden and other obsolete German issues. Even the Bulgarian and Turk are represented by their stamps, all of which goes to show, that in philately at least there is no war or animosity. The 1914 provisional war stamps issues of the German Colonies are much sought after tho I infer that the proverbial thrift of the French trader is the moving spirit, with a full realization of the rarity and future post-war value of any holdings in this line. Here I first met our own Dr. Carroll Chase of Brooklyn who is serving in the French Army "Service de Sante", as well as many collectors of continental reputation. It is to be noted, however, that the large Parisian dealers are seldom present at the curb, while the smaller dealers are nearly always represented. Many poor French Poilus, soldiers wives and children, buy and sell in a small way for the few francs profit to be made in a trade that does not involve the investment of much capital. I have met here two or three American artists, long resident in France who are collectors, but Americans in uniform are seldom seen in the Bourse. The most interesting sections to a specialist or advanced collector, are the small groups on the outskirts of the crowd, where from time to time some really fine stamps are brought forth in small stock books, and in these groups my interest chiefly centers. They are composed of the older collectors, specialists, and an occasional dealer. From them I have been enabled to acquire some really desirable stamps. It may interest my American friends to know what can be purchased to advantage at the Bourse. As I have said before France and French Colonies have the stage and some really fine things in premier French issues "en paire, en block et sur lettre," can be seen. These early issues of the second Republic, and the Empire which followed, are indeed noble stamps but in these most Americans have only a passing interest. The average American collector or specialist will be principally interested in our own U. S. and B. N. A. The following observations have been made after several visits to the Stamp Bourse, and to the shops of the principal Parisian dealers. The U. S. issues are taken up chronologically and the numbers are Scotts.

The 5 cent red-brown, (#28) is seldom seen used. As this was a domestic rate few single copies were used on French mail. Pairs of this stamp should be found here but I have seen only one copy. This stamp unused has been offered to me a number of times, at three-fourths catalog. The 10 cent of this issue (#29) is seen occasionally in good condition and can be purchased here for a fair amount. I have not seen either of these stamps on cover and it is likely that they promptly

find their way to the States when offered. A true copy of the one cent Type (#30) has not been seen though I have been offered several alleged copies. Type III has been shown priced at catalog. Strangely enough the French consider Type II, (the common type imperforated) much undervalued in America and good copies readily bring 6 to 8 francs, used. The 5 cent red-brown of 1851, (#34) can be purchased in Paris to good advantage. Magnificent copies, both shades, can be obtained at from 40 to 60 francs. It was evidently used extensively during period of issue for foreign postage and I have been able to obtain two or three fine singles on cover and a strip of three. The 10 cent green and 12 cent black (#35 & 36) are not common, in fact less often seen than the 5 cent, probably because few American Post Offices, other than a few large cities had them in stock during the period of use. The 1 cent perforated (#40, 41, 42) are not seen in many stocks other than in wretched condition; now we come to another interesting stamp, the 5 cent brick red (#45). For it the French have a proper appreciation, and all fine copies are closely held. Elsewhere, in dealers stocks, I have not seen such fine copies, coloring, centering and cancellation being taken into consideration. For several months I have known of two very fine covers each with a strip of three of this stamp, of exquisite coloring, but alas 225 francs each has made an admirer instead of a purchaser.

The postal use of the 5 cent (#47, 48, 49) types I-II-III, must have been extensive on French mailings, inasmuch as fine copies can be bought here at one-half catalog and sometimes less. The French consider Type I the scarcest of these three types. An examination of the stock books lead me to believe that the brown shade of Types II and III are scarcer here than the orange-brown. The 10 cent (#50, 50c) are seen here in vertical strips of three, occasionally, and I have acquired several as compared with a solitary horizontal strip. Type I seems to be as common as Type II and the French make no distinction in price. The 12 cent (#51) 1857 seems to be poorly represented, other than an occasional single, tho I did succeed in finding a block of four. The 24 cent (#52) is considered a good stamp and under catalogued by Scott. Good copies will cost full catalog. The French dealers consider the 30 cent, (#53) the choice stamp of this issue and fine copies, both unused and used are scarce at catalog. The 90 cent has been seen only twice. Unused copies of the 1857 issue are scarce here and fully appreciated. The 5, 10 and 12 cent can be purchased, unused now and then at half catalog sans gum. Few French dealers or collectors recognize the reprints of this issue and I believe very few have found their way across the sea. A keen specialist will be well repaid for a search after these as well as the "August" 1861 set. The one cent 1861 on laid paper, (#63c) has been offered for 50 francs. The 5 cent buff (#67) may be seen here in all its glory of fine shades and various cancellations. It is firmly priced and good copies will cost about catalog. The 12, 24 and 30 cent (#69, 70, 71) can be bought in fine condition at half catalog while the 10 cent (#68), a really cheap stamp, brings full catalog. This is a good market wherein to buy the 5 cent red-brown (#75). The 25 cent steel blue (#78) and the 3 cent grilled all over (#79) are considered "tres bien". The other grills are neglected and good to fine copies can be bought at one-fourth catalog in many instances. They do not recognize the 1875 re-issue without grill of this series but make much of the 1869 re-issue of the same date. The regular issue of 1869 seems to hold considerable interest for the French. The lower values are not much in evidence but there are numbers of the 10 cent, used, of atrocious quality and un-

fit for any album. The 6 and 12 cent are seldom seen. The 15 cent was evidently heavily used in its day, on foreign mail. The frequently offered most copies are poorly centered as usual and good copies of #119, used, sell from 5 to 10 francs. #118 is uncommon. The 24 cent is scarce and the 30 cent little in evidence. Have seen only two or three rather poor copies of the 90 cent. Stamps of this set, unused, are seldom found.

Among a certain class of dealers the 1870 grills are ignored and can be sorted from the 1870 without grill at the price of the latter. The secret marks of the 1873 issue are recognized but to my astonishment find that the soft paper of 1879 does not appear in most of the French catalogs. Fine copies of the 1870, 1873, 1879 issues can be found, occasionally, at reasonable prices. The 90 cent purple (#218) is held at full value. The Columbians, Omaha's and other commemorative are found in unused sets but cannot be purchased any cheaper than in the States. This is a good market wherein to buy the $1.00, $2.00, and $5.00 stamps issued since 1893, especially #261, 262, 263, 276, 277, 278, 311, 312, 313, unused. These values run into money rapidly and dealers do not care to hold them long. Paris dealers put little capital into their trade during war-time and must of necessity turn over their small holdings frequently. With few exception no attention is paid to Type I and II of the dollar value of 1894 and 1895, consequently the rarer type can sometimes be obtained at a good figure. The $2.00 and $5.00 stamps of 1916-1917 have been used extensively on heavy package mail to soldiers and are readily found here. The $2.00 is the scarcer stamp, used, and sells here for a little more than the $5.00. I have found several strips of three of the $5.00 at a little less than half catalog. In the Army Postal stations I have seen several dollars in postage, covered by both of these stamps, on large boxes nearly the size of an Army trunk. If the Post Office Department contemplates the issue of new designs for these values at an early date, the present dollar stamps in the design of the 1902 set may prove good stamps to hold.

From the foregoing it should not be inferred that large, or even small stocks, of early U. S. stamps, are held in Paris. On the contrary no stocks are held and very little capital invested therein. The stamps mentioned in this paper can only be picked up now and then as they appear in dealers hands or at the Stamp Bourse direct from a collection that is being broken up. Even the large dealers whose advertisements appear, now and then, in American stamp journals have no stocks of U. S. or B. N. A. stamps and seldom make more than a scattering exhibit of stamps of merit.

U. S. adhesives on envelope are scarce and the most persistent inquiry has brought to light less than a half dozen. In summarizing it may be said that subvarieties of the issues of the U. S. prior to 1882 can often be purchased here at a decided advantage, either because they are not recognized or are not considered worth while; that values currently used for foreign postage at time of issue can be purchased at a decided reduction from Scotts catalog and finally, that specialization in stamps of the U. S. among French Collectors is too limited to warrant French dealers investing in stocks.

The Stamps of Canada and British North America are seldom seen. Now and then a few copies can be obtained from an old collection in the process of disintegration. Two very fine copies of the 3 and 6 pence (#1, 2) were recently offered at much over catalog. Canada 3 pence on wove paper sells at double Scotts and the 10 pence (#5) at full price.

A good 10 pence blue (#7), used, was offered at $9.00, while I purchased a fine copy of the 7½ pence (#9) at

$9.00, the only one that has come to my notice. The 10 cent lilac, used, brings $1.50 in good condition. The stamps of the 1859-64 and 1868 issues all sell well. The 15 cent lilac and gray (#27 and 39) are frequently found in fair number, as well as the Jubilee and current issues. Canadian pairs, blocks and "sur lettre" are almost unknown and I have been rewarded, after diligent search with only one specimen, a fine pair of 5 cent Beaver, imperforate, on cover. The same remarks as to scarcity applies to the early stamps of New Foundland, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia. Have seen but one shilling, a New Brunswick, with slight margins, but fine color, which was held at 500 francs.

A Philatelic visitor to Paris is impressed with the prevalent commercial element in his contact with all that pertains to the hobby here. Condition of stamps is a secondary requisite with many, especially the patrons of the Bourse. All collectors seem to be dealing in stamps on the side in a small way and the great majority are apparently oblivious to every thing except France and French Colonies, and with their predilection we can at least agree that the Colonies, especially, present sufficient material quantitatively, at least, for intensive specialization.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennen, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. J. C. Jay, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, submits for my inspection a number of precancelled stamps. Among them is a copy of the 2c perf 10 Paradise, Pa. The stamp shown is from the lower right hand pane and is #1. The Para from Paradise and the P from Pa. are omitted entirely. As 3 copies of the stamp were submitted it appears to be more than a misprint.

Mr. J. W. Fos, Pottsville, Pa. submits a 1c perforated 11, Pottsville cancelled with type similar to Bushnells U8. He also gives the information that a few of them were issued during the holiday period.

The second section of Bushnells catalog has just been issued. It is needless to say that Precancel fans were delighted with it and hope the good work will continue and the other sections will make their appearance in the near future. This fills a long felt want in the Precancel world, as no other catalog has appeared since 1912, and we are indeed grateful to Mr. Bushnell.

Mr. Edwin B. Hill sends a complete list of the Arizona Precancels up to Sept. 15th, 1915. Both lists were furnished by Post Office Officials and are authentic. They are as follows:

Phoenix, 1c, 2c, 3c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 9c, 10c, 12c, 15c, 20c, 30c.

Prescott, 1c, 2c, 4c, 5c, 6c, 7c, 8c, 10c, 15c.

Phoenix are all of the type U2, reading across, while Prescott are U1, reading up or down. He has never seen any Phoenix inverts nor all of the Prescott all up or all down. The first stamps used in Prescott were the Christmas season of 1915. A rubber stamp or roller was used, and badly worn from usage. It was used the following season, and it is this second printing of which he has the stamps, all showing an aged and worn roller, not at all sharp or clear.

Mrs. N. Foerster submits the following information: Patterson, N. J. 1c precancels are used by two stores in the city for mailing out circulars. Among many hundreds of them she found only 1 invert. A number of inverts occur on the 1c 1912, also a few occur on the current perf. 11. Mrs. Foerster states that the 2c are very scarce and that so far only the 1c and 2c values have been used.

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. 19. **June 1, 1918.**

Applications Pending.

Blaisdell, Dr. J. H.
Coons, M. R.
Kendrick, A. W.
Walton, J. C.
Wing, Ching Sit
Chun, Ki
Frederick, Harold K.
Inglis, Vincent W.
Kolberg, Otto
Swart, Arthur H.
Taussig, N. W.

Applications Posted.

Applegate, Frederick Roch, P. O. Box 46, Atwood, Ill.; Age 31; M. of W. Foreman; Reference: First Natl. Bk. of Atwood, Ill.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Howard, Fred A., Trona, Calif.; Age 32; Steward; Reference: W. C. Phillips & Co.; Arthur Stern, San Francisco, Calif.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Kolb, Walter V., P. O. Box 912, Hilo, Hawaii; Age 35; Deputy Collector of Customs; Reference: S. De Freest, Box 204, Honolulu, Hawaii; Proposed by Chas. J. Cooper, #4475.

Price, Wm. J., 506 Granite Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Age 40; Treas. Pittsburgh Awning Co.; Reference: Hubbard & Co., S. A. Rankin, Treas., Pittsburgh, Pa.; Proposed by Max Wenzel, #2281.

Skinner, Charles P., 490 Riverside Drive, New York; Age 42; Eastern Mgr., Mitchell Motors Co.; Reference: Lincoln Trust Co. & Lord and Taylor, New York City; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Wailly, Victor R., P. O. Box 176, Corozol, Canal Zone; Age 25; Soldier, Battery F, 4th F. A.; Reference: J. A. McGuire Co., Boylston St., Boston, Mass.; Proposed by D. E. Wetherell, #5001.

New Stockholders.

5145 Burzlaff, Emil, 304 N. 2nd St., Clinton, Ia.
5146 Capell, Preston, 4466 Denison Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.
5147 Collinson, Frank, 791 Yonge St., Toronto, Canada.
5148 Dewey, Lyman H., 304 9th Ave., S. W., Roanoke, Va.
5149 Grahn, Henry V., 2011 N. 22nd St., Philadelphia, Pa.
5150 Hall, Harlan E., R. R., Cumberland, Ohio.
5151 Livingstone, Alex. M., 629 Brooklyn Ave., Detroit, Mich.
5152 Rose, A. O., 143 Frances Ave., Pontiac, Mich.
5153 Smith, C. N., 1658 4th St., Madison, Ill.

Replaced on Roll.

4015 Buckingham, C. H., Box 1608, Pittsfield, Mass.
4977 Clark, M. B., Box 115, Lynn, Mass.
3430 Jones, Herbert A., 150 West St., Worcester, Mass.
4806 Kinnicutt, Dr. W. H., 914 Hippodrome Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio.
2743 Marvin, J. Will, 5117 8th Ave., Los Angeles, Calif.

Change of Address.

901 Barr, H. C., from New York City to 53 Howard Parkway, New Rochelle, N. Y.
3649 Berolzheimer, D. D., from Brooklyn, N. Y. to 17 Battery Place, New York City.

4796 Chew, J. Weer, from Philadelphia, Pa. to 112 East Maple Ave., Merchantville, Pa.

1547 Coning, F. W., from 47 Bayard St. to 9 Livingston Ave., New Brunswick, N. J.

748 Kay, John, from 600 Iroquois Ave. to 131 Seyburn Ave., Detroit, Mich.

5055 Kirkwood, H. A., from West New Brighton, N. Y. to 217 W. 16th St., Wilmington, Del.

4600 Leland, H. J., from Los Angeles, Calif. to 431 Georgina Ave., Santa Marica, Calif.

4625 Stillman, Geo. H., from Carrington, N. D. to 110 Main St. South, Minot, N. Dak.

5018 Strong, Dr. H. C., from Iloilo, P. I. to Box 370, Manila, P. I.

Membership Summary.

Membership May 15, 1918	1564
New Stockholders	9
Replaced on Roll	5
Total Membership June 1, 1918	1578

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

NOMINATIONS.

By Philadelphia Branch No. 18.

For President, John W. Scott, New York.

For Board of Vice Presidents, F. S. Parmelee, H. A. Whipple, Dr. W. P. Wherry, all of Nebraska.

For Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, Colorado.

For Treasurer, J. E. Scott, Michigan.

For International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Pennsylvania.

For Directors at Large, H. B. Phillips, California; Alvin Good, Ohio.

H. A. DAVIS, Secy.

AND YET ANOTHER WORD ON RECRUITING.

When you read this you will have just about time enough to get to me that application of the friend collector you have meant to send me, in order to make him a full member for this fiscal year. But don't stop there, send on another to be made the first new member of 1918-19. Who will be the first? The Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.

L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.

Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and

C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Call for Nominations.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

Nominations of candidates for the election of a Board of Directors for the fiscal year 1918-19, election to be held at the thirty-third Annual Convention in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, upon August 13, 1918 are now in order and will be received by the Secretary.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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EDITORIAL.

AN INVERT AGAIN. Hardly had the ink dried upon the remarks written on the subject of Aerial post routes which appeared in our last issue, when the special stamp to be used on mail carried by such service was issued, of a value of twenty-four cents, printed in two colors, and practically co-incident with its appearance, there comes the discovery of a sheet of these stamps with inverted centers. These stamps were found in Washington, and we understand have been sold to Col. E. H. R. Green, the consideration being $20,000, although only a part of the sheet will be retained by Col. green and the balance are being offered to collectors.

Collecting the stamps of our country of the issues of only the past ten years is rapidly becoming almost impossible for the average collector, if he aspires for completeness. Changes, with an ever increasing number of varieties, have come thick and fast, and the latest invert, with its naturally-to-be-expected high cost, adds a most serious obstacle to a complete collection of these stamps.

AERIAL POST ROUTES. Evidently the success which has attended the inauguration of the aerial postal service between New York and Washington, is leading to the extension of the service between other large centers. Recent reports indicate that New York and Boston will be connected by postal airplane service and tell of the first successful flight between the two cities of an airplane carrying a quantity of mail. We also understand such service is being planned between Chicago and St. Louis and undoubtedly there will shortly be other routes in operation in various parts of the country.

The opening of extensive services of this kind will probably give an additional impetus to post-mark collecting, and many collectors will undoubtedly wish to include at least one of each of the postmarks of the various routes in their collections.

The daily press tells of the proposed opening of airplane postal service between London and Paris.

We shall soon be able to send our letters with a speed of which we little dreamed a few years ago.

DECIMAL CURRENCY FOR ENGLAND. According to "The Postage Stamp," a bill has been introduced in Parliament by Lord Southwark proposing the adoption of a decimal currency for England, in which event, it would without doubt be extended to its colonies, at least, those which are now using the British system of coinage. Should this become a law, it will mark the beginning of a new era in the stamp issues of the British Empire and will open the door to a vast number of new varieties of stamps of this extensive group of stamp-issuing countries.

The British Empire, by the way, is now practically alone in the use of a currency not founded on the decimal system, as all other important countries have their coinage on such basis.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAWS.

Mr. C. F. Richards submits the following proposed amendments together with letter further explaining these, under date of May 28th, 1918:

Editor, American Philatelist—

Noticing recent remarks in "The American Philatelist" to the effect that the Cleveland Branch would welcome some subjects for discussion at our approaching Annual Convention there, I enclose for printing in "The American Philatelist", as required by the By-Laws, three proposed amendments to the Constitution, which I have numbered consecutively.

It will readily be seen that the object of number one is to increase the terms of office of the Directors to two years instead of one. I think we have elections too frequently. You know from long experience how hard it is to get nominations and acceptances. You and I both know the old arguments pro and con a longer term. I will not rehearse them. At the least we shall save expense.

Numbers two and three are designed to put teeth—a baby set—into the counterfeits that are offered to our members. We gravely talk about the dangers of counterfeits to our hobby. Let our Society now take a first step towards showing the courage of its convictions. Let us not be afraid of the possible loss of a few dollars in putting counterfeits where they will cease to trouble. Remember we can easily repeal the amendment at a subsequent convention if found undesirable.

Amendment No. 1.

Amend Art. IV sec. 2 as follows—Before the words "Annual Convention" delete "next" and substitute "second", making section to read—

"Each Director shall be a stockholder of the Society and shall hold his office until the close of the second annual convention, and until his successor shall have qualified."

Amendment No. 2.

Amend Art. VII sec. 4, division h, as follows—

After the words "non-governmental reprints" insert "mark proper designation of same on backs in ink," making this part of the division read—

"The Superintendent shall submit to the Examiner of Sales Books all books sent in for circulation, remove from books sent him for circulation all stamps which are clearly and obviously counterfeits or non-governmental reprints, mark proper designation of same on backs in ink, and return all stamps removed by him, or by the Examiner of Sales Books, etc."

Amendment No. 3.

Amend Art. VII sec. 4, division h, as follows—

After the words "then the fine shall be removed" insert "the stamp or stamps retained and paid for at marked price out of the Insurance Fund," making this part of the division to read—

"In case such stamp or stamps are found by the Counterfeit Detector to be genuine, then the fine shall be removed, the stamp or stamps retained and paid for at marked price out of the Insurance Fund, and the expense of examining shall be borne by the Examiner of Sales Books."

C. F. RICHARDS.

POSTAL TAX FOR NEWFOUNDLAND.

Mr. J. W. Penney, A. P. S. 4943, sends us the following clipping from the St. John's "The Daily News" of May 17th, 1918, being the official publication of the notice of the postal tax which goes into effect June 1st. This was issued by authority of J. Alex. Robinson, Postmaster General, under date of May 16th.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC.

Extra Postage.

On and after May the 17th, 1918, every prepaid letter and letter packet posted in Newfoundland, shall, in addition to the postage payable thereon under the Provision of the Post Office Act of 1891 and Acts in amendment thereafter, be chargeable with an **extra postage of one cent**; thus a one-ounce letter will be three cents, and a two-ounce letter five cents, etc.

On and after June 1st, 1918, all letters originating in Newfoundland not bearing the extra postage will be charged two cents additional on delivery.

In the case of letters from Labrador, the double tax will not be enforced in Newfoundland until after the arrival and distribution of the first mail by steamer from that coast.

A. P. S. RED CROSS FUND.

As stated in the issue for June 1st, this Fund was closed May 15th and on the 17th of that month Treasurer Scott remitted the total amount subscribed, $51.40, to the Red Cross Society, the receipt of the remittance being acknowledged to him under date of May 20th, as evidenced by copy of same herewith published—

THE AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS.

35532. Washington, D. C., May 20, 1918.

The American National Red Cross acknowledges, with thanks, the receipt of Fifty-one and 40-100 Dollars, $51.40, for Red Cross War Fund. Contribution—Unrestricted.

From J. E. Scott, Treas.,
American Philatelic Society,
238 Lincoln Ave.,
Detroit, Mich.

AMERICAN NATIONAL RED CROSS
By Hugh S. Bird
Assistant Treasurer.

MEET US IN CLEVELAND.

If you intend to be present in August at the Annual Convention in Cleveland, get your name on this list. A card to the Editor will do the work. Let us make this a record meeting both in point of attendance and enthusiasm.

The following have told us they will be there:—

Mr. F. S. Grotjan, Buffalo, N. Y.
Mr. C. V. Webb, Painesville, Ohio.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

At the regular meeting of Philadelphia Branch No. 18, American Philatelic Society held on Tuesday, May 21, the following ticket was nominated for officers for 1918-1919:

For President, J. W. Scott of New York.
For Board of Vice Presidents:
F. S. Parmelee of Omaha, Nebr.
H. A. Whipple of Omaha, Nebr.
Dr. W. P. Wherry of Omaha, Nebr.
For Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, Colorado.
For Treasurer, J. E. Scott, Mich.
For International Secretary, L. Harald Kjellstedt, Pennsylvania.
For Directors at Large:
H. B. Phillips, California.
Alvin Good, Ohio.

Mr. P. M. Wolsieffer of Philadelphia was unanimously endorsed for Sales Superintendent.

A. F. HENKELS, Secretary,
Phila. Branch No. 18.

EXHIBITION OF COLOMBIA AND HELIGOLAND AT MEETING OF NEW YORK STAMP SOCIETY, BRANCH No. 44.

(At the May 2nd meeting of the New York Stamp Society two very notable displays of collections were made by Messrs. Battanchon and Klein and the interesting and instructive account of these sent us by Mr. J. Mouhib, Secretary of Branch No. 44, justifies the publication of this in the form of a separate article, which will undoubtedly prove of much value to those who are collecting the stamps of these two countries.—Ed.)

The 298th meeting of the New York Stamp Society was called to order by the Vice-President Mr. Ch. Lehman at 9:30 Thursday evening May 2d, 1918.

The minutes of the two previous meetings were read and adopted without correction.

No other business proposed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 P. M. 15 members and 3 visitors present.

Respectfully submitted,
J. MOUHIB, Secretary.

The special features of the evening were the exhibition of two Collections:

1. Mr. Battanchon—Colombia.
2. Mr. Eugene Klein—Heligoland.

By a unanimous vote a rising thanks was extended to the exhibitors for their great achievement which so kindly they wished to display it here to-night, with

explanatory notes which being of considerable value to the Philatelist, the following reproduction is given as interesting details.

1. Mr. Charles F. F. Battanchon of Nice, France, exhibited his large collection of Colombia. He says this is only a small part of his specialized collection of this country (the balance being in his home town, Nice, France.)

It certainly was a treat to the members. Altho rather an unpopular country among collectors it attracted the interest of every one.

It was inviting to look at such a wonderful accumulation of the rare surcharges and errors, many of which in blocks of four and larger.

This Collection of 15,000 different Colombian stamps, one may easily venture to say, is one of the best and most complete in its kind.

The one half of all these stamps are in blocks. Many entire sheets of old issues are included in this remarkable assemblage of blocks.

Except the first issue everyone are in blocks of four. Every error listed and many more others not mentioned in any Catalogues, in blocks of four were lined up on the large pages of his temporary Album.

The reconstruction of plates of every stamp, including those of the first issue is almost completed.

All the errors of surcharges and tete-beche in block of four were there.

Long years of work and energy was required to gather all these precious rarities which, he asserts, contains many copies that could never be possible to duplicate today.

The States were represented with the same abundance of blocks and errors.

Antioquia, 1869 to 1886 in blocks of four and tete-beche, thin paper, and errors—CORRLOS etc.

Bayaca. All the errors in blocks of four and tete-beche.

Bolivar. Entire collection almost completed with all varieties of perforations and errors in blocks.

Cauca. 1882 to 1890 all in blocks.

Rio Hacha. The plate reconstruction of this stamp nearly completed.

Santander. All the errors and imperfs in blocks.

Tolima. About 40 blocks of the first issues from 1870 and all the following issues in blocks.

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2. Mr. Eugene Klein of Philadelphia showed his very fine collection of Heligoland. All minor varieties have been the object of minute study of Mr.Klein.

He says:—"The collection exhibited here this evening has primarily been mounted for purposes of reference, and is therefore arranged according to the different printings, as distinguishable by the colors and the varieties of cancellation found on the different stamps.

I will first show the originals.

The 1867 issue consists of four values, the ½s, 1s, 2s and 6s, all rouletted. The ½d is found in two different types; one with the large curl, the other with the small curl. The genuineness of these stamps is easily told by the large curl as the reprints all nave the small curl. The small curl type of the ½s can be told by the color.

The 1869-71 issue shows a curious variety and that is the so-called short stamp. The stamps in the top or bottom rows are one perforation shorter than the others. This variety is found in all the perforated stamps excepting the 3p and the 20p of the 1876 issue.

The 1873 issue is interesting on account of the unusual quadrille paper used by which the genuineness of these stamps can easily be recognized.

In the 1875 issue only the 1p and the 2p stamps were reprinted, hence all the others are genuine. In the 1876 issue the 3p has been reprinted in lighter colors.

In the 1879 issue the 1m and 5m stamps perforated 11½ have never been officially issued although cancelled specimens are known.

Reprints were first made in 1875 in Berlin for Mr. Goldner who purchased

the remainders and also the plates. The early reprints are very well made and the colors are close to the originals.

The plates were transferred to Leipzig where reprints were made in 1888. These are poorly printed and it is little wonder that they did not satisfy Mr. Goldner. He had the plates sent to F. Schlotke in Hamburg, in 1891, where further reprinting was done. The Hamburg reprints are no better than the ones made in Leipzig, where they have continued making these, and the printing presses are probably busy today.

In Hamburg many errors were produced such as inverted centers, a few of which I can show you.

The plates of the 5p, 10p, 50p, 1m and 5 mark stamps remaining in the government printing office were not sold to Goldner. It has always been supposed that reprints of these stamps did not exist. In 1904 it became known that reprints were made of each value in the following quantities: 200 each of the pfennig values and 25 each of the 1m and 5m. These have been put on the market by the firm of Kosack of Berlin, and consistent with the small number printed, were sold at high prices. When I was in Berlin in 1912, I tried to purchase a complete set of these reprints but only succeeded in securing the four values shown here. That is, the 20p, 50p, 1m and 5m. I also came across a book of reprint blocks of four which were put together from Moens stock. The numbers given in this book correspond with those in Moens catalogue.

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WANTED.—Correspondents in New York City and Washington to write monthly letter for American Philatelist. Address the Editor.

EXCHANGE.—What have you for 15 Vols. Mekeel's Weekly Stamp News? Also have $1500 worth of duplicates to exchange for stamps not in my general collection. W. O. Staab, 1099 Fratney St., Milwaukee, Wis.

WANTED.—Stamps of old German States used only and in fine condition. Submit stamps with lowest offer for cash by return mail. Chas. Lange, P. O. Box 18, Cincinnati, Ohio.

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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 ben sent on approval to U. S. specialists furnishing references. V. D. MacBride, 59 North Road, Nutley, N. J.

EGYPT and SUDAN. My wholesale price list of these two countries will be sent to any dealer free on application. E. L. Angeloglous, P. O. Box 873, Cairo, Egypt.

CARRANZA — VILLA — ZAPATA—Mex. Revolutionary postage stamps, 50 diff. 50c. 33 diff. used on original covers $1. Want lists filled. S. B. Hopkins, Loredo, Texas.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

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FUSS, EDWIN W., Co. I., M. P., 78th Div.

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HAMILTON, CAPT. WILLIAM A., 7th Co. Coast Artillery.

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LESTER, LT. G. M., Co. L., 59th Infantry.

LOPEZ, CAPT. PASCUAL, Porto Rico Infantry.

MARTIN, DONALD W., Q. R. M. C.

MERILLAT, CAPT. LOUIS A., Jr., Infantry.

MILLS, MAJOR WILLIS E., 4th Machine Gun Bn., 2nd Div., Am. Ex. Forces.

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MORRISON, CHARLES R., Co. C. 122d Field Artillery.

PALMER, MAJOR FREDERICK L., retired.

PARKER, CAPT. CLYDE B., Infantry.

PARTELLO, COL. JOSEPH M. T., retired.

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POLLARD, ROWLAND P., Co. I, 1st Vermont Infantry.

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CARPENTER, A. EVERLY, Student.
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French Army.

CHASE, MAJOR CARROLL, M. D.
GIBSON, HENRY C.

British Army.

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Frederick, H. K.
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Swart, Arthur H.
Taussig, N. W.
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Price, Wm. J.
Skinner, Chas. P.
Wailly, Victor R.

Applications Posted.

Green, Col. E. H. R., 111 Broadway, New York City; Age legal; Reference: Any Bank or Trust Co.; Proposed by John A. Kleman, #2223.
Hawley, A., care R. G. Dun & Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 32; With R. G. Dun & Co.; Reference: Garfield-Perry Stamp Club; Proposed by W. W. MacLaren, #170.

Helme, James B., The Hill School, Pottstown, Pa.; Age 19; Student; Guaranteed by Mrs. Geo. A. Helme, 35 W. 56th St., New York; Reference: Citizens National Bank, Pottstown, Pa.; Proposed by J. M. Bartels, #356.

Hiltermann, Geo. C., 1535 W. 117th St. Cleveland, Ohio; Age 39;; Photographer; The Winton Co.; Reference: W. G. Whittaker, Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by Alvin Good, #2054.

Hummel, John W., 3115 W. 25th St., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 27; Cashier; South Side Savings and Loan Assn.; Reference: F. F. Klingman, Illuminating Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by Alvin Good, #2054.

Moye, Henry A., 1660 First Ave., New York City; Age legal;; Reference: Eugene Klein, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Vahan Mozian, #2279.

Pike, A. H., Station B, Buffalo, N. Y.; Age 39; Mgr. Index Service Co.; Ed. & Pub. Collectors' Digest; Reference: Rev. L. G. Dorpat, Wayside, Wis.; Proposed by C. F. Richards, #18.

Rambo, Ormond, Jr., 2243 N. Broad St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age 29; Real Estate and Insurance; Kennedy & Rambo; Reference: Caskey Brass & Bronze Works, Philadelphia, Pa.; Proposed by Milton P. Lyons, Jr., #2715.

Sieroka, Otto, 906 Willow Ave., North Bergen, N. J.; Age 36; Carpenter & Contractor; Reference: Gardener Meeks Lumber Co. and Big Schneider Hardware Co.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Weinberg, Sam, 480 Queen St., West, Toronto, Canada; Age 22; Stamp Dealer; Reference: M. Kaplan, 297 Queen St., West, Toronto, Ont.; Proposed by Gordon H. Crouch, #4211.

Application for Reinstatement.

Rockwell, George T., care Essex County Hospital, Cedar Grove N. J.; Age 55; Record Clerk, Essex County Hospital; Reference: J. M. Bartels; Proposed by M. Ohlman, #4073.

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5155 Coons, M. R., Patterson, La.

5156 Kendrick, Ashley W., 19 Marion Place, Saratoga Springs, N. Y.

5157 Walton, J. Clarence, 96 Worth Ave., Wakefield, Mass.

5158 Wing, Chin Sit, care Samuel Samuel & C., Taipeh, (Taihoku), North Formosa.

Replaced On Roll.

4449 Fox, Frederick S., 831 N. 5th St., Reading, Pa.

Deceased.

469 Gowing, Edward, Medford, Mass.

Change of Address.

5115 Clarke, Edw. I. from Kennecott, Alaska to Engineers Training Depot, St. Johns, P. Q., Canada.

2655 Colson, Everett A., from Manila, P. I. to 3219 S. 3rd St., Ironton, Ohio.

2454 Green, Dick from 35th Co. to 132 Co., 11th Reg., Quantico, Va.

4415 Kirk, Miss Debby Lewis from Llanerch to Delaware Ave., Kirklyn, Pa.

1421 Mitchell, Capt. W. I. from Wichita, Kans. to 5th Infirmary, 164 Depot Brigade, Camp Funston, Kans.

5114 Wear, Burt C., from Elyria, Ohio to Gen. Delivery, Ambridge, Pa.

3195 Wilms, John H. from 708 West Broadway to 2103 West Market St., Louisville, Ky.

Membership Summary.

Membership June 1, 1918	1578
New Stockholders	5
Replaced on Roll	1
	1584
Deceased	1
Total Membership June 15, 1918	1583

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

Nominations.

At at meetings of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch #30 held June

6th, 1918 a resolution was passed endorsing the ticket nominated by Philadelphia Branch #18 for Officers for 1918-19.

Notice of Amendment to be placed before the 33rd Annual Meeting.

A new section to be added to Article II (two) providing for Life Membership on the payment by a member or applicant of $20.00, $6.66 of which shall be credited for subscription to the American Philatelist. In the case of an applicant for membership the amount to be $21.00 of which $1.00 is to be credited to the Stock Fund. The exact wording of this amendment will be published in a later number of the American Philatelist.

OFFICAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.

L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.

Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.

P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and

C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman, John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLeren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

PROPOSED RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. C. F. Richards writes—but his letter tells it all. We print it below. This opens the way for a further opportunity for the A. P. S. to help win the war. And it creates a fund to assist the American Philatelist, and this will help the Society give you a better journal.

New York, May 28, 1918.

Editor, American Philatelist:—

I enclose three resolutions for printing, numbered consecutively. Numbers one and two are designed to put idle funds to work. Of what benefit are these several thousands of dollars to us now?

The interest on these will more than cover the expense incurred by passing resolution Number Three which will give us interesting notes from different cities, similar to those recently supplied by Mr. Nast. We very much need something like these notes to retain and increase our membership.

Resolution No. 1 — RESOLVED That $1,000 of the amount now in the Stock Fund be invested in the bonds of the next Liberty Loan.

Resolution No. 2. — RESOLVED, That $2,000 of the amount now in the hands of the Sales Superintendent be remitted to the Treasurer at once, and be invested by him in the bonds of the next Liberty Loan, or in other bonds approved by the entire Board of Vice-Presidents.

Resolution No. 3. — RESOLVED, That the sum of One Hundred Dollars or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to be used by the Editor of The American Philatelist to secure the services of correspondents in the larger philatelic centers. Also that he be authorized in lieu of cash payments to offer advertising space for same purpose.

(Signed) C. F. RICHARDS.

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EDITORIAL.

OUR FINANCES. Occasionally we hear query as to why our Society maintains the large balance in the Treasury, our total resources amounting to over $7,000, and "The Collectors' Journal" for April asks "What's the purpose?"

The primary reason for the accumulation of funds is that the Stock Fund shall be "kept inviolate" in accordance with our By-Laws. It is due to this very far-sighted provision of our early leaders that the Society is today in such an enviable financial position among all philatelic societies. It was the idea of former President Tiffany that this Fund should be allowed to reach $10,000 and it was his wish to see the Society's finances finally total $25,000, when the interest would take care of a great portion of the running expenses. We should not lose sight of the fact that above all else, The American Philatelic Society, to maintain a proper dignity and responsibility, and to keep it in a class to be truly representative of our Great Country, should have at its command ample resources, which in itself, by the way, forms one of the very best arguments that can be brought forward to interest a prospective member.

By this, we do not mean that the Society should have as its greatest aim the accumulation of funds and that none of its money should be spent for the benefit of its members. Most decidedly no. But it would be a most grevious mistake to, in even a small degree, call upon the Society's resources for any such purpose. It is a mistake, just because we have a Treasury of which we are proud, to spend this money without a thought for the future.

There is another phase to this matter. Each year the Sales Department circulates stamps worth several times the total holdings of the Society, and which belong to our members, and we, as a Society, are under a most strict obligation to reurn full value to such members, either in the form of their unsold stamps or an adequate compensation for those not returned. For those bought and paid for by our members we need have no worry, but there is ever present the possibility of a great loss occurring in one of the many ways open to such a happening either through loss in mails or other-wise, damage, fires, theft, or any other cause. Pro-

per assurance to our members can only be given by maintaining the greatest possible amount of funds on hand. It would be decidedly unwise to impair this portion of our finances. To point out that in past years we have been called upon for only small payments from the Insurance Fund, does not lessen the desirability of holding this Fund to the largest amount possigle.

A Society such as the A. P. S. is really co-operative. Let those who are responsible for its official life be ever so willing, and they are, to give members the fullest possible benefits, yet, just as we have time and time again pointed out, it remains with the members themselves to make the most of the opportunity. In line with what we have stated above, the Society has been ready and willing, during the past several years, to issue handbooks for distribution among its members, thus putting some of its yearly receipts back into the hands of its members, but why has this not been done? The answer is obvious. The material, or more properly the manuscript is lacking. The members have failed to co-operate.

No. We should not **spend** our funds. We should, as has been done, **invest** them. It is only by doing this that we can retain the financial responsibility of the Society, a condition we must most jealously guard. When conditions or any other term that will properly designate the cause, permits, the Society will utilize a portion of its income in a direct return to its members.

GET THEM BACK. It is a matter much to be regretted that each year our Secretary is obliged to suspend a considerable list of members for failing to pay the yearly dues. Many of these are dropped simply on account of neglect on the part of the individual member. This opens up an opportunity for you to assist in work equally as important as securing new members for the Society. Go after those who have allowed themselves to be suspended. Frequently, a letter will bring them back. And even if it should bring nothing more than a complaint, it will have helped, for it will be highly probable that the greivance can be corrected. At least, we shall learn wherein that member finds fault with the Society.

Many members have, in the past, been of great help in doing just this kind of "recruiting" work and much credit should be given our Sales Superintendent for having been instrumental in retaining many of our members who would otherwise have been lost but through his efforts. We can, every one of us, help in this manner and there is no better time to begin than now, while it is still possible for those who have been dropped to be reinstated by merely paying their dues.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR MONTH OF MAY, 1918.

Stock Fund.

Balance		$4847.66
Receipts	$17.00	
Disbursements	1.00	16.00 $4863.66

General Fund.

Balance		$1927.97
Receipts	$106.70	
Disbursements	31.25	75.45 $2003.42

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1979.25	
Receipts	9.23	$1988.48

Exchange Account.

Balance	$3.55

Suspense Account.

Balance	$36.70	
Receipts	3.60	$ 40.30
		$8899.41

American Philatelist Account.

Bebit Balance		$1717.82	
Receipts	$11.35		
Disburse-ments	121.37	110.02	$1827.84
			$7071.57

Resources.

Bonds	$5489.34
Cash	1582.23
	$7071.57

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

CONVENTION NOTES.

Arrangements for the coming Convention are proceeding quietly but steadily, and it was hoped that the entire program could be given at this time. Unfortunately delays made this impossible. There are certain things, however, we wish to indelibly impress on you Mr. Member, and here they are:

You probaly won't feel you can spare the time nor the money for your usual long vacation trip this summer, with the many calls Uncle Sam is making on you for both, but you do know you need a chance to relax and forget business and patriotic duties temporarily. Spend the week of August 11th at Cleveland with the A. P. S. and you will accomplish this.

Don't consider the small increase in transportation charges when making your decision to attend this Convention. We'll all get used to it in time.

The body of Cleveland Members is well organized, and from Sunday morning, August 11th, to the end of the Convention, the local men will be in evidence at the Convention Headquarters, the Hotel Statler, to see that your stay is made enjoyable, so you can't plan on reaching Cleveland too early.

Stamps will be in evidence throughout the week, so it is not only suggested, but urged, that each one bring something to show or trade. In this connection it is expected to have one or two exceptionally fine collections exhibited on Monday night preceding the Convention.

There are many points of interest in Cleveland which will be shown you. The Statler is an ideal hotel for our convention, as the convention hall, committee rooms and special entrance hall are isolated on the mezzanine floor, and we can have just as much seclusion as we may wish.

The one thing necessary to make the Convention a success is a large attendance, and we are counting on you.

Publicity Committee,
Garfield-Perry Stamp Club.

MEET US IN CLEVELAND.

If it is your intention to attend the coming Convention, August 13th, 14th and 15th, to be held at Cleveland, Ohio, get your name on this list. The following expect to be there.

Mr. F. S. Grotjan, Buffalo, N. Y.

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Mr. Chas. A. Reber, A. P. S. 1709, writes that he is off for France for a year's service as Y. M. C. A. War Secretary with "Our Boys over There." The best wishes of every A. P. S. member go with him.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

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PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennan, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. LeRoy Pratt submits a block of 40 of the Tacoma, Wash., 10c due. This is an exceedingly large block to have been used thru the regular channels. I recently saw a block of 25 25c Parcel Post dues used on a letter from Milwaukee. They were cancelled with a blue pencil. No doubt this was the accumulated amount on several packages.

Mr. E. Erbach sends information that Sheboygan, Wis., is still using the 2c perf. 10. The other values are perforated 11.

Mr. J. J. Cone writes that Higganum, Conn. precancelled the current 1c. About 3000 are used at a time and they should be scarce. A rubber stamp is used in cancelling them.

Brooklyn, N. Y. is cancelling the current set with blue ink.

Many of the cities are using the 3c surface print. The first cities to use them were Chicago and New York.

Many questions have arisen as to why more special delivery stamps have not been precancelled. Upon inquiry the Post Office informs me that all special delivery stamps must be cancelled with the date and hour. This would make the precancelling a waste of time as they would have to be stamped anyway. I have been asked to procure precancelled aeroplane stamps for a number of collectors, but as 10c of the postage out of the 24 is used for special delivery I do not believe they will be precancelled.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. of Chicago is the only firm permitted to precancel their own stamps. Mr. H. F. Rech has promised to give me full details regarding the method used. This will clear up a number of questions that have arisen over the hand stamped Chicago. Some time ago a Precancel Clerk informed me that Chicago had never handstamped any precancels, but he neglected to tell me that Sears, Roebuck & Co. had.

Will you please look over your Precancel accumulation and inform me of any unlisted varieties that you have. If possible send me samples and I will return them to you promptly.

GUIDE LINES AND ARROWS ON UNITED STATES STAMPS.

We are in receipt of the following interesting letter:

270 Richmond Ave., Buffalo, N. Y.
June 4, 1918.

Editor American Philatelist:

It is certainly pleasing to note the article of Mr. John J. Spencer A. P. S. 50, while the stamp fraternity has paid more attention to gum and its colors, the straight edge, the red, blue, green, black, yellow, brown, etc., color and so many other fancies of cancellations, 1/2 mm. to the S. and 1 mm. to the N., and so on.

1857 to 1860 issue has the guide lines, also the arrow. No. 42 has a heavy guide line and the arrow also. Nos. 43, 44 and 53 have the guide lines. These I have myself, very good copies.

In the 1861 issue, I have the 3 cent No. 66 with guide line. No. 65 also has guide lines. These lines are in four different lengths, about as shown by these diagrams:

1867, 3 cent, No. 94b, red, a very good specimen, showing guide line about as follows:

This shows that the stamps prior to 1869 had their guide lines and arrows.

I am pleased to know Mr. Spencer has opened the way for a broadening of the collector in a field very much neglected by a great many and I hope that The American Philatelist will hear from more members.

With best wishes, I am, respectfully,
WM. J. ZIEGELE, A.P.S. 4942.

LIBERIA

The following is clipped from "The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain" as a piece of philatelic history worth preserving:

Very interesting particulars relating to the circumstances which rendered necessary the numerous surcharges of the last few years are given in the Bulletin Mensuel. It appears that the President Oward was very anxious to have his portrait on the stamps, and a new series embodying this idea was prepared in 1914, in Hamburg, and despatched at the end of July. The ship carrying them was captured by a British warship, and as the stamps were not consigned to the Liberian Government but to a German agent at Monrovia, they were confiscated. (It would be very interesting, by the way, to know whether they have been destroyed.)

The Liberian Government then ordered a new set in London, and a consignment was duly sent out on the ill-fated "Akassa," which was torpedoed, and so, for the second time the President was baulked of seeing his features portrayed on the stamps.

In the meantime the stock of stamps in Liberia was gradually becoming exhausted, so the necessity for surcharging can easily be undertood, though it does not explain the extreme diversity of the type used in making the provisionals.

The recent arrival of an entirely new set of the usual florid pictorial character should obviate the necessity for any further surcharging for some time to come. We have not space to give to a description of all the objects of natural and unnatural history which are depicted on these labels, but will content ourselves with saying that they range from a bommi-fish to a two-spotted paradoxure. The stamps composing the set are of all shapes and sizes, including a triangular (the 25c.) and all are bi-coloured with the exception of the 10c. and the highest value. Following the usual custom a set of official stamps has also been provided, in which the colours are different from those of the ordinary stamps.

1c. green and black.
2c. pink and black.
5c. blue and black.
10c. dark green.
15c. black and green.
20c. agate and black.
25c. dark green and light green.
30c. Tyrian purple and black
50c. blue and black.
75c. khaki and black.
1 dol. orange and dark blue.
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5 dol. photo-brown.

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5c. oriental blue and black (red)
10c. bright blue (red)
15c. brown and dark green (blue)
20c. lilac and black (red)
25c. brown and light green (black)
30c. violet and black (red)
50c. marone and black (blue)
75c. brown and black (blue)
1 dol. khaki and blue (black)
2 dol. khaki and black (red)
5 dol. green (black)

CHARLES K. DAVIS.

We have just been informed of the death of Mr. Chas. K. Davis, A. P. S. 1500, which occurred recently, but at this writing we are unable to state the date. We copy the following from a Cincinnati paper:

Charles K. Davis, senior member of the firm of A. Davis' Sons & Co., cigar manufacturers, died at his home, 550 Prospect Place, Avondale on Saturday morning. Mr. Davis had spent the winter at Long Beach, California, and at Galveston, Texas, where he was near his son, Lieut. John E. Davis, an instructor in the aviation service at Ellington Field. Mr. Davis was born in Cincinnati in 1854. From his early youth he was an enthusiastic stamp collector. In later years he frequently was consulted as an authority on United States stamps in which he specialized. He had traveled extensively in foreign countries. In 1900 he made a tour around the world collecting curios especially from the Asiastic countries. For many years he was a trustee of the Rockdale Avenue Temple and Secretary of its sinking fund. He was very active in building association affairs serving for nearly thirty years as president of The Losantiville Building Association. Mr. Davis was a thirty-third degree mason and a member of several charitable and social organizations. Besides his son, his widow and a daughter, Mrs. Nathan Isaacs, survive him.

Our sincere sympathy is tendered his family in their loss and we mourn the passing of one who has been associated with us for so many years.

PROGRAM

AMERICAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY CONVENTION.

Cleveland, Ohio, Aug. 13-16, 1918.

Heeadquarters—Hotel Statler.

Monday, August 12, 1918. Morning and Afternoon.

Reception of incoming delegates and guests. Registration and badges.

Evening, 8 P. M.

Informal reception to guests, lattice room, Hotel Statler. Exhibition—the leading feature of the exhibition will be the collection of British North America, by Mr. Alfred F. Lichtenstein, New York City. Mr. Lichtenstein has incorporated in this collection the stamps formerly owned by Mr. Geo. H. Worthington, and his collection is now, without doubt, the most complete and finest in existence.

Tuesday, August 13, 1918. A. M.

9.30—12 Noon, Business Session.

P. M.

Auto trip to Euclid Heights, out the famous Euclid Ave., stop at Garfield Monument, thru Euclid Boulevard to Wade Park, stop at Cleveland Museum of Art, Rockefeller Park, Gordon Park and stop at Country Club.

Wednesday, August 14, 1918. A. M.

9.30—12 Noon, Business Session.

P. M.

Visit to Lake resort, not yet selected, by special car. Weather permitting there will be boating, bathing and athletic sports.

Evening.

Stamp Bourse, lattice room, Hotel Statler.

Thursday, August 15, 1918. A. M.

9.30—12 Noon, Business Session.

P. M.

Auto trip to West Side and Lakewood, over new high level bridge, visiting Lake Shore Boulevard, Edgewater Park, Clifton Park and over the famous Rocky River bridge, the longest concrete span in the world, to Cleveland Yacht Club where dinner will be served. Attractions at the Club include moving pictures and dancing.

Friday, August 16, 1918.

Steamer ride to Cedar Point and Put-in-Bay.

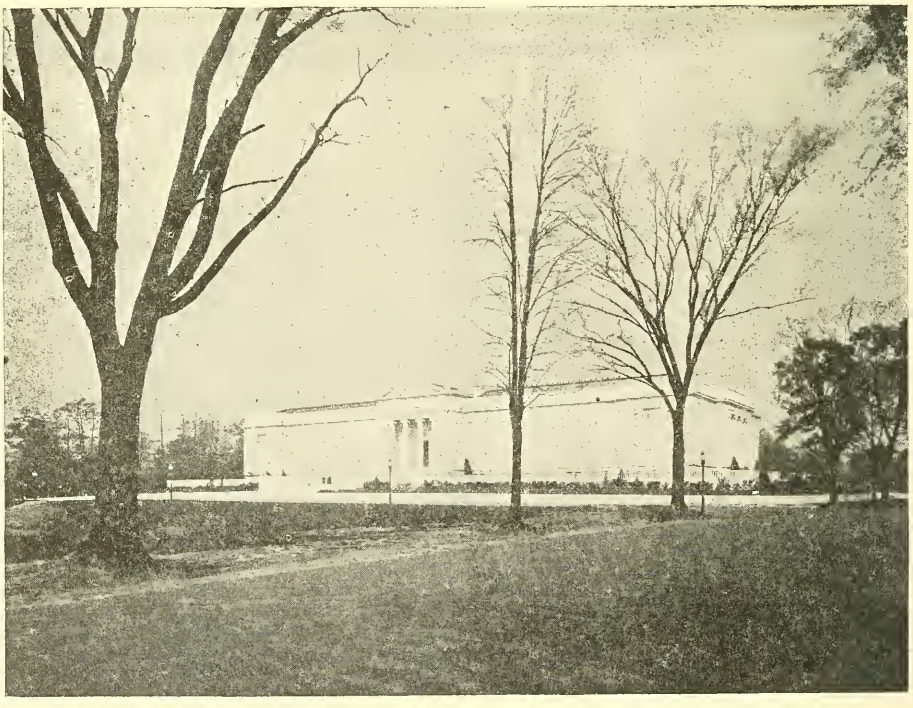
CONVENTION NOTES.

Remember the Dates—August 13, 14, 15.

Elsewhere in this issue we are publishing the Program of the coming Convention. There will be something doing every minute from Monday, August 12th to Friday the 16th and the wide range of entertainment is sufficient to suit every taste, both philatelic and otherwise. If you cannot pick out several items of interest to you, you are certainly hard to please.

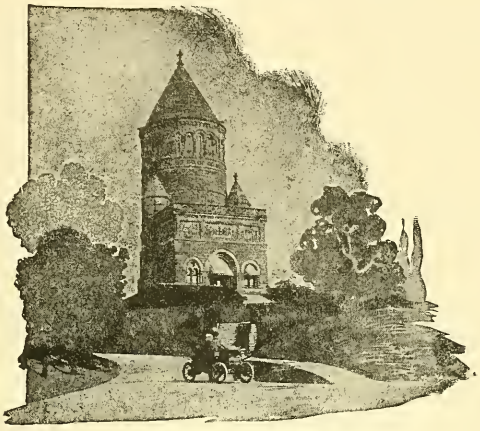
Our hosts, The Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, have brought together a splendid program. They are continuing their meetings throughout the summer in order that all matters pertaining to the Convention may have proper attention. It is quite evident that it is their intention that no detail looking to the comfort and pleasure of the visitors shall be overlooked. They are especially anxious that there should be a large attendance. Our list of those who intend to be in Cleveland next August is growing. Detroit is going "strong." Cleveland is easy to reach and situated so near to such a large proportion of our membership, there is every reason to expect a large number of members and their families.

Visits to the new Cleveland Museum of Art and the Garfield Monument are included in the program and good illustrations of these points of interest are here shown.



MUSEUM OF ART

The Cleveland Museum of Art has been completed within the past year, and is located in Wade Park, one of the most beautiful of Cleveland's many parks. In addition to paintings, etchings, statuary, etc., there are exceptionally fine collections of antique armor and weapons, Egyptian, Japanese and Chinese curios.



GARFIELD MONUMENT

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Those who attended the Put-in-Bay Convention in 1913 need not be told of the beauty and pleasure of a trip to the Island, which is scheduled for Friday, after the close of the Convention. This trip alone would repay you for making the trip to Cleveland.

The following members have expressed their intention to attend the Convention:

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Mr. Chas. F. Sharpe, " "
Mr. R. E. Smith, " "
Mr. A. C. Wood, " "

Plan your vacation so as to include Cleveland the week of August 12th to 17th, get the Convention "habit" and you will never want to miss another meeting of the A. P. S.

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EDITORIAL.

FORESIGHT. The farsightedness of those who, in the past, have been responsible for the formation of laws governing the American Philatelic Society is now clearly shown by the financial condition of our Treasury. It was the idea of the founders of the Society that eventually we should be able to command resources which would give us a stability and responsibility in proportion to our importance. That this idea has been carefully cherished and protected, our Treasury today bears good evidence.

But large as the resources of the Society are, compared with any similar organization, it is not yet time to even dream of reducing this amount of planning any manner of way by which it may be reduced. On the contrary, we should studiously and seriously consider ways and mean of adding to our finances.

Is it time to give our members some substantial return on their memberships? Yes, if this can be done without impairing our financial standing. But if to do such will mean a corresponding reduction of our funds, then the time is not yet come.

Our By-Laws tell us that the Stock Fund must be kept inviolate. This Stock Fund is our capital. Who would think of "spending" the capital of any organization? To do so would spell R-U-I-N. This capital can be invested, as ours is, and the earnings from such investments used for any purpose which may seem fit, but the capital must not be touched. Any other method would not be sound business.

Then again we must offer a real protection to those members who use the Society as a sales medium for the disposal of their stamps. We offer this protection at a rate which is wholly out of proportion to the risk involved. What insurance company would insure our members' property for one-half of one per cent? We do it, but only because, in years gone by, we have had law-makers wise enough to foresee conditions, and in later years, members who have recognized the wisdom of such policy. We could not afford to offer insurance at so low a rate, and give the proper protection, if we did not have ample funds. Is this not a prime

reason why we should continue to build up our Treasury?

Our principal resources, we might say our only resources, are our Stock Fund and Insurance Fund and these should not be used for any purpose, except that the latter be called upon to pay such losses as may occur.

Let us again tell you that benefits in a Society should not be measured by the dollars and cents it pays you out of your yearly dues. Look at the question in a broader view. Consider your dues as a small tax to uphold the value of your stamps. Consider the small amount you yearly pay the A. P. S. as an investment to preserve the value of your "capital," your collection. That organized philately, and the American Philatelic Society in particular, has been a mighty and important factor in the general increase of stamp values, none will deny. Then why should we throttle the source from which we have derived untold benefit? Rather, we should by every endeavor, foster that which has already brought us dividends far in excess of the cost of our small annual dues. And that is only one phase of the usefulness of the A. P. S.

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Since the first part of this article appeared additional information has been acquired, and some of this is of such a character that a rearrangement of the section dealing with the controls has become desirable. The information given under the headings a—l (P.J., 1917, page 147-148) is therefore repeated in a somewhat modified form, so as to bring it into accord with that which remains for notice. As before, the numbers of the stamps on the sheet are given when possible. The position of the remaining stamps to which reference is made being still undetermined, they are given arbitrary numbers sufficiently high to avoid confusion with the former (1-150). Any blotches or dots mentioned are in the colours of the control, and unless otherwise indicated lie between the double outlines, and not in central oval of the O, or in open spaces within the head or tail of the 2. Any deficiencies of the O described, unless otherwise stated, concern the outer ring. The term base is applied to the lower outline of the foot of the 2.

(a) Stamps of the upper margin.

No. 1.—(1) The O deficient or very weak on the W.S.W., and with a dot in the N.; U, V, Za. (2) Lowest part of the stem of the 2 deficient on the W., and completely crossed by a blotch (fig. 5); Wa, X. (3) Two blotches; N. E. and S.S.E. respectively, in the O; Zb (one copy). (3a?) The control normal; Zb.

No. 2.—(1) Small dot (S) in the O; T, U, Ub, Y, Z. (2) The O deficient

from S.S.W. to N.W.; W, Ua, Va, X. (3) and (3a?) Two apparently different controls; Zb (Two copies).

No. 3.—(1) The 20 normal; Xa, Y, Z. (2) The O somewhat flattened at the base and with three minute dots, N., S.E., and S.S.E. respectively, the two latter attached to the outer ring, which is deficient on the S.W., or from S.S.W. to N.W.; Va, Wa. (3) The O inverted; Zb.

No. 4.—(1) The 2 irregularly broken on the N.W. (fig. 1); T, U, Y. (2) The 20 normal; Wa.

No. 5.—(1) Break (S.S.E.) on the O (almost like that of fig. 14, but without the broad gap on the W.S.W.) T, U, Y, Zac. (2?) An apparently different control; V. (3) The O inverted; Zb.

No. 6.—(1) The 20 normal; U, Ub, Y, Z, Zac. (2) The O deficient or weak on the W., and with a dot on the S.E.; Va, Wa. Zb.

No. 7.—The O slightly raised; Za. (2) The 2 broken in the middle (fig.3); Ua, Va, Wa, Wb, X. (3) The 2 deficient at the top and along eastern two-thirds of the base; Zb.

No. 10.—(1) The 20 normal; W. (2) The 2 deficient (apparently broken) on the N.W. and S.W. along two lines nearly at right angles to one another (fig. 8); Ua, Va, X. (3) Dot close to the bottom of the O; Zb. (3a?) The control almost normal; Zb (one copy). (3b?) Gap (N.N.W.) in the head of the 2; Zb (one copy, badly printed).

(b) Stamps of the lower margin.

No. 142.—(1) The 20 spaced, the O inverted; U, W, Za. (2) The O deficient on the N.N.W. (fig. 10); Va, Wb, Zb.

243 (one of the Nos. 143-145.)—(1) The O raised, U, V. Y. (2) The O with narrow nearly vertical break on the S.S.E. and a broad gap on the W.S.W. (fig. 14); Va, Zb. (3?) The O inverted ? ; Zb (one copy, poor impression).

244 (another of the Nos. 143-145).—(1) The tip of the tail of the 2 deficient, broad gap (S.W.) in the O; Xb, Y, Za. (2) Narrow more or less complete break at the bottom of the inner outline of the O; V, Va, X, Zb.

245 (the remaining one of the Nos. 143-145).—(1) The O dropped and deficient on the S.W.; T, V, Y, Xb. (2) The O deficient on the N.N.W., Va, Wa, X. (3) The control normal; Zb (one copy). (3a?) The O apparently inverted (Zb, one copy, poor impression).

No. 146.—(1) The O dropped (lower than in 245) and deficient on the S.W. (more so than in 245); T, V, Za. (2) The O somewhat raised, with dot at the bottom (except in V), and a second just to the right of the top (except in V and W); the base of the 2 more or less completely deficient on the W., and the tail on the E.; V, W, Ua, Va. (3 and ? 3a) One to two other kinds of control, nearly normal; Zb.

No. 147.—(1) The O somewhat raised; S, U, Z. (2) The O deficient on S.W. and S.S.E.; and generally with a more or less complete break on the inner outline (S.S.W.) (fig. 11); Ua, Va, Wa, Zb.

No. 149.—(1) The O somewhat raised and commonly deficient on the S. by W.; T, W, Y, Za, Zac. (2) The O deficient on the S.S.W.; Zb.*

No. 150.—(1) The O deficient on the S.S.E. and S.W., break on the inner outline on the S.S.W. (fig. 11), the base of the 2 more or less completely deficient; V, W, Za. (2) The O, inverted; Ua, Zb.

(c) Stamps of the left margin.

No. 11.—(1) The control normal; T, Z, Za, Zac. (2) The top of the O nearly covered by a blotch; Ua, X, Zb; in X and Zb. also a dot (W.S.W.) touching the outer outline, and in X two dots in the base of the stem of the 2. (3) The O inverted, Zb.

No. 31.—(1) The O of the Keyhole pattern (fig. 13), inverted; T, Z. (2) The control normal; Va, Wa, X.

249.—(2) The control spaced; Va. (3) The 20 not spaced; Zb.

*The reference of this to the second group is based on one of the copies found in a strip. (Eo. P.J.G.B.)

255.—(1) The control normal; T; in Za a small partial break (S.S.E.) on the O. (2) The O deficient on the S.W.; Va. Zb.

(d) Stamps of the right margin.

No. 20.—(1) The O deficient on the E.S.E., and on the W. side from N.N.W. to S.S.E.; S, T. (2) The control normal; V, X, Zb. (3) The O inverted; Zb.

No. 30.—(1) The O deficient on the E.S.E.; S, T, V, Y, Z. (2) The O deficient from W. to N.W.; Ua, Va, Zb. (3?) *The O deficient from N.W. to S.W.; Zb.

No. 140.—(1) The control, normal; Y, Z. (2) Short stroke or dot (N. by E.) in the O, which is nearly always deficient on the S.W.; Va, X, Zb. Except perhaps in Zb, a break on the stem of the 2 close to the tip of the tail. In Zb the O is also mostly deficient from S.W. to N.W.

258.—(2) The 2 broken as in fig. 2; Wa. (3) The control normal; Zb.

261.—(1) Dot (S.W.) in the 2; T, U, (2) Break (N.W.) in the O; Ua, Zb. (3) The O deficient from N.W. to S.W.; Zb.

265.—(1) Base of the 2 deficient close to W. end, the O weak or deficient on the S.W.; T, U, Z. (2) Break, partial or complete, on N.W. part of the 2; Va, Wa. (3) The O inverted and somewhat raised; Zb.

(d) Stamps not belonging to one of the margins.

No. 12.—(1) Control normal, Xa. (2) The O deficient or weak on the S. W. and S.E., a small dot S. by E.; Ua, Zb.

No. 13.—(1) Control normal, Xa, Y, Za. (2) The O weak or deficient from the N. W. to the S.S.W.; Va, Zb.

No. 14.—(1) The O deficient or broken on the N.N.W. (fig. 10); T, V, Z. (2) Blotch in the S.W. of the O, a dot at the base of the stem of the 2; Ua. (3) The control normal; Zb.

No. 15.—(2) The 2 broken on the N. W. (fig. 1); Va.

No. 16.—(1) The control not agreeing with any of the following, Y (one copy)*. (2) The O deficient on the N. W., the tail of the 2 deficient, and the back of the stem weak or deficient; Ua, Va, X; except in Va a dot (S.S.W.) in the O. (3) The control normal; Zb. (3a) The error O2; Zb.

No. 17.—(1) The O somewhat raised; U, Z, Zac. (2) Dot in the S.W. part of the 2; Ua, Va. (3) The control normal Zb.

No. 18.—(1) The O deficient on much of the left side, the inner outline for a shorter distance (fig. 15); U, W, Xb, Z. (2) The outer ring of the O deficient, much as in (1); the inner unbroken; U, Ua, Va, X, Zb. (3) The tail of the 2 and the W. side of the O largely deficient; Zb (one copy). (3a?) The 2 largely deficient on the E. and W., the O blotched on the N.W. and S.W.; Zb (one copy).

No. 22.—(1) The control normal; U, W, Z. (2) The O with a straight edge on the S.W. (fig. 9); V, X, Zb. (3) Control normal; Zb.

No. 24.—(2) O deficient from N.W. to S.S.W., and deficient or very weak from E.N.E. to S.E., a minute complete or partial break S. by E.; a break N.N. W. on the 2; X, Zaa. (3) The O inverted; Zb.

No. 25.—(1) The tip of the tail of the 2 deficient; the O deficient on the S.W.; Ub, W. (2) The control normal, except that the O is sometimes deficient from N.W. to W.N.W.; Ua, Va, X.

No. 26.—(1) The O deficient on the W.S.W., and with a narrow break on the S.S.E. (fig. 14); U, Ub, Z. (2, or 3) Control normal, Zb.

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*This may be merely a later condition of the O in the second group.

*This stamp was seen once, but is no longer available for study. (Eo. P.J.G.B.)

No. 27*.—(1) The control normal; Z. (2) The E. half of the base of the 2 deficient, the W. side of the O deficient below and straight above; Ua, Va, Wa.

No. 32.—(1) A narrow break on the base of the 2, towards the W.; T, Xb, Z, Za. (2) Elongated dot (N.N.E.) in the O;; W, Va.

No. 39.—(1) Dot in S. part of the central space of the O; S, U, V. (2) Control normal, X.

202.—(1) The control normal; Y, Z. (2) Break on the W. side of the top of the stem of the 2; the O weak or deficient on the N.W., and with a small blotch on the S.; Va, X, Zad. (3) The control normal, but much blotched; Zb. (3a) The O inverted, apparently the keyhole variety, but blotched, Zb.

278.—(1) The O deficient on the S. and S.W., and weak on the N.N.E.; Y, Z. (2) The O deficient from the S.E. through S. to N.W., and weak or deficient on the N. and the E.; the inner outline deficient or weak from the S. to the N.W.; the 2 deficient on the W. side of the foot, and on the base close by; Va, Wa, X. (3) The O deficient on the S.W.; Zb (one copy).

282.—(1) The O with two partial breaks, N.W. and N.N.W.; T, U; in U also a dot (S. by E.), and a deficiency on the S.W. (2) The O as in U, except additional minute dot touching the outer line, on the N.N.E., and a deficiency on the W.N.W.; (fig. 16), Va, X. The O is evidently the same in the two groups, but the accompanying cyphers are probably different.

283.—(1) The O dropped; T. U. (2) The O deficient from N.N.W. to S.W.; X (one copy). (3?) The control apparently almost normal; Zb.

284.—(1) Nearly vertical stroke in the space enclosed by the head of the 2; T, U. (2) Control norman; Ua.

285.—(1) The O deficient from N.E. to S.E., and its inner outline weak or deficient from N.E. to E.S.E.; V. (2) The O weak or deficient from N.W. to S.W.; Va. (3) The control normal; Zb. (3a) The O inverted; Zb.

288.—(1) A break on the N.E. of the O; S, T, Xa, Z. (2 or 3) The O nearly normal; Zb (one copy).

292.—(1) The O somewhat similar to that of fig. 14, though not the same; the 2 with a break on the N.W.; U (one copy). (2) The O deficient from the N.W. to the S.S.W., and with a dot touching the outer line on the S.S.E. (this may be absent in Zb); Wa, X, Zb.

296.—(1) E. side of the tail of the 2 deficient, as is also the S.E. part of the O. The outer outline of O also weak or deficient on the S.W., and the inner on the S.E.; the well printed controls of T show also two narrow breaks on the W. sisde of the head of the 2; T, Zac. (2) The control normal; Ua, Wa. (3) The O deficient on the S.W., and also from W. to N.W.; Zb.

299.—(1) The O deficient along most of the S. W. quarter, and with a dot in the N.E.; except in printing S a dot in the S.W. part of the 2; S, U, Y, Z, Za. (2) The O with a bulge on the N.N.E. (fig. 12); Va.

301.—(1) The O deficient on the S. W.; a small notch slightly to the E. of the middle of the base of the 2; T, U, Xa. (2) The O almost similar to that of (1); the 2 with a narrow vertical break on the W. side of the base; Va. (3) The control normal; Zb.

332.—(1) The O with a straight edge on the N.E., the 2 deficient along the upper half of the W. side of the stem, and at the S.E. corner of the foot; Va.

344.—(1) the 2 broken on the N.W. (fig. 2); U, Za. (2 or 3) The 2 as in 301 (1); Zb.

346.—(1) The 2 broken in the middle (fig. 3); U, Y. Z.

396.—The control normal; T, Xa, Zac. (2) Most of the W. side of the O deficient; Va, X. (3) The 2 deficient on the N.W., the O on the S.S.W.; Zb.

It is not possible to give characteristics for the controls on all the 150

*This number appeared erroneously as 24 on p. 147 of the P.J., 1917.

stamps of the cream paper series. In some cases the sheet numbers of recognisable stamps are still unknown, in other copies in these later issues are few or lacking, while in still others the controls are either imperfectly printed, or show lack of character. But more or less conclusive evidence has been obtained in the case of about 70 stamps. The foregoing details deal with the most satisfactory of these.

(To be continued.)

CORNER LETTERS ON ENGLISH STAMPS.

From "The Stamp Lover" we reprint this extract from a recent article on Great Britain's stamps in the hope that it will lead some of our members to a better understanding of these varieties.

The corner letters on the early English stamps are apparently always perplexing to the beginner, but they are quite simple to understand. They conform to a system by which every stamp on one sheet printed from one plate has a dicerent combination of letters, and the idea was to make it more readily noticeable if anyone attempted to counterfeit any one stamp. In the first 1d. and 2d. stamps ("line-engraved") there were 240 stamps to the sheet, arranged in twenty horizontal rows of twelve stamps. These stamps at first had letters only in the two lower corners, and the first letter indicates the horizontal row in which the stamp occurs on the sheet. The other letter indicates the vertical column on the sheet. Thus a stamp lettered "A.....A" was the first stamp (column 1) in the first row This system so far as it concerns the lower corners of the stamps printed 240 to the sheet never varies, and consequently in the bottom left corner the letter must always be anything from A to T (the twentieth row), and the right-hand bottom corner letter anything from A to L (the twelfth column.)

To make this simple system more perfectly clear, let me give a few examples:

1st row—AA, AB, AC, AD, AE, AF, etc., to AL.

2nd row—BA, BB, BC, BD, BE, etc., to BL.

3rd row—CA, CB, CC, CD, etc., to CL

10th row—JA, JB, JC, JD, etc., to JK, JL.

15th row—OA, OB, OC, OD, to OK, OL

20th row—TA, TB, to TH, TI, TJ, TK, TL

Later on, when letters were introduced in the upper corners as well, the system was the same; the lower corner letters follow the arrangement described above, the upper ones are the reverse of the letters in the lower angles. Thus a stamp lettered

D B
B D

is the fourth (D) stamp in the second (B) row.

For the ½d. stamp of 1870, as the stamps were only the half size, the sheets contained double the number of stamps—480 instead of 240—and consequently the arrangement of the lettering was extended to cover the long horizontal rows of twenty-four (instead of twelve) stamps. So the column letters run from A to X (the twenty-fourth letter of the alphabet), but the letters indicating the rows remain from A to T, as there were just twenty rows. The ½d. stamps all have the letters in all four corners, but it will save much confusion if collectors will bear in mind that the lower corner letters in every case give the simplest key to the position of the stamp on the sheet; the upper corner letter should always correspond in reverse with the lower ones. A stamp lettered T....X at the foot should be lettered X....T at the top, and so on.

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, 1918.**

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Furman, Roswell Yates, 3 Green St., Milford, Conn. Age 16; Student. Guaranteed by John Edward Holloway, #4777; Proposed by John Edward Holloway, #4777.

Garland, Frank D., 316 W. John St., Champaign, Ill. Age 32; Merchant. Reference: J. P. Naughton, Cashr. Illinois Bank. Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Hindsley, Norman, P. O. Box 380, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Age 32; Treas. and Director P. Burns & Co., Lmtd., Calgary, Alb. Reference: Winnipeg Piano Co., Portage Ave., Winnipeg, Canada. Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

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5007 Ritter, Karl L., 10th Co., R. S., Columbus Barracks, Ohio.

4775 Masson, T. L., In the Service, Branch unknown.

4794 Bowman, C. Horace, 5318 Spruce St., Philadelphia, Pa.

Corrections.

Issue of May 1st: #4771 Bennett, Matthew W., was dropped thru error.

This member was published as expelled in May 15th issue.

Issue of May 1st: #468 Gowing, Edw., was published as dropped thru error. This member was publishsed as deceased in July 1st issue.

Issue of May 1st: #4775 Masson, Thos. L., was published as dropped thru error. Notice has been received that he is in the service. He is therefore replaced on the Roll.

The following names should be added to Membership List published March, 1918:

4954 Hamilton, Rev. A. W., American Express Co., 6 Haymarket, London, W. C.

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Change of Address.

4471 Chapman, Geo. S., from 348 St. Nicholas to 56 St. Nicholas Ave., New York City.

4265 Eames, Milo D., from 234 W. Adams St. to 3847 W. 7th St., Los Angeles, Calif.

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4971 Pardee, Theo. Q. from Rochester, N. Y. to Room 1524, 61 Broadway, New York.

4959 Riederer, Dr. H. S. from St. Louis Mo. to Tamaqua, Pa.

4544 Ritchie, J. A., from 220 5th Ave. to 2305 Andrews Ave., New York City.

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4565 Stern, A. L. from 687 Market St. to 2109 Pacific Ave., San Francisco, Calif.

4892 Stoess, Rudolf, from E. 16th Ave. to 1222 Pennsylvania St., Denver, Colo.

4366 Stuck, O. J. from Detroit, Mich. to 717 De Witt St., Kalamazoo, Mich.

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Membership Summary.

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	1594
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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Directors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

Otto F. Moses, Chairman, Cleveland, Ohio.

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P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and

C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

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Officers Please Take Notice.

Appointive Officers, Committee Chairmen and Branch Secretaries. Please take notice that your Annual Reports will be called for at the Cleveland Annual Meeting during the second week in August.

Please see that your report is in the President's or Secretary's hands by Tuesday, Aug. 13th.

The Secretary may be addressed at Box 613, Denver, Colo., up to and including Aug. 1st.

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

SPECIAL ISSUE FOR A. P. S.

"The Blue Star News," published by Mr. Wilmer H. Slater, A. P. S. 5050, Temple, Pa., features an excellent account of the Society, written by our Secretary, in its issue for June. This is a splendid piece of recruiting and publicity work and we assure Mr. Slater that his efforts to "boost" the A.P.S. are appreciated.

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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.

Additions to the list since last corrections are marked with a *.

United States Army (all branches.)

BABCOCK, LT. COL. WARREN L., M. D., 6th Regt. Coast Artillery, Am. Ex. Forces.

BANDHOLTZ, BRIG. GEN. HARRY H.

BURTON, CAPT. KENNETH, 364th Infantry.

CARTWRIGHT, CAPT. BRUCE, Jr., Q. M. C.

COLBURN, CAPT. WM. B., Co. E. 337 Infantry.

COSBY, COL. SPENCER, 5th Engineers.

CRITTENDEN, CAPT. JAMES L., Coast Artillery.

DE HOSTOS, CAPT. EUGENIO C., P. R. Infantry.

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FUSS, EDWIN W., Co. I., M. P., 78th Div.

*GRAHN, HENRY V., Co. 18 Coast Artillery.

GREENING, E. H.

*HAMILTON, REV. A. W. (Branch unknown).

HAMILTON, MAJOR CHAS. S., 11th Infantry.

HAMILTON, CAPT. WILLIAM A., 7th Co. Coast Artillery.

HENN, FIRST LT. RALPH F., Ordnance Dept.

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IRELAND, 1st LT. GORDON, Signal Corps.

KNAUER, FIRST LT. J. GLEN, 312th Field Artillery.

LaMOTTE, CAPT. CLARENCE K., Infantry.

LAURITZEN, HARRY, Battery D, 346th F. A.

LESTER, LT. G. M., Co. L., 59th Infantry.

LOPEZ, CAPT. PASCUAL, Porto Rico Infantry.

MARTIN, DONALD W., Q. R. M. C.

*MASSON, THOS. L., (Branch unknown.

MERILLAT, CAPT. LOUIS A., Jr., Infantry.

MILLS, MAJOR WILLIS E., 4th Machine Gun Bn., 2nd Div., Am. Ex. Forces.

MITCHELL, CAPT. WALTON I., M. D., 5th Infantry.

MORRISON, CHARLES R., Co. C. 122d Field Artillery.

*OSSEGE, W. J., (Branch unknown).

PALMER, MAJOR FREDERICK L., retired.

PARKER, CAPT. CLYDE B., Infantry.

PARTELLO, COL. JOSEPH M. T., retired.

PETERS, MAJOR DON PRESTON, M. D.

POLLARD, ROWLAND P., Co. I, 1st Vermont Infantry.

RITTER, KARL, 10th Co., R. S.

ROBB, WILLIAM, Masonic Ambulance Corps of Calif.

ROTH, JEROME R., Battery E., 20th F. A.
SHAW, GUTHRIE.
SHIRCLIFFE, LT. ARNOLD, 1st Ohio Infantry.
SLUSSER, MASTER ELECTRICIAN, WALTER F., Coast Artillery, N. A.
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UNDERWOOD, CAPT. ARTHUR R., 64th Infantry.
URFF, CORP. PAUL J., Jr., Co. H., 306th Infantry.
VAWTER, SERG. WILLIAM S., Q. M. C.
WAGNER, ROBERT J., Co. S. 333d Infantry.
WEINGART, 1st LT. WILLIAM, M. D.
WEISSHEIMER, CAPT. J. WARREN, 56th Infantry.
WETHERELL, D. E., Bat. F., 4th Field Artillery.
M. C.
WHEAT, MAJOR A. F., M. D.
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GREEN, DICK, 132nd Co., 11th Regt.
HILEMAN, COMMANDER JOSEPH S.
HOOGHKIRK, ROBERT C., Naval Reserves.
JUKES, ENSIGN E. W., Aide, 4th Naval District.
JUNGWIRTH, JOHN, Naval Reserve.
PUGSLEY, FREDERIC N., Assistant Surgeon, Naval Reserve.
RYALL, GEORGE D., Co. d-6, Training Station.
THEAMANN, CHARLES M.
WIGGINS, JOSEPH G., Naval Reserve.
WINTERHALTER, REAR-ADMIRAL A. G.

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CARPENTER, A. EVERLY, Student.
HUTCHINS, FERNALD, Student.
*MORSE, CHAS. R., Student.

French Army.

CHASE, MAJOR CARROLL, M. D.
GIBSON, HENRY C.

British Army.

CLARK, SAPPER EDWARD A., Engineers Training Depot, (Canada).
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Immanuel, P., P. O. Box 38, Chicago, Ill.; Age 44; Chief Clerk Liquid Carbonic Co.; Reference: John M. Smyth Co., 703 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Chas. E. Severn, #65.

Jones, John, 297 Walnut St., Blue Island, Ill.; Age 26; Civil Engineer; Reference: Commercial Bank, Blue Island, Ill.; J. M. Bartels, New York; Proposed by Fred Michael, #938.

Mayer, Oscar L., 1609 Stevens Bldg., Chicago, Ill.; Age 37; Chicago Rep. of Weil Bros. Impts., New York; Reference: Dr. C. W. Hennan, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Fred E. Farnham, #2990.

Preston, Gertrude A., P. O. Box 476, Manila, Philippines; Age legal; Wife of Dr. A. P. Preston, Manila, P. I.; Reference: First Natl. Bank of Berkeley, Calif.; Proposed by Delf Noronha, #4826.

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Correction.

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Change of Address.

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4804 Hooghkirk, R. C. from Milford, Conn. to U. S. N. R. Training Station, 2nd Reg., Barrack H, Pelham Park, N. Y.
4712 Kmentt, Cornel, from Sound Beach, Conn. to 15 Grove St., Ridgefield Park, N. J.
1625 Merrell, A. F. from 790 California St. to 971 Mission St., San Francisco, Calif.
5007 Ritter, Karl L. from Columbus Barracks, Ohio to 3rd Co., 10th inf., Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind.
3304 Warner, A. M., from Balboa Heights, Canal Zone to 316 Pine St. Johnstown, Pa.

Resignations Received.

3161 Bartel, Dr. L. W., 2600 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.
4965 Chan, Thos. K., Box 97, Panama, Panama Rep.
2304 Dennett, J. E., 104 Hammond St., Cambridge, Mass.
4070 Hatfield, A. Jr., 175 W. 58th St., New York City.
4951 Hussman, A. A., Garrison & Clark Aves., St. Louis, Mo.
3589 Kalse, H. F., P. O. Box 280, Norwood, Man., Canada.
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3704 Parke, Hervey, 50 Main St., Amherst, Mass.
4038 Payne, F. G., Box 655, Roanoke, Va.

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Membership July 1st, 1918	1593
New Stockholders	5
Replaced on Roll	1
Total Membership July 15, 1918 ..	1599

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

OFFICIAL NOTICES.

Call for Convention.

New York, February 20, 1918.

To the Stockholders of the American Philatelic Society:

The thirty-third Annual Convention of this Society for the election of Di-

rectors and the transaction of such other business as may legally be brought before it will be called to order in the city of Cleveland, State of Ohio, on Tuesday, August 13th, 1918, at 10.30 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 Committee on Credentials:

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L. A. Hanford, Cleveland, Ohio.
Erwin L. Fischer, Cincinnati, Ohio.
P. M. Wolsieffer, Phila., Pa., and
C. F. Heyerman, Detroit, Mich.

I hereby appoint the following members to serve as a Committee on Arrangements:

Alvin Good, Chairman; John F. Rust, Dr. T. H. Tubman, W. H. Barnum and W. W. MacLaren, all of Cleveland, O.

JOHN W. SCOTT, President.
H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER.

FOR MONTH OF JUNE 1918.

Stock Fund.

Balance		$4863.66
Receipts		14.00 4877.66

General Fund.

Balance		$2003.42	
Receipts	$41.70		
Disbursements	73.20	31.50	$1971.92

Insurance Fund.

Balance	$1988.48

Exchange Account.

Balance	$3.55

Suspense Account.

Balance	$40.30	
Receipts	5.40	$ 45.70
		$8887.31

American Philatelist Account.

Bebit Balance		$1827.84	
Receipts	$13.98		
Disbursements	94.73	80.75	$1908.59
			$6987.72

Resources.

Bonds	$5489.34
Cash	1489.38
	$6978.72

J. E. SCOTT, Treasurer.

MEET US IN CLEVELAND

AT THE A. P. S. CONVENTION, ANGUST 13th, 14th and 15th.

Mr. F. S. Grotjan, Buffalo, N. Y.
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EDITORIAL.

PHILATELY AND FRIENDSHIPS. Those who have tasted the joys of friendships founded upon philatelic associations, and there are many of those who have who are members of the American Philatelic Society, need not be reminded of a most pleasant association which can be connected directly with their membership in the Society. One needs but attend one of our Annual Conventions to become fully convinced that many close and lasting friendships have been formed through its agency and we dare say that to those members, just one of these ties would alone fully repay every cost and every effort which they have expended in behalf of the Society.

This is something upon which no monetary value can be placed and in the majority of cases, we fully believe the associations would, nor probably could, have never been possible, but for the existence of the A. P. S. When a Society has gone on for thirty-odd years, and when men have had ample opportunity to discover and test each other's finer qualities, it is no wonder that today we can find among our members, friendships as true as ever any were.

And there is another side to this, where the Society has been the direct means of reuniting friends after years of separation. Only a few days ago, we had the pleasure to receive a letter from one of our members telling us that through the medium of the A. P. S., he was enabled to renew a friendship of long ago.

Many members fail to make the most of the opportunity presented by the Society along just this line. Too few accept the benefit which comes through the formation of such associations. To one who even seeks a little, he will find the door more than half open, and after he shall have tasted the fruits of friendships which can be formed within the ranks of our members, he will never again question the why or wherefore of many member's loyalty to the American Philatelic Society.

AUCTIONS AND WAR. It has been said that the stress of war times has been the means of filling auction rooms with all manner of goods but it is a matter worthy of record that even under such conditions, there has been no cause to complain of the prices which articles of true merit or value have brought. Recent sales of rare books, furniture,

and other items have brought together liberal buyers at prices fully proportionate to the values offered.

This is equally true with stamps. On one or two occasions in the recent past we have printed the results of sales of philatelic auctions under conditions which would naturally lead one to believe would affect the prices, but this has not been the case. Recent sales of rarities have shown that the market is fully capable of absorbing all such items offered without the lowering of what has been accepted as a standard of value, in fact, in many cases, the values have taken an upward trend.

If it is true that the auction room presents the fairest way of establishing at least a current value to property, then we have every reason to feel that Philately is firmly entrenched as a field of recreation, substantial investment and as offering means to satisfy both.

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 25.

At a regular meeting of the Detroit Philatelic Society, Branch #25, held June 5th, the Society unanimously endorsed the nomination for Officers made by Philadelphia Branch #18.

FRED R. SCHMALZRIEDT,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 30.

Meeting of the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch No. 30, June 6th, 1918.

The meeting was called to order by Vice-President Good at 8.15 P. M. with the following members present:—Whittaker, Crowell, Weigel, Larsen, Lloyd, Chamberlin, Tubman, Hanford, Hummel, Hilterman, Moses, Barnum, Geuder, Preston, Young, Good, Zink, Lehman, Jaeckel and Mader.

Mr. R. L. Cox was accepted as a junior member of the club.

The applications of Mr. A. Hawley for reinstatement as active member and of Arthur C. Krauss as junior member were ordered posted.

The following members of the American Philatelic Society were endorsed by the Club for officers for 1918-19.

President, J. W. Scott, New York.

Vice-Presidents, F. S. Parmelee, Nebraska; H. A. Whipple, Nebraska; Dr. W. P. Wherry, Nebraska.

Secretary, Dr. H. A. Davis, Colorado.

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Directors-at-large, H. B. Phillips, California; Alvin Good, Ohio.

Sales Superintendent, P. M. Wolsieffer.

An auction of some very fine U. S. and foreign stamps was then held which netted the Club $1.80.

Meeting adjourned 10 P. M.

CARL W. MADER, Secretary.

BRANCH No. 3.

The 345th regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, was held in the Society's room, 333 Russ Bldg., 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, June 19th. Meeting called to order at 8.15 P. M., Vice-President Phillips in the chair, the Secretary and eleven members present. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. Mr. J.

B. Fuestmann was elected to membership. The Secretary was instructed to convey the sympathy of the Society to our member Mr. A. F. Merill on the loss of his wife.

After the business session Mr. Wm. Blackwell showed the first volume of his 20th Century collection, the countries represented being on a par with the balance of his fine collection, the U. S. practically complete, and the British Colonies and foreign with nearly all the high values. A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Blackwell for his kindness in provinding the entertainment at the last meeting. Mr. O'Shaughnessy showed some old English entires, several Mulreadies used in 1840 and addressed to Stratford-on-Avon and Kidderminster, the former Shakespeare's town and the latter the home town of Sir Rowland Hill, the inventor of postage stamps, and a cover addressed to Charles Dickens at Gad's Hill, which, to the philatelic Dickens lover, should bring fond memories of Mr. Pickwick, Micawbar, Tom Pinch, Capt. Cuttle, etc.

The display for the next meeting, July 17th will be Counterfeits, Fakes and Bogus stamps. To make this interesting, all members were requested to bring whatever they have of these "Weeds from the Garden of Philately" and from the responses to this appeal we are assured of an instructive evening's entertainment.

Adjournment at 10.20 P. M.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD, Secy.

OUR REVIEW.

By THE EDITOR.

STAMP COLLECTIONS for WAR MUSEUMS. This is J. P. S. War Book No. 2, from the pen of the ever interesting Fred J. Melville, President of the Junior Philatelic Society. It is a plea for the formation of stamp collections as a part of museums to be devoted to the preservation of historical exhibits having a bearing on the present World War. The story of many of the war stamps are told in a manner both instructive and entertaining, the many pages of illustrations adding not a little to the interest which collectors will take in the subject matter. Practically every phase of the many issues is brought out and the little book should find a place in every philatelist's library.

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It is a very rare occurrence in philatelic publications to send out announcements of suspension as has been done by the Philatelic Sun and Illinois Philatelist. Under date of July 8th, a notice to this effect was received, stating the step had become necessary on account of one of the publishers being selected by the draft and the other being in training at the Great Lakes Naval Training Station. Provision has apparently been made for adjustment of unexpired subscriptions and advertising contracts, as notice to this effect is incorporated. This is a highly commendable manner in which to provide for the closing of the publications affairs.

SNOW PILES CRUSH BUILDING.

Milton, Pa., April 13.—Weighted down by heavy snows, the roof of the Miltonian Printing Company building, owned by Frederick A. Godcharles, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, caved in and carried the side walls with it. The machinery and building were damaged beyond repair. The loss will reach $10,000, it is said.

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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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PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennan, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Handstamped Precancels.

Very little information has been had regarding the Chicago Handstamped Precancels. Many varieties of inks and stamps have been used in the past, and collectors have naturally supposed that they were the work of the Post Office Department. Such is not the case.

About five years ago the privilege of Precancelling stamps was given to three of the largest mail order houses in the country. All these stamps are cancelled under the direct supervision of the P. O. Department, and are legitimate issues. These companies are given the privilege of precancelling all stamps that come to them in payment for merchandise. Naturally the firms and employees handling the stamps are under heavy bonds.

The Handstamps used are made up in sheets of 100 just the same as the plates are for the printing presses, except they are made of rubber. This sheet is then cut into fifty pieces making fifty horizontal pairs. These rubber stamps are then glued to handles. Rubber stamps are usually cut by a die and any error in the Precancellation would usually occur for some time. For example the misspelled, Chiacgo.

The ink used is furnished by the Post Office Department and is specally made up for this work. It is stronger than most inks and causes a rapid wearing away of the pad. As usual these firms have run out of ink at times and substituted any inks they had on hand. This gives rise to the blue, red and purple inks.

All denominations of stamps are used as necessity requires. Many of the older issues have been used as it is their desire to use up everything that comes in. While this method has only been in use for a few years stamps as far back as the issue of 1880 have been found with this precancellation.

The work of precancelling these stamps is done under the supervision of a Post Office employee. His assistants are mostly girls who are paid by the firms.

The reason for so many irregularities, doubles, and inverts is explained in the following:

The stamps come in in broken sheets. The girls stamping them arrange them on a bench and stamp two at a time. As the idea is to cancel the stamps, little attention is paid to the results. A girl may have some of the stamps in the lot upside down, or she may have the handstamp upside down, thus inverts will result, or if only one stamp remains uncancelled she may cancel over another stamp to keep from stamping on her desk.

A special stamp was used for Parcel Post stamps. The name of the city is the same size as that used for the regular postage, but the lines bordering the name are thirty eight mm long in the Parcel Post varieties.

Sometime ago collectors discovered that many fake varieties were being thrown on the market. These fakes may usually be told by evidences of a faint cancellation under the Precancellation. Inexperienced collectors should be very careful in buying them as it is almost impossible to tell any difference in the cancellation itself.

The above will make clear many points on the so called Sears Roebuck precancels.

I shall be very glad to receive news items like the above, or any items of interest to Precancel fans that you care to send in and due credit will be given to the senders.

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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Robinson, R. W., 401 S. Homan Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Age legal; Accountant; Reference: R. Korf, 6531 Newquard Ave., Chicago, Ill.; Proposed by Fred Michael, #938.

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The following names and addresses should be added to Membership List published March, 1918.

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4999 Roth, Jerome R., Battery E, 20th F. A.

2026 Shircliffe, Lieut. Arnold, 1st Ohio Inf.

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Change of Address.

218 Burt, Frank H., from 806 to 813 Barristers Hall, Boston, Mass.

5148 Dewey, Lyman H., from 304 9th Ave. to 817 Maiden Lane, Virginia Heights, Roanoke, Va.

4832 Morse, Chas. R., from Box 1236 U. T. Branch P. O. to 1303 Highland Ave.. Knoxville, Tenn.

4784 Ricksecker, Wheeler, from Tacoma, Wash. to 308 Wells-Fargo Bldg., Portland, Ore.

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H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

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Address the Secretary, H. A. Davis, P. O. Box 613, Denver, Colo.

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NEW SWEDISH STAMPS AND PROVISIONALS.

By L. Harald Kjellstedt.

In the latest number of "Nordisk Filatelistisk Tidskrift", dated May 30th, 1918, we find some interesting news in regard to new Swedish issues caused by the increased postage rates which have been ordered effective until December 31 1919. It was announced in April that new values of 7, 12, 60, 90 ore and kr. 1.20 were expected. The following stamps are now reported printed and ready for issue:

55 ore, light blue
80 ore, gray
90 ore, dark green.

It is said that the colors of the 80 and 90 ore are liable to cause confusion with the present 50 and 5 ore values respectively.

Also ready for issue, and illustrated with halftones in the N. F. T., are the following provisionals:

7 ore on 10 ore, red
12 ore on 25 ore, orange
12 ore on 65 ore, light olive.

The figures "7" and "12" are printed in black over the figures in the upper corners of the stamps mentioned. The 7 and 12 ore values take the places of the former 5 and 10 ore values. Regular 7 and 12 ore stamps have also been prepared:

7 ore green
12 ore, wine red.

The provisionals were caused by inability to get out the regular stamps in time to meet the announced change in the rates.

The two values, 40 and 65 ore, which were issued for the franking of packages, were recalled June 1, 1918, when the new tariff went into effect. The remainder of the 40 ore value is very small. The remainder of the 65 ore value was used for the provisional 12 ore stamps. It may be mentioned that the last printing of the 40 and 65 ore stamps was perforated 13x13.

The remainder of the 10 ore value was overprinted with the figure "7" and this remainder was so large that it is not likely that any other value will be thus overprinted.

There will be no provisionals of the official stamps but these will be used up by combinations until the new values are ready.

THE VALUE OF OLD CATALOGUES.

By PERCY C. BISHOP.

(Reprinted from Stamp Collecting.)

Many philatelists discard a catalogue directly a newer edition of the book appears, and of course they are right to do so if we look only at the book as a guide to current values. But what of the historical interest of the old catalogue, and what of its very real value as a guide to the general course of prices? I think if the subject be studied and fairly considered it will be admitted that a collection of past editions of all philatelic catalogues is as good a thing to have as a collection of first-class journals and handbooks.

"I can't spare the space for them" is the remark of the average philatelist. There are many even among the collectors of philatelic literature who bar catalogues on this ground. But what is there in it? On a rough computation about five to six yards run of shallow book-shelving will accommodate a complete range of all the priced catalogues published to date by the leading British, Colonial, and foreign stamp-dealing houses.

So this, the only serious objection to a complete file of catalogues, is really untenable in the great majority of cases. What are the advantages to set against it. First and foremost, there is the light shed upon the course of philatelic values by a comparison of prices through a long succession of years.

"If only," you hear a philatelist say with a sigh, "if only one could tell which are the stamps that are likeliest to rise in value in the near future, so that one could make a profitable investment now!"

What better guidance could one get than the history of past increases, as revealed by the catalogues of former years? In the absence of any serious argument to the contrary, it may be taken as a safe proposition that stamps which have shown a continuous upward tendency in past years will continue to rise; that stamps which have been at a standstill for a long period may be fairly expected to maintain, if not to improve, their position; and that stamps which have been on the down grade will either continue to decline for a time or will enter upon a period of stagnation before again creeping upward in the cash columns.

All this is just everyday wisdom applied to stamps. The would-be investor naturally will not depend entirely upon what his catalogues tell him, but will hunt up facts relating to the numbers issued of this, that, or the other variety, and will form his own conclusions upon the evidence as a whole. But the most helpful facts among all the information he may collate will be the "cold cash" testimony of the catalogues.

On purely philatelic, as distinct from investment grounds, these old catalogs are of more than passing interest. Changes have been introduced from time to time. Local stamps, like the "Rural" issues of Russia and the labels of the Danubian Steam Navigation—to mention only two instances at random—were formerly listed, illustrated, and priced. Now they are dropped for that very "lack of space," which is one of the besetting evils of the twentieth century. Interest in these "side lines" of Philately has lately shown a notable revival. "Old Catalogues" are very helpful here.

I must draw to a close, for there is a very pronounced lack of space in these and in all journalistic columns. A word in conclusion to those who really cannot accommodate a full range of past and present catalogues: Adopt the plan of a well known amateur phila-

telist, who keeps one edition of each leading catalogue for every decade. Thus he has "Gibbons," "Bright," "Whitfield King," "Scott," "Yvert," "Senf," "Kohl," &c., for 1910, 1900, 1890, and so on, as far back as he can go with each individual book. A better plan would be one edition for each period of five years; and, of course, it will not be wise for every student who adopts this suggestion to choose the particular years I have mentioned, or there will be a shortage of those editions and a consequent rise in price!

MEXICO 1895 5c TWO TYPES.

In Alfred Smith & Son's Monthly Circular the following interesting note recently appeared:

"We do not think it has been noticed that the 5c of 1895 (S. G. type 19) was redrawn and that the two types can be identified as follows.

Type I. The robe of the figure is only partly shaded over the left breast. The second horizontal line below 'Mexicana' is complete.

Type II. The robe is shaded all over, and the horizontal line shows a clear break of 1mm.

"The 1895 and 1896-7 issues appear to be of Type I., and that of 1897 of Type II., but the change of type may not have coincided with the change of watermark."

ZONE SYSTEM ANTIQUATED

Mr. Otto C. Reyman favors us with a clipping, under this heading, from a Philadelphia paper, from which we extract the following:

Sir Rowland Hill is the man to whom civilization owes the institution of the cheap and uniform postal system. The reform began in England in 1839 when the penny post was established. Prior to that time a letter from London to Brighton cost eight pence, to Aberdeen one shilling and three pence half penny, to Belfast one shilling and four pence. The franking privilege was in effect and greatly abused. The investigations of a commission appointed by Parliament demonstrated that "the cost of conveyance of letters through the postoffice was very trifling, and was but little increased by the distance over which they had to be carried."

When the bill was before Parliament to substitute for the existing rates "one uniform charge of one penny for each half ounce, without reference to the distance within the limits of the United Kingdom which the letter had to be carried" there was great opposition on the part of the postoffice officials. Sir Rowland Hill's idea was that the smaller the charge the greater the profit would be. The Postmaster General, in the House of Lords said "that of all the wild and extravagant schemes he had ever heard of it was the wildest and most extravagant." He said "the mails will have to carry twelve times as much weight, and therefore the charge of transmission instead of £100,000, as now, must be twelve times that amount." Sydney Smith said the penny post scheme would be "giving up a million of revenue." The Duke of Wellington, Sir Robert Peel and other eminent statesmen were also violently opposed to the plan.

The principle of Sir Rowland Hill's reform, including the use of stamps, has since been adopted by every civilized country. In 1839, the last year of the old postage, the number of letters delivered in Great Britain and Ireland was a little more than eighty-two million, returning nothing to the revenues of the country, whereas in 1875, more than a thousand million of letters were delivered in the United Kingdom. The population meanwhile had not quite doubled,

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EDITORIAL.

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"To our American fellow-philatelists, GREETING, on this their Day of Freedom. Brothers in Philately and Brothers in Arms, we shall march together to a brighter dawn. And ere another Fourth of July comes around, we pray God that the great triumvirate of Free Nations, America, France and Britain, with their gallant Allies, will have beaten back the unspeakable Hun, making the world purer, cleaner and "safe for Democracy."

Can any one conceive of a nobler tribute paid by one nation to another? There is one thing that has been brought about by the World War for which all English speaking peoples can be thankful and for which they have just cause for rejoicing. That is the unity of thought and effort which is being put in the prosecution of the conflict, which has brought them to such close relations that in the future they will undoubtedly stand as one people. And to this union of free nations, we give France a place upon the same footing, glad of the opportunity to show our gratitude for her, happy in the thought that we are helping in the great Cause for which Freedom stands.

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of which means so much to civilization. It will be an opportunity to demonstrate anew the patriotism of it and its members, an opportunity which will not be wasted.

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As we look over this Roll, we feel proud that we are associated with men who are willing to make the supreme sacrifice, if and when called upon, in this fight for a world freedom. And as we look again, the thought comes that we could not expect otherwise from Americans. Nor would we want it to be otherwise than it is.

THE 20 LEPTA OF THE GREEK ISSUE OF 1876-79.

Reprinted from the "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain."

THEODORE GROOM, M. A., Cantab., D. Sc., Lond.

(Continued from page 319)

A brief perusal of the list will make it clear, firstly, that certain flaws or peculiarities in the control, whether great or small, are repeated in different copies of the same stamp; and secondly, that these flaws are replaced by different ones, again repeated, in other copies of the same stamp. That this is not due merely to change with time is clear from the fact that in a number of cases the peculiarities of a particular cypher are repeated on stamps which have a different sheet number. The more easily recognisable or more interesting of these are shown in figs. 1—16, to the explanation of which the reader is referred.

Explanation of Figures 1—16*.

Fig. 1. The 2 irregularly broken. First setting, stamp 4; second setting, stamp 15; a later setting, the apparently same 2 on stamp 396. The accompanying O appears to be different in each case. Also seen on one or two earlier stamps.

Fig. 2. The 2 broken more regularly the break penetrating less deeply. First setting, stamp 344; second setting, stamp 258.

Fig. 3. The two broken near the middle. First setting, stamp 146; second setting, stamp 7. Also seen on stamps 273 and 6 in earlier issues (20 Lepta).

Fig. 4. First setting, stamp 293; second setting, an unidentified stamp. Also stamp 258 in an earlier issue (20 Lepta).

Fig. 5. First setting, stamp 1; presumed second setting (Wa), an unidentified stamp. Also in several different positions, including stamps 14 and 319, in earlier issues (20 Lepta).

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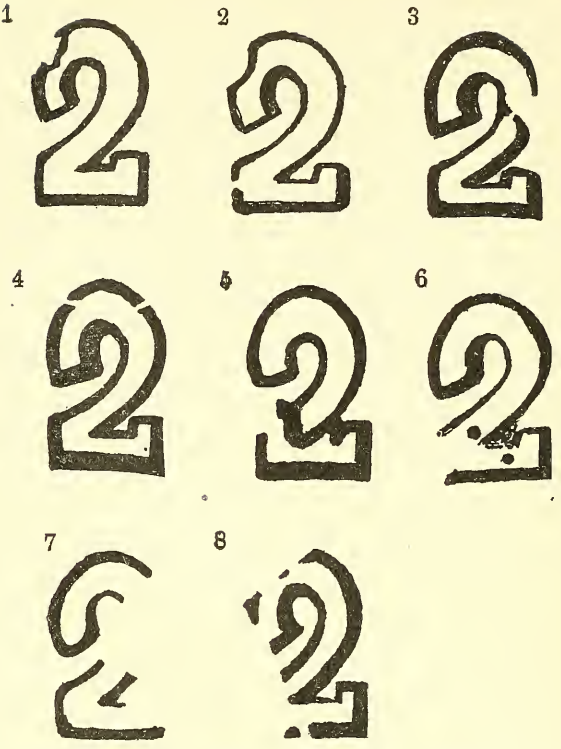


Fig. 6. First setting, an unidentified stamp (T). Also on stamps 33, 296, 304, and another in issues of the 20 Lepta previous to 1876.

Fig. 7. Third or later setting, stamp 293. Also on stamps 16, 18 and 7 in earlier issues (20 Lepta).

Fig. 8. The 2 broken to the W. of two straight lines. In most copies little or nothing shows to the left of these lines, but with heavier printing extra parts scarcely or not at all shown in the figure appear. Second setting, stamp 10.

Fig. 9. The O with straight edge on the S.E. First setting, stamp 346; second setting, stamp 22. Also on stamps 329, 24 and 333 in earlier issues (20 Lepta).

Fig. 10. Two peculiar breaks in the O. First setting, stamp 14; second setting, stamp 142. Also seen in printing M of the 10 Lepta.

Fig. 11. Three breaks in the O. First setting, stamp 150; second setting, stamp 147.

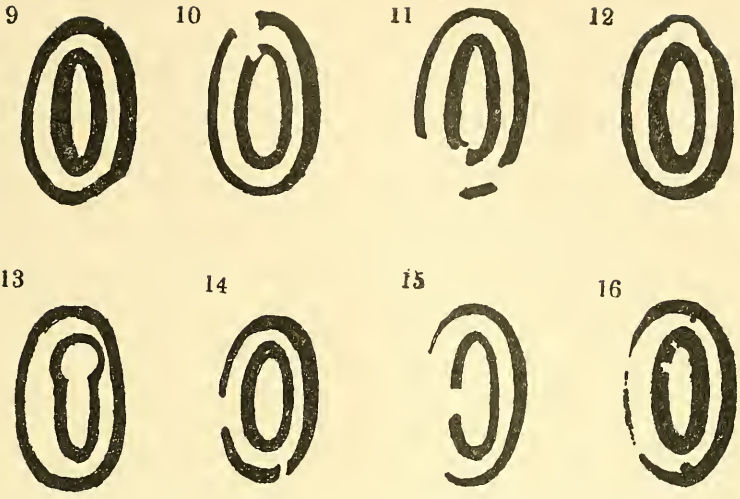
Fig. 12. Peculiar bulge on the O. Second setting (Va), stamp 299. Also on stamps 280, 39, 22 and 142 in earlier issues of the 20 Lepta, and in relatively early prints of the 10 Lepta.

Fig. 13. The "Keyhole" variety of the O. First setting, stamp 31; second setting, an unidentified non-marginal stamp (Wa). Later setting, stamp 202. Also in the 10 Lepta, printing H, on a stamp of the upper margin, and printing K on a stamp of the left margin. Recorded also by Messrs. Beckton and Durest on all the printings they recognise in the 20 Lepta of the 1876-78 issue and on several printings of the 10 Lepta of the 1870-76 issue. Mr. P. L. Pemberton adds the 40 Lepta of 1876, and the 80 Lepta, printing H.

Fig. 14. First setting, stamp 26; second setting, stamp 143.

Fig. 15. First setting, stamp 18; presumed second setting (Wb), an unidentified stamp. Also on 10 Lepta, printing H.

Fig. 16. This O evidently occupied



the same position (stamp 282) in the first two settings. In printing T there is no dot; in U, a dot below, and in X and Va (presumed second setting) a dot above also.

Owing to the concealment of flaws by heavy inking or pressure, to the appearance or disappearance of blotches, and doubtless also to wear and tear,* the study of the controls is not an easy one, and it is not claimed that the small differences given in many cases are definite proofs of non-identity of the controls, and it may be added that little stress is laid on the single copies mentioned in the list, but I venture to think that the accumulative evidence is very great that two thorough changes in the position of the controls took place before the printing of the ultramarine stamps (Zb), and that one or more resettings took place subsequently. In the foregoing description the numbers 1 and 2 denote the first and second settings respectively, 3, 3a, and 3b, mark subsequent settings, but I can offer no evidence as to whether 3, 3a, or 3b, in the case of a particular stamp on the sheet correspond with similarly denoted settings in the case of other stamps, or as to how many settings they represent altogether.

It was apparently only rarely that a particular cypher occupied the same position on the sheet before and after a resetting. I can point to only one instance in the stamps on cream paper (see explanation to fig. 16). The recurrence in the same position of one stamp in 150 is all that can be expected, if the type were indiscrimately mixed after removal from the "forme." Far more rarely must we expect the recurrence of both cyphers in the same position; I can prove no single case of this in the stamps of 1876-79. On the contrary, when the point is ascertainable the companion of a given cypher after resetting is a new one. This consideration suggests caution in the identification, merely by means of their position, of a pair of spaced or inverted cyphers.

The reason for the resetting of the plate is given by M. Brunel,† according to whom one plate alone was available for the controls, which accordingly had to be reset with each change of value. The type, too, seems to have been limited, or to have become so, for the same pieces were sometimes used for different values (see explanation to the

* It must be pointed out that breaks on the thinner outlines are commonly very unreliable in light impressions, though they often persisted for a time. They are probably mostly due to local wear.

† Les Emission des Timbres Grecs, Paris, 1909.

figures). If the same type were thus used to any considerable extent it may become possible to correlate the different settings in one value with those in another.

The question as to the times at which the resettings of the controls of the 20 Lepta took place is interesting. Since the first part of this article appeared in print the writer has been able to recognise a close relation between the settings and the colours of the controls. A perusal of the description of the controls already given under the headings of different stamps will show that the controls of T, U, V, W, Xa, Xb, Ub, Y, Za, and Zac,* except sometimes in V and W, constantly show the same peculiarities, and differ from those of Ua, Va, Wa, Wb, X and many Zb, which in their turn resemble one another; other copies of Zb, are again different in this respect. Not less than three settings are thus indicated. That indicated first is characterized by blue or ultramarine controls: the second by dark blue or ultramarine controls, and the remainder by ultramarine controls alone. The exceptions to this rule in the stamps of the list (taken as a probably fair sample of the whole) are about a quarter of the copies of V and W taken together; these, while belonging to the second group, show blue controls. Re-examination of these exceptions showed that, while in many of them the colour appeared to be more or less transitional between the blue and dark blue, others remained indistinguishable from the blue.

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* It will be noted that the list of examples given rarely approaches completeness: this, however, is due to the lack of copies: fresh varieties acquired constantly fall into line with the rest.



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253 Morgenthau, M. from 30 E. 42nd St. to 151 W. 42nd St., New York City.
5174 Pike, A. H. from Station B. to Station G, Buffalo, N. Y.
1982 Roberts, R. G. from 315 W. 1st St. to 326 W. 1st St., Duluth, Minn.
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The Secretary.

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THE IMPERFORATE FIVE CENT ERROR.

With a view of presenting to our readers some authoritative information regarding the imperforate "misprinted two cent stamps" so-called, or as philatelists know them, the Five Cent errors, Secretary Davis submits letters from the Smithsonian Institution and Post Office Department, the parts of each which are printed below should effectively settle this question, giving as they do data which, coming from official sources, can leave no room for further comments.

Extracts from letter from Third Assistant Postmaster General, under date of June 5th, 1918, addressed to Secretary Davis:

"Your letter of May 31st is received

"1. The Postmaster at Chicago returned to this Department 755 sheets of unperforated 2c postage stamps, each sheet containing three stamps misprinted "5". All of these stamps were destroyed by the Department except three sheets which were retained for the Government's official collection in the National Museum.

"2. The three sheets of these stamps delivered to the National Museum are still held there."

Extract from letter from Administrative Assistant, Smithsonian Institution, in charge of U. S. National Museum, under date June 8th, 1918, addressed to Secretary Davis—

"Replying to your letter of May 31st I beg to say that the imperforate sheets containing the five-cent errors transferred to the Museum by the Post Office Department are still in the possession of the Museum."

THE PUBLIC PRESS AND PHILATELY.

The current newspapers offer many items of interest to stamp collectors and hardly a day goes by but what an article in some way bearing on philatelic matters appears. Mr. Otto C. Reymann, A. P. S. 3773, favors us with a number of such clippings, relating to the recent inverted Airplane stamps, aerial posts, and other matters. Two of these clippings are reprinted, the one showing how mail is sometimes lost and the other, while not philatelic, yet refers to one of members, both of which will undoubtedly be found of interest. Both of these are taken from Philadelphia papers.

SNOW PILES CRUSH BUILDING.

Milton, Pa., April 13.—Weighted down by heavy snows, the roof of the Miltonian Printing Company building, owned by Frederick A. Godcharles, Deputy Secretary of the Commonwealth, caved in and carried the side walls with it. The machinery and building were damaged beyond repair. The loss will reach $10,000, it is said.

Mr. Godcharles publishes a Republican weekly newspaper, the Miltonian.—(Clipping from O. C. Reymann).

This clipping was printed in our last issue, but without any explanation. Mr. Godcharles is A. P. S. 4381.

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EDITORIAL.

SOLDIERS AND STAMPS. From every quarter we read of stamp collectors in trenches and camps and how, even in the midst of war and preparations for war, they eagerly turn to their favorite pastime for diversion and relaxation. They tell us how happy they are to get copies of the philatelic journals and how they pursue their collecting under conditions which would naturally lead one to believe would make collecting impossible. And we are happy to know that "The American Philatelist" is a welcome visitor to some. Could we have a better evidence that there is much more in philately than the mere gathering together of the little colored bits of paper?

STRIKE HARD. Get ready now for the Fourth Liberty Loan and make it a blow that will stagger those who oppose government by, for and of the people. Think of those who are offering their lives—then go your limit. If you do less, the day will come when you will regret it.

JOSEPH WARDEN.

We are just informed that Mr. Joseph Warden, A. P. S. 1790, died at his home 1137 Dueber Ave., Canton, Ohio, August 6th, 1918, but no other particulars are available at this writing. We can assure his family of our sincere sorrow in the loss of a member of so many years standing.

GETS MAIL AFTER TEN YEARS.

Cards Mailed Here in 1908 and 1909 Just Reach Baltimore.

Two postal cards mailed in this city nearly ten years ago arrived at their destination in Baltimore a few days ago.

They were mailed at the Nicetown sub-post-office station in this city. One was stamped "Philadelphia, September 3, 1908; 9.30 P. M." and the other "Philadelphia, December 31, 1909; 11.30 P. M." They were souvenir cards, the latter being a New Year card from a young woman who, since mailing it, more than eight and a half years ago, has been married and has a family of three children.

T. P. Johnson, superintendent of the mailing division here, said the delay was in all probability caused by the cards being missent.

Mr. Johnson said: "Oftentimes mail missent goes to small, out of the way

rural post-offices where there are no deliveries. It is placed in a pigeon hole and may fall in a crevice and is not discovered until years later when alterations are being made to the office. I remember a case where a letter laid in an office nearly twenty years."—(Clipping from O. C. Reymann).

BRANCH SOCIETIES.

Secretaries of all branch societies are requested to send reports of their meetings to the Editor for publication. It is our wish to give full publicity to the meetings of such local clubs and your co-operation will assist in making this department of greater interest.

BRANCH No. 3.

A most artistic announcement of the 346th regular meeting of Branch No. 3, Pacific Philatelic Society, has been received, which we reprint as follows, but this lacks the appeal which is made by the original:—

The 346th regular meeting of the
PACIFIC PHILATELIC SOCIETY
will be held at 8 o'clock Wednesday Evening, July 17th, 1918, in their Club Room, No. 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco.

The Special for the evening will be:

"The Display of Counterfeits, Fakes and Bogus Stamps." Please bring what you have of these weeds from the garden of Philately, anything in this line being of interest.

The Cash Prize of Two Dollars offered for the Best Way of Mounting Stamps Without Hinges is still unclaimed. The prize is raised to $5, now get busy.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
341 Twentieth Ave. Secretary.

BRANCH No. 3.

The 346th regular meeting of the Pacific Philatelic Society, Branch No. 3, was held at the Society's room, 333 Russ Building, 235 Montgomery St., San Francisco, July 17th. Meeting called to order at 8.15 P. M., Vice-Pres. H. B. Phillips in the chair. The Secretary, twelve members and three visitors present. Minutes of last meeting read and accepted. The Librarian reported the purchase of the W. C. Bellows book on the Mexico, Campeche stamps, and several other works. The Entertainment Committee reported that the subject of the next meeting, Aug. 21st, would be the stamps of Mexico, featured by the display of Mr. W. J. Morgan's fine and practically complete collection of the Sonora and Rebel issues. Everyone is requested to be on hand for this treat.

Mr. Phillips showed an original and interesting method for mounting stamps without hinges. The competition on this subject with prize of Five Dollars cash is still open to all.

The application of Mr. R. W. Rex, A. P. S. 4636, was received and posted.

After the business meeting Messrs. Ott, Phillips, O'Shaughnessy and Doscher showed their reference collections of counterfeits and fakes. These displays of the preverted art of the forger were most interesting. Mr. Doscher's lot was very strong in early Europeans and French Colonies, including five different finely executed forgeries of the 3 pfg. Saxony and dozens of the Swiss Cantonals, also several of the bogue Hawaii 1c. violet Provisional Government inverted surcharge. On the whole the entertainment was rated one of the most interesting the society has yet had.

Meeting adjourned at 10.45 P. M.

EDGAR M. BRANSFORD,
Secretary.

BRANCH No. 44.

At the 302nd meeting of the New York Stamp Society (July 18, 1918) Mr. Baldwin Schlesinger reported the very sad news of the death of Mr. Charles Lehman one of the first members of this society and an old general collector. It has been given a full page on the minute book of the Society to the Memory of Mr. Lehman, copy of which as follow:—

To the memory of
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J. MOUHIB, Secretary.

CURRENT PERFORATIONS OF JAPAN.

From "The Yuraku" (Philatelic Journal of Japan).

As every collector of postage stamps of Japan is aware, three different perforations are used on the current issue and on that of 1913, when the present design was first introduced, with the exception of the 5 and 10 yen values. The perforations are as follows:—

(a) 12 with single line machine, (b) 12 by 12½ with comb machine, and (c) 13 by 13½ with comb machine.

As the Department of Communications controlling the postal system in this country is desirous of providing stamps with finer perforations, in order to make their separation easier, the Government Printing Bureau (where all the stamps are printed) is instructed to apply comb machine perforations as far as possible. However, it appears that sometimes comb machines alone are not able to deal with all the stamps printed so that recourse is had to single-line machines. So that stamps with this perforation are sometimes found, but, nevertheless, they are rarities, with the exception of yen values as given below. Stanley Gibbons' catalogue for 1917 lists only a few varieties with this perforation for both issues, but prices are given only for 1 yen stamps. Now some of our members who specialise in Japan take great interest in this question, and we give below a summary of results of their investigation:—

Issue of 1913.

Perforation 12: ½, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, 25 sen, and 1 yen.

Perforation 12 by 12½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 25 sen.

Perforation 13 by 13½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 25 sen.

Issue of 1914.

Perforation 12: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 sen, and 1, 5, and 10 yen.

Perforation 12 by 12½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 25 sen.

Perforation 13 by 13½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 25 sen.

It will be seen that 1, 5, and 10 yen stamps exist only with the perforation 12. These stamps are in sheets of 10 by 5, and perhaps comb machines are not suited to work on such small sheets. All lower denominations contain 100 stamps (10 by 10) in a sheet.

Of the stamps of these two series with the well-known overprint for offices in China, the following perforations have been found up to the present:—

Issue of 1913.

Perforation 12: 1 yen.

Perforation 12 by 12½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 25 sen.

Perforation 13 by 13½: ½, 1½ and 3 sen.

Issue of 1914.

Perforation 12: 10 sen, and 1, 5, and 10 yen.

Perforation 12 by 12½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20 and 25 sen.

Perforation 13 by 13½: ½, 1, 1½, 2, 3, 4, 5, 10, 20, and 25 sen.

Here the perforation 12 is nearly limited to yen values, and as to the perforation 13 by 13½ in the issue of 1913, although only three values have been found so far, they are by no means rare.

We do not know what prices European and American dealers would ask for these rare specimens, and we have no special market prices for the perforation varieties, but one thing is certain and that is, that these will always be treated as rarities, and collectors keeping a fair stock of these stamps should feel proud of their possession.

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WAR STAMPS AND A WAR STAMP COLLECTION.

BY JOS. B. LEAVY, Government Philatelist.

Paper read before the 33rd Annual Convention.

Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:—

A properly arranged and classified collection of philatelic war specimens would not only treat upon the history of the current world war but portray its every phase from its very inception. Austria has issued stamps in memorium of the assassination of the Archduke and Archduchess, Germany has issued specially surcharged stamps for the conquered territory of Belgium, Russian Poland, Lithuania and Courland, Austria has issued occupation stamps for Poland and Serbia, Bulgaria has issued

occupation stamps for Roumania, Belgian forces while decimated in Europe were victorious in Africa, with the aid of the French and English, and Belgian Congo stamps have been overprinted for special use in conquered German Congo, English and French African forces conquered German Togo and surcharged the stamps seized there in English and in French currency, later issuing specially surcharged stamps of Gold Coast and of Dahomey, South African forces conquered German East Africa and the stamps of East Africa and Uganda are specially overprinted for use there. All the German possessions in Africa were conquered by English, French and Portuguese troops and specially surcharged stamps have been issued by each of those nations for the portion of the conquered territory occupied. Germany lost her island possessions in Oceania, New Zealand troops conquered Samoa and the stamps of New Zealand are now overprinted for use there, Australian troops conquered the German Islands in the North West Pacific and the stamps of Australia were overprinted for use in those islands, English, French and Japanese forces conquered the other German possessions and English and French stamps have been specially issued for use in the territory remaining under those governments. India specially overprinted stamps for the use of the Indian Expeditionary Forces in Europe, English and Egyptian forces invaded and conquered the Holy Land and Turkish stamps have been specially surcharged for use in Mesopotamia while special Egyptian Expeditionary Force stamps have been issued for use in Palestine. Finland became independent of Russia and once more issues stamps of her own, this time as a Republic, and so on, ad infinitum, to the still current revolution in Russia, where philatelic changes have been as rapid as the changes in control.

So much attention has been given to the war stamp issues but partially mentioned just now that the fact has been entirely overlooked that Uncle Sam has several war stamps of his own.

The war measure raise in postal rate of 1c an ounce, for letters other than for local delivery, created an enormous public demand for 3c postage stamps, a demand that had formerly existed only for the 2c denomination. The demand was not alone for the stamp itself, but for the stamp in various forms convenient for expeditious handling by the public, forms that had been common enough in the 2c denomination but that had not previously been considered necessary in the 3c denomination, that is; vertically coiled stamps, imperforate stamps, and stamp booklets. The first war stamps of the United States are, therefore, the 3c engraved die I, no watermark paper perforated 10 horizontally and imperforate vertically, from vertical coils. 3c engraved die I, no watermark paper, perforated 11, stamp booklet form, and 3c engraved die I, no watermark paper, imperforate.

The design of the 3c stamp was too finely cut for the plates to meet the enormous printing demand without wearing too rapidly, it was therefore expedient to have the 3c plates as deeply cut as the 2c plates had been to accomlish this it was necessary to have a die with lines cut deeper than those on the existing die, therefore, in December 1917, a new die of the 3c stamp was made in the following manner: A die was "laid down" by a transfer from the old die and then carefully "worked over", that is it was re-engraved by having every line cut deeper. Some lines were necessarily added, notably to the hair above the ear, the lines of the hair on top of the head and the lines of shading on the forehead were extended slightly forward, the shading of the eye, nostril, and mouth was slightly altered, and the heavy diagonal lines of shading in the drapery, from the front of the neck to the button, were all extended. The cross-hatching at right, between the medallion oval and the wreath, was also slightly altered. The re-cutting was executed in an exceedingly clever manner and the differences are minute, but they exist none the less.

All engraved plates, beginning with 8262, have been, and will be, laid down by transfers from the new die, and are responsible for the following varieties of United States war stamps. 3c engraved die II, no watermark paper, perforated 11, 3c engraved die II, no watermark paper, perforated 10 vertically imperforate horizontally, from horizontal coils, 3c engraved die II, no watermark paper, perforated 11, stamp booklet form, and 3c engraved die II, no watermark paper, imperforate.

Owing to an inferior quality of barytes, which is a basic in the ink mixtures, the printing inks used by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing for a time contained much more grit than usual, and in consequence the stamp plates for the recess engraved printing wore very rapidly—in fact the average life of a plate was but ten days—so that plates of certain denominations wore out in less time than it took to make them. In order to keep up the supply of postage stamps official instructions were issued by the Post Office Department to the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to manufacture, temporarily, ordinary postage stamps of 3c denomination from surface printing plates by the offset process.

The offset plates were manufactured in the following manner: A photograph was made of a proof taken from the original die, very much enlarged, the enlarged negative was cut, cleaned, and touched up, so that every line was clear and sharp, the design was then reduced, by photography, to the normal size. A proof from the first die of the 3c was intentionally selected as it was considered that the lighter finer lines lent themselves more readily to surface printing reproduction. The normal size negative was placed in what is termed a "step and repeat" photographic machine containing a **sensitized glass negative plate** as large as the printing plate; the machine permits the photographing of a subject as many times as desired, in any position on the plate, one subject at a time, so that the single normal size negative was placed for number one position on the plate, flashed, moved to number two position, flashed, moved to number three position, flashed and so on for the entire plate of four hundred subjects. The four hundred subject photo plate thus obtained had the guide lines and arrows etched upon it and was then used to manufacture the printing plates in the usual manner, by direct contact photography on sensitized zinc plates, the plate number being etched on each zinc plate as manufactured.

In cleaning up and strengthening the enlarged negative of the die proof the head was copiously retouched, showing many lines added to the hair on the top and forepart of the head, a marked accentuation of the shading of the eye, nostril, and jaw—the latter forming a most pronounced double chin—and several lines added to the drapery at the base of the neck.

After nearly three months it was thought that there was not enough depth or color to the surface printed stamps and that probably a mistake had been made in using a proof from the first die of the 3c, accordingly an enlarged negative was made of a proof from the second or recut die, put through the same process of cleaning and touching up, reduced to normal size and used in the step and repeat machine for a new four hundred subject master negative. In touching up the enlarged negative of the second or recut die the eye, nostril, and mouth were completely redrawn, while the shading of the jaw —which was of horizontal lines only in the engraved die—was cross-hatched by diagonal lines. In reducing the enlarged negative to normal size, for the step and repeat single negative, it was made about ¼ mm. shorter vertically than the first die normal negative, and when measured off in the step and repeat machine laid down the four hundred subject master negative plate of the second or recut die with more space between stamps horizontally than in the four hundred subject master negative plate of the first die. The sheets of stamps from the first die offset plates show a full 2½ mm. space between

stamps both vertically and horizontally, while the sheets of stamps from the second or recut die offset plates show a vertical space of 2½ mm. between stamps and a horizontal space of 3 mm.

These surface printed 3c stamps are distinctly and absolutely war stamps, a temporary issue, due to the exigency of war, which will be replaced by the engraved stamps so soon as a let up in the press of war work will permit the engraving division of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing to manufacture sufficient engraved plates to meet the demand for 3c stamps. We therefore add to the United States war stamp list; 3c surface printed, first die, no watermark paper, perforated 11, 3c surface printed, second die, no watermark paper, perforated 11, and 3c surface printed, second die, no watermark paper, imperforate.

On May 15, 1918, the first Government aeroplane mail route was established, Washington to New York with stop at Philadelphia. The rate of 24c an ounce for aeroplane deliveries necessitated the issuance of a 24c stamp, and a special design was adopted for a bi-colored stamp. At the Bureau of Engraving and Printing bi-colered stamps are printed on the hand-presses used for printing the bank-notes, the border or frame is printed first, and when the ink has thoroughly dried the center or medallion is printed. In printing from a hand-press the plate is removed after each impression, placed on a heated block, re-inked, wiped, and then returned to the press for the next impression, so that it is a very easy matter for the press man to reverse the plate when returning it to the press after re-inking, and if this occurs during the second printing an inverted center is the result. A number of sheets of 24c stamps were printed with inverted center, but only one escaped the examiners and was passed ton to the Post Office Department for ultimate sale to the public.

On July 15, 1918, the rate for aeroplane mail was reduced to 16c an ounce and a new stamp of that denomination was issued, being of the same aeroplane design as the 24c but printed in one color in one printing thus eliminating inverted centers.

The aeroplane mail route is distinctly a war measure, the forerunner of trans-oceanic aero dispatch bearing and ultimate international aero mail delivery, the two stamps are of denominations that did not exist before and are if possible more distinctly war stamps than the various 3c stamps just cited.

A die has been prepared for a 13c stamp and it is only a matter of final decision as to the color to be adopted when the stamp will appear, being required to take the place of the 12c stamp for single postage and registration, therefore a stamp made necessary by the war raise in postal rate and naturally a war stamp when it appears.

United States stamped envelope collectors have also been favored by war issues, six die types of a 3c stamped envelope, with four colors of paper and many sizes of envelopes with knife and flap varieties. For over thirty years no 3c stamped envelopes had been needed to meet postal requirements so that the present issue of that denomination is distinctly a war issue.

War Stamps may be divided into six separate classes:

1—Regular issues or provisional issues made during the period of the war by the countries or colonies actually engaged in the war.

2—Occupation Stamps issued by the conquering nation or nations upon the occupation of enemy territory.

3—Expeditionary Force stamps issued for the use of expeditionary forces while on duty.

4—War Tax Stamps issued for the collection of a special war tax on mail matter.

5—Charity Stamps sold for a certain fixed amount over face the increment being devoted to the Red Cross or other war charities organizations.

6—Regular issues and provisional issues of neutral countries representing a raise in postal rates made necessary by the World War.

A properly proportioned war stamp collection should display the six classes of stamps mentioned in unused condition and in addition the Occupation stamps, Expeditionary Force stamps, War Tax stamps, and Charity stamps, used on original cover showing manner and method of use. Original covers showing prison camp, detention camp, and internment camp cancellation and a liberal display of covers with censors labels and unstamped official covers showing departmental, camp, and embassy cancellations.

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution has officially requested the Secretaries of the various Departments to furnish the United States National Museum with such material for philatelic war collection as may be received by the Departments in the daily mail, and has been assured of co-operation by the various Departments. The State Department coming to the fore with the following more than satisfactory reply:

The Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution.

Sir:—

The Department acknowledges the receipt of your letter of June 12, 1918, concerning the desire of the United States National Museum to install in its philatelic section an exhibition of "war stamps" pertaining to the present world war, and to that end requesting the Department to procure for the Museum material as follows:

Occupation Stamps. Temporary or permanent stamps issued upon occupation of conquered territory.

Stamps issued for the use of expeditionary forces.

War Tax Stamps. A temporary tax or war increase of postal rates.

Charity Stamps. Stamps with additional face value the increment going to the Red Cross or other war charity organizations.

In reply you are informed that the American diplomatic officers accredited to the Governments of Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan, have been instructed to bring this matter to the attention of the respective Foreign Offices. The Department will advise you promptly of the replies received.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
For the Secretary of State:
Breckinrige Long.
Third Assistant Secretary.

The United States National Museum intends to have a representative call at the various Departments and personally explain the nature of the philatelic war material desired from each Department, also to call and Explain to the Red Cross and the Young Men's Christian Association the nature of philatelic material desired by the Museum from the daily mail of those organizations. Such funds as the Museum can afford will be devoted to the purchase of war stamps from selections that may be submitted with that end in view.

The Museum possesses the nucleus of a war stamp collection, about one thousand varieties, transfers from the Post Office Department of the Universal Postal Union distributions.

There are many collectors who can materially help by donations from their wealth of duplicates and there is good work to be performed by the American Philatelic Society and its members in helping to amass a great National Philatelic War Collection, such as our English cousins are gathering to-day for the British Nation.

The present war is the most stupendous within the knowledge of man and it is devoutly to be hoped that it will remain the most stupendous for all time, that its great result may be the eternal establishment of democracy and the right to freedom of mankind for all time, utterly beyond the power of autocracy to ever again disturb by wars atrocities.

The men and women of the allied nations are doing their utmost, to the final limits of their abilities mentally, physically, and financially, to make democracy triumphant, and their supreme efforts and heroic accomplishments should be faithfully recorded for all time by those who are by nature and desire

peculiarly adapted for such work. Philately plays no mean part in faithfully recording the changing of territory and governments within the period of this world war, and the American Philatelic Society, as the leading organization of its kind in this country and one of the leading philatelic organizations of the world, should be alive to the exceptional opportunity the times offer to establish a great National Philatelic War Collection, and the members of the American Philatelic Society should work to that end so that in the future they may point with pride to the National War Collection and boast of having been materially instrumental in making it complete in some one of its branches.

THE CONVENTION.

THE GIST OF IT.

The 33rd Annual Convention was called to order by President Jno. W. Scott in the convention hall of Hotel Statler, Cleveland, August 13, 1918.

There were about 85 members and guests registered. President MacLaren of the Garfield-Perry Club welcomed the guests by a short address of hearty greeting, defining the historical name of the Club, and closely drawing the line of connection between it and the 5 and 90 cent U. S. stamps of the period of its organization.

President Scott's address was timely, interesting and full of reminiscences as only the "Father of Philately" could recount incidents of the several periods of which he spoke.

The Committee on Credentials reported the election of the ticket as per the ballot sent to the membership. There were 383 ballots cast, of which 9 were invalid. There not being one third of the membership represented, all motions and resolutions could only be carried by a unanimous vote in the affirmative.

The Board of Vice Presidents report showed there were 18 complaints entered of which eight had been adjusted, 2 members were recommended for expulsion and 3 applications rejected. The Sales Superintenden's report which was a part of the report of the Vice Presidents showed that during the year 2273 books were in circulation valued at $52,617.73 of which sales amounted to $4,939.22 from 581 retired books, percentage of sales nearly 41%.

The Secretary's report showed a gain in membership. There were less regisnations, a fewer number dropped for non payment of dues, and a larger number of reinstatements than the previous year.

By the Terasurer's report the finances of the Society were shown to be in excellent shape. Balance Aug. 10, 1917, $6502.16, Bal. Aug. 10, 1918, $6810.99.

After the reading of Editor Ault's report a vote of thanks was voted unanimously by the convention for his able and painstaking work for the American Philatelist.

The examiner of Sales Books in his report suggested that members use hinges that are not easily peeable, as many loose stamps are found in the books.

The Asst. Librarian reports that "during the past year more requests have been made upon him than any previous year of during his experience as Assistant Librarian." He recommended that a suitable index be prepared available for use. A vote of thanks was tendered Librarian John H. Lette and Irene Stewart, Reference Librarian, for their courtesy and cheerful manner and without delaying shipment of books and papers asked for by our members.

The Counterfeit Detector reported that 840 stamps had been submitted for an opinion. There were 455 geunine, 212 counterfeit, 71 reprints, 62 forged surcharges and cancellations, 6 faked grills, 2 perforated proofs and 54 stamps presented for classification.

A vote of thanks was extended to the authorities of the United States National Museum for sending the Government Philatelist, Mr. Jos. B. Leavy to the Meeting presenting an article on "War Stamps and War Stamp Collection." Mr. Leavy's paper was one of the main events of the Annual Meet, and was able and of an interesting character to all who were privileged to hear it. It was voted to publish same immediately in the American Philatelist.

It was moved that it was the sentiment of the convention that the establishment of a war museum should be taken up at the earliest opportunity and that the convention go on record as favoring it. The motion was carried.

Conforming to the Government's request to conserve printing paper it was voted to issue the American Philatelist monthly for the duration of the war.

The rate of insurance on sales books was placed at 1% with a minimum of 10c per book.

An appropriation of $100.00 for the upkeep of the Library was made.

Provision was made for a Life membership on payment of $20.00.

St. Louis was voted the place of 1919 convention and recommendations passed for its convening the last week in Aug.

Resolution passed that the convention express its appreciation of the hospitality and brotherly affection displayed by the Garfield-Perry Stamp Club, Branch #30 and to thank them for the generous entertainment afforded the members while in the city.

IN A LIGHTER VEIN.

Scene: The Lattice Room, (Convention Hall).

Place: Hotel Statler, Cleveland.

Time: 11.00 a. m. Convention assembled.

Characters: The President, Mr. Fuller and Mr. Leavy.

The President: "Have you any invitions for our next Annual Meeting?

Mr. Fuller: "From the St. Louis Society."

The P: "That will be considered."

Mr. F: "It was suggested last night that we meet next year in Berlin." (Laughter).

The P: "We shall be protected by the bayonets of American Soldiers." (Applause.)

Mr. F. "When shall we start collecting German stamps?"

The P: "They are too loathsome to touch." (Applause).

Mr. Leavy: "We will consider collecting them when they are overprinted U. S. A." (Great Applause and cheering).

(Curtain).

There were other comedies enacted during the actual sessions of the convention. See the "Proceedings" when published next month. Attention is called especially to the debate over young Gen. Coolidge and old Mr. Wolsieffer in filling the vacancy occasioned by non-appearance of "Sine Die" Stone.

The entertainment by the Cleveland Boys is something which will be long held as "green spots" in the memory of those who were fortunate enuf to take advantage of the splendid program provided and which will be described in the "proceedings."

THE SECRETARY.

The Philadelphia Branch Prize.

Philadelphia Branch #18 offers a $5.00 gold piece to the member obtaining the largest number of new members during the fiscal year 1918-19.

The A. W. Dunning Prizes.

Beginning September 1st, 1918 Mr. A. W. Dunning Offers $5.00 worth of good stamps to the member sending in the largest number of applications for membership each month, providing three or more applications are received. Reinstatements will count the same as a new application. For the month of September the prize will consist of $15 worth of good stamps. Then there are three other packets worth $5 each which will be offered until won by some member.

PRECANCEL NOTES.

Information concerning New Issues or of general interest to Precancel collectors should be addressed to Dr. C. W. Hennan, 6450 Drexel Ave., Chicago, Ill.

Mr. J. S. Bell, Jr., who specializes in Boston, has a copy of Boston #101 and 135 with double Precancellations, also the 7c 1914 type VIII.

Mr. Chas. Wilson sends three Lincoln dues on part cover. The 10c is especially nice as it is cancelled with the roller type reading down. He states that he receives from 200 to 400 dues each month. Lincoln Nebraska also precancels with a pen using both the Parcel Post dues and the regular postage dues.

I have the entire set of Colorado Springs from 1c to 50c perforated 11. To date I have seen only the 8c inverted. The 3c and 4c come double with one cancellation reading diagonally.

Mr. Fred Raff has a block of the 1c Salem, Ohio in which the upper rows are inverted and the bottom row is normal.

Now that the aeroplane stamps are available for postage, we may expect to see them precancelled. No doubt the Post Office request not to Precancel them will be disregarded.

Holly Springs, Miss. is precancelling the current set from 1c to 30c.

Precancel specialists are now going in for broken lines and watermarks. The catalog does not list these varieties.

Mr. A. D. Kraus of Buffalo franked a circuit with the new type Buffalo, N. Y. on the 13c 1902. He states that 10 or 12 sheets were precancelled in this way, but owing to the poor impression only a few of them are of any value to collectors.

ATTENTION MEMBERS.

Will you please cooperate with the Officers of the Society in order to save postage, save work and save time. Dues amounting to $1.80 are payable September 1st, 1918. Why not send your dues now to the Treasurer, Mr. J. E. Scott, 238 Lincoln Ave., Detroit, Mich. It takes you but a few minutes, and then its over with for a year. It will help the Officers, it will cause the new Membership List to be issued early, it may save you inconvenience later. It helps all around. Its system. Its proper. Its according to our By-Laws. Will you comply?

The Secretary.

CORRECTION.

Through the ommission of a part of the copy of Mr. M. Ohlman's advertisement in our last issue, it appears that he is offering stock of stamps for sale, when as a matter of fact, the ad. simply listed some of the good things which would be included in his sale of Oct. 23rd and 24th. Mr. Ohlman does not carry a stock, but confines his business entirely to auctions. We regret if this error has caused him any unnecessary correspondence.

IN GOVERNMENT SERVICE.

Mr. Geo. L. Gilmore, A. P. S. 42, writes that he is serving in the Cloth and Equipage Section Production Division Ordanance, Department of the Quartermaster General in the Boston District as Assistant on Textiles. No doubt there are many of our members serving in some branch of Government work but without the status to be listed on our Honor Roll, which is intended only to embrace those actually enlisted in some of the active service branches.

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EXCHANGES—We will be pleased to exchange three copies with all philatelic publications upon receipt of request to do so. Kindly send one copy to Mr. Adam E. Daum, Assistant Librarian, 421 Wood St., Pittsburgh, Pa., one copy to the Chairman of the Philatelic Literature Committee, W. R. Ricketts, 1577 Wyoming Ave., Forty Fort, (Wilkes-Barre) Pa., and one copy to the Editor.

EDITORIAL.

A MONTHLY AGAIN During the course of the War, The American Philatelist will appear as a monthly. This action was decided upon by the Cleveland Convention and is in line with conservation movements designed as aids to the winning of the conflict. We are going to win, and everything that we can do to shorten the time until peace shall have been declared, will assist in the common good just that much. We believe, however, that we shall be able to produce one number a month of more interest than have our semi-monthly issues been in the past, and we hope that when the return is made to more frequent dates of publication, we shall be able to send you a journal more worthy of our Society.

OUR NEW EDITOR. Beginning with the first number of Volume XXXII, Dr. H. A. Davis will assume the editorial duties of our journal. It is absolutely unnecessary to tell you that the Society is fortunate in having Dr. Davis in that capacity, as he brings to this work an abundance of experience, which will be reflected on these pages and we feel assured that under his guidance The American Philatelist will grow stronger and more nearly come up to the expectations and wishes of the membership and that it will come to be the strongest argument to be brought forth as an inducement for or benefit of membership in the Society. We certainly hope that he shall have the assistance which has been accorded the retiring Editor—and, in addition, a great deal more.

AND NOW As I start the writing of my farwell editorial message for my official connection with The American Philatelist ends with this issue, it is not with the pleasure to which I have looked forward as the ending of my six years of service. But as I am ready to pass on the journal to my successor, there is a feeling as of the parting of old friends and a wish that will not down that the parting could be delayed. Yet I realize that the journal and the Society will be the gainers and I the one who loses. Still, I shall sorely miss the many friendly letters which have been wont to reach my desk. It is a pleasure to recall the many kind words and most highly appreciated assistance which have come to me from our members during this period. To attempt to write down the names of those who have helped me in my duties would

be but to repeat many items that have from time to time appeared in this column. It is, most surely a pleasant recollection, one filled with many thoughts that I shall cherish.

While it is with a certain sadness that I lay aside this work, yet I shall always retain a great interest in The American Philatelist and I sincerely hope that I may occupy the same warm place in the hearts of those whose friendship I have made that it is my privilege to accord to them.

Au Revoir.

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. 1. **September 1, 1918.**

Applications Pending.

Birkenfeld, Jos.
Robinson, R. W.
Patteck, Nathaniel.
Schwantes, Herman.
Timourou, Wm. von.

Applications for Reinstatement Pending.

2597 Terry, John W.
943 Reynolds, John N.

Applications Posted.

Bradford, E. Nelton, 116 Nassau St., New York; Age 59; U. S. Envelope and Postal Card Dealer, With Geo. R. Tuttle; Reference: John W. Scott and C. E. Severn; Proposed by P. M. Wolsiffer, #38.

Brown, E. M., 313 Bangor Bldg., Cleveland, Ohio; Age 41; Printer. E. M. Brown, Printer; Reference: Ed Hart, Cleveland Stationery Co., Cleveland, Ohio; Proposed by W. H. Barnum, #585.

Coveleski, Joseph P., Box 581 Police Dept., Ancon, Canal Zone; Age 36; Zone Police #135; Reference: S. H. Salmon, The Electrical Stores Co., Colon, Panama; Proposed by Frederick E. Heydon, #2780.

Fried, E. L., Beemer, Neb.; Age 45; Hardware Merchant; Reference: Paul Wupper, Cashr. Beemer State Bank, Beemer, Neb.; Proposed by L. T. Brodstone #1142.

Hoyt, Geo. W., 106 Washington St., Chicopee Falls, Mass; Age 41; Teacher and Reporter City of Chicopee; Reference: H. A. Davis, Denver Colo.; Proposed by John W. Scott, #15.

Marthers, Harry S., 695 Warren St., Bridgeport, Conn.; Age 32; Draftsman; Reference Jas. D. Young, Printer, Middletown, Conn.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Nuese, Robert E., 303 W. 122nd St., New York; Age 52; Secretary to Francis H. Leggett & Co.; Reference: P. G. Doane, Tribune Bldg., New York; E. C. Dodd, LaGrange, Ill.; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

Singer, Robert, 612 Mighigan Ave., Evanston, Ill.; Age 16; Student; Guaranteed by A. L. Singer, 367 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill.; Recommended by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Walker, J. Lewis, Jr., 600 Westover Ave. Norfolk, Va.; Age legal; Stamp Dealer; Reference: R. E. Townsend, 409 Citizens Bank, Norfolk, Va.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, 1925.

Wang Chin Chai, S. S., 17 Pei me tsuang, Peking, China. Age 36; Auditor Asieh Feng Kung Coal Mines; Reference: C. H. Young, Mgr. Chin Fong Coal Supply Co., Peking, China; Proposed by Delf Noronha, #4826.

Wren, Katherine D., 1560 Henry Clay Ave., New Orleans, La.; Age legal; Nurse; Reference: Citizens Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans, La.; Proposed by H. A. Davis, #1925.

Application for Reinstatement.

130 Osborn, Chas. E., 13 S. 17th St., Philadelphia, Pa.; Age legal; Antiques; Reference: A. F. Henkels #1959; Proposed by P. M. Wolsieffer, #38.

New Stockholders.

5185 Immanuel, P., Box 38, Chicago, Ill.

5186 Jones, John 297 Walnut St., Blue Island, Ill.

5187 Mayer, Oscar L., 1609 Stevens Bldg., Chicago, Ill.

5188 Preston, Gertrude, Box 476, Manila, Philippines.

Replaced on Roll.

The following having paid dues in full to Sept. 1, are replaced on Roll.

2365 Hepler, John A., 1123 centre Ave. Reading, Pa.

3795 Hill, Rev. John Clark, Ambler, Pa.

Resignation Withdrawn.

3704 Parke, Hervey, 50 Main St., Amherst, Mass.

Resignations Received.

2365 Hepler, John A., 1123 Centre Ave., Reading, Pa.

4168 Harbeck, Chas. I., 306 Lexington Ave., New York.

Deceased.

1938 Pollard, Lieut. Fred D., Proctorsville, Vt. **Killed in Action Over There.**

3316 Lighthipe, Wm. I., 61 S. Fullerton Ave., Montclair, N. J.

Resignations Accepted.

2304 Dennett, J. E., 104 Hammond St., Cambridge, Mass.

3161 Bartel, Dr. L. W., 2600 Olive St., St. Louis, Mo.

3589 Kalse, H. F., Box 280, Norwood, Man., Canada.

4038 Payne, F. G., Box 655, Roanoke, Va.

4070 Hatfield, A., Jr., 175 N. 58th St., New York.

4951 Hussman, A. A., Garrison & Clark Aves., St. Louis, Mo.

4965 Chan, Thos. K., Box 97, Panama, Rep. Panama.

4603 McNabb, J. A., Jr., Box 736, El Paso, Texas.

Change of Address.

4150 Beltzer, Capt. C. E. from Washoe, Mont. to Infirmary #11, 166 Depot Brigade, Camp Lewis, Wash.

3014 Burch, Arthur C., from Evanston, Ill. to Living Springs, Mont.

5170 Helme, Jas. B. from Pottstown, Pa. to Box 409, Greenwich, Conn.

4319 Kasemeier, E. L. from Springfield, O., to Accounting Dept., Underwood Typewriter Co., 30 Vesey St., New York.

4089 Leonard, Clifford S., from Woodbury, N. J. to Box 564, Yale Station, New Haven, Conn.

1883 Oughtred, Mrs. E. W. from Montreal to 380 Claremont Ave., Westmount, Que., Canada.

4100 Wallis, Grace C. from 841 Greer St. to 3060 N. Delaware, Indianapolis, Ind.

5144 Wood, Arthur C., from 428 Lansing Ave., to 568 Military Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Membership Summary.

Membership Aug. 15, 1918		1619
New Stockholders		4
Replaced on Roll		2
		1625
Resignations accepted	8	
Deceased	2	10
Total Membership Sept. 1, 1918		1615

H. A. DAVIS, Secretary.

NOTICE OF ORGANIZATION.

The Board of Directors have organized as follows.

President, John W. Scott.

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LINES INSPIRED BY AN A. P. S. SALES BOOK.

If we could have the privilege of reading many of the letters which pass between our members, there would be many a good item of such value and of highly informative character that we could profitably devote a considerable amount of our space to their publication. Recently the Editor had the pleasure of reading the letters which follow and while they were written with no idea of publication, yet they tell us so much of the days of long ago, we feel sure our members will find the same joy in them that we did. We are printing them with the full permission of their authors.

Letter from Mr. Wm. C. Michaels to Mr. L. L. Green.

My Dear Mr. Green:—

How fine it is to revive old pleasant memories?

Last night, at my home, in looking over a U. S. circuit sent out by "P. M." I ran onto one book with your signature, as owner, on the cover. Almost instantly my memory ran back 31 or 32 years—yes, I think it is 33 years, to the days of my boyhood in Ft. Dodge, Iowa, when I received approval selections from you, "with 25% discount."

I am not sure that I recall, exactly, the name of your firm, but it seems to me now that it was "Green & Co.", but I am sure you were then at Medford. In those days everybody collected everything, but even then I was partial to "U. S." and it has been many years since I have collected anything but the stamps of our own good country.

How well I remember that from your sheets (we had no approval books in those days) I was enabled, tediously enough (for my boyish means were limited), to piece out my "departments." I remember how supremely happy I was to be able to take from one of your sheets a 90c Justice, used, at the then prodigious price of $2.00, "with 25% off." How I did save to get that $1.50; but that stamp was the gem of my collection, and to this day I am proud of it, for it happens to be well centered and cancelled delicately in purple. In those days a stamp was a stamp, and if it had a few perfs missing, or perhaps

a tear, what mattered that? There were no "condition" cranks in those days, and no doubt I would have scrimped and saved, just the same, to have captured that 90c Justice, even if it had been torn, creased and smudged almost beyond identification.

I still have my first collection of foreigns (abandoned in 1890), and it is ever a joy to look it over and recall how and where and when I obtained this one or that one. But, oh! The condition those stamps are in!

In my present collection of United States (contained in some ten volumes) are but a very few of the U. S. I gathered as a boy, but here and there I can find a stamp, bought, in the old days, from Edwards, Peake & Co., or Green & Co., or Sterling or Durbin or Mekeel, or some other old-timer, and (speak it with tenderness) I still have a few works of art from our old friend, S. Allen Taylor. The latter are Locals, and are fully annotated; and I wouldn't part with any of these links that bind me to the pleasant memories of my youth, not for a great deal.

And so it was with a very distinct pleasure that I ran across your book, and smiled as I noticed that you hadn't changed at all the old way you had of forming a cypher—with two strokes.

Pardon me for rambling on this way, but your book brought back such a flood of happy recollections that I felt I just must write you a letter.

Good luck and a long life to you, my dear old dealer friend.

Letter from Mr. L. L. Green to Mr. Wm. C. Michaels.

My Dear Mr. Michaels:—

I received——a very pleasant letter from you which stimulated within me many memories of my boyhood days, and recalled the happy hours I have spent with my beloved stamps. I began dealing in stamps in 1875, and in fact was one of the pioneers in the speciality of "approval sheets." I did this primarily as a means of improving and increasing my own collection and was never happier than when "fussing" over stamps. Those were the days when 5c '47 were worth 25c and when I could buy complete sets of used Treasury for 7c and when 90c Justice were not scarcities. Many of the gems of my collection I thus obtained years ago "when you and I were young, Maggie", and I made it a point never to fail to look over every wholesale lot for stamps my collection lacked as well as for better copies. I suppose I spent many hours which from an intellectual point of view might have been more profitably spent; on the other hand perhaps my devotion to my hobby kept me from something worse. "Quien sabe"? * * * *

Your allusion to S. Allen Taylor carries me back many years. I used to visit his office occasionally to sell him something (for he did buy the genuine if he could see a profit). He was a quaint character and used to like to tell the boys stories. He hated F. Trifet, a Boston stamp dealer. You may recall a bogus 10c P. E. I. which appeared about 1872. Taylor created this, put them on corners of envelopes, postmarked them and scattered them in the P. O. corridors. What he hoped would happen did happen. Boys found them and sold them to Trifet. After Trifet had catalogued them and had printed a space in the Album for them, Taylor owned up, much to Trifet's chargin and somewhat to his financial loss.

(Then follows reference to other matters. Mr. Green continues—)

I observe that your A. P. S. number (209) is not far from mine (308). Surely neither of us is as young as he used to be. But I am resigned. I think stamps have kept me younger.

(Ed. note.—It is just such recollections of the days long past that lend a romance to stamp collecting and what collector does not find a pleasure in reading of those times. We would gladly devote space in our journal to more of our members who could tell us of instances just as interesting, for undoubtedly there are many of them whose experiences would be excellent reading.)

THE 20 LEPTA OF THE GREEK ISSUE OF 1876-79.

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THEODORE GROOM, M. A., Cantab., D. Sc., Lond.

(Continued from page 346.)

Apart from Zb, and with the exceptions just recorded, none of the members of any of the settings recognised show controls of more than one kind† on stamps having the same sheet number. Should such instances be found, they would in the opinion of the writer indicate, not a general resetting, but merely change in the position of some particular control. The transposition of a single piece can, therefore not be regarded as proof of general resetting; such proof requires evidence of simultaneous change in the position of additional controls.

Thus, before the printing of the later sheets of Zb there were two settings, and two only. The setting first indicated was evidently the earlier, since it was made before the printing of T, possibly some time before, for it is apparently found on the blue paper of a part of the printing S of the thin paper series, as may be gathered from the descriptions given. The colours of the controls appear to have been issued in the order Prussian blue, blue, ultramarine. In printing T the first colour alone was used: the second colour appeared the same year (1876) on the deep blue stamps, and the third apparently not before the following year. It may be worthy of note that the first setting may be restored by the plating of any members of the first group except the bright blue, for example U, or the more easily recognizable T; and that similarly the second setting may be ascertained by the plating of any stamps showing deep blue controls, whether belonging to one printing or not.

† Apart from colour.

The great majority of the copies showing the second setting date from 1878, but the earliest I have seen belong to the latter part of 1877 (October, November, December). It is probable, therefore, that the first resetting took place not before the summer or autumn of 1877. The bearings of this late appearance prove to be important.

If the view of the unity of the different colours discussed in the first part of this paper is accepted, it follows that the actual printing of the controls in the second setting took place well before the exhaustion of the paper showing the first setting; otherwise there will be no explanation of the existence of stamps of the later shades showing controls of the first settings. Moreover, the printing from the second setting must have taken place before the completion of the printing of the stamps themselves in the first colour extensively used (probably the deep blue); otherwise the difficulty arises that a considerable number of copies of the deep blue and other prominent shades occur with dark blue controls. These conclusions lead to a serious difficulty. How, it may be asked, with a large accumulation of papers showing, some the first, and others the second setting, on each of which impressions in deep blue, blue and Royal blue had taken place, can we account for the later appearance of all the stamps showing the second setting? On the theory now under consideration we should be obliged to conclude that according to whether the two kinds of paper had been kept apart, or, as seem more likely, had not, they must have still been kept separate, or resorted after each print-

ing of the stamps; those sheets of stamps with dark blue controls in each case being stored for a time. The purposelessness and improbability of this will be apparent. The writer in consequence is reluctantly compelled to abandon the theory of the unity of the several colours of the impressions, and to conclude that, except possibly in the case of one of them, these colours must have recurred.* Their apparent continuity in time, as shown in the range table given earlier, must be due to the re-issue of stamps of the particular colour before the exhaustion of the earlier stamps of the same colour. The same explanation must apply to the ultramarine controls (see later).

For the controls of a relatively small proportion of the sheets showing the second setting (possibly the sheets first printed) ink of a blue colour, or of a colour transitional between this and dark blue was employed. Not later than the beginning of 1878, ultramarine controls came in again with the ultramarine stamp. My earliest date for this printing is February 21st, 1878. Of some 120 copies of Zb in my possession, in which the distinction between the second and later settings is more or less clear, about one third belong to the former. This seems to indicate that the second resetting took place well on in the period during which these stamps were printed (see below). It is noteworthy that no copies of Zb show the dark blue controls of the second setting, and that the paper of Zb cannot be regarded as a stored relic of the earlier paper with ultramarine controls, for none of the stamps of this printing show the first setting. It follows, that in preparation for the earlier sheets of Zb a fresh printing of the controls still showing the second setting was made in ultramarine (a colour also used for the impressions of stamps). This colour accordingly, appeared twice, and I may add that I have been unable to distinguish in shade the ultramarine of the second setting from that of the first.*

* It is accordingly to be expected that each recurrent colour should show more than one maximum. The writer's material has not proved sufficient to prove or disprove this.

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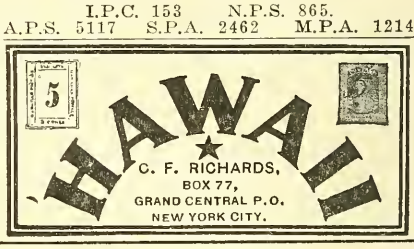

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