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## THOMAS CHRISTIAN.

Present, this month, the features of a gentleman which, we dare say, are as familiar to Richmond stamp collectors as the Post Office itself; and, should perchance some stranger in our city enquire at Uncle Sam's stamp-shop for the name and whereabouts of a stamp collector, there's little doubt but that our congenial officials, from Postmaster Knight down to the Special Delivery boys, would answer in chorus: "Tom Christian, 1418 Main Street."

The subject of this enviable philatelic popularity was born in Richmond, Va., in 1845, and, by the way, he considers this city as good a place as any to be born in.

He was educated in Richmond, and has traveled extensively over the entire country east of the Mississippi.

From 1862 to 1867 he was engaged in the hardware business; removing to Detroit, he was with Berry Bros., the varnish manufacturers, from 1867 to 1871.

Returning to Richmond in 1871 he started in business for himself.

His philatelic pursuits began in 1872, and continued actively till 1875, during which time he accumulated a magnificent lot of rare stamps. Since 1875 he has added comparatively little to his collection, though he is as enthusiastic over stamps to-day as he was then.

Mr. Christian is a general collector, with that natural preference of we'uns

of the South for Confederate postal emissions, and 'twas he who first discovered the 10c Uniontown, Ala., the "Payne" Danville envelope, and the genuine Greenville, Ala., C. S. A. locals.

His collection contains about 4000 stamps, among them—besides many of the rarer stamps issued previous to 1875—are a number of treasures rarely met with in the famous collections that contain over 10,000 varieties.

He estimates the catalogue value of his stamps at something over \$2,500.

Mr. Christian is about as well versed in the history of most Confederate locals, as any man in the country, and it is a treat indeed to hear him relate his experiences with prominent stamp men at our meetings; and his rich store of information seems inexhaustible.

On the general issue of Confederates Mr. Christian is our undisputed authority, and he possesses about as large an assortment and as complete a

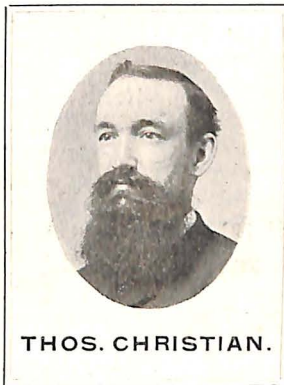
collection of oddities and varieties of this series as any member of the Virginia Philatelic Association.

Our friend is at present engaged in the photographic supplies business, besides holding an agency for one of the most popular bicycles.

Mr. Christian has promised us, for a future number, an account of the finding of some rare "locals."

But you shall all meet Mr. Christian at our grand Convention this fall.

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#### "Federation" Again.

SINCE the call for Federation of the State associations of the South appeared in our March issue quite a number of encouraging letters have reached us from prominent philatelists both South and

North—all full or ardent zeal—full of cheerful readiness to enlist in the cause.

It is very gratifying to note such vitality in Philately of the South—it betokens success!

A grand Association of United Southern Philately *will* be formed. It virtually exists.

There is to-day more genuine enthusiasm in Southern societies, than the numerically greater philatelic associations of the North ever knew in their palmiest days. The cause of this lies in the fact that there is less of "philatelic politics" and "ring rule" among us. There are no "snaps," no sinecures to win in the "Southern"—the offices entail labor, and the only reward for faithful service lies in the trust and esteem of our brother members.

To foster Philately and fraternity—not *clique* and gain—is our aim.

Will *you* not join us? You of the North and you of the South—all true philatelists are welcome to our ranks.

Long ago flowers have overgrown and effaced "Mason and Dixon's Line." Therefore, "fall in," and—"On to Richmond!"

#### Practical Enthusiasm.

THE President of the S. P. A., Mr. Harry Fenton, of Knoxville, Tenn., has been distributing quite a number of "Favorite" Albums with a view to inducing intelligent boys to collect stamps. He is sowing the seed. And now Bro. L. P. Head, of Fulton, Ky., is offering a number of additional prizes to S. P. A. members who secure new recruits to our ranks—right behind Bro. Fenton with a reaper, as it were.

"Let the good work go on," says Bro. Verbeck, and if it depends on his pushing—it's *going*!

WILL *you* not join the S. P. A.?



### Chasing The Dollar.

It's really amusing to watch the antics of some publishers when the vision of a dollar looms up on the gray horizon of their hopes, and the capers they cut and the inducements they offer for that "Mister William" when they think the other fellows can't see them.

Several letters from publishers recently sent us by a well-known dealer, who wanted our "very lowest net page ad-rates," afforded us an insight into the methods of some of our contemporaries.

We didn't get this dealer's ad; but we brought forth a bundle of letters from our friends Williams & Co., sat our frail self upon them, ejected the office cat—for we wanted solitude—and began to think a few lines of thunk. . . .

We arrived at the conclusion that a dollar was a mighty big thing; bigger, in fact, than principle and truth to some people; and we forthwith borrowed a dollar from a credulous friend, just to fondle it—for an indefinite time.

And now we are tempted to offer a suggestion to our dealer friends: Don't pay any attention to the scale of ad rates, but send the publisher a dollar, and tell him to "run you in" for a full page ad—best position—and to give you a "puff."

You'll see it in his next issue.

You will—that's right—but don't ask the publisher how many others ever see his paper—how many *paid up* subscribers he has; he doesn't care to discuss that point any more than our friend Bach cares to talk of British Guiana stamps.

You've gotten a "cheap" ad—no doubt o' that; you're studying economy, yes.

He's got your dollar,

What a cinch!—

That's all.

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WATCH for our May number.

### No Review This Month.

We regret the necessity of announcing the non-appearance of our "Review" this month. Our Mr. Paalzow is at the bedside of a very dear friend in New York, who is extremely ill, and the attendant severe mental strain has made it impossible for him to give his department that thorough attention for which it is noted. Upon his request we offer this explanation and apology.

The department will be resumed next month.

### Count Us In.

THE following timely editorial appeared in the February *Lone Star State Philatelist*:

#### FRAUDS.

A recent editorial in one of our valued contemporaries sharply criticizing the unbusinesslike methods in vogue among the philatelic world meets with our hearty approval. \* \* \* While the remarks are very appropriate, we go the publisher one farther and say that the publishers of the philatelic journals should form a combination and demand cash in advance for advertising. It would not be unreasonable to ask this, and as for a saving to any publisher, one has only to look at the average list of accounts offered for sale in almost every publication. Who will join us in this work?

Count us in, Brother Bradley.

### Errata.

WE desire to correct an error which occurred in the notice regarding the new 2c rose of Hawaii, on page 149 of our March number. The last paragraph *should* read: "No new designs have been prepared thus far."

### A Graceful Tribute.

McGraw, N. Y., March 16, '99.  
*To Aug. Dietz, and the others of the  
 Management of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.*

DEAR SIRS:

If I may be allowed to tender to you all my thanks and gratification for the interesting contents and the beautiful typographical appearance of each month's VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, I most heartily and sincerely do so.

You are so painstaking in placing nothing but the *best* for our edification and delectation, and if we should not say one word in commendation, we certainly should lack true courtesy that your labor commands.

I can and do wish you the success that results from the highest effort so splendidly placed in THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

MAUD CHARLOTTE BINGHAM.

*Gracias, senorita!*

### Those Newspaper and Periodical Stamps.

IF REPORTS from various sources may be credited, the Newspaper and Periodical stamps placed on sale by our Post-office Department at \$5 per set, are going like "hot tamales," and Uncle Sam is netting a neat little sum by the deal.

Of course, it's a matter of opinion, and we're all entitled to one of our own; but when we once persuade ourselves to collect labels that were never intended to nor ever did *postal duty*, we shall begin with tobacco tags, tomato-can and cigar-box labels.

A VERY tempting array of excellent bargains in stamps is presented on our advertisement pages this month. It is to your interest to read every ad.

### "Et tu—Malta?"

WE LEARN from *The Melita Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser* that four new stamps have been added to the current Maltese set, of the following values and colors: 4½d., sepia; 5d., brick red; 2sh. 6d., olive gray; 10sh., dark blue.

Judging from the designs and values of these newcomers the whole job savors of the speculative. Here's the catalogue of this historic picture gallery:

The 4d.; a Gozo boat under full sail.

The 5d.; an ancient galley of the Knights of Malta.

The 2sh. 6d.; Malta represented by a female figure.

The 10sh.; The shipwreck of St. Paul on the coast of Malta.

Why not make it one more, a 3d., and put it on a Maltese cat, color gray?

### Attention S. P. A.

THE attention of S. P. A. members, who are in arrears with their dues, is called to the notice of the Board of Directors printed under the Association heading in this number.

WE have received the 5 centimes stamp of France, printed in emerald green.

THE 6d of New South Wales has appeared in the new color, orange.

WE may expect, in the near future, to see the familiar features of King Oscar on the Swedish stamps superseded by those of his son Gustaf, in whose favor the old king has abdicated.

ATTENTION is called to the clubbing rates of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for advertisements and subscriptions.





### The Two Dies of the New Two Cents Envelope.



DIE A. DIE B.

WE present partial illustrations of the two dies of the two cents red envelope. The differences in the designs are so

numerous and so marked that a glance should suffice to distinguish the one from the other. However, a minute description may interest many of our readers.

We must henceforth class them Die A and Die B.

Die A is of the first printing; Die B represents the re-engraved issue. The first printing, we judge, bids fair to become quite a good thing.

In size Die A is a trifle smaller than Die B, both in depth and width.

There are but 39 points on the serrated line surrounding the profile of Washington (we suppose that's who it's intended to represent), on Die A, while there are 41 on the same line of Die B.

The base of the bust in Die A points to the *first* point of the serrated line, while in Die B it points to the *second*. (See illustration).

There are a number of minor differences in the two dies, an enumeration of which is unnecessary, as the above will suffice in determining Die A and Die B.

Die A has also appeared on the 1894 watermarked paper—the old No. 13 2c white.

*The Herald Exchange* (German-American) and THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST one year for 30c.

THE new set of Cuba stamps is not expected to be out for at least three months.—*Metropolitan*.

### Canada's First Surcharge.

# 2c

WE ARE indebted to Mr. Rudolph C. Bach, of Montreal, for our first copy of Canada's surcharged envelope. We illustrate the type employed. The surcharge is in black on the 3c red, recently withdrawn from sale on account of the change in inland rates.

We trust the French Canadians will not kick on its illegibility (!).

### More Hawaiian Color Changes.

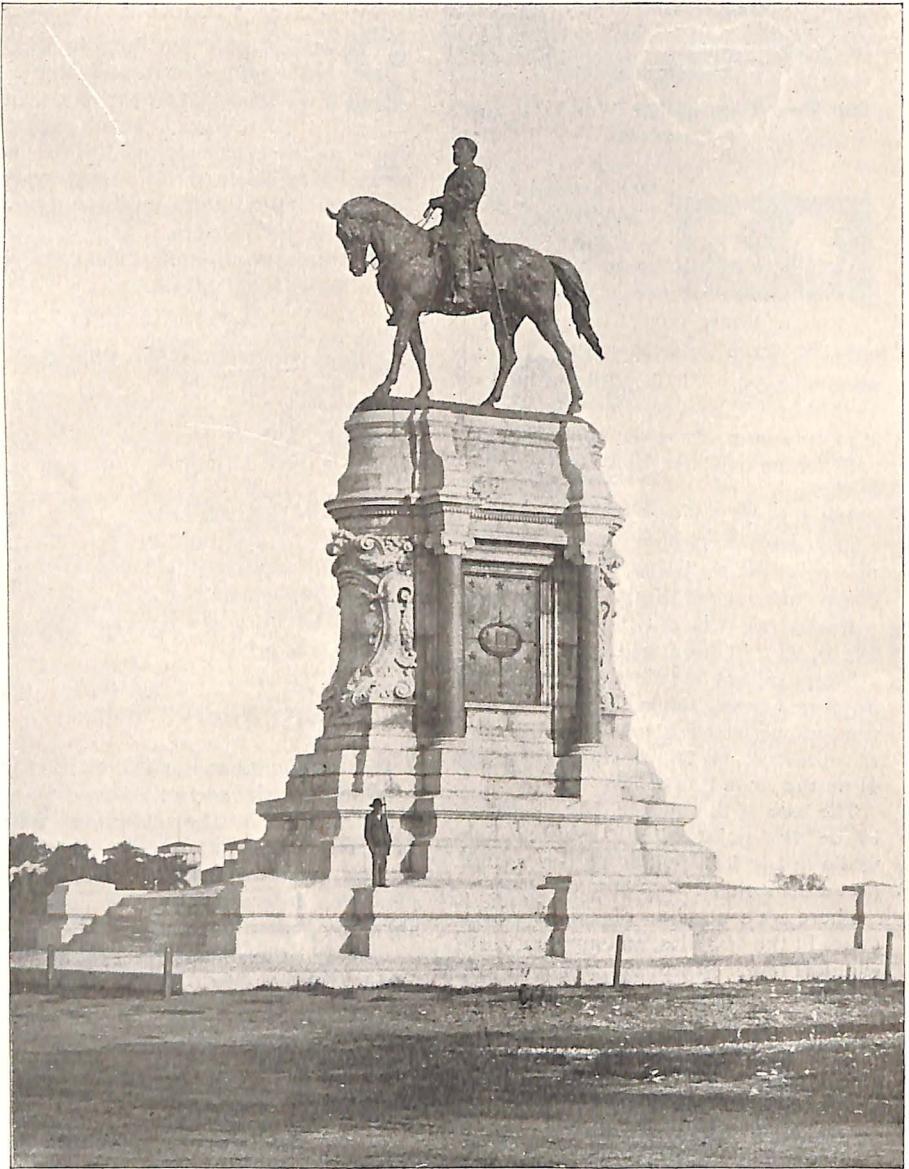
*Mekeel's Weekly* states that the colors of the 1c and 5c Hawaiians have also been changed. The colors are now:

- 1c green
- 2c carmine
- 5c blue.

Probably some more changes will take place as the current 10c is printed in green, and both the 12c and 25c are printed in blue.

### That "Vaster" Stamp.

MR. MULOCK'S vaster stamp than has been still continues to be issued by the department. As the stamp is dated "Xmas, 1898," it appears to us that its life has been elongated beyond all reason. People are tired salivating such a big area of mountains, lakes, rivers and oceans, and Canadians are beginning to learn that after all this holding of vaster empires than has been has its drawbacks when it comes to the sticking point. If it were only Great Britain and not Canada, that held both these vastnesses, everybody in this parish, at least, would be overjoyed. We would be better pleased to simply own a vaster P. M. G. than has been and leave these Japanese handkerchiefs with vast quotations to England, where they properly belong.—*The Flesherton Advance* (Ontario.)



LEE MONUMENT.  
UNVEILED MAY 31st, 1890.



Glimpses of Richmond, Va.

II

VERY true Virginian is a hero-worshipper, and in the capital of the Old Dominion one may find many evidences of the appreciation and love which live in the hearts of her people for the thousands who have laid down their lives for the glory of their beloved State and the principles which upheld it. The monuments of Richmond rest on a soil hallowed by history and by traditions which we hold dear because they seem a part of the very air we breathe, and any day the traveler would be richly repaid by taking a glimpse of the granite and bronze which involuntarily recall the dauntless heroism of the Southern warriors who would shrink at nothing but dishonor, and who have left behind them a track of light that today guilds the monuments which tell the story of *our* gratitude and *their* devotion.

In a summer afternoon go to "Hollywood," that most picturesque of Southern cemeteries, which commands a beau-



tiful view of the James—and stand beside the pyramid which was placed there in 1869 in honor of 12,000 who fell under the "Stars and Bars." It is built of rough granite and is very impressive. The Virginia creeper climbed 90 feet to festoon the apex. You would wish to stay in the cool of the shadows, but feel that the flight of time may deprive you of a sight of Lee, in bronze, which

Mercie designed in Paris, and which springs from an ornamental granite base—the work of the French architect Pujot. This statue is the central figure in the space known as "Lee Circle", from whence, by walking a short distance, we come to "Howitzer Place", and catch a sight of a graceful pedestal surmounted by a cannoneer in bronze, placed there in honor of the three companies of the Richmond Howitzers who participated in every engagement from Bethel to the end.

Some distance from this artistic figure and in the central portion of the city is the "Capitol Square", which holds the statue of Jackson, and at the feet of this

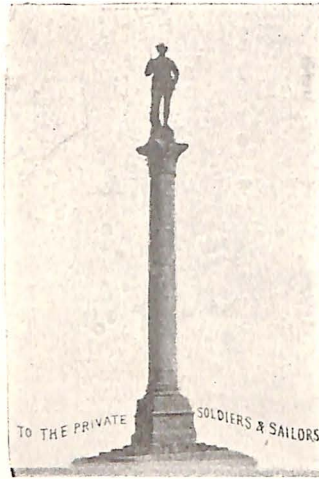


genius and hero are inscribed the memorable words of Bee, "Look! there is Jackson, standing like a stone-wall!" and our heart puts its own music to that beautiful poem by Margaret Preston which has, as a refrain, the dying words of the man whose memory we cherish, "Let us pass over the river and rest 'neath the shade of the trees".

Leaving the western portion of the city, a ride of a few minutes brings us to "Libby Hill", where, crown-

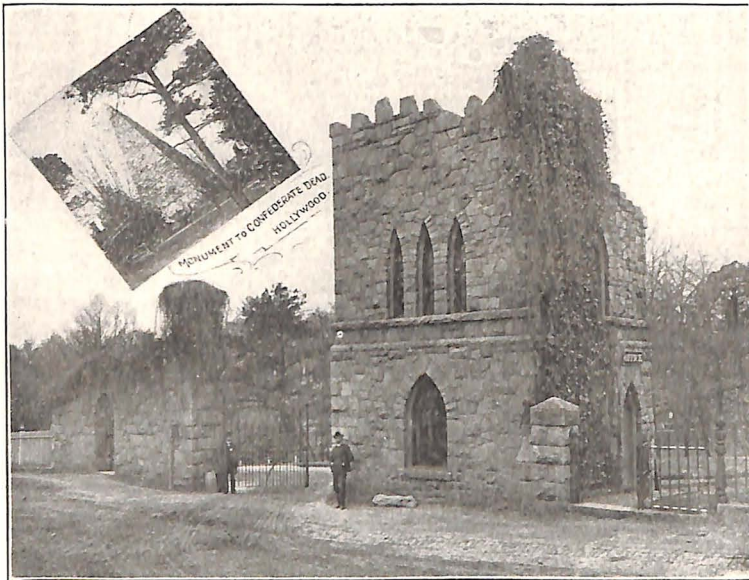


ing the summit and dominating the landscape for miles around, rises the bronze Soldiers' and Sailors' monument—an imitation of Pompey's pillar, surmounted by a Confederate infantryman, (the design of Richmond's artist, Prof. W. L. Sheppard), with the river below, and the whole city on its right. Mounting the steps which support the column, one sees a panorama of green, stretching on and on until it touches the horizon, where the dark profiles



of the distant trees are seen against a background of sky which the setting sun has turned to gold. There is a stillness about the scene that makes one forget the hours gently slipping by, and time, instead of flying, seems to hover. We look above us, and are conscious of a feeling which is something akin to the altitude of the soldier who stands there.—We lean against the column—it is the heart of the South.

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The Postage Stamps of Japan.

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V.

ISSUE 1875 MARCH.

Same design as the issue of August 1872; no plate numbers; same paper and perforation as the issue just previous.



A2

51. 1 sen brown.

52. 4 sen green.

52a. blue green.

It is not quite clear why these were printed from the old plates; possibly by an oversight or perhaps the old plates were used in an emergency. Their issue was evidently small, for they are quite scarce. The date of issue is given approximately, as it is certain that they were printed *after* the issue of February, 1875.

In the fall of the same year and the spring of 1876 two of the old values were re-engraved and a new value added to the list.

ISSUE 1875-76.

For the 1 and 2 sen same design as in the issue of August 1872, but the two branches at their intersection are held together by a double loop, the ends hanging down between the stems; for the 5 sen design similar to that of the last 6 sen, but with the inscriptions altered; the place occupied by the plate number on the 6 sen is filled by three small circles;



A13



A16

the center is nearly filled by four branches; size 24x27 mm. Engraving, impression paper and perforation same as in the last issues.

53. 1 sen brown (1876).

53a. pale brown.

54. 2 sen yellow (August 1875).

54a. pale yellow.

55. 5 sen green (March 1876).

55a. pale green.

55b. yellowish green.

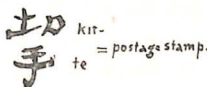
The plates of these three values show 40 varieties also; note some points of difference:

1 sen: The lettering varies.

2 sen: Same.

5 sen: 5 SEN sometimes tall, sometimes low and wide; the 3 circles in the lower part of the ribbon vary in position.

Of all these issues there are numerous counterfeits. I mention only a few of them. The 4 sen rose (No. 35 in this list) is often counterfeited by carefully perforating the stamp cut from the corresponding envelope of 1873, which has about a tenth the value of the adhesive. The forgery can be known by the *hexagon* inclosing the plate number, instead of a *rectangle* as in the adhesive. The  $\frac{1}{2}$  sen error (No. 9a) can easily be produced by skillfully erasing the two little strokes. The following forgeries belong to the "San-Ko" set above noticed:  $\frac{1}{2}$  sen gray (No. 43),  $\frac{1}{2}$  sen brown (No. 32), 2 sen vermilion (Nos. 11 and 19), 4 sen rose (Nos. 16, 22 and 27), 4 sen green (No. 52), 1 sen brown (No. 44), 10 sen green (No. 36), 20 sen lilac (No. 37), 30 sen gray (No. 38), 10 sen blue (No. 48), 20 sen carmine (No. 49), 30 sen purple (No. 50). All these show *six* Japanese characters in the center instead of *four* as in the genuine, the two extra characters being the "San-Ko" described before. The 5 sen green (No. 55) also shows *six* characters at the top instead of *four*, the "San-Ko" being placed at the left of the inscription. The originals of the 6 sen violet brown and the 6 sen orange show to the left of the center rosette these two characters:



The counterfeits have replaced them by the "San-Ko" characters. The 12 sen carmine, 15 sen lilac and 45 sen car-

mine (Nos. 40, 41 and 42) bear these two characters as follows: 12 sen to left and right of the bird's head; 15 sen in the inner circle under the upper inscription of value 15 SEN; 45 sen to the left and right of the rock on which the bird is sitting. These three stamps as well as the  $\frac{1}{2}$  sen, 2 sen, 1 sen, 10 sen green and blue, 20 sen carmine and 30 sen purple named above can also be distinguished by the large rosette having sometimes 14, sometimes 15 divisions, instead of 16 as in the original. This test will not answer for the 4 sen rose, 4 sen green, 20 sen lilac, 30 sen gray, as they show 16 divisions.—Two counterfeits of the 12 and 45 sen (Nos. 40 and 42) in my possession are printed on yellowish paper instead of the pure white of the originals; the lettering is very poor and the perforation resembles a roulette.

With the issue of 1876 Japan abandoned its old methods of manufacture and adopted modern processes of reproduction. There are therefore no type varieties in the following issues.

#### ISSUE 1876-79.

##### a. MARCH 17, 1876.



A14



A15

Upright rectangle (22x 25 mm.) containing a large colored oval, touching the border of the stamp and bounded by two white lines; on this oval above in Japanese characters "Taï Nippon teï Koku juben" (postage stamp of the empire of Japan), below IMPERIAL JAPANESE POST, both in white on colored ground; within the oval above a rosette, in the center a solid circle of color containing the Japanese designation of value in white letters, below three leaves, all on a ground of dots of color, except in the 4 sen, where the space is filled by arabesques. The cor-

ners contain the value in English: in white on a lined ground on the 5 sen, in color in circles on the 1 sen, in squares on the 2 sen, in white in colored circles on the 4 sen; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 55. 5 sen gray.
- 56a. slate-gray.
- 57. 1 sen black.
- 58. 2 sen olive-brown.
- 59. 4 sen green.
- 59a. grayish green.
- 59b. bluish green.
- 59c. pale green.

##### b. JUNE, 1876—NOVEMBER, 1877.



A17

Same general design, but in the oval a rosette in the center, a star above and branches on either side; the oval is white and contains Japanese inscriptions in color: above "Taï Nippon teï Koku juben," below value; it is surrounded by a double rectangle containing in white on color English inscriptions: above JAPANESE EMPIRE, at right and left POST, below value; the corners contain the value; in the spandrels various emblems of transportation: on the 5 sen a winged wheel, on the 6 sen a propeller, on the 8 sen the same from the side, on the 10 sen horseshoe and whip, on the 12 sen a balloon; typographed in color on white wove paper, perforated variously (see below).

- 60. 5 sen brown.
- 60a. red brown.
- 60b. pale brown.
- 61. 6 sen orange.
- 61a. brown-yellow.
- 61b. ochre-yellow.
- 62. 8 sen puce.
- 62a. violet-brown.
- 63. 10 sen blue.
- 63a. light blue.
- 64. 12 sen rose.
- 64a. light rose.

The 5 sen was issued June 23, 1876, the 6 sen, 10 sen and 12 sen June 29, 1877, the 8 sen in November, 1877.

(To be Continued.)



### The Truth About Foreign Exchanging

HERBERT IREY WATTS.

MR. FRED. W. BURT'S article, "Even Exchanging," in the March number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST, does a great injustice to collectors in other lands. It is true that there can be found many philatelic frauds on "t'other side of the pond," but Burt's article gives the impression that all persons who advertise to do such exchanging are fakes.

I have had experience with many people in the very countries that Mr. Burt names, and the very best exchangers the whole world affords are to be found in Holland and Belgium.

The main trouble with United States collectors is that they are apt to send stamps that are as common in foreign countries as at home. Do not send cheap stamps and expect rare ones back. Stamps do not need to be high priced to be desirable. Certain stamps catalogued 50c each will bring more in exchange than others catalogued at \$2.00. Use some judgment in sending out your stamps and remember that "as you measure out to others it shall be measured back to you."

Our friend speaks of the desire by foreign collectors to receive the "rare" U. S. stamps in exchange for lower priced foreign. Did it never occur to you that many foreign stamps are worth more in the country where issued than abroad? Nowhere in all the world are our stamps as valuable as at home, and the reason is that philatelists are very apt to specialize in the issues of their native land. Thus a stamp catalogued by Scott at 10c may be worth 25c in the country of its issue. An instance of this is the 3ore brown, 1865, of Sweden, catalogued at 2c by Scott and worth in Sweden 5c.

Anyone who selects his foreign correspondents with care, then sends them good stamps and accords them honorable treatment will rarely have cause to complain.

I have myself carried on exchanges with an Afghan who could read no English, and we exchanged stamps for over two years without either understanding a word the other wrote, and a fairer and more honest man I never dealt with.

Don't cry down foreign exchanging simply because you can't trade current U. S. for obsolete foreign, as many try to do.

### A Good Find.

THE old hair trunks are credited with a number of "finds" but in this case it was not a trunk but a drawer that was the holder of what you and I, dear reader, would like to lay hands on, at least once. But what was it? you ask. Well "it" was only 21 Nashvilles in shades, ranging from light carmine through the reds and browns down to a very dark brown, almost black-brown, one absolutely perfect Rheatown, and a Memphis envelope.

They were found by a boy who was looking over his grandfather's papers and he tells me that he only looked in one drawer and there are eight or ten more besides other receptacles to follow.

BRITON.

### Personal.

OWING to recent protracted illness, much of my correspondence has been unanswered. Will all my patrons who have sent me orders from which they have received no replies kindly write me and receive prompt compliance?

Respectfully,

R. H. BUNCE,  
107 High St., Middletown, Conn.



## New York Correspondence.

LENNOD.

WELL, by the time this is in print, the great stamp exhibition in the borough of Brooklyn, will be a thing of the past. The exhibition can't be anything but successful, and hopes are entertained that the promoters will make it an annual affair, to be looked forward to. The attendance will in all probability be much larger than the most sanguine expectations.

What results will follow this exhibition is merely a matter of conjecture, but one thing is certain, no harm but much good will be accomplished. If the seeds sown fall on good ground (and Brooklyn earth is said to be as good as the best) perhaps the dealers' coffers will be speedily filled to overflowing. Come to think of it, why not hold a stamp exhibition down in old Richmond the coming fall,—when the Southern Philatelic Association holds forth its annual convention. Richmond and the surrounding country can boast of many fine and valuable collections, and an exhibition of this kind would not lack for material. In this manner many philatelic treasures can thus be shown to all present without any careless handling, which latter process wears on the patience of the fortunate owner. Some attempt was made to have an exhibition in New York last summer during the conventions, but the lack of support discouraged the few projectors, and—you can guess the rest. Perhaps our Southern brethren are more energetic and can overcome all obstacles, and not let a few drawbacks dishearten them. The Virginia Philatelic Association ought to be

able to arrange something presentable in this line.

Much comment has been caused by the reports from various sources on the great demand for periodical and newspaper stamp remainders and although the large number of sets placed on sale in this borough was bought up within seventy-two hours, it does not follow that collectors were the only buyers, or that the line of waiting purchasers was composed of collectors. If we can judge from the article in *The Metropolitan Philatelist* speculators seem to have gotten most of the sets. Not content with buying up the quantity in this city, they rushed to Brooklyn, and the nearby cities in New Jersey, with the evident idea in view of freezing out collectors, and later asking exorbitant prices for a set of nondescript labels. Quoting from *The Metropolitan*, " \* \* \* The rush at Bridgeport was soon over; the first two collectors at the window took the entire lot, and this has been the experience of all other cities we have heard from up to date. The stamps were largely bought by non-philatelic speculators \* \* \* ." From the Washington letter of March 6th, " We were fortunate enough to have as large a supply as any other city in the country, but today one New York party secured 1000 sets. Another \$1000 draft is now on hand and will probably be attended to tomorrow." " \* \* \* \* The climax was reached today by the receipt of a cablegram ordering 1000 sets, from Germany." Another extract reads, " Large quantities will be bought up by speculators who are mostly not at all interested in philately." It is reasonably sure that speculators will have the upper hand of the market ere the limit is reached and the "unfortunate" collectors who desire but one set will have to pay the piper, or wait until the bubble is pricked—as is usually the case in philatelic speculation. When the excite-



ment has abated, collectors will then realize how matters stand and refuse to bow to the dictums of the speculators—if they have gumption enough to do so. Mind, I do not speak disparagingly of the speculator, but I wish to obliterate the impression that the excessive demand for these remainders is caused by the demand from individual collectors, who want one set and not a hundred. The excerpts quoted certainly bear out my opinion. I note that the *American Journal of Philately* comes out strong against them and Mr. Calman says that some of the values are nothing more than reprints made by the Government expressly for this occasion. Well, it's hard to define what constitutes a Government reprint and a Government remainder—one is about as good to discourage as the other.

So Virgin Islands was the first British colony to cut loose from the Leeward Islands confederation. Of course, it was understood, the first act to execute, was to prepare a handsome set of postal stationery. Strange, the De la Rue design was not adopted, but, perhaps the postmaster knows a thing or two, and will give us a series of surprises in the near future. The first illustration of the new stamps appeared in the March number of the *A. J. of P.* There are eight denominations from  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny yellow green to 5 shillings dark blue. Haven't heard as yet whether this colony intends to conform with the "penny postage" agreement. By the way, I hear some one saying that in all probability the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  penny denomination would shortly become obsolete, as the sea-going rate had been reduced to two pence. This is an error—the latter rate applies only to England and her colonies, that have mutually agreed to such a reduction; to all other countries the rate remains as formerly, and although a two pence will be issued, the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  pence will

not be discontinued. It is also rumored that the seven pence stamp of these colonies will probably become obsolete. Should Virgin Islands enter the above arrangement that value would be a desirable stamp to possess.

The initial number of *Stamps*, although fulfilling all promises made, as regards contents, is *not*, judging from this number, "the finest illustrated journal for collectors issued in any land," as the publishers claim.

The second instalment from the list published last month is continued as follows: Tunis, 1888, 1 and 2c, current 25 and 15c; Postage Due, 1c. Germany 1868 roul., 2gr., 3k.; 1869, 3k, perf; official 1gr.; 1872, large shield  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ gr. Bavaria, 1870, 1kr. Saxony, 1863, any. Wurtemberg, current, 2 and 25 pf. Gibraltar, 5c. Great Britain, 1858-64, 2d blue; 1870,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d; 1880, 1d Venetian red; 1884,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d; current 5., and 1s; I. R. official  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d. Levant 40p. Greece, Brussels print, 2-1; Postage Due 2-1. Guatemala, 1886, 5c (small 5). Hawaii, 1894, 1c. Haiti, any. Dutch Indies, 1874, 25c. Italy, Segnatasse, 20c; Official 5c, 1-1; Eritrea 1c, 2c. Japan, 50s brown, Silver Wedding 2c. Jamaica, current, 2d,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. Luxemburg, current, 1, 5c, S. P. 1882, 1c, current 1c. Malta,  $\frac{1}{2}$ d, 1d. Mauritius, 1 on 2c, current 2c. Mexico, '84, 5c, 1885, 2c, 3c, 1886, 5c blue, 10c lilac, current 1c official red, brown, current, any. Monaco, 1885, 1, 2c, 1891, 2c. Montenegro, any. New South Wales, current, 2d,  $2\frac{1}{2}$ d. New Zealand, any,  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2d, Insurance  $\frac{1}{2}$ , 1, 2d. Norway, 1863, 4s, current 50a. Sweden, Losen 1a, official 4a, gray 5a, 2a. Persia, 1885, 5ch, 1889 5c, 1894, 2c. Peru, 1874, 1, 5, 10c. Bermudez, any, 1896, 1, 2, 5, 10c, 1897, 1, 2, 5c, 1894, 2c. Portugal, 1870, 80r, 1880, 25r, 1882, 50r, 1885, 25r, 1892, 15r, 1894 Don Henry 5, 10r, 1895, 20r, Newspaper  $2\frac{1}{2}$ r.

The continuation of this list will appear in the next issue.

Just as I am about to close my correspondence for this month, I receive a bulky auction catalogue from the J. W. Scott Stamp Co., listing Mr. J. V. Painter's collection. The sale will occur at the Collectors' Club and will take six nights to complete. March 27th, 28th and 29th, and 3rd, 4th and 5th of April. The sale comprises just 2,626 lots and is one of the largest sales held in years. A beautiful full page half-tone of some of the "treasures" includes a one penny Post Office, Mauritius. A fine copy of British Guiana 4 cents 1856. Unused copies of St. Vincent, Scott's Nos. 35, 34, and 31, the latter very fine. France and her colonies take up 150 numbers. Great Britain about 70 numbers, and United States the first one hundred lots. St. Lucia is well represented with 24 numbers and St. Vincent with 36. Switzerland contains a veritable list of good things, which are divided into 43 lots. To describe everything would require too much space. I think a priced catalogue of this sale would be a handy reference book.

### Boston Scraps.

BEAN EATER.

The newspaper and periodical stamps were placed on sale here on the morning of Feb. 25. It was reported that 4,000 sets were Boston's share, and they were consumed within two weeks' time. Other first-class post offices in our vicinity reported sales as being large, and present indications seem to show that the stamps will not last two months throughout the U. S. Where are those fellows that predicted that there would be a large supply to destroy at the end of the year?

A gilt-edge auction sale will be held by the New England Stamp Co. on the evenings of April 24 and 25. This firm has not held a previous sale for three

years, which was remarkable from the fact that the stamps offered brought over 90 per cent of catalogue quotations.

B. L. Drew and Co.'s auction sale of gilt-edge stamps took place February 27 and 28. The following are some of the prices realized: 5c red New Haven reprint, \$12.10; 10c 1847 new, \$11.70; 5c, 1855, brick red, new, catalogued as a "gem of purest ray serene," sold for \$58.15; 90c 1855 new, \$13.70; State Department \$2.00 brought \$12.00; \$20 sold for \$35.00; Periodicals, 1875 issue, 84c denomination sold for \$8.50; 96c, \$6.25; \$6, \$3.25; \$9, \$7.75; \$12, \$8.75; \$35, \$11.50; \$48, \$15.00; \$60, \$23.50; 5c Athens, Ga., Confederate local, superb copy on original cover brought \$30.50; Baton Rouge, La., 5c unused for \$33.00; Petersburg, Va., 5c for \$11.75; Barbadoes, 1878, 1d on half of 5sh, number 62, brought \$28.25; British Columbia, \$1.00, 1863, perf 12½, for 17.75; British Honduras, 1884, 6d mint state, \$11.50; 1sh same issue, \$11.25; British Protectorate, 1888, 2sh 6d, mint, for \$10.25; 5sh same issue, \$12.75; Buenos Ayres 3 peso green, fine, unused, \$18.75; Congo, postal packet stamp, number 51, mint, \$6.00; number 54 used, \$10.00; Lagos, 1885, 2sh 6d unused, \$31.00; 5sh same issue, same condition, \$31.00; Mauritius, number 10, used, \$23.25; number 11, used, \$10.00; St. Vincent, 1 on half of 6d, pair, \$62.00; Spain, 1853, 1c bronze, unused, \$7.50; Swiss, Zurich, 4r, vertical lines, \$65.00; Two Sicilies, ½ and number 16, \$10.00 and Wurtemberg, 70k, \$10.00. The stamps that brought the most on an average were the New South Wales Sidney Views; some brought as high as 80 per cent of catalogue value. The first evening's sale brought 56 per cent of catalogue but the second dropped down to slightly over 40 per cent.

The Cuban 2c de peso surcharged stamp has made its appearance here. It is quite apparent, from the looks, that the



same plate that was used in surcharging the 2½c de peso, was used on this stamp also, after cutting out the fraction.

The latest news at the Hub from Newfoundland is that all the dies, plates, etc. of the 1866 to 1896 issues of stamps, which were in the possession of the American Bank Note Co. of New York, have been destroyed. The plates include the 6c pink, 12c brown, 13c orange, 24c blue and 10c black.

Reprints of these stamps hereafter will be an impossibility, and Newfoundland will stand on a firmer basis thereby.

### Canadian Notes.

BY R. G. WIDDICOMBE.

The 2c red Canada envelope made its appearance about the middle of February. It is the same in design as the purple one which was recalled.

Mr. F. I. Weaver has changed the name of his *Canadian Philatelic Weekly* to the *Canadian Philatelic Review*, and will publish it fortnightly instead of weekly as heretofore.

It may seem rather early to some, but nevertheless the committee are already at work making arrangements for the 4th annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association, which will be held in Toronto this summer. They intend to leave no stone unturned to make it a record-breaker in point of attendance and helpfulness.

The Canadian Philatelic Press Club, which has been talked about so much of late, is at last a reality. An election will be held shortly. Mr. F. I. Weaver, of Berlin, Ontario, is Secretary *pro tem*.

The 2c purple envelope (error) is selling at from 25 to 75 cents each at present.

Quite a number of high value Jubilees were on sale at the Toronto, Ontario,

post-office recently. The 20c of this issue was on hand at the office here (St. Catharines) a short time ago.

There is a big demand for the Imperial Penny Postage stamps in used condition. Anywhere from 25c to \$1.00 per 100 is offered for them. The lavender is sold at much higher than these figures.

If it is really true that the firm of Williams & Co., of Lima, Peru, are frauds, a few Canadians will be losers too. I may consider myself lucky that I wasn't taken in by them, as they wrote me to send on to them stamps on approval at several different times. They wanted something rare—if I remember right full sheets of ½c and 8c jubilees were especially desired. It seems strange that some one did not "get on" to these fellows before, as they have been advertising for quite a few months past. But now that it is done, is there no way to get at them, and bring them to justice?

Canadian philatelic journalism apparently is not prospering as it was some time ago. From about eight magazines, we are now reduced to four, one of these being a fortnightly.

Very little is heard of the new Canadian philatelic society just now. Friend Bach and the *Montreal Philatelist* appear to be pretty much the "whole thing," but I hope that the interest will soon spread.

Mr. Charles Bailey, the well-known dealer and collector, and president of the Dominion Philatelic Association, has been on the sick list for some time past, but is now on the road to recovery.

Alexander Gunn, the postmaster at Kingston, Ontario is carrying on a series of tests regarding steamship lines carrying mail matter, to determine which gives the best results.

It is stated that St. Catharines, Ontario, and Richmond, Quebec, will be in the field for next convention seat of the D. P. A.

### English Items.

BY W. F. TREGO.

The reduction of colonial postage rates to a penny largely increased the letter dispatches. The first mail to Canada was larger by 50 per cent., and those to East India and Hong Kong, etc., and to the West Indies by 30 per cent. The first mail from Canada also was 50 per cent. larger. It is said that innumerable letters were posted to the United States, Mauritius, Siam, etc., bearing only a penny stamp. The Queen has accepted a silver penny from Mr. Henniker Heaton as a memento of the I. P. P.

The authorities are considering the question of selling postcards at face value, which was done from 1870 to April, 1872, but owing to complaints from the manufacturers the price was raised to  $\frac{3}{4}$ p for one,  $1\frac{1}{4}$ p for two, etc.

The *Daily Mail* publishes the following strange history of a postcard: "On Oct. 20th a card was posted in Italy addressed to a member of one of the largest firms in the North of London, and was only received on Saturday last (Jan. 8th), in a most strange manner. On unpacking a case of oranges from Spain, which had been purchased with many others by the buyer of the firm's fruit department at the wharf, the card in question was discovered among a lot of other miscellaneous papers, which had been used for the purpose of packing the said oranges securely." The postcard in question was sent to the *Daily Mail* offices, with the above note from its recipient.

Post-offices have been established at Fashoda, and some other places in the Soudan.

The Lieutenant-Governor of Burma is recommending the exestablishment of a postal service between Burma and Talifa, in Yunnan, Western China. The service

would be carried out by "dak-runners," men who run, two together, carrying the mail-bags on their heads, and equipped with a spear with bells attached. The route is divided into stages of ten miles, which the runners cover in about an hour and a half.

Mr. Lewin Hill, C. B., assistant secretary at the G. P. O. retired on January 10th. after 43 years' service. He is nephew of Sir Rowland Hill and the last of the Hill family connected with the Post Office.

At the sale by Messrs. Ventom Bull & Co., of the collection of the late Mr. Gilbert Lockyer the following prices were realized:—British Columbia, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ p imperforate, a pair, \$210; Nevis, 1sh. on bluish, unused, \$20; ditto, 6p lith., unused \$30.60; ditto 6p green, unused \$21.85; Virgin Isles, 6p rose, unused, \$21.25; Barbados,  $\frac{1}{2}$ p green, comp. perf., unused, \$15.60; ditto, 1p on half 5sh, rose red, \$28.70; St. Vincent, 4p on 1sh, vermilion, \$37.50; ditto, wmk. star, 5sh, rose, unused, \$58.70; British Honduras, perf. 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ , 3c on 3p, brown, \$25. The total amount realised exceeded £1000 (\$5000.)

The *Philatelic Monthly* says that an Austrian Mercury of 1856, scarlet, was sold recently by a Berlin dealer to a collector in London for about £220 (\$1100.) The stamp was on the original newspaper in perfect condition, with wide margins.

On February 1st. the fees for private posting-boxes, which hitherto have been available only for large business firms, etc., will be reduced to a scale enabling the ordinary householder to avail himself of the box. This will be an experiment, confined to the London district.

The number of letters delivered in the British Isles during last (postal) year was 2,012,300,000; of postcards 360,400,000; of book-packets 727,300,000; and newspapers 150,900,000.

The average number of letters per head of the population was 50.



## VIRGINIA PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION

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Official Organ: THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST.

Association meets on the 10th of every month, at  
 8 o'clock p. m., at 13 N. Eleventh St.,  
 Richmond, Virginia.

RICHMOND, VA., *Mar. 10, 1899.*

*To the Members of the V. P. A.:*

The twentieth meeting was called to order on the above date in the Association's rooms at 8.30 P. M. President J. F. Mayer presided and the attendance was unusually large.

The secretary was unable to be present till late in the evening and the President appointed Mr. R. J. Redford to act *pro tem*.

Mr. Dietz explained the delay in the delivery of this month's PHILATELIST by stating that the press of its printers had met with a mishap which caused many day's delay.

Messrs. Mayer and Dietz gave short but enthusiastic and very interesting talks on the coming convention.

The magnificent general collection of Major Mayer was inspected with much pleasure.

Stamp exchanging followed and the meeting which was a most enjoyable one was adjourned at 10.30 P. M.

Respectfully submitted,

W. S. AHERN, Sec'y,  
 per REDFORD.

[NOTE.—On account of the late appearance of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST for March it was impossible to have responses per postal from out-of-town members in regard to the proposition of Mr. Stearns at the February meeting. Subsequently a number of replies have come to hand—unanimous in favor of the proposed affiliation with the Southern Philatelic Association. It is expected that all votes will be in the hands of the Secretary on or before the 10th of April.—EDITOR.]

## SOUTHERN PHILATELIC ASSOCIATION.

President—H. Fenton, P. O. Box 8, Knoxville, Tenn.  
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### President's Address.

*Southern Philatelic Association.*

BROTHER MEMBERS:

Our Association is rapidly advancing. Nineteen applications for membership in two months is, I believe, the record and if we could only keep up this rate we should be able to show 200 members on the list by next Convention.

The idea of making our Association a Federation of Southern Philatelic Societies—is steadily growing. A movement is already on foot to organize State societies in Tennessee and Kentucky with a view to affiliation with the S. P. A. and if each State would do likewise what an accession of strength it would mean for us. I therefore respectfully suggest that the members in each State organize, elect officers and do what they can in furtherance of "affiliation."

I believe it would be best for these State or local societies to organize on a uniform basis and I will appoint Messrs. August Dietz, W. S. Ahern and Roy B. Bradley a committee to draft a "Constitution and By-Laws" which can be published in the official organ for your approval or suggestions.

Our Sales Superintendent reports good sales in his department but would like more names on his list to receive circuits. Any one wishing to participate in the benefits of the department will please notify Mr. Waring. A postal card will answer the purpose.

We are under obligations to the philatelic press for favorable mention, more especially the Virginia Philatelist, Lone State Philatelist and The Stamp Tribune.

The philatelic outlook was never more favorable and unless the catalogues spoil the market by forcing prices too high our hobby is on the eve of an era of prosperity. The boys are more active than they have been for several years past and the more advanced collectors should never allow an opportunity to encourage the juveniles to pass without recognition.

Yours for the S. P. A., H. FENTON, Pres.

### Secretary's Report.

#### NEW MEMBERS.

- 143 Dickey, Eugene Cabell, Knoxville, Tenn.  
 144 Verbeck, Wm, M., Box 811, Ballston Spa, N. Y.  
 145 Jones, W. Ashby, 604 W. Franklin-st., Richmond, Va.  
 146 Butler, Basil G., 1302 Floyd-ave., Richmond, Va.  
 147 Mayer, Maj. Jno. F., 1212 E. Main-st., " "  
 148 Christian, Thos., 1319 Floyd-ave., " "  
 149 Moser, C. F. W., 16 S. 1st-st., " "  
 150 Reilly, Jr., Daniel J., 2260 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, N. Y.  
 151 Spott, V. E. A., 806 N. 6th-st., Richmond, Va.  
 152 Schott, Henry, Box 190, " "  
 153 Nolting, R. M., 18 N. Beach-st., " "  
 154 Shelton, W. P., 11 So. 3rd-st., " "

#### APPLICATIONS.

- Wendelin Weber, age 38, 904 Eagle-st., Buffalo, N. Y. Organist and Choir Director. Member A. P. A. No. 412, P. S. of A. No. 881. Refs., Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry, F. Stearns.  
 H. E. Deats, age 28, Flemington, N. J. Farmer. Specialty U. S. and C. S. A.; member 10 associations. Refs., W. C. Lowry, F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz.  
 J. E. Allemong, age 29, Salem, Va. Attorney at Law. Member V. P. A. Refs., W. C. Lowry, A. Dietz, F. Stearns.  
 Sergt. J. C. Weckert, age 22, 1512 E. Broad-st., Richmond, Va. Attorney at Law. Refs., F. Stearns, Aug. Dietz, W. C. Lowry.  
 \*Ira C. Holt, Spring Valley, Wis. Age 19, Clerk. Refs., Walter C. Lowry, Carl A. Wiltham, J. H. Fesemaier.  
 \*Henry Walff, Richfield, N. J. Age 15, Student. Refs., Wm. Meirose, W. Peterson, W. C. Lowry.  
 \*W. H. McClure, Waynesville, N. C. Age 33, Mining Foreman and Mechanic. Refs., H. Fenton, R. L. Allen, W. C. Lowry.  
 R. L. Deitrick, Lorraine, Va. Telegrapher. Refs., Roy B. Bradley, W. C. Lowry, Aug. Dietz.  
 Alexander Battiste, Port au Prince, Haiti. Age 59, Clergyman, U. S. Deputy Consul. Refs., R. S. Nelson, Edgar Turbush, Jos. J. Disce.  
 Those marked \* desire to participate in the Sales Department.

#### RESIGNATIONS ACCEPTEED.

- J. S. Ross, Moncton, N. B., Canada.  
 L. S. Millard, Santa Anna, Texas.  
 Alfred E. Cole, Plainfield, N. J.  
 F. W. Heusinger, San Antonio, Texas.

#### CHANGES IN ADDRESS.

- R. J. Redford from 1417 W. Leigh-st. to 1307 W. Clay-st., Richmond, Va.  
 W. Russell Brown from Winnipeg, Man., to Port Arthur, Ont., Can.

### Treasurer's Report.

#### RECEIPTS.

Balance.....	\$14.52
Received from members.....	7.05
Total.....	\$21.57

#### EXPENDITURES.

Feb. 1 To "V. P." for Feb.....	\$1.10	\$1.19
Balance on hand.....	\$20.47	

Respectfully Submitted,

W. C. LOWRY, Sec.-Treas.

### Report of Sales Supt.

On hand last report, Feb. 9, 87 books.....	\$1256.09
Received since, 14 books.....	222.80
Retired, 25 books.....	291.44
From which have been sold.....	73.90
Now in circulation 76 books, value.....	1188.45
Insurance fund.....	37.90
Sales from books retired 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.	

CHARLES WARING.

### Board of Trustees Report.

WE WERE greatly pleased to see the resolution passed at the last meeting of the Virginia Philatelic Association in the March number of THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST. Both of us are members of the V. P. A. also and we heartily endorse the motion. "In union there is strength," and to use the words of our friend Dietz, "let's confederate" and form one great society, known as the Southern Philatelic Association. We have to report that one party, Mr. R. C. Bach, of Montreal, Can., has been objected to as a member of the S. P. A. and we are at present investigating the matter and will be able to report more definitely soon.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Yours fraternally, EMIL GERLICH,  
 ROBERT KESSLER,  
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.

### S. P. A. Members Take Notice!

WE herewith again call the attention of all members who have not paid their dues yet, to this matter and we hope that all those who have not yet paid, will do so at once. The Secretary-Treasurer is hereby respectfully instructed to drop all members who have not paid their dues by **May 10th.**

Yours fraternally, EMIL GERLICH,  
 ROBERT KESSLER,  
 Board of Trustees S. P. A.



### S. P. A. Prizes.

To THE member of the S. P. A. who secures the largest number of new members for the Association between December 1 1898, and the first day of the 1899 Convention, THE VIRGINIA PHILATELIST will give as a prize the sum of \$10.00. The member securing the next largest number of new members between dates named will receive a bound copy of Vol. II. of the V. P.

The conditions of this contest are that each member shall request the Secretary of the S. P. A. to list the applications secured by him and keep a record of the same, and the Secretary's report shall determine the winners of the prizes. No member is eligible to this contest unless he has secured and had admitted to membership at least 5 new members. This contest is not open to officers of the Association.

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40c ".....	7.50	3.00	5.00 Conveyance.....	2.50	.08
40c " Part Perf.....	.50	.20	5.00 Mortgage.....	1.00	.40
50c Mortgage.....	1.00	.40	5.00 Manifest.....	2.50	1.00
50c Conveyance ".....	.25	.10	10.00 Probate of Will.....	1.00	.40
60c Inland Exchange ".....	1.50	.60	10.00 Charter Party.....	1.00	.40
1c Telegraph.....	.20	.08	20.00 Conveyance.....	2.00	.80
2c Certificate, blue.....	1.00	.40	5c 2nd issue.....	.10	.04
3c Proprietary.....	.12	.05	20c ".....	.25	.10
4c ".....	.15	.06	30c ".....	1.00	.40
6c Inland Exchange.....	.25	.10	\$1.00 ".....	.15	.06
15c Foreign Exchange.....	.75	.30	1.50 ".....	.30	.12
30c ".....	1.00	.40	2.00 ".....	.75	.30
25c Warehouse Receipt.....	.75	.30	2.50 ".....	.50	.20
25c Life Insurance.....	.30	.12	3.00 ".....	2.00	.80
30c Inland Exchange.....	.10	.04	5.00 ".....	1.00	.40
50c Surety Bond.....	.10	.04	5c 3rd issue.....	.10	.04
50c Life Insurance.....	.10	.04	30c ".....	.40	.16
50c Lease.....	.50	.20	\$1.00 ".....	.10	.04
60c Inland Exchange.....	.15	.06	2.00 ".....	.75	.30
70c Foreign Exchange.....	.12	.05	2.50 ".....	.60	.25
\$1. Probate of Will.....	1.75	.75	3.00 ".....	2.00	.80
1. Manifest.....	.85	.35	5.00 ".....	1.00	.40
1. Life Insurance.....	.25	.10	1c Proprietary, 1871-75.....	.10	.04
1. Lease.....	.10	.04	2c ".....	.10	.04
1.50 Inland Exchange.....	.20	.08	3c ".....	.50	.20
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