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THE MULREADY ENVELOPE, AND ITS IMITATIONS, CARICATURES, ETC.

BY MAJOR E. B. EVANS.<br>(From Stanley Gibbons', Limited, Montbly Journaı.)<br>[Continued.]

THE foregoing six varieties are in much the same style, and I have little doubt they are by the same hand; the next six are alike in style also; the whole twelve are generally supposed to have been drawn by the same unknown artist, but if that is the case, he appears to have adopted a rather different method of treatment for the second half of the set. There is now no signature of any kind, and the publisher's naine and address on each are, "London. W. Spooner, 377 Strand," in upright letters instead of italics. All the lettering is clearer than before, and, except on No. 9, the sentences are not connected with the mouths of those speaking them; finally the number is in the same situation as before, but the numerals are preceded by "No," and they are reversed in reference to the design.

No. 7 is a Musical envelope, and is headed, "All by Notes;" Britannia plays the fiddle with her spear and a pair of bellows, while the lion holds the music. A pair in the right upper corner are singing a duet, commencing, "Love has eyes," "Oh, yes, believe me." On the opposite side the Dustman says, "Come, give us Nix my Dolly, Julia," to which his daughter, at the piano, replies, "Lor, Par, it's so precious vulgar." Below these groups are Semibreves and Crotchets depicted as "Musical Notes" and "Dancing Notes;" on the lower left is an organ-grinder with an audience of two children ; and on the lower right a foreign musician, who, as he is being tossed over a paling by a very sharp pair of horns, has good reason to exclaim, "Dis Bull is no Judge of de music."

No. 8 is remarkable as being the only one of these twelve designs which is composed of quasi-political allusions, and this, unless two of the figures are portraits of members of the Government, deals rather with the domestic life of the Sovereign. Britannia, with a broad grin on her face, is comfortably seated on the lion, and her spear points to the motto, "England expects every man to do his duty." On the upper left is Prince Albert, rocking a cradle, and saying, "Ah mine loaf, vat you tink, I improve ;" and on the upper right are the Queen and the Duchess of Kent, the latter of whom remarks, "De Brince sall be very usefull at de rocking de cradle," to which Her Majesty replies, "Oh yes, he'l be very usefull in time." Below are two figures dressed as nurses, who are probably intended to represent members of the Government or of the Royal Household; the one on the left carries a baby, and says, "This is to be my berth;" the other carries a basin of pap, and adds, "And this to be mine." I have compared these with a number of political caricatures of 1840 , and they appear to me to resemble to some extent Lords Melbourne (or Palmerston) and Morpeth, as drawn by "H. B." in his "Sketches," but they are not sufficiently like to make their identity at all certain. Lord Melbourne was Prime Minister at the time, and might
therefore have very probably been brought in. Lord Palmerston was at the Foreign Office, and Lord Morpeth was Irish Secretary.

No. 9 returns to Postal matters; Britannia has taken up her arms, and agairt sits upon the lion; the Old Gentleman is carrying off two Chinamen " postage free." Prepayment is not fully understood by the old woman on the upper left, who on being told, "A letter for you, marm," feels in her pocket, and remarks, "Dear me, I hope it aint a Pence ive one." In the right upper corner a jealous husband insists, "I must see that Billy-do," but receives the reply, "No, Billy don't." And the inviolability of private correspondence is maintained. At the sides are graphic representations of "a dead letter," "Some of the letters," "Private correspondence" of a different kind, but equally likely to lead to trouble, and "The five o'clock delivery" from Posts and Offices other than the Post-office.

Nos. 10, 11 and 12 show various Sporting Scenes. There is an allusion to the war with China in the first of the three, where Britannia, with the lion as pointer, and a fowling-piece loaded with " Gunpowder T. without sugar," is about to disturb a covey of partridges with Chinamen's heads; while the gunner behind the tree (Iohn Bull perhaps) remarks, "Pepper for you young feller." A foreign sportsman on the upper left, most correctly got up, seems likely to be brought down by the indignant lady behind him with the broom. The two pairs below are of equal merit, the Cockney, who discharges his weapon at close quarters into the back of his companion, and observes, "Lor Jenkins, I hope I ain't hurt you," being well balanced by the injured innocent, caught with gun and game bag, who assures the keeper, "Lor Sir, I never poached anything, not even a Heg."

No. II is headed, "O the joys of Angling, there's a line for yer, young feller." Britannia uses her spear as a fishing-rod, the Lion turns his tail to the same purpose. The Angler under an umbrella consoles himself with the reflection that "This is the wether for them," but his vis-a.vis has got " a precious bite" of a kind. that he did not want. "The gentleman below, to whom "Little fishes is sweet," evidently possesses that "contented mind" which is said to be a "continual feast;" and opposite to him is one who has plainly been bottom-fishing, and is not so well pleased with the capture of a pair of "Soles, by Goles!"

In No. 12 Britannia goes a-hunting, "Tally, oh," after a Chinese fox, with a peacock's feather in his cap. The equestrian on the upper left might almost be B'rer Rabbit, remarking, "Vell, if that 'ere aint the most imperdent fox I ever see." The prudent rider on the upper right, with his "Look before you leap," forms a fitting contrast to the two groups in which man and horse have parted company ; in one of them the former is going over the latter's head, and the fence, with the exclamation, "You vicious brute;" and in the other the rider speeds his parting steed with the remark, "Break your own neck if you like.". The remaining two pairs also form a contrast-" My hunting is all up. Oh, dear! oh, dear!" And "Here we goes."

The remaining numbers of this long series are evidently by quite a different hand; No. 13 is signed, on the lower right, "r. s. hurst, delt. et litho. no. 244 strand," and No. 14 has "r. s. hurst. lith. 244 strand," in the left lower corner. Both are inscribed "Publisbed by William Spooner, 377 Strand," in the centre below, and the numbers "No. 13," and "No. 14," are on the lower flap, and inverted with reference to the design.

No. 13 alludes to the war in Syria; our alliance with the Austrians to assist the Turks in recovering that province from Menemet Ali, is indicated by the three Flags behind the central figure. Britannia is ably represented by Sir Charles Napier, whose composite costume shows his readiness for fighting either by sea or land; and his bluejackets are seen, on the one side, hobnobbing with Turks and Turkies, and, on the other, making short work with the unfortunate Egyptian soldiers.

Finally, No. 14 is devoted to Daniel O'Connell, who looms large in the centre, balancing in his right hand a Roman Catholic priest, and in his left a trembling mannikin, who, I believe, is intended for Lord Melbourne ; the latter is saying, "Mind you
don't let me fall, Dan," to which the giant replies, "Never fear, I'll support you, my lambkin!" The surrounding figures exhibit O'Connell under various aspects-"AGITAtion," "recreation" with a tumbler of whisky, "botheration" and "meditation ;" on the lower left he appears as "the Piper" who expects to be paid for his "Music," and on the opposite side he is drawn as "the irish lion," with his tail, marked " REPEAL," twisted round the neck of a victim (Lord Melbourne, again ?) who remonstrates, "Come, come, that hurts!" All through, the Liberator is shown on a scale which may serve to remind us that "there were Giants in those days," beside whom the modern agitators would look but pigmies.

A similar series, but not, I think, of equal merit, was issued at about the same time. There are six numbers only in this, all got up as envelopes, each having on the lower flap an oblong tablet inscribed, "rejected design's" (sic)-" for the-postage envelOPE," in white letters on a ground of crossed lines; below this tablet is the number of the series, and the whole is reversed with reference to the design upon the back of the envelope; along the lower margin of the latter is the imprint, "Publisbed by $\mathcal{F} . W$. Southgate, Library, 164, Strand," followed by a date.

In No. 1, Britannia, with her right eye covered by a patch, scatters messengers to right and left; Ships of War in the background are sinking Chinese Junks, but the Pigtails on shore are none the less impudent in their attitude. The gentlemen on the right and left of Britannia's pedestal seem to represent Joy and Grief respectively, and around them are various persons receiving or reading their letters. On the right a postman is vainly endeavoring to deliver a packet to a man on the gallows, while immediately below a pick-pocket is plying his trade regardless of the warning.

The outline of this design measures $5^{\frac{1}{2}} \times 3^{\frac{1}{2}}$ inches. In the left lower corner is "fredk. froom del," and in the right "madeley lith." It is dated " 1 st Fune, 1840."

No. 2 shows Britannia, not disfigured by a patch, sending out letters to the gentler sex of all ranks. In the left upper corner a whole bag full goes to a " ladies school;" below are a cook and a milk woman reading letters, and a fine lady refusing the billets doux that are handed to her in numbers. Other classes are depicted on the opposite side, culminating in the washerwoman who cannot take her hands out of the tub to receive her correspondence. This is signed, in the lower corners, "madeley del.et litho," and dated " 1840 " only. It is smaller than No. I, the outline measuring only $5 \times 3^{\frac{1}{4}}$ inches; the following are of the same dimensions.

In No. 3 the whole crowd seems to have gone mad, with the exception perhaps of the coalheaver on the right centre, who is calmly reading his paper and drinking his stout in the midst of the tumult. Whether it all indicates joy at the blessings of cheap postage, or is intended to celebrate a victory over the Chinese in the Naval Battle depicted at the back, I cannot say, but all appear to be highly delighted, from Britannia and the Lion in the centre to the wooden-legged gentleman in the two lower corners. The signature is the same as that of No. 2, but the date is given as " fune 6."

No. 4 deals with political matters; the Queen takes the place of Britannia, with a life-sized portrait of Prince Albert suspended from her neck. The Lion, seated upon the "Blarney Stone," has the face of O'Connell, and a tail of abnormal length, labeled "erin go bragh" and "my envelope tail," while on the upper right and left the Queen seems to be dismissing her ministers. I take the names of the various figures from an article in Le Timbre Poste for October, 1868, in which this series is described. The Crowned Head on the upper left is stated to be the King of Hanover, who is being addressed by Sir Robert Peel. Sir James Graham has his arm in that of the latter. On the other side Lord Brougham is unmistakable, and the figure on his back is said to represent the Duke of Wellington, while the gentleman with the long nose is intended for Sir Francis Burdett. A little lower down ate the Duchess of Kent and Queen Adelaide on the left, and Prince Albert on the right consulting the Almanach de Gotha in the interest of a very wild-looking personage. Within one of the - folds of the tail are Lord Melbourne, Lord John Russell, and Mr. Spring Rice, stuffing

John Bull with rice paper; one of them remarking, "Stuff him well, John Bull must be fed." In the other fold is Lord Palmerston, at the Foreign Office, packing a case of " opium," but being hoisted out of his seat by a Chinaman armed with a red-hot poker. This again is drawn and lithographed by Madeley; it is dated in full "fune 8, 1840." =In No. 5, Britannia appears as a dismal-looking person, whom I am unable to identify; the principal figures around her are plainly various characters from Pickwick, but Britannia herself, and the smaller figures along the top of the design, do not seem to have much connection with the others. On the right Mr. Tracy Tupman can be easily recognized, with either Mr. Winkle or Mr. Snodgrass in front of him ; balanced on the left by Mr. Weller, Senior, and Mrs. Weller, No. 2; and at the sides we find Mr. Pickwick himself, the Fat Boy, Joe, Mrs. Bardell and Tommy, and opposite to these Sam Weller and Job Trotter. The signature to this number is "fredk. froome del." in the right lower corner ; " madeley litho." is outside the frame, below, and the date is "Fune 12, 1840."

No. 6 again is more or less political; in the centre is the Pope, with a small demon - seated on his shoulder; O'Connell is kissing the Pope's toe, and a Donkey takes the place of the Lion at his feet. Of the four persons supporting the canopy over his head, the two in the foreground are probably intended for portraits of Lord John Russell and Lord Melbourne, the second one on the left may be Mr. Spring Rice (or Lord Monteagle of Brandon, to give him the title by which he was raised to the Upper House in 1839), but the last of the four I cannot recognize. On the upper right are some female figures mounted upon the top of a church, and below them are men bearing banners inscribed "POPE for Ever," "Soclalism for Ever," or "religious equality," some of whom appear to be trying to pull down either the Church or the figures on the top of it. On the upper left a Priest is exhorting a stuut old lady, while the Devil behind them smothers a yawn. Below these, Father Matthew is pumping "the pure ilimint" over three of his disciples, whom he enjoins to "Drink away boys, the divil a harm in it," while one of them exclaims, "By St. Matthew, I'm as drunk as a fish." And at the opposite side, three Doctors of the Church appear to be assisting a Highlander to swallow an infant. This is inscribed "madeley del. et иitho." in the left lower corner; the date is "fune 17, 1840."
[To be continued.]

## THE POSTAL CONGRESS.

THE Universal Postal Congress began its session in Vienna on the 20th of May. It was kept busy nearly five weeks. Its object, in a word, is to establish a scheme for linking together, in a single postal federation, the civilized nations of the world. It assembles every fifth year. Previous sessions had been held in Berne, Paris and Berlin, the late session in Vienna making the fourth. * There were 120 delegates present, the largest number hitherto assembled. They represented every civilized and semicivilized country on the globe, except China. Most of the delegates were officers prominently connected with the postal service in their respective countries. William Potter, of Philadelphia, and Captain N. M. Brooks, Superintendent of Foreign Mails, were the representatives of the United States.

The resolutions of the Congress have to be submitted for the approval of the respective Governments; and, although there is no doubt that they will be assented to on this, as on former occasions, yet, in accordance with the etiquette governing such matters, the proceedings of the Congress were kept nominally secret. Several of the important results reached are, however, openly known.

The practical business of the Congress was transacted wholly in French. It was in charge of four general committees, on all of which the American delegates were honored with appointment, and which held their meetings on successive days.

One of the most important results effected, due largely to the work of the United States delegates, was the entrance of the Australian Colonies into the Postal Union.

As a consequence, the rates of postage to those countries will be reduced more than one-half. The Union rate is five cents per half ounce for letters, and two cents for postal cards.

Among other important matters discussed, were the proposed abolition or reduction of the charges made by the countries of the Union, for the conveyance of mails in transit through their territories ; and the question of an international postage stamp, good in every country of the Union. Postmaster-General Wanamaker, it is said, favors both these measures, and he gave instructions to the American delegates accordingly. Recommendations are also reported to have been made, to the effect that double postal cards be issued for prepaid answers; that the International Parcel Post carry goods to be paid for on delivery, instead of previously, as heretofore; and that packets double the present size be admitted to the Sample and the Pattern Posts.

The Postal Union was organized by the Congress at Berne, assembled through the efforts of the German Postmaster-General, Herr Stephan. At that time, there were considerably over 1000 different postal rates; but these are now embraced under a small number of heads, with a reasonable and uniform tariff. The territory included in the Union has now a population of $915,000,000$, and includes an area of $87,000,000$ square kilometres (about $34,000,000$ square miles). The volume of business has increased by rapid strides. The number of pieces carried in 1871 was only $3,300,000,000$. In 1888 it had reached the following figures:


One interesting feature of the session was an historical exhibition in the Industrial Palace, showing the development of all postal arrangements from the Roman times by means of engravings, photographs, plans, models and implements, covering every branch of the service. Curious attention was also called to the remarkable collection of postage stamps, gathered by Herr Friedl, an amateur collector. It numbers 100,000 specimens, and contains noteworthy examples of the stamps used at Paris during the siege of $1870-1871$, when the service was carried on by means of balloons, carrier-pigeons, and through the sewers of the city.

By the unanimous decision of the Congress, Washington, D.C., was settled upon as the next place of meeting. The United States Government has given the delegates the assurance that a hearty welcome to this country will be extended them in 1897.

## IT IS SAID-

The Czar of Russia is a stamp collector.
The motto on the stamps of British Guiana, "Damus petimusque vicissim," means "We give and take by turns."

The first English Auction Sale of Stamps was held on March 18, 1872.
Lieut. J. F. Partello, of the Fifth United States Infantry, who is well known as an all-round newspaper correspondent, and better known as the crack rifle shot of the United States, has just arrived in town with his family after a year's residence in Europe. He will leave in a few days for St. Augustine, Fla., to which point he has been ordered.

## CHRONICLE.

Argentine.-Le Timbre Poste illustrates the 50 pesos blue, which was not issued, however, 100,000 copies having been burned. It is of the usual large size and contains the portrait of Dean Funes.

Bolivar. - The Stamp News has received a new set dated 1891, and in new colors. Ic., black; 5 c., orange ; 10c., blue ; 20c., red ; 50 c., green; 1 peso, violet.

Bahamas.-The 4d. envelope has been surcharged $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d} . ;$ (1) in red; (2) red surcharge barred out and newly surcharged in black; (3) original value barred and surcharged in black.

Bolivia. - There is a $2 \times 2 \mathrm{c}$. card closely resembling the 2 c . but the stamp has only nine stars and the words "American Bank Note Co., New York," are below the stamp in very small letters. Form T. 4. Blue on pale buff.

British Honduras.-There is a new issue of stamps of same design as Seychelles. We hear of the 1c., green ; 2c., rose ; 3 c., brown ; 6 c ., blue; $12 c$. , purple and green; 24 c., yellow and blue.

Chili.-Some of the post-offices in the hands of the Congressional party having run short of stamps they are making use of the fiscal and telegraph stamps.

Falkland Islands.-A $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. green stamp of current type has been issued.
Hayti.-In addition to the values already reported we note, 3 c., gray ; 5 c., orange.
Honduras.-We hear that the 1890 stamps are obsolete and a new series was issued August I. The head of President Bogran is in the centre "Republica de Honduras" above and value below. Ic., blue; 2c., brown ; 5c., green ; 10c., vermilion ; 20c., red brown ; 25 c., maroon ; 30c., slate ; 40c., green; 50c., brown ; 75 c ., purple; I peso, brown; 2 pesos, black and brown; 5 pesos, black and purple; io pesos, black and green. The stamps in two colors have the head in black and are larger than the others, $33 \times 38 \mathrm{~mm}$. Perf. 12. The envelopes have embossed head of the President in large engine-turned oval frame, "Republica de Honduras" above, "Servicio, 1891, Postal" below and figures of value at sides. 5c., green on white, $158 \times 92 \mathrm{~mm}$; 1 10c., vermilion on white, same size; 20c., blue on white, 230 x $100 \mathrm{~mm} . ; 25$ c., brown on white, same size. Wrappers-1c., brown ; 2c., blue ; 5c., green ; 10c., vermilion ; all on blue, $210 \times 270 \mathrm{~mm}$. Post cards, same design as 1890 , but with the 1891 stamp- 2 c. and $2 \times 2 \mathrm{c}$., orange on white; 3 c., $3 \times 3$ c., carmine on pale green. The reply cards are T. 4 .

Luxemburg.-Two of the new set have been issued. The head of the Grand Duke is in an oval band inscribed "Grand Duché de Luxemburg," value below. Ioc., carmine; 25 c., blue.

Monaco.-The 15 c. envelope, with head of Charles_III, exists on green instead of white, $153 \times 117 \mathrm{~mm}$.

Natal. - There is a new $2 \frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$., blue. Head of Queen in circle surrounded by oval band inscribed "Natal Postage." The value is at the bottom on large label. Blue, watermark C. A., perforated 14 .

New South Wales.-The Id. has been surcharged $\frac{1}{2} \mathrm{~d}$. and the $\frac{1}{2}, 2 \frac{1}{2}, 7 \frac{1}{2}$ and $12 \frac{1}{2}$ now have "O. S."

Nicaragua. - The current cards 3 c. and $3 \times 3$ c. are on yellow card, not buff as already noted, and the 5 c . blue envelope is also on yellow, not amber.

Philippine Islands.-There are a 10 c . carmine and 25 c . blue of current type.
Salvador. - The 2 c . and $2 \times 2 \mathrm{c}$. cards of current issue are on pale yellow. The 1c. envelope is on white; 2c., on salmon; 5c., on amber ; 10c., on amber ; ilc., on blue; 20c. and 22 c . on salmon, and not as heretofore reported.

St. Lucia.-There are a 5 sh . lilac and orange and iosh. lilac and black.
Sweden.-A 2 öre orange has been issued with figure of value in centre; also an official of the same value and color.

Travancore.-The 2 ch . has been seen in rose instead of vermilion.

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## AMERICAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION MEETING.

The sixth annual Convention of the American Philatelic Association was held in the Times Building, New York City, Monday, August 17, Tuesday, August 18, and Wednesday, August 19. About fifty members were noted as being present during the sessions at various times.

President Mr. John K. Tiffany occupied the post of honor as presiding officer. Upon his right hand sat the Secretary, Mr. Millard F. Walton. Sitting or rather reclining upon a large cushioned chair was our Vice-President, Mr. C. B. Corwin. At intervals during the meeting Mr. Joseph Rechert, our International Secretary, and Mr. Charles Gregory, our Treasurer, made their appearance, at one time the full Official Board being represented. Mr. S. B. Bradt and Mr. Samuel Leland and Mr. W. C. Stone represented in person our Literary Board. Mr. H. L. Calman, Superintendent of Sales; Mr. A. R. Rogers, Third Purchasing Agent, and last but not least of the officers represented was our Counterfeit Detector, Mr. A. L. Holman. Among the membership-at-large represented were such prominent names as:
Mr R. F. Albrecht, Tompkinsville, N. Y. Mr. A. B. Hubbard, Middleton, Conn. Mr. Theodore C. Bacon, N. Y. City.
Mr. R. R. Bogert, New York City.
Mr. Robert D. Book, Pittsburg, Pa.
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Mr. H. E. Deats, Flemington, N. J.
Mr. Aug. Dejonge, Stapleion, N. Y. Mr. John W. Dickinson, N. Y. City. Mr. Erik Enequist, Long Island, N. Y.
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Two hundred and thirty-six proxies were voted by the following persons:
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A. R. Rogers ..... I
Three not approved.

After the appointment of committees for transacting and approving the routine business the reports of officers came next in order. The President here announced that on account of not holding an. evening session, if there were no objections, he would deliver his annual address, which he proceeded to deliver, the delivery just lasting 35 minutes and being without doubt the best address ever offered by our worthy President and was voted the thanks of the Convention at its termination, a well-deserved compliment.

The former Committee on the World's Fair Exhibit was appointed with the view of having the fair held in New York City, but as this idea had been changed and the exhibition is to be held in Chicago, it made it necessary to have this committee discharged, which was accordingly done and the President was authorized to appoint a committee more in harmony with the place of exhibition. From the remarks made at the meeting it is probable that this exhibit will no doubt be the finest the world has ever seen.

Niagara Falls was voted as the place for the next Convention meeting, receiving 173 yotes out of a total of 248 . Hereafter no person can hold more than 50 proxies. The clause in the Constitution-that the Official Board shall be chosen from different States-was restored again to the Constitution by a good majority.

The question of incorporation was left to the Official Board to accomplish in sixty days. The Convention was quite harmonious and lacked that turbulent spirit which prevailed at our last annual gathering and all seemed well pleased with its results and presaged a bright future for the welfare of the Association, which is to be hoped will prove true.

Editor.

## CANADIAN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION CONVENTION.

The annual convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association was held in Belleville, August $20-3$, and it proved to be the smallest yet held in point of attendance. But one solitary member from a distance put in an appearance, and, of course, things passed off harmoniously.

For a long time the Canadian Philatelic Association has been sinking, and now it looks like as if the bright prospects foreshadowed by the society's founder and promoter were to be forever blasted. The membership roll has run down to about thirty actual members in good standing, and resignation appears to be the order of the day. Already there is talk of disbanding the society and forming another, which will be more representative as a Canadian national society, as well as one worthy of the support of all stamp collectors of British North America. It is the old, old story of the proxy question, when two or three secured all the proxies and voted themselves into office.

The so-called convention illegally elected officers, and these are not now recognized by fully three-quarters of the C. P. A., who refuse to be governed in such a manner by self-nominated, self-appointed persons. Dealers control not only the Secretary-
treasurer, Vice-president, official editors, but also the Exchange Superintendent's office. If it was a Sales Department it would not be so bad, but the C. P. A. members see the danger of allowing a dealer to run the Exchange Department, where all the best stamps and rare pence issues would be snapped off, and the department practically useless to those who collect the issues of British North America.

What will be done remains to be seen. Out of two hundred and fifty collectors enrolled, scarcely a dozen will stand the new state of affairs.

The finances of the society are in a very bad state, and the late Treasurer had to wait for members to pay up in advance, in order to pay old bills. The money went into the Exchange Department and the official journal, and now matters are made worse by placing the whole affair and actual control in the hands of one person.

Whatever those persons seek to do with the C. P. A. it is hard to tell, but it is clear to the minds of all the members now, why the so-called President and the publisher of the official organ were so unanimous. They simply traded an honorable gift of the society illegally.

## POSTMASTER-GENERAL RAIKES.

The Right Hon. H. C. Raikes, the Postmaster-General, died August 24. He was the eldest son of the late Henry Raikes, of Llwynegrin, Flintshire, England ; was born in 1838 and educated at Shrewsbury School and Trinity College, Cambridge. He was called to the Bar in 1863, and from 1868 to 1880 sat in Parliament as a Conservative for Chester. He afterwards represented Preston, and in 1882 was elected one of the members for Cambridge University, which he continued to represent until his death.

From 1874 to 1880 Mr. Raikes was Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, and Deputy Speaker of the House of Commons. He became a member of the Privy Council in 1880, and in 1886 Lord Salisbury appointed him Postmaster-General. In 1861 he married Charlotte Blanche, fourth daughter of Charles B. T. Rover, of Flintshire.

He was not universally popular as Postmaster-General, by reason, among others, of his having vetoed penny postage to the British colonies. Last spring he added to his unpopularity by suppressing the boy messenger system in London, which an enterprising private company had established.

## THE PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF CANADA.

The Organizing Committee of the above association have appointed Mr. L. M. Staebler, of London, Ontario, Canada, Secretary-Treasurer pro tem, and he is now prepared to receive the names of those who want to join a really first-class Canadian philatelic association. No fee required on joining, and dues to July 1, 1892, will be only twenty-five cents; official organ supplied free, and a fine exchange department, run for the benefit of members solely, is our principal feature. Send your name to the Secretary at once, and make our National Association a success.

> J. R. Hooper, Cbairman of Committee.

## NEBRASKA PHILATELIC"LEAGUE.

The Nebraska Philatelic League will hold its annual convention at Omaha, Neb., on September 8 and 9, 1891, in the club rooms of the Omaha Philatelic Society, 843 New York Life Building. All philatelists and stamp collectors are invited to attend.

George A. Miller, Secretary and Treasurer.

## -THE—

## Western Philatelic Union.

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Secretary and Treasurer, A. P. Hosmer, i68 LaSalle Street, Chicago, Ill.
Exchange Superintendent, Frank Kenig, 122 Kearny St., San Francisco, Cal. Purchasing Agent, G. Folte, 526 California St., San Francisco, Cal. Official Editor, Millard F. Walton, Box 38, Philadelphia, Pa.

Any Philatelist desiring membership application blanks, can have them sent postpaid, by addressing the Secretary. All members are entitled to vote, irrespective of age.
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Members desirous of participating in the Exchange Department should apply to the superintendent to be placed on circuits.

The Exchange Department is for the use of members only. Blank Exchange Sheets can be had of the Superintendent at five cents each. A charge of five per cent. made on all sales.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

NEW MEMBERS.
No. 89. Walter Thorne, Box 1566, New York, N. Y.
No. 90. E. W. Rucker, Bosworth, Carroll Co., Mo.
No. 91. N. M. Ellis, Bosworth, Carroll Co., Mo.
No. 92. Frederick T. Hoyt, 58 Metropolitan Block, Chicago, Ill.
No. 93. Phil H. Dilg, 289 Bissel street, Chicago, Ill.
No. 94. D. T. Higginson, 236 Adams street, Chicago, Ill.
No. 95. W. H. Nienstedt, St. Louis, Mo.
No. 96. Ferdinand Fischer, 819 Harrison street, Oakland, Cal.
APPLICATIONS.
Otto Guthman, Box 263 , Portland, Ore. References, E. Auerbach, A. Greenebaum.
J. P. Lombard, 189 Eleventh street, Portland, Ore. References, E. Auerbach, A. Greenebaum.
F. H. Rosenberg, 12 New Market Block, Portland, Ore. References, A. Greenebaum, E. Auerbach.
L. E. Swetland, 48 and 50 Morrison street, Portland, Ore. References, A. Greenebaum, E. Auerbach.

Oscar Herrmann, 313 Sacramento street, San Francisco, Cal. References, G. Folte, F. Koenig.

Charles Sutro, care of Sutro \& Co., Bankers, San Francisco, Cal. References, G. Folte, F. Koenig.
J. C. Welsh, 120 Sansome street, San Francisco, Cal. References, G. Folte, F. Koenig.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS.
Leroy D. Walker, Box 11 , Troutdale, Ore.
R. W. Kinsey, Box 2837, Los Angeles, Cal.

Having just returned from a two-weeks' vacation in Northern Wisconsin, I cannot report much in the line of philatelic news, except the continual demand for application blanks, which, although it has ceased to be a novelty, yet it shows the collectors of this country appreciate our efforts and are doing their best to help us forward.

I have just learned with much pleasure that our President, J. M. T. Partello, has refurned to this country after a somewhat lengthened absence abroad. He doubtless brings with him much that is of interest to collectors, of which I trust we shall hear in the future.

Mr. A. Greenebaum, the secretary of the Portland Branch, has been working hard the past month, and Branch 3 is growing very rapidly as a consequence.

From all indications, we shall have at least a dozen members in Portland before November I.

Although somewhat out of my department, I would call the attention of members to the Purchasing Agency.

By means of this agency you are enabled to obtain unused specimens at approximating the face value.

Chicago members will this fall give it their support, and I most sincerely hope that other members will join this most excellent branch of our Society.

August 30, 1891. A. P. Hosmer, Secretary and T'reasurer.

## PURCHASING AGENT'S REPORT, W.P. U.

The following stamps have arrived since my last distribution:
British East Africa Co., $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,3,4,4 \frac{1}{2}, 8,8$ annas...................... \$0 70
" "، ", I, 2, 3, 4, 5 , rupees............................. 576
". South Africa Co., $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2,4,6,8$ d., 1, 2, 21 $, 5,10,205 . . . . . . . .$. ... 1049
Leeward Islands, $\frac{1}{2}, 1,2 \frac{1}{2}, 4,6,7$ d., Is......................................... . . 68
Victoria, Id., pink paper......................................................... . . . 2

Brazil, 100 reis, blue and red................................................... . . . . 5
Paraquay, official, $1,2 c . . .$. . .................................................... . . . . 5
Monaco, 1, 2, 15, 50c., 1 frcs................................................. . . . . . . 37
Sweden, postage, 2 öre, official, 2 , 20 öre . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 8
Brazil, letter card on green, 80 reis. . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . . 6
Denmark, card, ioxio ; card letter, 4 , 8 öre..... ........................... II
The duty question seems to be a great annoyance to all that import stamps, and I think it would be a good plan for our Society to do something towards elevating this constant bother, which sometimes costs our members considerable in the prices of stamps.

Respectfully,
G. Folte, Purchasing Agent.

## REPORT OF EXCHANGE SUPERINTENDENT.

Since my last report sixty-six filled sheets valued at $\$ 466.83$ were received.
Frank Kenig, Exchange Superintendent.

## CHIGACO BRANCH, No. 1.

The second advertised sale of the Local Branch occurred at the Auditorium on August 27, with a goodly number of collectors in attendance.
Prices were low as a rule, which enabled purchasers to sucure some very good stamps at a very fair price.

Mr. Geo. L. Kahle, a well-known collector of St. Louis, was in Chicago, August 8. Catalogues of the third sale are now ready and have probably reached members before this; all those who desire to bid on any lots can send bids to me, and I will execute same as low as possible.

The local Branch is still on the hunt for new members, and by next month we propose to have the membership of Branch No. I increased to some extent.
S. B. Bradt has just returned from the convention of the A. P. A., at New York. He reports an excellent time.

The Exchange Department of the society is evidently booming, judging from quality and quantity of Exchange books lately received at Chicago.

This is as it should be, and anything that is marked at reasonable figures will sell here, although one need not expect to get catalogue prices.

The bargains obtained last season were many, according to members, and we hope there are still many more to come; meanwhile, send along the books.

The success of a W. P. U. member, during a fishing trip to Wisconsin, has revived fish stories by the dozen, and if one is to believe all he hears, the members of Branch No. 1 are as good disciples of the "piscatorial art" as they are philatelists.
August 31. A. P. Hosmer, Local Secretary.

## NOTES AND COMMENTS.

While recently in Chicago, I paid a visit to the Public Library, and was somewhat surprised to learn that only one journal devoted to stamp collecting was kept on file. The journal in question was the American Pbslatelist. Upon inquiring, I found that the Library subscribed for nine journals devoted to coin collecting. Philately should have a better representation in all public libraries, and when that is once accomplished its number of adherents will increase, and stamp collecting will not be considered merely "boys' play."

Business men and other persons who are in the habit of mailing many letters to foreign countries on which the letter postage is twelve cents, feel much put out because the Postmaster-General does not see the need of issuing a twelve-cent stamp. Many petitions have been sent to him, asking for the issuance of a twelve-cent stamp, all of which have been ignored. Ever since the old twelve-cent stamp was discontinued, complaints have been sent to Washington, but without avail. Another advantage of the twelve-cent stamp is the fact that twelve cents just pays the postage and registration fee on registered letters.

I recently received a sheet of stamps, on which was placed a one-cent 1887 U. S. stamp. The color, instead of being blue, was green. The stamp was marked "an oddity", and the price was fifteen cents. The stamp had evidently been changed in color by the use of acids. Several years ago a young philatelist thought he was doing a smart job by changing the U. S. 1872 green three cents to a deep-blue color. When the stamp was first introduced, investigations were begun, and it was found they had been changed in color by acids. Blue were changed to green and green to blue.

Postmaster Sexton, of Chicago, has forwarded to Postmaster-General Wanamaker the proposition of a Chicago company to introduce the pneumatic system in the Chicago Post-office for carrying the mails to the depots and substations. The company proposed to construct twelve-inch pneumatic tubes for the transmission of mails, and claim the scheme is entirely feasible. "If they can do as they claim, the pneumatic tube system would work wonders," said Col. Sexton, "and save us great trouble and expense. As it is now, we have to carry all mails to the depots in heavy wagons. The system is in successful operation in London and Berlin: The Postmaster-General is said to favor the idea, but I do not know what will be done regarding it."
E. P. Newcomer.

## Penna. Stamp Collectors' League.

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$\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text { R. M. Miller, New Chester, Penna. }\end{array}\right.$

## Official Correspondence and Reports.

## 'SECRETARY'S REPORT.

September, 189 I.
LIST OF NEW MEMBERS.
No. 40. Bricker, H. A., 64 Sandusky street, Allegheny City, Pa.
No. 41. Huberich, Charles H., San Antonio, Texas.

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\text { APPLICATIONS-LIST NO. } 12 .
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Jusse, Max E., 567, S. Presa street, San Antonio, Texas. References, Edward W. Heusinger, C. H. Huberich.

Nominations for Officers are being sent in. So far the following have been received:
for president :
M. F. Walton, R. S. Elliot.
for vice-president :
R. S. Elliot.
for secretary:
Harry B. Wilber.
FOR TREASURER:
W. J. Day, R. M. Miller.

I believe it has been the practice of the League to select the Elective Officers only from residents of the State of Pennsylvania, but as the League in this case is not governed by the Constitution, members can make such nominations as they choose.
H. B. Wilber, Secretary.

SONS OF PHILATELIA.
The Sons of Philatelia has been making great progress in the last few months, and now takes its place as the fourth largest philatelic society in the United States, having at this date (September 1) 96 members.

All our departments are doing fine, especially the Exchange Department, which is meeting with great success. Our Library is growing rapidly by liberal donations from different members, and the Collecting Bureau is doing good work for the members who have bad debts that they cannot collect.

Any honest philatelist in the United States, Canada, or Mexico can join this Society. Initiation fee, five cents ; dues, twenty-five cents per year, including a year's subscription to our official organ. All members are entitled to vote. Next election will be held about December 15, 1891 .

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