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EDWARD P. LYONS, JR.

FOLLOWING our custom of presenting to our readers, monthly, the likeness and brief biographical sketch of a member of the Virginia Philatelic Association we take pleasure in adorning our May number with that of its handsomest member Mr. Edward P. Lyons, Jr., one of the greatest enthusiasts on stamps in our city.

Edward P. Lyons, too, is a Virginian. He was born in Petersburg some 37 years ago. Subsequently removing to Richmond, "Ned" graduated from Richmond High School at the early age of 15.

Mr. Lyons traveled for W. T. Hancock, tobacconist of Richmond, and P. B. Graveley of Danville, Va. and has seen quite a bit of our country. He is now with The Mutual Guarantee Building and Loan Association of Richmond, Va.

As a member of the volunteer militia, Lieut. Lyons looks back upon a career of which he may feel justly proud. Entering Co. F, First Reg't Va. Vols. as "marker" in 1877, he served 14 years, resigning as First Lieutenant of that crack organization. He was the best-drilled private in the ranks, and excluded from participating in competitive drills after holding the drill prize for three consecutive years. Removing to Florence, Ala., he organized the Wheeler

Rifles of that city, which company carried off first honors at each annual encampment at Selma, Ala.

His stamp career began about the year 1875. He had accumulated quite a fine collection but on his removal to Alabama the album was misplaced, and not till quite recently did it again turn up, alas—shorn of most of its treasures. Undaunted, tho', he began anew, and today has replaced nearly all his lost treasures.

Lyons remembers well the days when Confederates and Confederate Locals were quite common stamps, and though he was a collector then he attached no value to them at all—stamps which today command fabulous prices.

His present collection is a very fine one, and recently when I put the casual queries as to its size, and which stamps he preferred, he promptly replied: "Size 9x10½; prefer nice, clean specimens,

from 50 to 90% off catalogue." (!) But, as a fact, it contains between 3,000 and 4,000 stamps. U. S., Confederates and British Colonial are his preferences, though he does not specialize.

Keeping well posted on matters stampic, Mr. L. contributes notes to several leading philatelic magazines, interspersing the philatelic with occasional dashes of original wit. He has never missed a meeting of our Association, and is one of the most ardent workers in the cause of philately.

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War!

The strained relations between the United States and Spain have culminated in war. Again after many years of peace the tocsin calls to arms!

There is little doubt as to the result of this conflict: "The Pearl of the Antilles" will soon be "Cuba Libre." May a lasting peace and prosperity soon follow.

War's influence will be felt in the ranks of Philatelia. Many an album will be closed; many a brother "Phil." follow the flag, and—we hope—carry it victoriously to where the new Cuban issue is on sale—securing the complete set as a trophy in Havana.

The Spaniards will have no further use for them.

To those of our friends who go we wish *bon voyage*, and *Auf Wiedersehn!*

If neither the unfortunate Cuban *re-concentrados* or the blowing up of the "Maine" furnishes a sufficient *casus belli*, here is one:

We advertised Spain quite extensively on our Columbian stamps. She owes a big ad. bill. We've going to collect it.—That's all.

It will be gratifying to collectors to learn the decision rendered in the Periodical Stamp Case. We quote from *Post Office*:

On Friday, April 15th, Judge Lacombe, in the United States Court, decided the celebrated "Periodical case" against the government, and in favor of the collectors. This may not be the end, as we understand the government will appeal the case.

As we are about to close our forms we receive a "wedding announcement:" *The Home Worker* to *The Tennessee Philatelist*, which event must have taken place sometime between March and April. *The Tennessee Philatelist* may exclaim, "*Veni, Vidi, Vici!*" and friend Dodge has let another opportunity dodge him. Well, success to the new couple!

We regret that Miss Swift, who conducts the review department for the new couple, finds fault with our views re the Omaha series. It's bad policy to differ with the ladies—but—in this instance we must stick to our convictions and "pout it out."

Under the Ban.

Under date of February 22 (the birthday of our immortal Washington, by the way), the S. S. S. ("Sore Stamp Speculators' Society," branch Stanley Gibbons, Ltd.) issues a circular (usual stereotype form) against our Omaha series.

We are prostrate. Woe is us. We feel like we've been caught pilfering jam.

The blow struck us like a cyclone and bent our pride to an angle of forty-four degrees in the shade—yes; but the stamps are here, nevertheless, and the resurrection of the S. S. S. (entirely uncalled-for) and its *ukase*—will, like all its previous promulgations, amount to nothing at all with the fraternity.

NOT only have the stamps of British Bechuanaland ceased to be used, but a correspondent writes that the country has lost its existence and is now part and parcel of Cape of Good Hope.—*Philatelic Monthly*.

That means one "hope" less for Holland and more "Cape" for Great Britain.

ATTENTION is directed to Mr. Bach's advertisement in this number in which he is prepared to refund the amount received to such of his patrons who purchased Newfoundland surcharges of him, on return of the stamps.

Mr. Bach was victimized by forgers, and on learning the truth is prompt to make amends.

We cannot too highly endorse Mr. Bach's actions in this matter and commend him to the patronage of our readers.

It is quite probable that we shall see another change in the Canadian stamps.

The French speaking inhabitants, it is said, complain of the values being in English only. The maple leaves in the lower corners may make room for numerals of value. "Now don't everybody rush at once to the bargain counter."

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that, on and after May 1st, 1898, our combination rates of subscription to *The Perforator* and *Philatelic Facts* will be revoked. Subscriptions received prior to that date for *The Perforator* and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will be filled for the full term.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain prints a little tale of the turning up of a Post Office Mauritius on entire envelope among some old papers recently found in that Colony.

We're sorry for the possessors of the other known Mauritiuses, for, according to the unique rule of valuation by Crawford Capen, their value has dropped considerably by the bobbing up of this newcomer. Well, we still hold our block of six at the old figure.

WE would call attention the the statements by Mr. John Paalzow in reply to the article in *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal*, announced to appear in this number.

We trust this statement will finally relegate the contested Bergedorfs to their proper place, and are anxious to know what Mons. Moens has to say in reply.

The Philatelic Journal of Great Britain says that the Indian Government has been defrauded of nearly 1,000,000 rupees, by means of forged 1 rupee stamps.

FORGERIES of the 5c blue large U. S. Newspaper stamps are said to exist, and that the work thereon is so excellent that few experts are able to detect the counterfeit. The only difference is that the counterfeit is a millimeter or two too short.

THREE of the finest American philatelic publications to reach us last month were the *Philatelic Bulletin*, the *Rocky Mountain Stamp*, and the *New York Philatelist*.



An Uncatalogued Error.

Among a lot of stamps recently received from a prominent dealer North we purchased a Belgian 1876 1 cent. brown, surcharged OFFICIEL, thus:

OFFICIEL

[Catalogued.]

as found in Scott's 58th, page 328, III A3. There is an error in the surcharge on the stamp we purchased. In the word "Officiel" the second I occurring is a figure 1 of the same style of type thus:

OFFICIEL

[Error—not catalogued.]

We do not find this error catalogued.

Russia is now preparing a new issue of all the stamps at present in circulation in that empire, with the addition of a stamp of 6 kopeks.—*Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal.*

The variety of the 5 cent "Beaver" Canada, consists of a double line around the oval just outside the words "Canada Postage." The common variety has only a single line.—*International Philatelist.*

It was Mr. A. G. Gibb of St. Johns, Newfoundland, who first discovered that the surcharged stamps, which were purchased by Mr. Allan and others, were counterfeit.

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RICHMOND, VA., *April 11, 1898.*

The eighth monthly meeting was held at regular place of meeting. Mr. John Paalzow presiding in absence of the president. The minutes of the last meeting were approved. The following members were present: Messrs. John Paalzow, Moser, Dietz, Lyons, Spott, Scott, Ahern and Weckert. The name of Mr. Otto Frank was proposed for membership and was unanimously elected. A letter was read from the Circle Philatelic of Nevers, sending greetings and good wishes to the society, which was received with pleasure, and the Secretary was instructed to acknowledge receipt of same and express the thanks of the society. The Secretary-Treasurer being absent the question of the printing of the Constitution and By-Laws was laid over until next meeting. No other business appearing the meeting adjourned.

H. C. SCOTT, JR.,
 Acting Sec'y.

North America, Friend.

The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser is a few millimeters off in its geography. It prints: "THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST is one of the best papers in South America and we highly recommend it to all philatelists."

Nevertheless, thanks,

The Stamps of Bergedorf.

BY JOHN PAALZOW.

IN the January number of *Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal* there is an article which questions the veracity of the statements made by me in the December number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. What was written of the Bergedorf issue is just as I remembered them, and I must confess, that when I wrote the article for THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I did not even know that Mr. Moens had ever written a treatise on the stamps of Bergedorf. Since then I had the opportunity to see this treatise and in it the letter referred to by *Stanley Gibbons' Journal*, and still I cannot see what there is in it to alter anything I have said in my article.

Mr. Moens first gives the official notice emanating from the administration of Bergedorf on Oct. 17th, 1831, in regard to the issuing of postage stamps on the 1st of November following, and this official document does not mention any but the five stamps :

- $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on blue.
- 1 sch. black on white.
- $1\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on yellow.
- 3 sch. blue on rose.
- 4 sch. black on brown.

Anyone who knows the attention which is paid in German official publications to the minutest detail concerning the matter spoken of in such publications will understand that if it had ever been intended to use any of the proofs of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on lilac and 3 sch. black on red this official announcement would have mentioned that fact. Mr. Moens says himself this document would plainly establish the fact that the two stamps in question are only essays if it were not for a letter from the postmaster who issued the stamps in 1861, and to make the matter as plain as possible, I shall give

the letter as found in Mr. Moens' treatise together with Mr. Moens' comment thereon, and the English translation of both :

"Pour l'emission des timbres anciens de $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. lilas et 3 sch. noir sur rose, qui avaient ete emis a titre d'essai, il n'a pas ete fait de publication officielle, par la raison que ces timbres etaient, destines a etre changes, leurs couleurs etant difficiles a reconnaitre a la lumiere.

Les pourparlers et debats y relatifs ont toujours ete echanges directment et de vive voix entre l'autorite superieure et moi, ce qui fait qu' aucun acte officiel qui y ait rapport ne soit a trouver.

La premiere motion qui ait ete faite pour l' introduction des timbres poste, date de 1850, grace a mon initiative."

Cette lettre est bien la preuve que les deux timbres en question n' ont ete emis qu'en attendant l'execution du nouveau tirage. La mort de ces timbres etait decidee avant leur apparition : de la, un avis officiel qui ne les mentionne meme pas.—

TRANSLATION.

"For the issue of these ancient stamps of $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. lilac and 3 sch. black on rose, which were issued in the nature of a proof (or essay) edition, there has been no official publication, for the reason that these stamps were destined to be changed, their colors being difficult to distinguish by lamplight. The conferences and debates relative thereto have always been exchanged in person and verbally between the superior authority and myself, which is the reason that no official act bearing on the subject can be found.

The first motion that was made for the introduction of the stamps dates from 1850, thanks to my initiation."

This letter issues the proof that the two stamps in question were only issued while awaiting the execution of the new edition. The death of these stamps was decided upon before their appearance, thus they were never mentioned officially.

The original of this letter to Mr. Moens was written in German, no doubt, and translated into French. Every translator knows how difficult it is to give in a translation just the right shade of meaning expressed in the original, and I am not afraid to assert, that if the German text of the letter was produced, it would be found that it does not convey the meaning that these two stamps were issued in the sense of a postal emission,

but that the meaning was that they had been made as proofs, essays, experiments or what ever else you may call them, but never issued as stamps to do postal duty. Then taking Mr. Moens comment that this letter would indicate that these two stamps were only issued provisionally until the new printing could be obtained. The second part of the letter itself refutes this assumption. It says plainly that the negotiations, etc., were always carried on personally and verbally by the postmaster and the authorities. Who were these authorities who had to pass upon the question, but the Visitation of which my former article spoke and which came to Bergedorf every summer, if memory serves me right in July, but certainly not later than August. Now if these debates etc., were always carried on *viva voce* and the conclusion arrived at while the Visitation remained there one week in Bergedorf, does it stand to reason that from that time forward until the first of November following, when, according to official announcement the stamps were first issued, there should not have been time enough to prepare the two stamps along with the other three in the colors intended?

The stones were ready engraved, so nothing remained to be done but the printing: so there could certainly not have been the slightest necessity to use the proof sheets as provisional stamps.

I think it will strike any unbiased reader that this letter was evidently written in answer to a letter of enquiry ingeniously worded by some one who had knowledge of the proofs of the $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. and 3 sch. in different colors than those in which the true stamps were issued. That Mr. Moens had that knowledge I have explained in my previous article and that having gotten hold of all the proofs he would naturally be inclined to have them officially recognized and as such made of some value.

An omission on Mr. Moens' part is to

give the date on which this letter was written and also does he fail to state whether this is the whole of the letter or if it has given him further private information. One must almost incline to the latter belief for how else can Mr. Moens in his work give the emissions of Bergedorf as he does, namely:

Issue of November 1st, 1861—

$\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on lilac,

1 sch. black on yellow,

1 $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on white,

3 sch. black on winered,

4 sch. black on brown; and then:

Issue of November 10th, 1861—

$\frac{1}{2}$ sch. black on blue,

3 sch. blue on rose,

thus going entirely against the official announcement of the administration of Oct. 17th, 1861.

Though young at the time I was an ardent stamp collector and in and out of the post-office every day, times without number; as in those days the post-office was not a building entirely given over to official uses, but was conducted in two rooms on the ground-floor of the building which the postmaster occupied with his family.

I assert again that not one of those disputed $\frac{1}{2}$ sch. lilac and 3 sch. black on red ever did postal duty, for if it had, I am sure I would have seen it.

The question may be asked, why should I have only made this statement after a lapse of nearly forty years.—The answer is a simple one. In 1863 I gave up stamp collecting, and it has only been in very recent years that I have taken it up again and it was when the Editor of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST asked me to write my recollections of the issue of the stamps of Bergedorf, that I have told in writing what I know about that matter.

When, however, in the years that have passed, I have come in contact with stamp collectors, I have always told them the same thing and warned them not to purchase those rarities (?) at fancy prices.

I submitted my article to my father for his opinion, and his answer was, that he thought I could vouch for every statement I had made.

If further proof of the correctness of my statements was needed, I could refer to researches made by German philatelists, who evidently have found out that those two stamps are nothing but proofs. Senfs, in their catalogue of 1892 quote them as stamps, and give a valuation for unused and used specimens. Senfs, in their catalogue for 1897 calls them "Proof impressions which were not issued," and as such it is about time that our catalogue and album makers save the space which the mention of these essays takes up in their publications.

In Vindication of Carion.

We, the undersigned philatelists, feeling that a great injustice has been done to Mr. Georges Carion, of San Francisco, by the large publicity given the false statements of the *Societe Francaise de Timbrologie*, first published in the *Revue Philatelique Francaise*, do now solemnly protest against and condemn the miserable action of the said Society, and request all honest philatelic papers to give the largest publicity to this protestation.

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First on our this month's muster roll appears the Surinam Stamp Association, of Paramaribo, Surinam. Some time ago, in the halcyon days of our credulous infancy as publishers, we accepted an ad from this concern (?) We now possess evidence that these parties are crooks and request all philatelic publications to add them to their "black list."

Mr. Samuel W. Hughes, of Howe, Neb., sends us the following list of approval sheet thieves, substitutes, etc. for which he assumes all responsibility:

J. A. Massey, Pensacola, Fla.; S. E. Moore, Moorefield, Ark.; Frank Coombs, St. Johns, N. B., Canada; N. E. Lane, Hickman, Ky.; and Irving S. Betzer, David City, Nebr.

An esteemed correspondent, Mr. P. den Outer, Jr., of Rotterdam, Holland, furnishes proof that one Antonino de Campos Serra, of Estado de Sao Paulo, Limeira, Brazil, is a fraud. He requests selections of good stamps on approval and on receipt forgets the difference between "mine" and "thine." Senor Antonino is a crook.

Our esteemed contemporary *The Philatelic Bulletin* chronicles the following "beets" for which Mr. G. A. Hunt, manager Rumford Stamp Co., Woburn, Mass., assumes responsibility: H. E. Lapp, Rochester, N. Y.; Sara D. Jones, North Bay, Ont., Canada; and W. S. Preston, Winchester, Ind.

Mr. Georges Carion, of San Francisco, warns against dealing with one W. N. Beggs, 620 14th St., Denver, Colo., who is holding a lot of stamps amounting to \$27.00 net since November 1896, and refuses to return same.



New York Correspondence.

BY LENNOD.

INTERESTING local news is rather scarce the past month, but nevertheless business is as good as ever, and apt to remain so for some time, if the threatened war between the United States and Spain fails to materialize.

The Metropolitan Philatelist, as a weekly, has appeared, and the first number speaks for itself; 24 pages, half of which contain advertisements, and the balance up-to-date reading matter. According to the chronicle I learn that the Canadian postage stamps will be altered so that numerals will appear in the lower corners; the French speaking population making the objections which necessitates such a change. No date has as yet been fixed when this change will take effect.

The New York *Herald* for March 10, illustrated the two new Spanish Patriotic stamps (no government emissions), giving one a faint idea of what these stamps, to raise war funds, look like. In another New York daily I saw an item which stated that the present issue of Spanish stamps (boy's head) is very popular, not alone with philatelists, but with all classes of citizens. The canceled stamps are largely used for decorating purposes, and the Spanish stamp merchants sell thousands of these canceled stamps daily. Of course the fad will die out sooner or later, but the dealers are making the best of it while the demand holds good.

The Harlem Stamp Club will shortly be organized for philatelists in the upper part of this city; the society will have a club room or rooms and will meet prob-

ably weekly or twice a month; a permanent meeting place is being selected and the organizers hope to have every thing ship-shape in a few weeks. This club will probably be Branch No. 1 of the Empire State Philatelic Society.

March and April months appear to be moving months with stamp dealers, instead of the time honored May 1 (legal moving day). Broadway seems to be the particular street where our popular dealers will hand out their price-lists on waiters of gold (?) that saver of a brass foundry. Three dealers have left the depths of Nassau street for more commodious offices on Broadway.

A well known philatelist, M. Philip la Renotiere, of Paris, is the zealous guardian of a stamp acknowledged by all collectors to be absolutely unique. This stamp was issued in 1856 by the Postal Department of British Guiana, and for a great many years has not left the hands of its present owner.

No actual price can be named in estimating the value of this stamp, which originally could have been bought for one cent, as its real worth will not be known until collectors come to bid for it in the event of a sale. M. La Renotiere is exceedingly jealous of his possession. Looking to its preservation, he guards it carefully, rarely showing it. Occasionally, when there is a gathering of distinguished collectors he allows the stamp to be exhibited, but always refuses obstinately to consider any propositions for its purchase. The stamp is Scott's Type A4 one cent black on red paper, but no price is attached to same.

A large number of Prince Edward Islands on original (?) envelopes, fake canceled, turned up here a few weeks ago; the whole of the 1872 issue (except 3c rose) and also the three pence blue of the 1865 issue. There was noticed among the lot several bisected stamps; the 6 cent black and 12 cent mauve being the most prominent. Collectors are warned

to exercise great care in purchasing this class of stamps, and it is best to purchase them only from reliable dealers, and if possible get a written guarantee with each piece.

Boston Bits.

BY BOSTONIAN.

At present there seems to be a merry bout between the Boston Correspondent of one of our leading weeklies and a prominent New York State stamp dealer, as regards, how dealers in general are so plentifully supplied with the Newfoundland Provisional surcharges. Each one takes the other to task and a lively contradiction of statements ensue. Your humble servant does not pretend to know the whereabouts of this apparent leak, and thinks also that the two aforesaid gentlemen, are far from solving the mystery, but then, their numerous theories are interesting, to read, and show, to some extent, how far imagination can take the human mind.

The stamp trade at the Hub is generally fair and the following stamps seem to command the foremost attention: Match and Medicine, British African and unused European. Revenues are at present deadwood upon dealers hands, that is, with the exception of Canadian Revenues, which are still having their run.

Several Boston dealers are members of the State Militia, and if war should break out, as it now threatens, it will make a serious inroad in the stamp firms of this city, as it doubtless will elsewhere.

Fred H. Pittman & Co., one of Boston's well known firms, have given up their local office at 235 Washington St., and have removed to Sumerville, Mass., where they were located previous to coming to the Hub.

The new 5 cent blue U. S. stamps have put in their appearance at the Boston Post Office. It is said they were first placed on sale Thursday, March 17th.

It is now rumored that the 15c stamp will have to be changed on account of color; but I doubt if it occurs before the new government contract is placed for next four years.

One of the local stamp firms is at present busy upon a new blank stamp album, which will soon appear upon the market. Sample pages are now circulation, and it will be issued in different styles of binding, and it is said that the price is to be very low, considering the stock, which is to be first class in every respect.

There is still some talk of a catalogue being published in Boston in the coming fall, but whether it will materialize or not it is hard to tell, but I have no doubt that a book of this nature could be made to be a success, and the present scheme should not be abandoned.

Dealers report the boy trade as being the most brisk for years, and many of the youths are disposing of large numbers of the cheaper grade of stamps. This course of things is indeed encouraging, and too much pains cannot be taken in supplying the demands of our rising philatelists.

At a recent auction sale the famous Newfoundland surcharge, unused, brought only 30c per copy. This seems to be rather a low price for a stamp which is claimed to be so desirable. However, auction prices should by no means rule the prices, as they are indeed fickle.

Within the last few days an importation of Gambia stamps have been received. This is by no means alarming news, but what I wish to get at is that these stamps show a new shade of the 1 penny, which is a decided pink, and as these are evidently the last printing of the current issue, they may turn out to be good things.

Canadian Notes.

BY CANADIAN.

The Hamilton Philatelic Society is progressing finely and will undoubtedly have a very pleasant time in store for the D. P. A. members who attend the annual convention.

Hamilton is centrally located and if the date for the convention is well chosen we can see no reason why fifty members should not be present.

We hear nothing at all of the exchange department, of the D. P. A. Stir it up, Mr. Muirhead, stir it up.

A correspondent of the *Herald Exchange* wonders why stamps redeemed by the government are destroyed instead of being sent out again and thus save a neat sum for the Department. The reason for destroying the stamps must be apparent to nearly every one. The stamps very seldom come in full sheets, and it would not do for the government to begin the practice of sending out stamps otherwise than in full sheets as thefts would be far more easy and numerous.

In a recent session of the Dominion Parliament, Sir Charles Tupper warmly condemned the lack of proper postal facilities on the line of the Crow's Nest Railway. The service along this line will probably be improved in the near future.

A large number of the smaller Ontario post offices have been burglarized during the past few months and it is understood that the department has detectives engaged in ferreting out the guilty parties, as nearly all the robberies are believed to have been the work of one gang.

The Liberal government is evidently feeling the necessity of raising more money as they have decided to reduce the rate of interest, allowed on money deposited in the postal savings banks

from 3 to 2½%. Many protests are heard on all sides as it is chiefly the poorer classes that deposit their savings in these banks and who will feel the loss more keenly than would the depositors in other banks.

Enumeration week is past and the Postmaster General's report for the year shows 183 new offices established and 100 unnecessary offices abolished, or a net gain of 83 offices. The deficit for the year was \$586,539.

The estimated number of letters carried in the twelve months was 123,850,000; postcards 23,140,000; registered letters 3,500,500; free letters 5,501,000; newspapers, periodicals, book packets, samples, etc. 22,915,000.

The quantity of mail matter posted in Ontario far exceeds all other Provinces put together. Similarly Toronto occupies the premier position of all Canadian cities, the number of letters, cards, and newspapers delivered in Toronto during the year being 21,403,233 as compared with 12,501,531 in Montreal, 3,824,785 in Quebec, 3,671,917 in Ottawa, 3,569,836 in Hamilton, 2,708,970 in London, 2,072,000 in Winnipeg, and 1,477,454 in Kingston.

The number of drop or city letters delivered in Toronto was 3,831,944, so that Toronto people, if Mr. Clark's advocacy of a one-cent city-letter-rate had been adopted, would have saved nearly \$40,000 this year.

Among the curiosities which came into the dead letter office were birds eggs, bloomers, false teeth, wedding cake, etc.

The Hon. Wm. Mulock, Postmaster General, has introduced a bill to amend the Post-office Act. The more important provisions of the bill are, briefly stated, as follows:

The admission free of Canada postage, books designed for the use of the blind.

The establishment of a number of plans from which dead letters may be returned to the senders. At present all such letters go to Ottawa.

On all letters transmitted by post within Canada, weighing not over one oz., two cents, above one oz., proportionately.

On and after January 1st, '99, newspapers and periodicals, heretofore carried free, shall be charged $\frac{1}{4}$ of a cent a pound and after July 1st, '99, one-half cent a pound.

An exception to the above rule is made in favor of newspapers carried not more than ten miles from place of publication, which will be carried free.

In support of his bill Mr. Mulock showed that 16,557,490 pounds of newspapers and periodicals were carried free during 1897.

The Conservatives opposed the bill and nothing definite has been done with it yet.

Notes From the Lone Star State.

ROY B. BRADLEY.

Those of the many readers of the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST who looked for my notes last month were disappointed in not finding them. They were written but owing to the change of date by which all copy must be received, they arrived too late for publication. I hope to be on time in the future.

Waco is coming to the front as a stamp centre. Quite a number of collectors have called upon me, and Mr. Oscar Jannasch is in favor of organizing a local society in the near future. The idea is a good one, and will do a great deal to encourage the local collectors. If the society is organized it will probably be as a branch of the rapidly growing Southern Philatelic Association.

The Texan Philatelist is now the official journal of the Philatelic Literature Society. Bro. Lowry intends to enlarge and greatly improve his paper in the near future.

Indications now point to the largest attendance of stamp men ever held in

Texas at the New Braunfels convention. I hope to see harmony and good-fellowship prevail.

I am glad to see the VIRGINIA PHILATELIST devoting a large amount of space to the stamps of the Confederate States. Recently there appeared an illustration of the two Emory, Va., locals, and also an envelope with a hand-stamp "Paid 5." It is rather difficult for us to draw the line between hand-stamps and provisional envelopes. I suppose the above would be called a hand-stamp. Would it be a hand-stamp if the name of the postmaster were written or printed above or across the "Paid 5?" I would like some information on this point.

The Mutual Stamp Exchange.

ASBURY PARK, NEW JERSEY.

REPORT FOR MONTH ENDING
APRIL 10, 1898.

The following members have been admitted:

- 23 Edgar Sherman.
- 24 Stanley L. Coe.
- 25 R. A. Bendall.
- 26 J. D. Sornborger.
- 27 H. H. Bogue, A. B.

MONTH'S FIGURES.

Value of stamps in circulation	
last report.....	\$681 21
Stamps disposed of.....	\$353 52
Stamps returned.....	323 01
Books retired last month	679 53
	1 68
Books received last month.....	685 10
Total in circulation.....	\$686 78

Blank books to hold 100 stamps are furnished by the Exchange, 3 for 10c.

New circulars, giving full particulars, sent free upon application.

H. B. BARTHOLOMEW,
Manager.



At R. C. Bach's first mail auction sale, closed March 30, the following were some of the prices realized :

U. S. Treasury 7c, mint, \$1.25 ; Argentine Republic 1864, 15c, 10c, 5c, perforated, used, \$2.00 ; Prince Edward Islands 1c, used, \$1.90 ; Netherlands 1867 50c gold and 1872 2g, 50c, 40c ; Stockholm, 2 varieties, used, 75c ; Canada, new, 5 and 8c 25 assorted, 40c ; 2000 Canada, old issues 1, 2, 3c, \$2.00 ; 1 set Jubilee complete, used, \$15.00.

Total and realized \$90.04 ; number of bids 403 ; number of bids canceled, 1 ; total amount of bids over \$300.00.

MR. BACH'S LETTER.

" A very satisfactory result.

" This sale was advertised ONLY in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, and speaks well for its powers as an advertising medium." " R. C. BACH."

Bogert & Durbin's 99th sale occurred on April 2, and the result was quite satisfactory. The total amount realized was \$1021.15, and quite a lot of desirable stamps sold at the following prices :

U. S.—New York 5c, used, on original envelope, good margins on three sides, \$5.00 ; Providence 5c, unused, no period after cents, large margins, fine, \$3.00 ; 1857 1, 3 (3), 10 (4), 12, 24c, used, \$2.10 ; 1857 10c, twelve copies, various shades, \$1.50 ; 1860 90c, unused but not fresh looking and has been regummed, \$5.00 ; 1861-3 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30, 90c, used, \$1.75 ; 1861 5c yellow-brown, used, \$2.30 ; 1861 12c, six used copies, 80c ; 1868 1, 2, 3, 10, 12 (2), 15c (2), used, \$1.50 ; 1868 1 (damaged), 2, 3, 10 (2), 12, 15c, used, 60c ; 1868 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 15c used, 50c ; 1868 2c, used, twenty-two copies, a few damaged, 60c ; 1868

10c, both sizes of grill, fifteen used copies with shades, \$1.00 ; 1868 30c, used, \$1.60 ; 1868 90c used, \$9.00 ; 1869 1, 2, 3, 6c (2), 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c, used, \$4.00 ; 1869 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15c, used, \$1.10 ; 1869 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30c, used, last has no perforations on one side, two others damaged, \$3.50 ; 1869 12c, unused, off center, \$1.00 ; 1839 90c, used, has had perforations added at bottom, \$7.00.

Foreign.—Hawaii, 1865, 1c blue, 1853, 5c, unused, \$1.00 ; Hawaii, 1864 2c, vermilion, used, \$2.60 ; Hawaii, 1864, 1c violet, unused, \$2.00 ; Hawaii, 1864-89, 1c (3 var.), 2c (4 var.), 5c dark blue, 6c, 10c brown, 10c black, provisional 1c violet, 2c brown, 2c red, 25c, two of each and a single copy of the 10c vermilion of 1886, unused, \$2.00 ; Hawaii, 1864-86, 1c (3 var.), 2c red, 6c green, block of four of each unused, 2c violet (4), 2c brown (4), 2c vermilion (4), 5c dark blue (2), 10c brown (3), 10c black (2) used, Provisional Govt. 1c (3), 2c (3), 5c, 25c, \$230. ; Hawaii, 1864-71, 1c (4), 2c (4), 5c (3), 6c (3), 2c brown (3), 1c blue (3), 2c red (4), 1c green (4), 2c violet (4), 10c brown (2), 10c black (2), Provisional Govt. 1c (3), 2c (3), 5, 25c, twenty-six used, \$2.10.

At the 98th Sale some prices realized were as follows: U. S. Mail, 1c rose used, cut square (\$12), \$5.00 ; New York, 3c on blue glazed paper, used (\$17.50), \$8.00 ; New York, 5c black used (\$8), \$4.10 ; Philadelphia Carrier, "U. S. P. O.—prepaid,—One Cent—Despatch," red on white envelope, entire, very fine impression, exceedingly scarce, \$60.00 ; Providence 5c, no period after cents, unused (\$6.50), \$4.00 ; Baltimore Carrier, horse-man 1c black, used, fine (\$5), \$2.25 ; Baltimore Carrier, 1 sent black, used, fine, (\$15.00), \$9.00 ; Franklin Carrier reprint, Eagle carrier used, 1847 5c proof, 60c ; 1847 5c, unsevered pair, used on original letter, scarce, \$1.25 ; 1847 5c, 10c, used (\$4.75), \$2.65.



In an evil hour we perused the pages of *Philatelic Facts*, the February number of which has just reached us. Were such a thing possible as mingling the substances of Cervante's "Don Quixote" with "Paul and Virginia," adding a generous proportion of Emile Zola's "Nana" et als., and dishing this concoction up as "philatelic" reading, then we should find it in *Philatelic Facts*.

Our first impression was that it emanated from a Kindergarten, and that the nurse had forgotten to revise the MSS. Then again we wondered whether the indulgent parent's spell of patience had not reached the utmost tension limit, culminating in a local application of the shingle to these youthful Don Juans.

Paper, though, is patient and type will not revolt, even in this case of abuse. Had we the space to spare we would quote a "review" of the *Mother's Journal*, *verbatim*, as it appears in this publication (?). Suffice it though to give an extract: "We say, thank God that there ARE some who have the common sense to break over the parental traces, and assert their natural rights as free-born Americans? The day when young men and women of from 18 to 21 were treated as children of from 8 to 11 is, fortunately, passed, and unless the "damnable" ideas of the 'over zealous' Puritans again become in vogue, that day will never return—". This is a sample.

In our State padded cells are provided for such unfortunate quill pushers; but to top the climax this whining swain attacks, in the rudest manner, a lady whose literary achievements and natural talents place her so far above his level that "a hundred years after eternity would not suffice to inculcate enough breeding into his addled head" to make

him presentable, even if, as an esteemed contemporary once put it, "a Suez Canal pile driver was used in the inculcating process."—

Finally, we are pleased to note from an announcement that it is going to the "great majority" and hence *Philatelic Facts* will be relieved of making an apology for existence.

The International Philatelist for March-April is a great big number, containing a Portrait Gallery of well-worn plates. Under the title "Which Shall we Collect, Used or Unused?" Chas. E. Shaw, sales superintendent S. of P. ably champions used but not *abused* stamps; Jos. S. Davis, secretary Colorado Philatelic Society stands up for used stamps; E. R. Aldrich, president P. S. of A. does not believe in confining oneself to either; while Oney K. Carstarphen, ex-president P. S. A. prefers well centered, lightly canceled specimens. Each of these well known philatelists substantiates his views with such good argument that we must say, gentlemen you are each right.

The first number of Vol. IX of *The Metropolitan Philatelist*, as a *weekly*, has put in its appearance; and merits the highest praise. Preserving all the good features of the former *monthly*, there have been added many new branches, which will, undoubtedly, gain for it many new friends. Our best wishes for the success of America's crack philatelic weekly!

The Philatelic Bulletin for March is headed "Boom Edition;" the cover neatly executed in two colors enclosing twelve pages of interesting truly philatelic matter. The leading article deals with the Postage Stamps of Colombia, by F. P., and will be continued. Under "Snap Shots" the "Looker-on" seems to have reconciled himself to the Omaha

stamps. Notes from various centers, Reviews, a Black-List, and crisp editorials, combine to make a "boom" number, even were that not printed on the cover.

The first number of *The Tennessee Philatelist* paid us a call last month. It hails from Knoxville, and Ben M. Carpenter is editor, with Chas. L. McNutt as business manager.

For the first number it makes a very creditable showing. "Philately in Europe" is the leading article, in which the author tells of some great collections abroad. "Postal Dates" and "Items of Interest" contain many interesting statements. Ye editor asks "what do you think of this stranger—*The Tennessee Philatelist*?" Think you're all right, "Fall in!" and labor in the interest of philately "way down in Tennessee!"

The Boston Stamp Book for April contains an article by George Maximillian entitled "Abbreviations on Postage Stamps."

Our esteemed contemporary was, undoubtedly, not aware of the fact that this paper is identical with the one appearing in a former number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST—merely re-written, and not only that, but several gross errors occur where the author (?) attempted translation. John Brooke, Rajah of Sarawak, would kick on his name being misspelled; the Greeks, defeated as they are, would offer objections to the Hellenic used by Maximillian, and the manner in which the German abbreviations are given and translated would surely place him under the ban.

But there is other, good matter in this aesthetic publication from the Hub.

We acknowledge receipt of the following publications:

Tennessee Philatelist, Philatelic Bulletin, Metropolitan Philatelist, Era,

Philatelic West, Eastern Philatelist, Lone Star State Philatelist, Post Office, Rocky Mountain Stamp, Omaha Philatelist, Philatelic Review, American Collector, Philatelic Facts and Fallacies, Philatelic Monthly and World, New York Philatelist, Junior Collector, Philatelic Facts, Alleghany Philatelist, Texan Philatelist, Herald Exchange, Stamp Advertiser, Evergreen State Philatelist, International Philatelist, Stampman, Boston Stamp Book, Stamp Collector's Figaro.

From Canada: *Ontario Philatelist, Stamp Reporter, Philatelic Advocate.*

From Abroad: *Stamps, England; Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser, Malta; Stanley Gibbons' Monthly Journal, England; Il Francobollo, Italy; Le Timbrophile Gaulois, France; L' Echo du Collectionneur, France; Revue Philateliqne, France; L' Annonce Philateliqne, Switzerland.*

We have also received: Wholesale and Retail price-list of the stamps of Sweden, from Herman Lindberg, Malmö, Sweden; Bogert & Durbin's 101st Auction Catalogue; Wolsieffers Catalogue for Auction Sale, April 2d; *Youth's Realm and Catholic Friend.*

The Perforator slighted us last month—didn't show up. How 'bout it?

The Von Stephan Memorial Fund.

DONATIONS.

Fritz Will, Va.,2c Columbian.
 Enoch Taylor Walker, Pa.,10c Special Delivery.
 Page Paper People,2c Proprietary, used.
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 Miss Liske Roukema, Holland,
 Assortment of stamps used and unused.
 P. den Outer, Jr., Holland,
 Assortment of stamps used and unused.
 Ben B. Baldwin, Ohio,Lot of sundry stamps.
 Geo. E. Marx, N. J.,Lot of German stamps.
 Miss Mary Ware, Va.,2c current.
 Jones Liggon, Va.,2c current.
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We desire to express our especial thanks to our foreign friends, Miss Roukema and Mr. den Outer, of Rotterdam, Holland, for their very generous donations to the Fund.

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Roumania, Scott 216, Cat. \$.03..... .02
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" " 134, " 1.25..... .55
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Feb. 11, 1898. Frank H. MARSH,
Greensburg 1 a,

The stamps ordered received. Am very much pleased with them. FRANK E. SWANSON,
Feb. 1, 1898. Aurora, Neb.

We have just received the stamps ordered and cannot begin to say how pleased we are with them.
Oct. 1, 1897. W. A. JORGENSEN & Co.,
Newark, N. J.

I received the stamps ordered and was greatly pleased with them. They are the best I have ever received from any firm. W. A. HOWELL, JR.,
Oct 28, 1897. Hamilton, Canada.

We consider your blank approval books the best on the market. BOHN STAMP Co.,
Oct. 27, 1897. Pittsburg, Pa.

Please send me packet No. 5. I was much pleased with the last packet purchased from you.
Dec. 13, 1897. S. G. SHUSTER, Jeannette, Pa.

I have just received the 1000 stamps; they were the best I ever received for so small an amount. Everything I have received from your firm has been first-class.
Sept. 18, 1897. A. T. B. HOWARD,
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