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MR. E. B. HANES.

WE present to our readers this month an excellent portrait of the well-known philatelist, Mr. Edward B. Hanes, of the firm of Durbin & Hanes, of Philadelphia. Mr. Hanes is a native of Providence, R. I., where he was born August 28, 1851. His father, who was of Knickerbocker descent, was connected with the Military Postal Department during the late war, and lost his life in the service. On his mother's side he can trace his lineage to the *Mayflower* and Plymouth Rock.

Mr. Hanes attended the public schools of Providence, and afterwards apprenticed himself to the drug business and became a graduate in pharmacy. He followed this business for several years, but as he had never considered himself "cut out" for it, he afterwards found more congenial and successful occupation as traveling representative for a large tobacco house in Providence. With them he remained until he came to Philadelphia.

There are very few philatelists whose stamp-collecting days extend over so long a period as Mr. Hanes'. In this respect he is one of our very oldest collectors, commencing to collect and study stamps in 1861, before the days of stamp literature and stamp dealers. He has for thirty years been an active, enthusiastic and consistent philatelist in all that the term applies. He was active in the formation of the American Philatelic Association, was its first Exchange Superintendent, and has been a favorite candidate for other offices, which he has declined to accept. He is an ex-President and honorary member of the Rhode Island Philatelic Society, President of the Philadelphia Section of the I.P.V. of Dresden, and member of several other organizations of like character. Though not a prolific writer, his articles have always been widely read and copied. He is acknowledged to be one of the best philatelic authorities now living. His work in compiling the standard catalogues of his firm show that he is a thorough master of his subject, the popularity of Durbin & Hanes' catalogues extending to every civilized country on the globe.

It is to Mr. Hanes that we are indebted for the present edition of "Horner's History of U. S. Envelopes," a labor for which he was especially fitted. There is no doubt but what this work has put into permanent form philatelic records of great importance that otherwise would surely have perished with the present generation.

The story of Mr. Hanes' connection with the present firm is quickly told. His first acquaintance with Mr. Durbin was of a business character, but, with their congenial natures, it soon ripened into personal friendship. At the time of Mr. Durbin's death his business had grown to such proportions that a competent successor was imperatively demanded in order to protect the large interests involved. In this dilemma Mr. Hanes was appealed to, and although the attractions of home and his pleasant business relations caused considerable hesitation on his part, he finally accepted, and the firm of Durbin & Hanes went into effect February 1, 1888. Soon after assuming

the management of the business, Mr. Hanes gave up the old office at Fifth and Library streets, and occupied the more commodious and central store at 128 South Seventh street, which is probably the largest establishment on this continent devoted exclusively to the sale of philatelic supplies.

Mr. Hanes has made friends on all sides since his advent in Philadelphia, and the enviable reputation enjoyed by Mr. Durbin for upright dealing has been fully maintained under his management.

IMITATIONS AND COUNTERFEITS.

BY J. R. HOOPER.

THE counterfeits of the N. S. and N. B. pence issues sold in Germany, and the so-called reprints, are so unlike the genuine that they would not deceive even the merest tyro. They will not last long. The increasing rarity of the old provincial pence issues is the cause of this.

The Holland unpaid letter tax stamps of the value of 1 gulden (blue and red) have been counterfeited. All the false ones have the obliterations thus, "8 Jan. '89. 7 VM." They have been sold for a few cents each.

A certain dealer in Stuttgart advertises 100 entires of Wurtemberg (all different) for \$3. On receiving them you will find 40 wrappers of ½c. value each, on different papers. Not one of these were issued officially by the poste, but printed to order or demand, and representing 3 to 5 pfennig values. The dealer has a profit of \$2 on his little scheme.

In Freiberg, Saxony, a stamp dealer has been arrested for making an imitation of the canceling obliterator and applying it to certain stamps (reprints, I suppose), selling them as officially obliterated or genuine on the original paper. A large number of collectors and dealers have been duped by this person, who operated on the stamps of the German States.

False stamps of Bremen have the obliteration of "Bremen-Bahnhof" in oblong square.

Look out for Tolima, 1st issue of 1870, 5 centavos black on white or bluish paper. They are exceedingly well done. There are six varieties of these, as well as three different counterfeits of the 10c. stamp, same issue.

Most of the forged "Cyprus" surcharges on great Britain stamps are on the wrong plate numbers. So the numbering and lettering of the English stamps have really done a good turn to philately.

Study your watermarks. Counterfeit Denmark and Danish West Indies are around, but easily told, as there is no watermark.

Corea has its 5 mons counterfeited. If there is not a perfect star in each of the corners, weed it out.

SALE OF THE HOOPER COLLECTION.

THE magnificent collection of British North American stamps belonging to J. R. Hooper, of the Canadian Post-office Department, will be sold by Scott Stamp and Coin Company about the end of February. It contains many fine stamps of the United States as well as colonial stamps. Our Gotham collectors will no doubt be out in force at this sale.

WE have only fifteen copies remaining of the AMERICAN ALBUMS. To all new subscribers who will remit 5c. extra the album will be mailed free. This offer is equivalent to giving a 50c. album and one years subscription to this journal for 20c. Don't delay.

CHRONICLE.

BY R. R. BOGERT.

Antioquia.—On account of the error in the sheet of 50c. brown, that value is now printed in green. The color of the 20c. is blue, and the following have been issued: 1 peso, vermilion. 2 pesos, black on carmine; 5 pesos, black on vermilion.

Argentine Republic.—The figures "5" surcharged on the 8c. envelopes seem to be of two sizes. We have a ½c. stamp with head in circle, "Correos y Telegrafos" above, "Centavo—½—Centavo" below. Color green; perf. 11.

Austria.—There is a new journal stamp. Instead of the head of Mercury we have the arms, with value below, 1kr., red; imperf.

Bhopal.—The *Pb. Record* gives the value of the new stamp as 8 annas instead of 1 anna. There are the usual errors in spelling.

Bolivia.—We have lately received two new stamps; they are printed, perhaps in error, from the old plate with nine stars. They are perforated 12, and differ slightly in color from those of the issue of 1887. 5c. blue, 10c. orange.

Brazil.—There is a new type of journal stamp. The constellation of the Southern cross is at the top in oval, with "Correio" above and "E. U. do Brazil" below. Across the stamp is "Jornaes," and "10—Reis—10" at the bottom. We have seen only the 10-reis blue on yellowish paper. Perf. 14.

British Guiana.—The 1c. is all green; there is a 5c. blue, and the 8c. is now mauve and gray.

Ceylon.—The 5c. and 10c. cards are both surcharged "Three—Cents" in two lines in black.

Colombia.—We have seen a new 1c. stamp with arms in oval band, inscribed "República de Colombia." Figures of value in upper corners, and "Un Centavo" below. Green on greenish paper. Perf. 13.

Egypt.—It is stated there will be changes in color January 1.

Gold Coast.—New card, ½d., green on buff.

Hyderabad.—A post card has been issued in this native State. ¼ anna, orange on buff.

India.—It seems probable the 4½ anna envelopes will be charged either "2½" or "3," on account of a reduction in rates.

Italy.—All six of the Pacchi postal stamps have been surcharged for use as 2 centessimi. The 5 lire of last year will probably be surcharged 20c.

Leeward Islands.—The complete set of these stamps is as follows: ½d. lilac and green, 1d. lilac and red, 2½d. lilac and blue, 4d. lilac and orange, 6d. lilac and violet, 7d. lilac and brown, 1sh. green and rose, 5sh. green and blue.

Mexico.—The *Pb. J. of A.* illustrates what is said to be an unpaid letter stamp. Type-set frame with large "T" in centre, and "Falta de Porte" and "20 cts." Red on pale blue. Perforated.

Naba.—We hear of the 1 anna surcharged "SERVICE" for "SERVICE."

Newfoundland.—There is a new 3c. stamp with laureated head of Queen in centre. "Newfoundland" in circular band above. Figures of value in upper corners, and "Three—3—Cents" below in curve. Color, slate. Perf. 14.

New South Wales.—Unpaid letter stamps are in preparation. The new 2½d. stamp has a goddess with a banner inscribed "Advance Australia."

Norway.—The 1.50 kr. is now blue and green, and there is an unpaid letter stamp, 20 öre, blue.

Porto Rico.—Post card, 3c., green on buff, with head of baby king.

Roumania.—The 50 bani orange has been issued.

Russia.—The 7 rubles has now the usual thunderbolts.

Seychelles.—The 2c. stamps having been all sold, they propose to surcharge the 4c. and 8c. stamps.

Siam.—The 3 atts is now surcharged 1 att, in black.

Wadbwan.—From the *Pb. Record* we learn that a second stamp of a higher value was to be issued at the end of last year.

CHICAGO NOTES.

THE ticket elected by the Chicago Philatelic Society at its annual meeting, on the evening of December 18, was a unanimous one in every sense of the word, and shows that a perfect state of harmony exists among its members. The following are the new officers for the current year: President, P. M. Wolsieffer; Vice-President, A. P. Hosmer; Secretary, C. E. Severn; Treasurer, L. A. Haskell. Executive Committee: S. Leland, Chairman; W. C. Kurzweg; W. G. H. Janssen. The election was followed by a banquet at the Grand Pacific Hotel, which was a very enjoyable affair. Mr. Leland presided with that quiet dignity which gives confidence to visitors and members. Mr. Bradt answered to the toast, "The past of the Society." Mr. Wolsieffer, the President-elect, spoke for "The future of the Society." Past President Holman answered to "The proper study of Philately." Dr. Dahlberg was asked to tell what he knew of "Medicine stamps," and answered by telling what he did not know about them. Trustee J. W. Palmer told all about "a busy man in philately." Mr. Janssen, having just returned from Europe, was questioned about "Philately abroad," and replied in an entertaining manner. Mr. J. W. Carrington was undoubtedly "the wit of the evening," and caused many a *smile*. Mr. Hosmer answered the toast "Our Visitors." Mr. Kurzweg was spokesman for "The ladies." Real Estate McDonald assured the Society that, while no longer a philatelist, he was still with them. Mr. Benn Carrington, Mr. Ferris and Mr. Jacobus made a few appropriate remarks, and last, but by no means least, came the hard-working Secretary, C. E. Severn, who regaled the members with a short history of the Society from its inception. The banquet was a pleasant diversion, and the members have promised themselves more of them, and at not such long intervals.

THE only Corwin seems to be in a peck of trouble lately. First he is unceremoniously bounced from the *Metropolitan Philatelist* editorial chair, and then he is detected in trying to buy his way back again. This he denies, but any member of the three sister societies in and about New York can testify to the truth of the above statement. That November number in which he went out of his way to attack an officer of the A.P.A., and cast reflections on nineteen Chicago gentlemen, was even too much for the members of his own Society to stand. It is surprising indeed to see that J. W. Scott backs him up in these matters, but this is explained by the fact that Corwin is greatly interested in the new Scott stamp concern.

THE C.P.S. is to have an official journal at last. It will be called the *Stamp Collector*, and is to be published from Chicago and Hanover Centre. Massoth will be its publisher and Wolsieffer its managing editor. It succeeds the *Figaro*, now published by Massoth, and will also act as official journal to the Philatelic Society of America. The popular auction sales of the C.P.S. will be advertised in it, the sixteenth sale taking place on January 15. The *Stamp Collector* will be issued somewhat after the style of the late *Western Philatelist*, and will appear in the early part of each month.

R. S. HATCHER, of LaFayette, Ind., talks of moving to Chicago. If he does it will give Chicago three members of the new Literary Board. We now have the Trustees of the A.P.A., part of the Literary Board, the Library and the *American Philatelist*. Talk about centralization, which we made such a great fight on! It looks as if all the roads led to Chicago. We can well afford to get along without the Vice-Presidency.

THE result of the election in the National Philatelic Society is no surprise. Many a man has found out that he cannot have the earth before this. The new officers are all good men, and will do their duty. Now let the fight come to an end.

THE Secretary of the National, in a letter to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*, is rather hard on the members. He says they only come to the meetings when there is an

election or fight in prospect. Published letters of that sort are calculated to do more harm than good, and should be avoided as much as possible.

IT IS EXPECTED THAT THE *American Philatelist* WILL BE ISSUED ABOUT THE 15TH OF JANUARY.

MEKEEL HAS ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL ISSUE A WEEKLY PHILATELIC PAPER. MEKEEL IS FULL OF ENTERPRISE, AND, JUDGING BY HIS PAST RECORD, THIS NEW DEPARTURE IS SURE TO BE A SUCCESS.

IT IS STATED ON GOOD AUTHORITY THAT CORWIN HAS PREFERRED CHARGES AGAINST R. R. BOGERT. IT IS ALSO STATED BY CORWIN THAT HE NOMINATED MR. BOGERT FOR A PLACE ON THE NEW LITERARY BOARD. WONDER WHAT RULE CORWIN OBSERVES FOR HIS MANY CURIOUS ACTS? PERHAPS HE WILL HAVE THE AUDACITY TO PREFER CHARGES AGAINST THE SECRETARY OF THE A. P. A.

THE *Standard Philatelist* IS ANOTHER NEW ONE FROM ST. LOUIS, WITH THE GENIAL H. FLACHSKAMM AS EDITOR. THE WEST IS CERTAINLY HAVING A BOOM IN ALL MATTERS PHILATELIC THIS SEASON. PRESIDENT JOHN K. TIFFANY'S ARTICLE, "IS IT WORTH WHILE?" SHOULD BE READ BY EVERY PHILATELIST IN THE LAND. IT CONTAINS MUCH GOOD FOOD FOR EARNEST THOUGHT. THE PAPER HAS THE APPEARANCE OF BEING PRINTED IN THE OFFICE OF THE *P. J. of A.* YOU ARE RIGHT, BROTHER FLACHSKAMM, "ALLER ANFANG IST SCHWER," UND MANCHMAL IST ES SEHR SCHWER.

JOHN C. BORGESON, THE YOUNG MAN WHO OPERATED THE UNION STAMP CO., OF THIS CITY, RECEIVED A SENTENCE OF EIGHTEEN MONTHS IN THE ILLINOIS STATE PENITENTIARY, AT JOLIET. THE SENTENCE WAS TOO LIGHT, AND IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN AT LEAST THREE OR FIVE YEARS. THE EVIDENCE AGAINST HIM WAS PLENTIFUL TO SHOW WHAT A YOUNG SWINDLER HE WAS, BUT IT IS THOUGHT THAT HIS YOUTH AND THE FACT THAT THIS WAS HIS FIRST OFFENSE (AT WHICH HE HAD BEEN CAUGHT) CAUSED THE COURT TO ACT WITH CLEMENCY.

DISPERSION.

BRITISH BECHUANALAND.

OUR CORRESPONDENT "QUILP" HAS KINDLY SUPPLIED US WITH THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ON THE ARRANGEMENT OF THE PLATES OF WHAT ARE TERMED THE "UNAPPROPRIATED" TYPES, WHICH HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR USE IN THIS COLONY. OUR READERS ARE ALL PROBABLY AWARE THAT THIS TERM "UNAPPROPRIATED" IS APPLIED TO CERTAIN DESIGNS USED FOR BRITISH STAMPS, THE ONLY INSCRIPTION ENGRAVED UPON WHICH IS THAT DENOTING THEIR VALUE. AT THE BOTTOM OF EACH OF THE STAMPS UP TO *TEN SHILLINGS* IN VALUE, AND AT THE TOP AND BOTTOM OF THE *ONE POUND* AND UPWARDS, IS A BLANK LABEL, UPON WHICH IS PRINTED (SURCHARGED IF YOU LIKE) THE INSCRIPTION DENOTING THE PURPOSE FOR WHICH THE STAMPS ARE TO BE EMPLOYED. IN THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE THE OVERPRINT CONSISTS OF THE WORDS "BRITISH BECHUANALAND POSTAGE AND REVENUE."

THE SHEETS ARE ARRANGED AS FOLLOWS: THE VALUES UNDER *ONE SHILLING*—*i. e.*, THE SMALL RECTANGULAR STAMPS—ARE IN SHEETS OF 120 STAMPS, IN ONE PANE, CONSISTING OF 10 HORIZONTAL ROWS OF 12 STAMPS EACH.

THE VALUES FROM *ONE SHILLING* UP TO *TEN SHILLINGS*, OF NARROW, UPRIGHT, RECTANGULAR SHAPE, ARE IN SHEETS OF 84 STAMPS, AGAIN IN ONE PANE, CONSISTING OF 7 HORIZONTAL ROWS OF 12.

THE *ONE POUND* AND UPWARDS, WHICH ARE OF LARGE, UPRIGHT, RECTANGULAR FORM, ARE IN SHEETS OF 60, ALSO ONE PANE ONLY, CONSISTING OF 6 HORIZONTAL ROWS OF 10 STAMPS EACH.
—*Philatelic Record*.

THE OBSOLETE STAMPS OF CASHMERE CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED FROM JAMU SA, A CORRESPONDENT OF THE *Philatelic Record* WRITES THEM, AND THEN ONLY CAN BE OBTAINED BY MEANS OF A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF BRIBERY AND CORRUPTION.

WATERMARKS.

WE reproduce by permission of Messrs. Durbin and Hanes, a page from the edition of their catalogue.

In the early days of philately such a thing as collecting watermarks as a specialty was confined to a few scattered collectors, and when a collector picked up a stamp for examination the watermark upon the stamp was hardly thought of, in fact, to be truthful, was known to but few, but an examination of the cuts hereinbefore mentioned, will convince any one that watermarks are a subject to be considered. All of them, like stamps, by their symbolic character, illustrate some subject peculiar to the country from which they emanate, and while the original idea may have been and was no doubt to prevent counterfeiting, yet in pursuing this idea the symbolism of the country was not lost sight of and very nearly all watermarks are of this character. Take the British Colonial stamps for instance, the letters *C. C.* are an abbreviation for Crown Colony; the letters *C. A.*, Crown Agency.

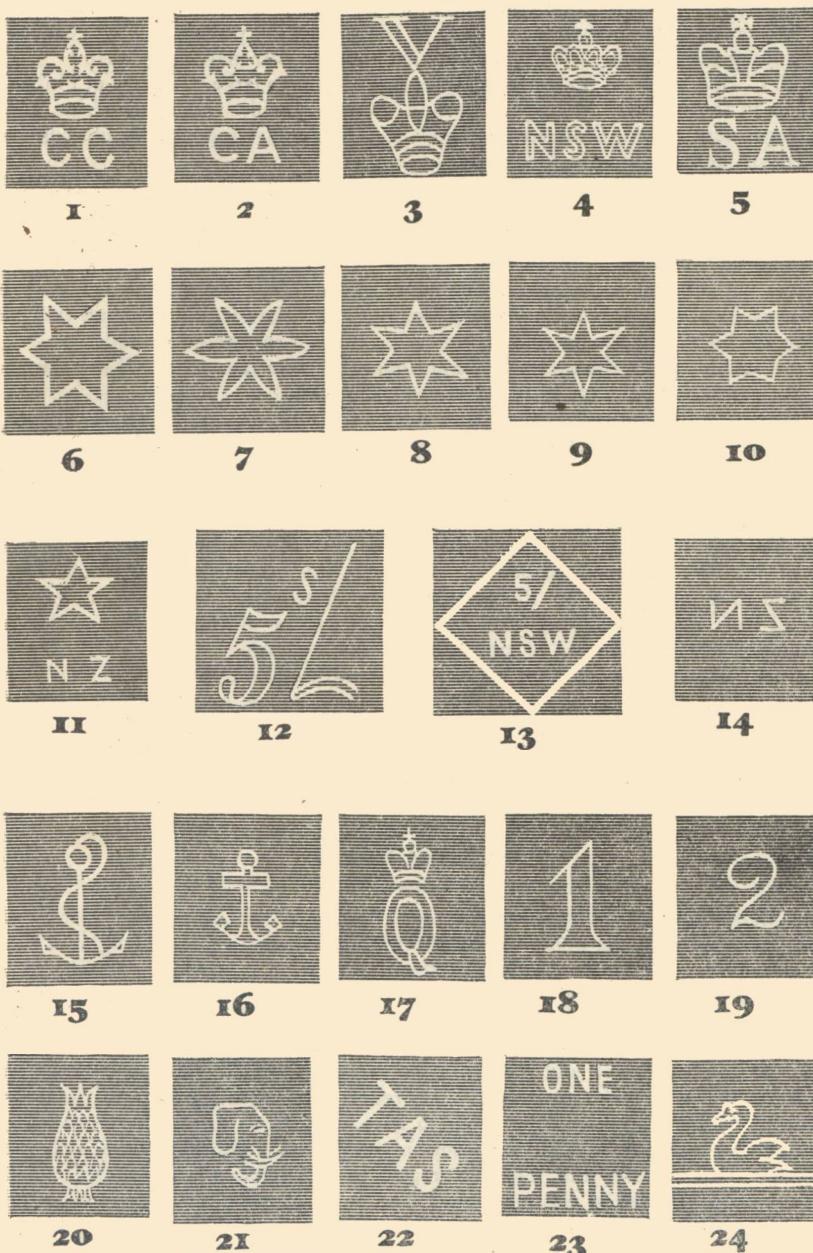
Western Australia contains a watermarked (swan, see illustration No. 24), which is symbolic of the largest river, the Swan river, and so on, almost *ad infinitum*, could we make these observations showing that as an historical feature of stamp-collecting they are and properly should be collected. No collector of entire envelopes would think of collecting an envelope without first examining the watermark. Yet it has until recent years been relegated to a few collectors called *advanced* to collect such a thing as a watermark stamp, but with the collection of oddities in perforations, different colors, and varieties of paper, came the natural desire to collect watermarks, and now the veriest tyro in stamp collecting is very apt to place his stamp to the light to examine it for any watermarks that may exist. Placing the stamp to the light is the best and easiest test, though if the stamp is soaked in water the watermark appears very plainly and distinctly. Messrs. Durbin and Hanes, recognizing the fact that watermarks were being extensively sought after by collectors, catered to this idea extensively, and in their last catalogue print three very elegant plates, showing all watermarks of any interest (one plate we reproduce). To them the honor and credit of being the first American dealers to catalogue watermarks belong, and the unprecedented sale of the last edition of their catalogue proves very conclusively that their efforts have been appreciated in forcing other dealers to follow their example in thus cataloguing watermarks.

Under article in this issue, entitled "Imitations and Counterfeits," will be found a good reason for collecting watermarks.

IN THE *American Philatelist*, April 10, 1887, the following list was given of papers that should be taken by Philatelists outside of the *American Philatelist*, with their rank:

- 1—Philatelic Journal of America.
- 2—Western Philatelist.
- 3—Stamps.
- 4—Philatelic Gazette.
- 5—QUAKER CITY PHILATELIST.
- 6—Philatelic World.
- 7—Philatelic Monthly.
- 8—Stamp Collectors' Figaro.
- 9—Keystone State Philatelist.
- 10—Texas Philatelist.

Out of this list how many live to-day? Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 7—out of the ten but four remain. Yet some people say that publishing a Stamp Journal pays. Well, it does, but it means hard work and no play, all the time.



BRITISH COLONIAL WATERMARKS.

FOREIGN PHILATELIC GOSSIP.

BY CANADENSIS.

PHILATELY seems to be booming in all parts of the world. The past year has witnessed some tremendous strides in the science of philately. Its votaries are among the highest. Who knows what another year may bring forth?

Mr. E. C. Eberhardt, of Valparaiso, Chili, is getting out a large "History of Philately," It will be in the Spanish language. It will contain, besides other novelties, a color chart, permanent album, illustrated methods of lithography, typography and engraving, etc. It will be published in four parts.

The leading stamp paper in South America is the *Guia del Coleccionista*, which has been published continuously for nine years.

A very neat catalogue and price-list of the postage, telegraph and fiscal stamps of France and her colonies has been issued by M. Ed. Planus, Paris. A comparison of the prices with the latest American catalogues shows very little difference in prices. The list of fiscal stamps is not as large as many expect they would be, but the prices of some are high, consequent on the increasing interest in foreign revenues.

Several smaller philatelic societies are springing up in various cities. They are mostly local, but composed principally of advanced collectors.

What most collectors lack is the high values of £1 to £20 of South Australia. A canceled £20 brought \$55 in London last month. Its face value is about \$100. The £10 New Zealand brought \$9.75.

A Newfoundland provisional, exhibited by Mr. Coleman at the Vienna Exhibition, was valued at £25 (\$122).

The Victoria ½d. wrappers, issued 2d September, 1885, were printed on 10,000 sheets of N.S.W. watermarked paper. The issue was canceled on the 1st of October, 1885, and those not issued to Postmasters were destroyed. In the four weeks' use nearly all were used and lost sight of, as the newspapers of the colony at that time used stamped wrappers instead of prepaying in bulk by cash.

Monsieur Moens is at work on his massive seventh-edition catalogue. It will comprise everything, cards, fiscals, envelopes, telegraphs, bonds, essays, etc., illustrated by over eight thousand engravings, with planches of all stamps engraved in plates. The price of the volume of 1400 pages is \$8. All the varieties and errors of locals and other stamps of the U. S. will be produced.

RANDOM NOTES.

THE *Metropolitan Philatelist*, late the official organ of the American Philatelic Association, and at present the organ of the Metropolitan Societies, is kicking up a rumpus in the city, in comparison to which a presidential election is nowhere. Owing to some of its recent utterances, a vote of censure was passed on the Board of Managers by the National Society, this representing a one-half interest. As a result, three of the members of the Board stepped down, and others were elected at a joint meeting to take their places. So far all was well and it was thought that would be the end of it, but events have proved that it was only the beginning. At a recent meeting of the National Society they transferred all their interest in the paper to Mr. J. W. Scott for a consideration, and at a meeting of the Brooklyn Club a resolution was passed accepting Mr. Scott's offer to assume all obligations of the Club in regard to the *Metropolitan Philatelist*. Here, however, no consideration was mentioned, and it is claimed that the interest of the Club in the paper is the same as heretofore. At a special meeting of the Staten Island Society, held on December 26, the night of the great storm, there were six members present, and on a vote to transfer the Society's interest to Mr. Scott, three were in favor and two against, the President not voting. At the last meeting of the National Society a motion was presented to reconsider the action of the Society

in granting to Mr. Scott the interest which had been transferred, and this motion was carried. The proposition of Mr. Scott to assume the interest of the Society was then voted on again, and defeated by a large majority, but Mr. Scott has their contract sealed and signed, and has some of the property of the paper which he refuses to turn over to the Board elected by the Societies, and the Board have certain properties which they refuse to hand over to Mr. Scott. Thus the merry war goes on, to the amusement of some and the disgust of many.

THE annual election of officers will be held at the next meeting of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club, and as there is a big strife going on for the Presidency, there will probably be thirty or forty members out. Mr. Gregory declined to run again, so the candidates for the first office are Messrs. Scott and Sheridan.

THE endeavor to collect a million postage stamps is still carried on by certain schoolboys, one of them, residing in Kentucky, I know to be engaged in this never-ending task. There are certain aims that are laudable, but the one I have mentioned is to my mind the rankest folly. A stamp collector is supposed to learn something through his hobby, but what any one can learn in amassing a million stamps is beyond my comprehension, unless he learns long before the task is ended that he has wasted a large amount of precious time.

ABOUT a week before Christmas a prominent dealer issued their album, and to see the large cases of them going out from their store would give an idea of the enormous trade done in this class of philatelic goods around the holidays.

AN interesting specimen was exhibited at a late meeting of the Brooklyn Club, it consisting of a 5-peso Tolima, yellow, with the value on the bottom instead of at the top. In these stamps I believe the value is on a separate plate, and hence the error. The stamp in its present shape is valued at about fifty dollars, and the sharp eyes which detected it will have their reward.

THE bill which MacCalla & Co. held against the Official Board of the A. P. A. for printing has been paid, and the timid members who feared more lawsuits can rest easy.

THE rumpus in New York over the *Metropolitan Philatelist* has resulted in the issuing of two papers under that name. One has been got out by the regular Board of Managers, and the other, with Mr. C. B. Corwin as editor, is in press and will be issued shortly. Both claim to be the "only original," and who is to settle this much-disputed point is beyond my realm of guessing. It is a point that will affect the advertisers very materially, while the subscribers will receive two papers containing different matter.

THE new *Standard Philatelist* states that there are three stamp companies in St. Louis, with a combined capital of over \$65,000, and they doubt if there is a second city in the country which is so important in the stamp trade. What rot such a statement is! In the first place, if the capital is divided by six it will come nearer the true mark, and as to its importance, why there are more stamps sold at auctions alone in New York than the combined trade of the place mentioned, while one firm at least here could buy out St. Louis and not feel it. I fear the *Standard* has been taking lessons from the Windy City.

THE Chicago Philatelic Society have favored some of us with a copy of the menu of their annual banquet, but it was remarked that no invitations were received by the Eastern members. The card is very unique, but it looks as if the laws were infringed in the reproduction of the two-cent stamp. The Society have my thanks for their kind remembrance.

MR. MEKEEL exhibits considerable boldness in his proposed issue of a weekly stamp paper, but he has carried the *Journal* along successfully for years, and he will no doubt give the new paper a sufficient trial to demonstrate whether the project is feasible. The majority of stamp papers find it difficult to obtain good matter for their monthlies, while a weekly will require four times the quantity. The new paper will give much space to news and gossip from all over the country, and in shape will be four pages of four columns each.

ALL the A.P.A. members who attended the banquet held at Manhattan Beach will remember Mr. George Gregory, who made a short speech at the time. He was then a New York Alderman, but is now Second Assistant Postmaster of New York. He is brother to Mr. Charles Gregory, President of the Brooklyn Philatelic Club.

ALVAH DAVISON.

REVIEW OF PHILATELIC LITERATURE.

American Philatelist, September, Vol. xiv, No. 12. The last number of Vol. xiv bobs up serenely, but we miss the beautiful typographical appearance of the issues prior to the August number, and trust that the newly-appointed Literary Board will give us at least a better job of printing. It contains a good article on the "Envelopes of Saxony," new issues, by W. C. Stone, official correspondence, reports and communications. The new Board are all workers, and will probably give us in January number, the next issue, a rattling good paper to peruse.

Standard Philatelist, hailing from St. Louis, published by the Standard Stamp Co., edited by H. Flachskamm, presents a very neat appearance, with the exception of the cover. Black on red looks too lugubrious for our critical eyes, and we trust this will be changed, as it makes it look too funereal. The contents are, however, well edited. Chronicle, with illustrations, articles on "Post Card Collections," "The 'Saltillo' Issue of Mexico," "The St. Andrew's Cross on the Stamps of the Roman States," "German Postal Matter in the Cameroons."

Counterfeits which we copy below, as well worth repeating:

Some unscrupulous dealers in Europe are offering counterfeits of Nova Scotia 1860 with surcharge "Specimen;" also Ceylon 1s. 9d., first issue, excellently engraved.

Van Dieman's Land, first issue, 4d. orange, New South Wales 6d. brown. The latter are being circulated by some firm in England.

The latest products of London counterfeiters are the following:

1. Bremen, various denominations and emissions with false cancellation "Bremen-Bahnhof," reclining rectangle with curved side lines.

2. Tolima stamps of the first issue of 1870, 5 centavos black, on bluish and white paper, canceled by curved ink lines. These stamps are quite dangerous counterfeits, as the originals were very poorly printed, and it was an easy matter to imitate these stamps almost to perfection. The ink lines appear very pale and faded, and to make the deception perfect they have taken to the old means of pasting the stamps on pieces of old letters. Price asked is 20 to 30 marks apiece, which is quite a high price for a worthless piece of paper not more than an inch square.

3. British Guiana stamps of the issue of 1860 to 1876 with false surcharge "Official." These counterfeits are easily detected by the thick and irregular lines.

"Notes and Comments," all gotten up in elegant philatelic style, and calculated to make the eyes of the philatelic reader water. We wish them success in their new undertaking.

Philatelic Era.—Vol. i, No. 5, contains a picture and biographical sketch of Mr. Charles Beamish, one of our well-known Philadelphia collectors, with other interesting comments.

C. H. Mekeel, St. Louis, Mo., proposes issuing a weekly philatelic paper, newspaper shape, every Wednesday in the year 1891. It is a formidable undertaking, but, friend Mekeel, we wish you success.

Wamsutta Stamp News.—Vol. i, No. 1, contains an article entitled "Marcus Montrague's Letter," giving the writer's idea in regard to starting as a stamp dealer. This paper, we understand, is published in the interest of stamp dealers only.

Essex County Philatelist.—Vol. ii, No. 3, contains "Provisional Issues of the United States" (continued), "Philatelic Papers," "One Cent Letter Postage" and "Notes," and is gotten up in better shape than usual.

Philatelic Monthly.—This paper is spreading like small-pox, and every issue gives us more and more of the tidbits of philatelic literature. It is a Philadelphia paper, and we are proud of it. It contains, among many interesting articles, one that needs special mention. We refer to the remarks in regard to the visit of the Postmaster-General of Liberia, whom the editor found to be a very interesting colored gentleman. Among some of his remarks he stated that the 3c. inland stamp is rare canceled; it is only used for what he called the *Beach Mail*, and regretted that the General was limited as to time, or he might have obtained more information as to the character and purpose of the Beach Mail. One entire printing of the 8c. Silver was received by him, stuck together in a solid mass, and they soaked them in tubs of water, which accounts for the faded look of late specimens of this stamp.

American Journal of Philately.—Vol. iii, No. 12, contains the usual continuation of "Catalogue for Advanced Collectors," "Postage Stamps of France" (continued), "U. S. Penalty Envelopes," "Wrappers of Victoria," "Provisionals of Newfoundland," Notes, Auction Sales, Minutes of several Philatelic Societies, etc. It is philately through and through. It also contains an engraving of the Tolima stamps, original plate alteration and counterfeits, which are very fine.

At Bogert's auction sale, April 25, 26, 1887:

A Baton Rouge local, on original letter, sold for \$35.00.

At Casey's auction sale, April 22, 1887:

\$5.00	State Department,	sold for	\$6.00.
10.00	"	"	8.00.
20.00	"	"	14.50.
6.00	Periodical, unused,	"	6.00.

Make your own comparisons with present prices.

THE LEeward ISLANDS.

There is a conflict of authority as to what constitutes the Leeward Islands. Colton says it is the group of small islands in the Caribbean sea off the coast of South America, including Margarita, Tortuga, etc. This is probably correct, as these islands are to the leeward of the outer or Windward group. But as custom makes right and the custom is strong enough to place the name on an issue of postage stamps, we shall have to accept the misnomer. The islands included in the Leeward Islands Postal Union are the Virgin Islands, Antigua, Nevis, Saint Christopher, Montserrat and Dominica. By this new issue the stamps of six countries become obsolete at one time. We are not sure but what other islands may be included in the union.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

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DECEMBER 26, 1890.

W. H. KANE, *Secretary.*

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