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Dear Mrs. F. B. Roosevelt:

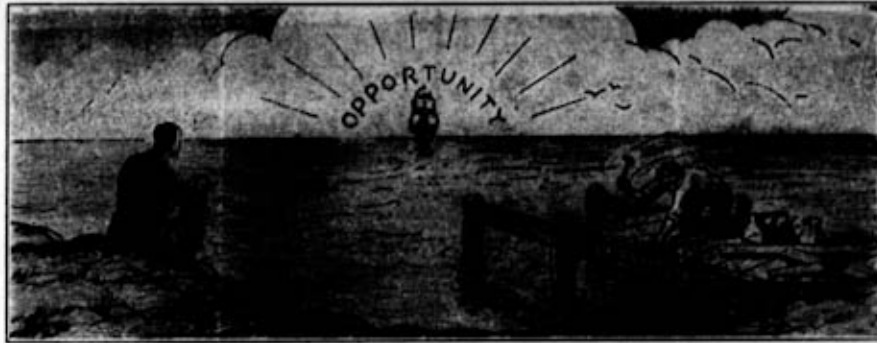
I have seen the Memorial from Hyde Park in the Bulletin Magazine, I remember well at the time of Theodor Roosevelt I used to Blasting his Boots now I been a Bootblack in my Boyhood Days in New York City, I soon be 83 years. Your dear Husband knows about me he wrote me that in his Letter to me.

Am year going around fast, I often think about Theodor Roosevelt and he been kind to me in all my Life. I am now on the Old Age Assistance and it is a Blessing we have that still many time I must ask some one to give me a Meal or some clothing. I Thank God that I never became a Smoker in a Smoking kappd or using Tobacco.

I never been in any School them years you did not need go to School and still the Children them days been better than now. Your dear Husband done me lots of Favors while in Washington and every body speaks well of him, I keep his Letters and often read them for past time. While Theoda Roosevelt became President he send me his Life Size Picture in a Frame to me and some one stole that from.

God Bless you, I be glad to get a Letter from you. Rev. Father Huntington of West Park (Holy Cross) used to visit me, I used to be his Altar Boy at the Mission in New York City on the East Side Ave. C.

Yours Truly Herbert J. Stahl.



There are two kinds of men: One kind sits down and waits, the other keeps on giving, doing something. You see both in this picture. Millions like them are scattered over the United States. They are the young men with "nothing to do" except follow the old plan to "wait until their ship comes in." While they wait let them work. Work brings the ship more quickly. Some young men wise, like the one on the right, build a dock out to the deep water, making it easy for the ship to land, and take them aboard. The other kind sits, whistles, whittles; with such, the idea is that the ship and its crew should be only too glad to do all the work, it is enough for him surely, to be alive, and waiting to be hauled on board. That Kind will Sit A Long time.

The meaning of this picture is that the man who works, studies, reads, thinks and takes any kind of Work He Can Get, while waiting for better, 'tis the man whose ship will come in. That ship is "Opportunity" and all the opportunity in the world will do us no good, if we are not ready and able to seize it when it appears. It is good to remember the ancient Greeks description of Opportunity; a creature with long hair in front but bald in the back. It must be seized as it comes toward us. If we wait until it goes by, there is no way to hold and stop it. (In these days of waiting and hoping, the wise work while they wait.) Letters are received from young people, merely complaining. They complain of the times, the depression, the lack of any Government plans, except the bad plan of charity, the dole or an imitation job. Few of us notice the lack of anything in ourselves, yet there, precisely, is where the chief lack is. Until we realize that, we continue sitting, whistling, waiting and hoping.

It is natural for a baby to sit crying, waiting for the Mother or Nurse to pick it up and carry it, it is proper for the patient with pneumonia or both legs broken to wait for the ambulance to take him to the hospital, he cannot help himself. But the grown man, and especially the young man, should refuse to play the baby or the invalid, He should look within himself, find out what is the matter with him, why it is that he sits waiting for somebody else to do for him, that which Men In The Past Have done For Themselves.

Every one of us can do something, or he can at least try to do something. A baby not able to walk, weeps when the Mother or nurse does not come, and the man with the broken leg waits in sorrow for the ambulance. The able-bodied man, should not wait for someone to pick him up and carry or sit crying because nobody comes. If you cant be president of a great corporation, then get a job digging a ditch or running errands, and when you get a job work at it. Don't sit around wondering why somebody doesn't hand you a better job, or how anybody expects you really to work at something that doesn't completely satisfy you. Fortunate is he, who realizes that the important thing about Work Is What It Does To Ourselves.

The young man starting on the running track or entering the gymnasium, does not ask, "What am I going to get out of it" ! he ask himself, "What am I going to put into it"? That is what he should ask when he goes into a job. If you put in enough every day training yourself physically, you may rely on results. If you put into your job enough energy, from start to finish, you need not worry about the results. Dont wait for your ship to come in, then run up on the beach and throw a bag of gold in your lap, It won't do that. PREPARE, BE READY. ! The writer is a man well known and made a study from boyhood days and is able to prove the wrong is done handing out charity to young men, he is able giving you advice how you should help young men and women.

Lawton Okla
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April 8, 1947

My Dear Mrs Roosevelt:
Inclosed is a poem
I composed in honor
of our late President
and your husband
F.D. Roosevelt. on the
day we first got the
news of his going on.
I was working then
in the Naval Air Station
at North Island Calif.
I trust this will
reach you.
May God Bless you

and keep you always
as you carry on
the Great work that
you're doing -

Respectfully

Mary E. Stallings
514 South 1st
Lawton Okla.

A SOUL CALLED ABOVE

The golden bells have rang again.
A soul has been called above
Leaving a nation filled with grief
For a great man they all loved.

He gave his best in time of peace.
His duty came first in war
That America might always stay free.
That's what he was striving for.

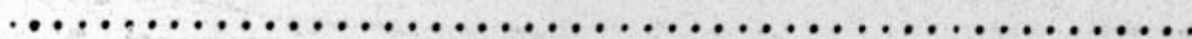
He traveled many miles in life.
With a ever helping hand.
We're proud to bow in reverence
For the President of our land.

Though our grief is great and hard to bear,
And our loss no words can tell
But America will always love him
For serving his country well.

May his soul find peace and rest
As he sleeps in his silent grave
And the stars and stripes of Ole Glory
Forever, over him wave.

For President Roosevelt

By Mary Stallings



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EDITORIAL . . .

Something We Have To Say

- ★ A letter from a friend this month goes into the vexed question of stamp prices. He brings up the old question of the tremendous variety in prices existing in any stamp magazine and the considerable headache this gives to the normal collector. Even in this magazine, there is bound to exist a variety of prices, which you would not normally meet with in other trades.
- ★ These, of course, are not normal times. The world stamp market to-day is very jumpy. Most dealers work on a certain basis to show a percentage of profit over cost and the answer is, of course, that dealers are buying in different markets.
- ★ It may be that for a given stamp, Dealer A is still selling from his original stock, having purchased a large quota at slightly over face, while Dealer B in an advertisement is offering the same stamp at double the price, the reason being that Dealer B's first quota has been sold and when he went into the wholesale market for his second quota, he had to pay a great deal more for it.
- ★ These conditions will always exist, but, of course, they are more prevalent at the present day than they have ever been. This state of affairs, at first glance, would be ideally suited to the fellow who studies advertising closely and jumps in where the market is cheapest, but it does not always work out this way.
- ★ Stamp dealers, to-day, build up their business on goodwill and steady custom. The steady customer, therefore, gets a great deal of individual attention to his needs. If there is anything good going in short supply, his dealer obviously turns it his way and there are many other privileges extended by the dealer to his regular customer. These privileges are naturally not shared by the casual buyer jumping in to purchase a specific cheap item.
- ★ A dealer will cater for the "jumping-in-quick" person — he is always looking for new clientele. He will do it for so long, but, obviously, one day the position arises when he has only one set of a particular series left and this naturally goes to the regular customer and Mr "Jump-in-quick" is left.
- ★ To sum up — over a given period of time, it is doubtful if the "buy from the cheapest" collector has paid very much less for the same material. The steady customer also may have a few extra scarce items to show that Mr "Jump-in-quick" missed, as they were only issued to regular customers.
- ★ Given the right dealer and the trusting client — the happiest relationship — one of mutual trust — should ensure an ideal service for the client and reasonable profit for the dealer and a position at the end of a given time where the collector, on reviewing his wares, admits he has had good service and a good deal.

THE New Brunswick Cents

1860-1868

By "B.N.A. SPECIALIST"

Connell — The
New Brunswick
Postmaster.

WHEN the British North American Colonies adopted the decimal system, in 1860, the New Brunswick cents were, perhaps, the most attractive of the new designs. Incidentally, this set included a stamp connected with an amazing episode in postal history. Unlike the earlier penny issues engraved and printed by Perkins Bacon & Co., the cents were the work of the American Bank Note Co., New York. There were six values—issued in sheets of 100, the 1c, 10c, 12½c, 17c, first appearing on the 15th May, the 5c, being delayed some months.

CONNELL'S FIVE CENT

The Postmaster General of New Brunswick, Mr Connell, who was responsible for the designs, chose his own portrait for the 5c denomination. This was not known until the first consignment arrived from the printers and the discovery caused such an uproar in official circles the Executive Council were compelled to order the stamp should not be issued and a new stamp of similar denomination be ordered at once. Connell, insisting the stamp would be issued, eventually resigned as this was not allowed. He purchased the 5c consignment at the time of his resignation, and with the exception of a few which were presented to friends as souvenirs, the rest were burnt. The stamp is a dark brown in shade and one of the great rarities of to-day. Since it was never issued, used copies, on or off covers, were, no doubt, "prepared and cancelled to order." During the period there was no 5c stamp on sale the public was somewhat inconvenienced, having to use five 1c stamps or a bisected 10c. Though this split—both vertical and diagonal—was not officially authorised, they were accepted by the authorities. When the new 5c was issued, the design closely resembled that of the 10c, and the portrait was similar. In 1863, the letter rate for internal postage was reduced from 5c per 10c to 2c, and this necessitated the issue of the last of the set, the 2c orange. The portrait on the 5c, 5c, and 10c of this issue should be studied in relation to the 1859 Colony of Canada 12½c, the 7½ penny of 1857, and the famous 12 penny black of 1851. This is taken from the state portrait by A. E. Chalon, R.A., commissioned by the young Queen as a gift for her mother, the Duchess of Kent, commemorating Her Majesty's first visit to the House of Lords.

QUANTITIES

Nearly all the used stamps of this set have no gum. In 1868, the year following Confederation, the "Large Cents" of the Dominion took their place. The remainder were, apparently, stored in the Custom House, St. John, and in 1885, when that building was

largely destroyed by fire, they were found stuck together. This may have been due to a wetting received at the time of the fire, or to the manner in which they had been packed away during the seventeen years. Whatever the cause, they had to be soaked apart, so removing the gum. Poole's handbook on New Brunswick gives the following figures which Jarrett mentions are doubtless correct, though the original source is not stated.

1c	200,000
2c	Not Known
5c (Connell)	Destroyed
5c	500,000
10c	200,000
12½c	400,000
17c	100,000

SHADES, PERFORATIONS, PAPERS, DESIGNS

No varieties of shade are recognised in the 10c, 12½c, and 17c, though the 12½c blue is found in a washed out blue. The 1c, a really beautiful little stamp depicting an early "Puffing Billy," is a masterpiece of engraving, the engine driver is quite easily seen in his cabin. It varies in shade from a dull purple to a dull ochre. The first printing of the 5c is a dark olive green—a sap green—quite distinct from the lighter shades following. The 5c is found from orange to orange yellow. The perforation is 12 and the paper a medium thickness, white wove for all values. The 10c is found on a medium yellowish wove, which Jarrett refers to as less common, one of this variety being in the writer's collection. Jarrett also mentions a finely ribbed soft white paper for the 1c, 10c, 12½c, and 17c. The 2c and 5c, and 10c, red portray the Queen, the 12½c our Atlantic steamer of the period, beautifully produced and the 17c, black, perhaps one of the most satisfying black stamps, Edward VII as the young Prince of Wales in Highland costume.

VARIETIES

One sheet of the 1c was issued without vertical perforations. The 5c has two recorded varieties. On stamp 5a there is a white dash extending upwards from the left ear pendant, and on stamp 6a a coloured line from the pendant downwards. The second would
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New Brunswick Cents—Con.

appear to be caused by a tool dropping on the plate, but the first—white line variety—is uncertain.

Recently, I found the complete set in an old nineteenth century album. The 1c, 10c, 12½c, 17c, have full original gum, disposing of the possibility they are remanufactured from the Custom House fire. The 5c, without gum, a beautiful copy of the deep orange shade shows a major re-entry which, I believe, has remained unchronicled until now. The entire wording, "New Brunswick Two Cents," is effected, every letter being badly formed, and the background—between and inside the lettering—has numberless white dots and patches. The white oval over the letters "New Bar" is doubled, the inside line cutting through the tops of the six letters. The 17c, has a black line extending from outside the frame of the lower right numeral, cutting through the top of the seven—making the two figures appear as a double one with a misplaced dash—and finishing at the base of the seven. This is an undoubted plate flaw. The album from which the two varieties came is not much younger than the stamps themselves. Counterfeits of this set are known—some used specimens in a friend's collection—while of great interest—are so crude they should deceive no one. All the New Brunswick cents are reasonably priced to-day. In both beauty of design and colouring they form an attractive addition to any Canadian collection.

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FINLAND.

Supplies of the new Tamiasari Commemorative are now to hand. The value is 8 marks and the colour Greyish Green. Three additions to the Definitive series have been released. The values and colours are 2½ marks, Green; 6 marks, Dull Red, and 10 marks, Dull Purple. Supplies of the Borga Jubilee (2 values) and the Ekansa Jubilee are now freely arriving in this country.

FRANCE.

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- 4 Fr. plus 3 Fr.—Brownish Red.
- 6 Fr. plus 4 Fr.—Blue.
- 10 Fr. plus 6 Fr.—Green.



A new value of the Marianne has also been issued as an addition to the Definitive series. The value is 5 Fr. and the colour is Red.

HOLLAND.

A new 6c. value of the current series has been issued, showing Queen Wilhelmina. The design is the same and the colour is dull red. We are indebted to our correspondent, D. M. Santifort, of the Royal Netherlands Army, for a copy of this and the details, and for copies of 1c. and 4c. of the same series issued in December.

JEAN M. CAMPBELL BEQUEST

IT was a happy thought of the Caledonian Society to arrange for the showing of the Jean M. Campbell Bequest, in the form of an "At Home." The evening was an outstanding success and, I am sure, exceeded all expectations of the organisers.

Over 300 people must have been present when the president, Rev. J. M. Munro, opened the proceedings. There was only one thing wrong. So many friends were meeting and shaking hands that the evening passed all too quickly and the opportunity of studying the collection in detail was completely lost.

The late Miss Campbell, as we know, was exceptionally fond of covers, and covers predominated. The West Indies was well represented and I particularly liked the Jamaica and the Turks Islands. The Jamaica included a cover from Jamaica to Edinburgh dated 1787. I also noticed, on my rounds, a 15/- St. Helena and other outstanding modern items.

Also on view were Miss Campbell's awards at International Exhibitions; 1933 Vienna, 1936 Johannesburg, 1936 New York and 1938 Prague. All for ships letters.

It was a very wonderful evening, not from the point of view of the material on view, but because of the goodwill and happiness amongst the gathering of collectors from a wide radius. I was particularly struck by the size of the Greenock contingent.

L. B. P.

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MARITIME POSTMARK SOCIETY

WE have received a copy of the Nov./Dec., 1946, issue of "Seaposter," the official bi-monthly magazine of the Maritime Postmark Society, formerly, and until recently known as the International Seapost Cover Club.

The magazine is illustrated, and is brimful of interesting facts and information of an international nature, and caters adequately for collectors that follow postal markings that savour of the sea. We observe among the various contributors two notable writers and outstanding authorities widely known in the U.S. and Britain, Mr Gustav J. Lund, of California, the magazine Editor, and Mr Elliot B. Holton, of New Jersey, president of the Society.

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COMMENCED stamp collecting at a very early age. Brought up in the Langside district of Glasgow, educated at Queen's Park School. Was "hermit" collector until he moved to Lenzie. Decided then he should join a society. There was no society and so he founded one to suit his needs at Kirkintilloch and became its first president. His home is now in Edinborough.

Served last war, 1917-1920, with R.E.P. Outbreak of World War II rejoined Camericians, served entire war with Camericians and K.O.R.B., acting as Staff Officer at opening of the European front.

Before the War, he was a member of the Canadian Study Circle and one time president, and back in civvies again, he decided, with a few other enthusiasts, that it was time for advancement and so Canadian Philatelic Society of Great Britain was born.

It is only right that this "disciple" of the B.N.A. group should be its first president. He is a member of many other societies including the Canadian Philatelic Society of Canada and B.N.A.S. of U.S.A. and is at present Honorary President of the Kirkintilloch Society, which he founded.

He was one of the Sub-Committee last year appointed to get a basis for founding the Association of Scottish Philatelic Societies, which is now formed and of which he is Convener of the Extension Committee.

His sole interest in stamps is Canada in all its various phases and naturally his collection is highly specialised.

BETWEEN OURSELVES

The Road Back

By "PHILETAS"

BEFORE the war I was rather priggish about stamp collecting. I used to talk glibly about the collector's rights as though stamp collecting was a private enterprise threatened with nationalisation.

I often wrote disrespectful things about the P.M.G. and advised various Governments as to which stamps they ought or ought not to issue. My whole attitude was putting the cart before the horse. It was like being asked to a party and telling your host what you wanted to eat.

They warned me at home that I was sickening for something. They suggested it might be philatistia—a name they coined to indicate a disease of the philatelist. The symptoms, I realise now, must have been plain enough.

If I bought a stamp from my dealer I suspected he had a superior specimen with wider margins under the counter; I considered the G.P.O. most unco-operative if they didn't provide deliciously light postmarks; when a new stamp came out I wasn't satisfied unless I had it on a first day cover, I used to send empty envelopes to myself. There were hosts of other symptoms. Perhaps you've had the disease yourself and can add to the list. Perhaps you are suffering from it now and wondering what is the matter with you.

Now I am on the road back. On an enforced "convalescence" from my disease in the service of H.M. Forces, during which time the Government understandingly prescribed that I should send off my mail without stamps, I began to realise that I had slowly but surely been losing much of the healthy adventurous type of collecting which originally had enticed me to the hobby. I had almost forgotten the thrill of a "swap."

Now I'm back at grips with my hobby. It is the stamp that counts. I'll get back to rummaging round old sale rooms and peering into dingy little shop windows where they sell "mixed lots" or display stamps curled up with the sun on dusty old cards. Should I find a copy of any stamp I'm seeking (Penny Plain or Twopenny Coloured)—irrespective of whether it has excellent margins or is in pristine condition—I'll return home happy as a lord.

One of these days I hope to come across a rarity. Rarities are still being found by simple souls like me. Even if I don't, it will have been fun looking.

Incidentally, the thought has just occurred to me, perhaps that rather reserved old lady who lives next door has an old dead box crammed with triangular Capes and things which I so often dream about. I have made a mental note to be more sociable just in case.

Why, you ask, this personal confession? I want you to know the sort of fellow I am. I pay due respect to the student of philately who collects 20,000 stamps which are all the same to me and yet all different to him. He, no doubt, is the true philatelist. Perhaps I am just a stamp collector. Well, I'm getting plenty of fun out of being that.

COME ON
SCOTLAND

WHAT about that Hampden roar! But with it don't forget to send me that 10/- being the cost of my weekly lists for one year. I haven't the slightest doubt that all sorts of reasons can be raised for not sending it, but then I can raise all sorts of reasons why it should be sent, the only trouble is lack of advertising space. Only a week or two back I bought a collection for £5,000 (I'm a good buyer, you know); £3,000 has already been sold from it to subscribers to my list. Believe it or not, I only sell to subscribers. If you belong to a club you pay a sub. and perhaps get a drink out of normal hours. If you belong to my addressograph you just get something the other laddie doesn't. I'll tell you what I'll do—in exchange for what all Scots are supposed to look for on the pavements when they come to London (according to the Scots, of course), and I'm told it's a threepenny piece, I'll send you a sample copy and if you don't fall after that, well, I'll just be surprised. Oh, by the way, I'm not cheap, but—am I good! I! Scottish references if you like!!!

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REFERENCE has already been made to earlier investigations in search for information about Brunswick Stars. Whympor, Kerr, and probably Mr Higlett, belong to an earlier generation and I have no means of knowing what influence, if any, their work had on the researches of later writers, but it can be noted that in 1808 the three main types of Star were known. Twenty years later, in 1918, nine varieties were claimed to have been found. Messrs Seymour and McIlwain specify eleven types and six sub types in the "British Philatelist," and J. Arnot, in his article in "Philately in Scotland," sets down the number of main types in seven and increases the number of sub types to nine.

Mr Arnot has adopted an enumeration of the types which he specifies according to the order of their first appearance and this, it appears to me, is

Along with Type I, which has 48 fine rays, another star mark which has been described as of 32 Club Rays appeared. This is the second illustration which I have shown (of date 19th Feb. 1863). Mr Arnot shows a trial impression of this mark, dated 2nd Feb. 1863, and it must have been issued for use almost immediately, as I have a copy dated the 5th of that month. Arnot describes this Mark as Type II and there appears to be every reason to believe that types I and II, which we have been speaking of, were completely new postmarks composed of obliterator and date stamp. The obliterator or "Killer" part of the postmark which in this case is the "Star" enclosing "13" would appear to be the permanent or fixed part of the postmark, while the date circle with the town name "Edinburgh" plus the date figures and code numbers seems to have been movable.



the simpler method and more calculated to give a better general grip of the subject. In this connection one rather astonishing fact emerges, Messrs Seymour and McIlwain, in spite of the enormous number of specimens of B.M. mark which must have passed through their hands between 1925 and 1928, never appeared to have seen a specimen of Type I (as shown by Mr Arnot to be issued for use on 31st January, 1863). I have given an illustration of this mark (dated Feb. 12th 1863) in my last article and it is, as far as I know, the first time a copy of the postmark has been shown in actual use. The date shown is fully a week after it came into use.

Within about a month of their first appearance Types I and II were "doctored," that is to say that the long tails of the corner rays were in each case cut back to nearly the length of the rays adjoining on either side. With this alteration they became the Brunswick Star Postmarks which are illustrated here, and which we designate as Ia and Iia. (According to Arnot both Marks were altered on the same date, March 4th, 1863).

This "doctored" of Type I which resulted in Ia did not alter the mark to such an extent that it was

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Brunswick Stars—continued

objectionable in appearance, but when the long corner rays of Type II were cut the effect was, as can be seen from illustration (Iia), rather odd and it must have been felt that in that form the mark no longer conformed in character to the original intention. Whether that was the reason for the next alteration I do not know, but within another six weeks (on 11th April, 1863), the corner rays of Iia were again sharpened and the postmark in this form became what we know as Iib (as shown).

I do not think either of the originals (Type I and Type II) were at all improved by the alterations which have been described and illustrated and I feel that this applied particularly to Type II. On the other hand while beauty of outline has probably been sacrificed to utility the collector has gained by addition of new varieties to his list.

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YOUR LAST CHANCE

Already have we drawn the attention of actual or potential collectors of K.G.VI stamps to the fact, that whereas they can still obtain such a large percentage of their favourite stamps at current rates—not to mention that present prices of obsolete will look absurdly cheap later on—this happy state of affairs cannot obtain much longer, with so many changes pending.

Advertisements are obviously framed to sell goods and one cannot help occasionally taking them with a grain of salt, but make no mistake about it, what we are saying now is the absolute truth.

There is already definite news about Australia, India, Burma, Ceylon, Gold Coast, Malta, etc. Those countries all have new sets in active preparation and we know of several other countries which are considering new designs. In fact there will be few members of the British Commonwealth of Nations which have not indulged in philatelic adventures by the time this year ends.

Then there is the question of K.G.VI stamps which are already obsolete. There are those—particularly if they have yet to buy—who think that these are already dear enough. We who have to keep our stock replenished know different. As a matter of fact there are quite a lot we would be delighted to buy at "full cat." As we have said before, K.G.VI stamps form the most widely collected group in the world and hundreds of collectors are taking them up weekly; both at home and overseas. Subscribers to our list increase daily and if you want to see what we can offer, it will only cost 2/- a year to get our price list, and don't forget, our retail turnover of K.G.VI stamps exceeds that of any other stamp firm, because we not only have the stamps, but our prices and service are equally unbeatable.

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CONCLUDING ARTICLE

U.S.A. AT WAR A Philatelic Survey

By J. H. Tierney, Sen. & Jun.

IT is often possible for the British collectors, or by way of a fellow collector in Britain who is in correspondence with American collectors to ascertain the location of certain U.S. A.P.O.'s at certain dates.

In this manner a most interesting and historical collection may be built up.

For example, a cover postmarked A.P.O. No. 887 and dated July 12th, 1944, comes from Headquarters U.S. Forces in London, whereas a similar cover dated November 8th, 1944, comes from the same quarter then situated in Paris, and illustrates an important step towards victory in a short space of time.

The headquarters of the U.S. 80th Army Postal Unit, A.P.O. No. 755 at present in Berlin, provides complete and conclusive evidence of final victory in Europe.

In the same fashion, stages of progress culminating in final and complete victory in the Pacific may be represented by different United States Army Post Office covers. The rising sun has surely set as evidenced by U.S. A.P.O.'s Nos. 590, 593 and 1005 among those that now operate in Tokyo, Japan.

An interesting section may be formed with the postmarks from camps in which German, Italian and Japanese prisoners-of-war and internees were incarcerated. Up to the present the writers have recorded double circle postmarks from these camps bearing the following inscriptions—

- "Alva, Okla. Internment Camp Br."
- "Clinton, Miss. Internment Camp Br."
- "Como, Miss. Prisoner-of-War Camp Br."
- "Coolidge, Ariz. Internment Br."
- "Dermott, Ark. P.O.W. Camp Br."
- "Hereford, Tex. Internment Camp Br."
- "Salate Genevieve, Mo. Internment Br."
- "Scottsbluff, Neb. Internment Br."
- "Tonkawa, Okla. Prisoner-of-War Camp Br."
- "Trinidad, Colo. Internment Camp Br."
- "Tulelake, Calif. Newell Br."

German prisoners-of-war and Japanese internees considered to be dangerous were confined within the Camp at Trinidad, Colorado.

There were also a number of Relocation centres which were situated in Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming. In these centres the Japanese removed from the Pacific coast for security purposes were resettled.

As most of the Japs on the west coast were engaged in agriculture, the Relocation centres were established in agricultural areas to enable the evacuees to follow their normal pursuits.



There is only one Relocation centre postmark that may readily be identified as it has the word "Relocation" incorporated therein. It comes from the McGehee Camp and has the following inscription: "McGehee, Ark. Relocation Br."

At this stage the writers desire to express sincere gratitude to their good friend, the well-known American collector, Mr. Gustav J. Lund, of California, for kindly and most willingly providing information regarding P.O.W. and Internment Camps and Relocation centres, and particulars of the relative postmarks.

Before turning from the postmarks to the final section of this series of contributions, it may be of interest to mention that the multitude of postal markings and covers reveal from study that American Forces were situated far and wide during the war. They were located extensively throughout Alaska, Canada, Labrador, Newfoundland, Honduras, Central and South America, British territory already mentioned, Greenland, Iceland, Africa, all over Europe, up and down the North and South Pacific, and other lands.

The American "V" mail was the counterpart of the British war-time airgraph. Many of the United States illustrated "V" mails are not only fascinating but of considerable interest, and often evidence a sense of humour akin to our own. It may be of interest to cite a few examples.

One features a sailor with a beard with the caption beneath "Aleutian Shadow" waiting the arrival of a girl who comes forward, and exclaims "Good Heavens! Am I that late?"

Another issued prior to the end of the war shows that man from Berchtesgaden sitting in a dejected pose with chin rested on one hand, and paint brush in the other, with the inscription, "Post-War Unemployment — his problem."

Two Christmas types are quite amusing; one presents American Servicemen and Women dressed in kilts enjoying British Christmas fare and opening parcels. The other features a U.S. sailor in a Christmas setting carrying kit bag on back showing a squealing Jap peeping out and sitting inscribed, "In the bag!"

The U.S. Construction Battalions that were engaged on heavy construction work and who established many of the air and land bases in the South Pacific, were known as "Seabees."

The photographic mail service of this force was inscribed "Seabees" in place of "V" mail. The illustrated example from this source are no less in-

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U.S.A. At War—Continued



teresting or humorous. One presents a "Seabee" looking out of a tent and rain coming down in torrents and flooding all around, with the caption above "All the comforts of home," and inscription beneath, "Yes! we have running water."

Many further examples of illustrated "V" mails and "Seabees" could be quoted, but the subject as a whole has already extended to considerable length, and it is necessary to reach a conclusion.

It is hoped, however, that the postage stamps, war covers, postal markings, illustrated "V" mails and "Seabees" mentioned may indicate how an interesting collection not lacking variety may readily be formed illustrative of America at war, showing the magnitude of the United States contribution to the Allied cause.

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Society Reports

CALEDONIAN

Sir John Wilson, Bart., F.R.P.S.L., Keeper of His Majesty King George VI's philatelic collections, is one of the distinguished guests on the Association's roll of members, and a visit from him to the club is something of a red letter day.

Such an event took place on the 11th January, and to see the honoured guest there was a large attendance which included representatives from the Glasgow, Greenock, Kirkcaldy and Stirling Philatelic Societies.

Sir John's exhibit was a real treat. There was a display of early Russians, marked out in accordance with issues in German-speaking areas. This included the finest of the five known copies of the Tiflis issue, a unique block, and Russian errors and inverted centres. In addition, there was a special display of Romanian lithographs, particularly 50 bani, rose and blue. This display was also worked out in great detail. Sir John's commentary was most interesting.

Mr R. F. Hulstede thanked Sir John on behalf of the Society and Dr. Mitchell, of the Greenock P.S., thanked him and the Caledonian on behalf of the visitors.

On the 16th, Mr W. G. Paris gave a display of Sweden. Those who have in the past been fortunate enough to see one of Mr Paris's displays (e.g. France) will guess that this was an interesting, informative and well set out exhibition. We regret that lack of space prevents detailed comment.

As we go to press, the members and friends of the society are looking forward to Thursday, the 30th. This is to be a social evening to which friends are invited. The request of Miss J. M. Campbell will be an exhibition.

ABERDEEN

An attractive display of finely printed commemorative postage and airmail stamps in miniature sheet form was given by Mr H. M. Wallace, Edinburgh, to the Aberdeen and North of Scotland Philatelic Society at their meeting on 28th January. The display, part Stamp Exhibition at Cairo in February, 1946, included souvenir miniature sheets issued at philatelic exhibitions, airmail events, etc. Most of the early and rare sheets from all issuing countries were exhibited. Dr. A. D. Imper, complimenting Mr Wallace on a magnificent display, expressed the society's thanks.

CANADIAN PHILATELIC SOCIETY OF GREAT BRITAIN.

Glasgow group held its first "get together" meeting on Monday, 27th January, when there was an excellent turnout of fifty per cent. of the members. The main business of the meeting was to get the group started as a going concern and the following officials were appointed:—Contact Member, Capt. P. R. Hennessy; Committee, Dr. Nisbet and Messrs J. H. Allan, J. Roberts, E. McGuigan.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, 24th February, at 7.30 p.m., in the Christian Institute, 70 Baskwell Street, Glasgow, when the subject for discussion will be Queen's Maple Leaf and Numeral types.

SUNDERLAND

Despite sporadic endeavours to break new ground, the annual silver medal competition remains "Six Selected Sheets," with specified ratio of marks for (a) condition, (b) writing up, and (c) philatelic knowledge. It proves no easy matter to stay in the running year after year, and this year it was significant to find old members giving way to new entrants and the judges (from Shields Society), pondered and before awarding the palm to Mr T. A. Parratt's display of used Geo. VI, carefully annotated, and lent an air of individuality by the addition of maps of the territories concerned.

With the presentation, to the same member, of the N.R.P.A.'s award, it was revealed that another selection from the same collection caught the judges' eye at Newcastle in November.

On Feb. 19th the Shields Society are to entertain the Association at the Sunderland H.Q. and a crowded house is anticipated.

T. AYLWIN PARRATT, Editor. I think collectors of Colonials might be interested in a series of maps, on about half-page scale, of the various territories. It is extraordinarily difficult to locate these in philatelic literature, except of thumb-nail size.—T.A.P.

STIRLING

At a meeting of the society, held in the Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling, on Friday evening, 17th January, Mr J. S. Merrifield, B.Sc., president, displayed a remarkable range of Belgian stamps. He commenced with the first issues, which are not unlike the British penny blacks and twopenny blues, and showed specimens of all issues up to 1865. A very fine set exhibited was the Portrait issue, a lovely coloured series, and another notable set was the Orval Abbey issue, some of the stamps portraying the monks at work. Mr Merrifield finished the display by showing stamps for charities which had been issued in Belgium during the German occupation. A vote of thanks was proposed by Mr J. J. Harold, M.A.

TYNEMOUTH

On 10th January, Mr J. D. Burton showed a selection from his German collection at the monthly meeting of Tynemouth Philatelic Society.

The display included early issues on cover, semi-official air stamps and covers, Graf Zeppelin stamps and covers, and many other outstanding items. An item which attracted particular attention was a page showing forgeries used by Allied agents during the 1914-1918 war. The display was an eye-opener to most of those present, containing as it did, so much that was not to be found in a catalogue.

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EDITORIAL . . .

★ **SACKCLOTH AND ASHED AND KNASHING OF TEETH**.—Minorities as we know make the greatest noise—and this was no exception in the case of change of name to "Stamp News." Ninety per cent of writers congratulated us on our change — but the remaining 10 per cent, were strongly of the opinion that a mistake had been made. All that was missing from some of the letters was a black edged border to the paper.

★ As we pointed out last month, "Philatelic Phanfare" has been "incorporated" in "Stamp News." A marriage has taken place not a funeral — SO LET'S REJOICE

★ **THANK YOU, READERS, FOR THE INTEREST SHOWN**.—Many and varied were the suggestions received for the improvement of the magazine—some will be adopted—all of them filed for future reference—good ideas there were and plenty, but not practical to-day with restrictions and shortage of paper.

★ Mr Dawson's article on "Brunswick Stars," in the December issue, attracted a great deal of interest and we are happy indeed to announce that Mr A. M. Smeaton, of Glasgow, one of the best authorities in the country on this subject, has agreed to write a complete series of articles giving his findings after many years of study and research.

A SEASONABLE AND PERSONAL MESSAGE

—FROM THE EDITOR

★ ★ ★ ★

AS I sit writing this editorial it is about an hour off till we hear the bell's pealing out their welcome — to herald another Christmas.

Seated in front of a warm fire, a table lamp sheds its glow over the scribbling pad on my knee, and the lady of the house is bustling about in that final preparation—the decorating of the Christmas Tree. A young child sleeps peacefully upstairs, having a few hours earlier carried out for the first time the traditional "shouting up the chimney." Excited, but rather mystified, she'll know all about it in the morning. It is in this atmosphere that I write and my thoughts, I am afraid, steal away from stamps. I think of the thousands like myself and the thousands not so fortunate—but each one endeavouring to celebrate Christmas in some way. If only this family atmosphere—so strong at this time—would prevail in the council rooms of U.N.O. If only we could apply this feeling of good will that exists in all lands at Christmas on every day of the year. It is with that feeling of goodwill, that from my fireside goes out the wish to all readers, dealers and friends throughout the world, for **PEACE AND PROSPERITY IN THE COMING YEAR.**

Brunswick Stars

By A. M. Smeaton



IT IS WITH PLEASURE WE ANNOUNCE:—

Mr A. M. Smeaton, the writer of this reply to Mr Dawson's query of last month "Why Brunswick Stars?" is contributing a complete series of articles on the "Brunswick Star," giving his findings after many years of research and study. The series will consist of six to eight articles and will be invaluable to the student of Postal History and of interest to all collectors.

I was very much interested in the article in the current issue of "Stamp News" entitled "Why Brunswick Stars?" and as I share Mr Dawson's taste for these very attractive postmarks I shall be very happy to give him what help I can towards the solution of his query, but I am afraid that after he has got through my contribution he will still be asking "Why Brunswick Stars?"

The late Mr Harry Tahl, in a letter to the "London Philatelist," of February, 1925, made certain suggestions regarding the origin of the name, but these (whatever they were) have not been accepted as conclusive, while Mr John Anderson, of Aberdeen, wrote in the new defunct "Scotts Philatelist," of April, 1929, drawing attention to the similarity of the Queensland Star cancellation to that of our own "Brunswick Star." In that article he does not advance any theory of his own on the matter but he made a very valuable contribution to the literature of the subject by quoting an article which a certain Mr Whympere contributed to the "Stamp Collectors Magazine," for June, 1861 (four months after the first appearance of the mark). That article stated: "In January of this year (1861) Edinburgh issued an entirely new postmark. It was the Brunswick Star with a space cut out of the centre for the number 131. We only occasionally receive it on our letters." This article

was illustrated with the design which we know as the Brunswick Star, having the centre cut out and blank and was an exact replica of the 48 Ray Star which forms one of the illustrations of this article. It will be noted that even at that early date our favourite postmark was known and accepted as the "Brunswick Star." Why?

In philatelic literature the next reference to the "Brunswick Star" is by an Edinburgh man (Mr Robt. Kerr), who, in writing to "The Banner, Exchange and Mart," in September, 1898, describes them as being of 48, 32 and 24 Rays respectively. From this it would appear that 50 years ago collectors were familiar with the principal types of this postmark as we know them to-day. This reference is contained in Messrs Seymour and McGowan's very exhaustive articles on the "Brunswick Star" contributed to the "British Philatelist" over a period of four years from 1924 to 1929. The late J. H. Daniels also dealt with the subject in his book on British Postmarks. Messrs

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Edward Bay

BRUNSWICK STARS.—Con.

Seymour and McGowan also refer to an article in the "British Philatelist" of April, 1918, by Mr Higlett.

From these various references it will be seen that the Brunswick Star Postmark has been an object of great interest to several generations of collectors and that each generation has added its quota to the sum total of our knowledge on the subject. How far Seymour and McGowan drew on the information contained in any previous works, I do not know, but I think it will be conceded by all who are familiar with the subject that their own series of articles referred to above form the most complete and authoritative contribution which has so far appeared on the subject. That is not to say that their work was either completely accurate or entirely conclusive, but later investigations have mainly gone to prove that where their work was in the realm of speculation, their guesses were good ones.

Last, and probably most important single discovery connected with the "Brunswick Star" was made some years ago by another Edinburgh collector (Mr J. Arnott). He, by a stroke of good fortune, located the works in his native town, where the actual dies, which has been used by the stampers, were made and was able to give first hand information about many of the alterations which has for years puzzled many well informed collectors. These articles were published in "Philately in Scotland" just immediately before it ceased publication.

Why Brunswick Stars? In spite of all that has been discovered and written there still remain many "whys" in addition to that propounded by Mr Dawson. Why were "wee stars" added to some types of "big stars" and not to others? Why were the two original types (illustrated above) altered, repaired and re-altered to be used over a period of nearly ten years, while other types were introduced, used for a few days, weeks or months only and disappeared never to be seen again?

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JEAN McNIGHT CAMPBELL

AN APPRECIATION

IT was with a great shock that we heard of the passing on November 14th of Jenn M. Campbell, of Glasgow. Miss Campbell looked her bright cheery self at the Postal History Society Congress in Edinburgh in October—although we knew that she had suffered from a long illness. She had an outstanding collection of "Sea Posts," and was particularly keen on British West Indies, and gained awards for display at International exhibitions. During the war she sold a section of her collection for war charities and I was recently announced that she had bequeathed her remaining collection to the Caledonian Society, of which she was a past president and life member. The Editor of this magazine remembers gratefully an encouraging letter from her hand—after the first number was issued. That was so typical of the many kindnesses she bestowed, in a life in which she herself suffered much pain.—R.L.P.

IT was with deep regret that we learned on Thursday of the death of the nine-months-old son of Mr A. Findlay, manager of Pollock's Stamp Service, at 205 Hope Street. All callers at 205 knew Mr Findlay's happy disposition—the writer also knew of his pleasant home life and love of family, and this sudden loss must be a grievous blow. Our sympathy is extended to Mr and Mrs Findlay and seven-year-old Isabel in their sad bereavement.

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Round the Globe

AS we go to press all the Crown Colony Victory sets, with the exception of one country, Ceylon, are now to hand. Collectors who had ordered complete sets can, therefore, at long last, expect the completed sets from their dealers in the very near future, provided, of course, there is no outward delay in the issuing of the Ceylon set.

This completed series is bound to be in tremendous demand, and I am sure supplies in most cases will run out long before the given date in March. Some countries will, of course, turn out better than others, apart from errors and perf. variations. I would advise readers to watch the Falkland and Dependencies issues—already there seems to be some difficulty to repeat orders of the Dependencies series. There is no parallel to this Pence series. They cannot be compared with the Coronations and there was no similar issue after the first World War. Certain it is, however, that they will prove to be cheaper and if they are being bought they should be purchased as a complete series now.

FRANCE.

Once again we have a new issue to report from this prolific country. This time a single stamp in honour of U.N.E.S.C.O., who held their conference recently in Paris. One consolation is the modest face value of 10f. and like most of their recent issues is within the reach of everyone's purse. The design is not quite up to what we expected from France, but, as usual, the engraving is of a very high standard. Colour, in blue.

BELGIUM.



We are indebted to R. Trager & Co., Strand, London, for a set of the new Belgian Anti-Tuberculosis series. With only four values and a total face value of 10f., including the usual plus, we are wondering if this country has turned over a new leaf, or will they play their usual trick of issuing "top value" for the set at some future date with some astronomical plus value. Is single colours depicting the arms of various towns and with inset above of

the principal industry. The values and colours are 1—65c. plus 35c. — Red.
2—90c. plus 60c. — Hister.
3—13f. plus 1-35f. — Dull Green.
4—15f. plus 1-85f. — Blue.

DENMARK.

Our Danish correspondent has sent us a first day cover of a new Danish commemorative, to honour Tycho Brahe, the famous astronomer. The value is 20 ore and the colour red. Date of issue was the 14th December.



HOLLAND.

A new Dutch charity set, pictured herewith, appeared on the 1st December, consisting of the usual five values 1—

- 2 plus 2c.—Blackish Purple.
- 4 plus 2c.—Green.
- 7 plus 2c.—Red.
- 10 plus 5c.—Carmine.
- 20 plus 5c.—Blue.



BAHAMAS.

The new 10d announced some time ago has now been realised by the Crown Agents.

GAMBIA.

The Crown Agents have also realised supplies of the 1/3 value for this country.

SARAWAK.

The Crown Agents announced that 15 values of Sarawak are to be overprinted with the Royal Cypher—came as a surprise. No date is mentioned for this issue which as apparently, by way of temporary measure. The news, however, has already caused a scramble for previous issues of this country and the price of the Centenary and R.M.A. overprints will no doubt harden.

ROYAL VISIT.

The Royal Visit stamps of Africa will, no doubt, be even more popular than the "Pence" issues. The face values will be 1d, 2d, 3d and 1/2, and they will be on sale from 17th February to 24th April.

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ARTICLE THREE OF THIS SERIES.

U.S.A. AT WAR A Philatelic Survey

By J. H. Tierney, Sen. & Jun.

WHEREAS the postage stamp may present an event of supreme historical importance in a realistic and attractive manner, it is, however, the more humble postmark that may often emanate right from the heart of the occurrence, or scene of the undertaking, achievement or accomplishment.

For instance, postal markings coming from the bases leased by Britain to the United States referred to in the first instalment of this contribution, provide tangible evidence of the firm bond of unity forged between both nations in 1940.

A most interesting, and perhaps comprehensive collection may be formed of these particular postmarks alone.

Single circle postmarks inscribed "American Base Forces A.P.O.," and number, followed by the usual "killer" in the shape of four parallel lines, were in use in the American Defence Bases in British territory prior to the entry of America into the "shooting war," to use the words of the late renowned F.D.E.

The numbers originally assigned to the various bases, and appearing in the respective postmarks were as follows:—

801, 801A, 801B and 801C Newfoundland; 802 Bermuda; 803 Trinidad; 804 Jamaica; 805 St. Lucia; 806 Antigua; 807 British Guiana; 808 Bahamas.

These postmark numbers were changed following American entry into hostilities. Classification and security reasons necessitated alterations being effected. As is stated by official sources, the original numbers "had been unclassified and had been given unlimited publicity."

At the present time the following U.S. A.P.O.s are, and have been, located at the leased bases for a considerable period, viz.: 618 Bahamas; 855 Antigua; 856 Bermuda; 857 British Guiana; 861 Jamaica; 862 861, 864 and 865 Newfoundland; 867 St. Lucia; 868 and 869 Trinidad.

In addition, the writers have noted at different times other postal markings from these bases for the years 1941 and 1942 bearing inscriptions as follows:

"Mor Det Island of Antigua—Leeward Islands," "Marine Det—Bermuda Br.," "New York N.Y.—Naval Operating Base Bermuda Br.," "Mor Det Portland Light—Jamaica Br.," "American Forces in Newfoundland," "Mor Det Argentina—Newfoundland," "Mor Det St. Lucia—Windward Island—British West Indies," "Marine Det—Trinidad," "Naval Air Sta.—Trinidad Br."



It is possible that there may have been further different postal markings but that would be all to the good as it would provide the collector with greater field of activity.

Incidentally, the contractions "Det" and "Br." stand for "Detachment" and "Branch" respectively.

It may be appropriate to mention at this stage that U.S. A.P.O. No. 877 was located on Ascension Island in 1944, and may possibly have been there for a considerably longer period.

The fleeting "Jeep," and the welcome throng of members of the United States armed forces may no longer be a familiar sight on British streets, but to the people of Britain their memories will long remain with sincere affection.

Altogether well over 200 U.S. Army Post Offices operated in this country for varying lengths of time during the recent year. This has resulted in a large variety of American military postmarks which will provide a permanent record of the sojourn of the United States armed forces in Britain during world war II. These postmarks are of particular interest especially when cancelling British stamps.

According to official information, the following U.S. Army Post Offices were in operation at one time or another in Great Britain:—

1	2	4	5	8	9	25	26	28	29	30	34	51
52	53	57	61	65	67	68	69	78	79	83	90	
109	111	113	115	117	119	121	122	124	126			
138	140	141	143	158	160	174	176	178				
179	205	205	207	209	226	228	231	231				
257	259	261	262	270	298	302	305	308	312			
314	316	323	329	340	348	350	400	403	407			
409	413	416	417	436	437	441	446	452	464			
469	472	505	508	510	519	526	528	541				
542	545	547	551	560	562	564	568	569				
571	574	577	580	582	584	586	592	594				
598	633	642	644	649	651	656	658	659				
696	741	751	757	813	871	875	887	and 1st				

11th and 24th Army Base Post Offices.

It would be most desirable if it were possible, but unfortunately it is not, to provide the locations, and durations of the various U.S. Army Post Offices in this country and other areas. The United States War Department state that due to the rapid advance of our armies and other tactical developments, A.P.O.s were constantly being moved, and any specific A.P.O. may have had many geographical locations. The information is not contained in any one record. It

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JEAN M. CAMPBELL'S COLLECTION

THE Caledonian Philatelic Society have sent out invitations to members and other society officials to view the collection of the late Jean M. Campbell, which was bequeathed to the society. The exhibition will take place in the Institute of Shipbuilders and Engineers, Elmbank Crescent, on the 20th of this month. May we congratulate the originator of the idea to put Miss Campbell's collection in view to members and friends, and to lift such an exhibition above the level of the normal society meeting.

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U.S.A. At War—Continued

would require to be compiled from a multitude of different records, and the task would be such a vast one indeed that the need would require to be most imperative before it would ever be contemplated, and even if it were, it is most doubtful if ever it could be successfully accomplished.

Any cover, however, found bearing a British stamp, and cancelled by a U.S. A.P.O. postmark with any of the foregoing numbers obviously has come from an American A.P.O. that was located in Britain at that particular time.

(To Be Continued)

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 1/6; used 1/2.
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 due in January or early February, is eagerly looked
 forward to. The hon. editor of the bulletin, Mr
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 general excellence of this publication and members of
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 for this work.

It is to be noted that the Society has in its ranks
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An Open Letter

The Exploitation
Of Philatelists

By Rev. HASSAL HANMER, M.A., B.D.



THE Belgian Government has provided an outstand-
 ing example of the exploitation of philatelists
 in the issue of two stamps of the Bastogne set. The
 Government desired to find money for the erection of
 a monument to commemorate those Americans who
 took part in the liberation of Belgium. No one can
 object to this, though it may be hoped that other
 Allied participants in the fight for the liberation of
 that country will not be overlooked. Instead of
 raising the money required by public subscription or
 by a tax levied on the people generally, the Belgian
 Government issued in June last two stamps of a value
 of 17.50 francs each carrying a surcharge of 62.50
 francs each—a total of 160 francs, or about 18 shil-
 lings in English money, for the pair. The total issue
 was 200,000 pairs, which, if sold, would provide a sum
 of 32,000,000 francs, or £180,000.

It is perfectly plain that the general public were
 not expected to buy the stamps for postal purposes.
 The initial value of the stamp, 17.50 francs, precludes
 that possibility. Obviously, the only people who could
 be expected to purchase these two stamps were the
 philatelists in Belgium and in other countries.

For many years now philately has been exploited
 for charitable purposes, youth welfare, anti-tubercu-
 losis, Red Cross Funds, etc., etc. These impositions
 have been generally accepted by philatelists because,
 in many instances, the issues have been intended for
 genuine postal purposes, the cause has been that of a
 true charity, the surtax has been comparatively small,
 and good-hearted people, in addition to stamp collec-
 tors, have often participated in the purchase of the
 stamps. But none of these reasons apply to this
 Bastogne issue. The purpose for which the money is
 required cannot by any stretch of the imagination be
 termed charitable, however laudable it may be other-
 wise.

The undeniable fact is that philatelists have been
 selected to provide money for a public monument, and
 the question arises as to how long they are going to
 permit this gross imposition.

The remedy, of course, lies with philatelists them-
 selves. We suggest that the time has come for them
 to get together and devise a method of self-defence.
 The remedy may not easily be found, unless philatel-
 ists are willing to combine for self-protection.

We suggest that the co-ordinating Philatelic As-
 sociations should ask their constituent societies
 whether their members are prepared to boycott issues
 like that of the Bastogne set as not being genuine
 stamps. If a fairly general affirmative answer is
 received then a small committee should be set up to
 pronounce judgment on each special issue as soon as
 it is announced by any Government. The well-
 established and genuinely postal issue of charity

stamps such as the Dutch Child Welfare, the Finnish
 Red Cross and the Swiss Pro-Juvenate would require
 no judgment to be made upon them. But when a
 new special surtaxed issue is announced the small
 committee would meet, judge whether it were a
 genuine postal issue and immediately circulate their
 verdict to philatelic societies and journals. If the
 verdict were adverse then these issues would be boy-
 cotted; dealers would not order them, and Govern-
 ments would cease to exploit philatelists.

The main point is, however, that some common
 consent should be reached among philatelists and an
 effective scheme devised to end what has become a
 discreditable and unjustifiable ramp in certain
 countries.

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 idea how important, as a group, they would
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 present stock could never have been got to-
 gether if we had not been "first in the field,"
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By
Noel
Langton

IN view of the Editor's remarks in the December issue of "Stamp News," that the growth of the magazine had attracted subscribers from British Columbia to New Zealand, it may be of interest to readers in these islands of ours to know of some of the difficulties which our less fortunate brethren in the tropics have to contend with.

Now, to the collector in the British Isles it is the normal routine to study his stamps in the evening or at night. Not so in the tropics, where he may only collect between sunrise and sunset. This is due to the humidity of the atmosphere which causes mint stamps to deteriorate rapidly unless kept in airtight containers. Most collectors keep their albums in biscuit tins, which are in turn placed in larger boxes for extra protection.

Mint specimens should never be handled except with tweezers as otherwise the stamp will become discoloured. The same result will follow if any dust falls on the stamps.

If you live in the tropics you may have a heavy album expenditure, as the climate tends to rot even the best paper, and will damage the stamps if not attended to. Used stamps do not require quite as much "nursing" as mint, but every care must be taken with these also. Unless the tweezers you use are of extra good quality, they may rust very easily, with consequent damage to any stamps handled.

From these notes it will be seen that stamp collecting may well be a source of worry rather than

pleasure to a collector in the tropics, particularly if he wishes to have a collection of "superb mint." Even the elementary soaking of stamps from adhering paper has its hazards, as any trace of salt in the water means that the stamp will never be 100% dry unless given a number of fresh water "baths" to wash the salt out of its "system." The best way to avoid this is to use a saturated solution of alum, floating the stamp face upwards on top. Care must be taken with fugitive colours, of course, even with the alum, in case they run.

Taken all round, maybe we are not too badly off here. At least we can collect in reasonable comfort, safe in the knowledge that tomorrow our specimens will still be as we left them, even in our hottest summer spell.

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NEW POLISH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

THIS Society is in course of formation, and its purpose is the promotion, development and study of Polish philately in Great Britain and the bringing together of collectors throughout the world with a kin interest. It is intended to publish a magazine under the title of "The White Eagle," as well as at intervals, handbooks, catalogues and other literature associated with Polish philately.

The annual subscription has been fixed at 12/6 and the hon. secretary is H. M. Smith, 2 Oakley Road, Camberley, Surrey. The other members of the committee are General K. Schally, Wing Commander T. E. Moszkowski and J. H. Tierney.

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EGYPT (Mint). 8.0.30 at 1/2; 26 at 6d; 100 at 5d; 108 at 1/2; 109 at 1/2; 116 at 1/2; 118 at 1/2; 123 at 1/2; 129 at 6d; 121 at 6d; 122 at 1/2; 124 at 2/-; 158 at 1/2; 120 at 6d; 160 at 6d; 161 at 1/2; 162 at 1/2; 198 at 2/-; 199a at 3/6; 215 at 2/6; 248 at 17/6; 32 at 6d.

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INDIA (Mint). 35 at 1/2; 56 at 3/-; 59 at 1/2; 75 at 1/2; 86 at 8d; 97 at 2/6; 125 at 6d; 126 at 1/2; 127 at 1/2; 131 at 3/-; 133 at 2/2; 164 at 1/2; 170 at 2/-; 514 at 10/-; 565 at 2/3; 565 at 1/6.

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No, No, Mr Editor, it will not do. We accept the change of name in the interests of larger circulation and we hope that that will be achieved, but we cannot accept your arguments at the funeral service of that most distinctive, easy-to-say-characteristic-and-cryptic journal, "Phanfare."—Best wishes,

E. GALBRAITH.

WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

From a President.—"In conclusion, let me add that if your "Stamp News" improves as much in the coming year as it has done in the past twelve months, it bids fair to be "THE" "Stamp News" and the best philatelic magazine in circulation.

From a Vice-President.—"A really newsworthy publication and wish you every success."

From a Collector.—"Finally, I was glad to see the marvellous progress. I hope soon to be able to see "Stamp News" a comprehensive magazine even if you have to raise the price to 1/- per copy."

From an Irish Dealer.—"Your Christmas number is a 'winner' and I wish 'Stamp News' every success; may the 1947 Christmas number be twice the thickness."

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PROBABLY the "best kept secret" in philately in Scotland—through his activities as speaker at society meetings up and down the country—the only excuse he ever makes for refusing a request for a display and talk, is distance.

Collected all his life—but commenced seriously, after being wounded in last world war. Incidentally, served during 1914-18 period with the following:—R.N.V.R., R.N.R., R.N., R.P.C., R.A.F. In second world war served as officer in Glasgow University Air Squadron.

Born in Born Sutherlandshire, came to Glasgow as a boy. Educated at Albert Road Academy and Glasgow University. After taking degree of B.Sc., Ph.D., remained at University as lecturer in chemistry to medical students—a post he still holds.

Activities really commenced when he joined the Caledonian Society in 1919-20. Since then has been secretary, treasurer, exchange secretary and president and at present holds position of forger warden. In 1936, took over from Dr. Kidd, Dundee, the convener-ship of the Congress of Philatelic Societies at Perth and was recently elected president of the newly-formed Scottish Association, which will, of course, central Congress. One activity not yet mentioned and which he has every reason to be proud, was his part of organising the Red Cross P.O.W. Fund for the Caledonian Society. During the time the scheme operated a sum of over £1,000 was raised for most deserving cases.

Has two boys—both being brought up in the faith—and obviously patient and understanding wife.

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Society Reports

CALEDONIAN

In last month's "La Quinzaine Philatelique," there is an article on Philately, one of the pioneers of the science of philately. We are told that he became an enthusiastic "stamp" collector at the behest of his earliest teacher who was gathering stamps to help Chinese orphans. It might be an interesting symposium to gather together all the reasons for people having become philatelists.

For instance, in his exhibition on Dec. 24th, Mr. D. O. Sloan showed a block of nine Falkland Islands, which cost him 9d, and led to his absorbing interest in the stamps of those far off regions, to correspondence with the employees there, and to the acquisition of as good a specialised collection of this country as the members of the club have ever seen.

Readers of the lamented "Phanfare" are familiar with the name of Mr. J. H. Tierney. His great interest in it is said to be well known. His display on Nov. 27th was an illustration of his recent articles in the magazine and so requires no further description.

Dr. A. Hartman's exhibition, on 30th Nov., was very voluminous. What a tremendous quantity of material and what patient research. To do justice to this exhibition would require a full article.

Some of the proceeds of stamps auctioned at the members' auction sale are to go to the Singh Boys Hostel, where a member of the club, Mr. Frank Brown, is engaged. Mr. Brown is remembered for his work in the junior section.

We congratulate the Editor of "Stamp News" on his Christmas number. The Caledonian Society sends to the Editor and all readers all good wishes for a happier and more prosperous year in 1947.

CANADIAN (ABERDEEN GROUP)

The Aberdeen Group of the above society held a most successful meeting and "get together" within the Oddfellows' Rooms, Aberdeen, on the last Thursday of November, when a large attendance of members was present. The president of the society, Mr. A. E. Stephenson, was present and was introduced by Group Leader Mr. John Anderson. Mr. Stephenson gave a short display of varieties—mainly found in the 1897-1902 issues of Canada and in the course of a brief talk he urged members to study their own material for retouches, re-entries, etc.

A general discussion was then entered into by all the members on the vexed question of "shades" and "Are Shades Worth Collecting?" Many opinions were expressed and much interest was shown in the shades regarded as "collectable," but the consensus of opinion was that in the absence of a reliable colour chart, "shades" were a difficulty not easily overcome and urged that such a colour guide should be made available.

A small sub-committee was appointed to assist Group Leader Anderson with the running of the group's forthcoming activities.

GREENOCK

"Our Ally Poland" was the theme of a display by Mr. James Tierney, of Glasgow, when he visited Greenock Philatelic Society clubrooms.

Covers and stamps used by the different branches of the Polish Armed Forces were on view, indicating the full share taken in the war by this people in their fight for liberty. The exhibits were from all European war fronts, whether in land or sea and culminated in commemorative stamps of the epic of Monte Cassino.

Of special interest was a letter from General Anders, C-in-C of the Polish Forces, and in a lesser degree stamps and seals in memory of General Sikorski, who was accidentally killed on the eve of the cessation of hostilities.

KIRKINTILLOCH AND DISTRICT

An enjoyable six-sheet display by members was held on Friday, 13th December, when some interesting material was shown. Particularly so was the Vicky issue of Indo-China by Mr. L. Langley, who also displayed some of the unique sets of Latvia 1918/20, printed on captured German War maps and on the backs of obsolete Russian bank notes.

Mr. J. Stephenson showed some conscientiously built up sheets of the early issues of Great Britain, while Mr. D. Campbell provided the modern counterpart in recent issues of India including the Burma Military Administration set. By way of a change from the inevitable pictorial commemoratives of Egypt Mr. D. McLitchie showed the complete sets of the "King's head" stamps with various lesser known errors. All the stamps (with one exception) issued by Egypt were displayed by Mr. H. J. Anderson, who added some interesting facts about that country from his personal experience and observations.

A whist drive and social evening is to be arranged for Friday, 28th February, 1947.

STIRLING

Mr. A. E. Stephenson, of Edinburgh, spoke to a good turnout of members on 6th December. He took as his subject "Don't throw it away." This was not Mr. Stephenson's first visit, as he visited the club in the pre-war years. He displayed some pre-stamp covers from Canada in 1837, and many of the first issues of Canada, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick were also shown. Following this up with varieties and cancellations which were very varied. At the close an auction of members' gift stamps was held and this realised 26 10s for the Stirling-Abbeville Friendship Link.

SUNDERLAND

Defying superstition, a hardy half-dozen members pierced the Tyneside fog on Friday, 13th December, to support the Society's display forming the N. of E. Association's meeting, held at South Shields. Sheets shown included novel examples of railway air mail labels and covers, a well written-up range of Northern and Southern Rhodesia, a study in two-peony Blues, pictorial Leichtenstein, and the two prize winning entries from the Association competition.

On the 18th, the society held its Christmas meeting, at which a good house wrestled with a tantalising

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SOCIETY REPORTS—Cont.

quiz, tormented each other in an impromptu brains trust, and even found time to see some stamps, submitted with quite unnecessary diffidence by a bevy of new members.

Much midnight oil will be consumed by competitors preparing for the society's silver medal competition—"Six Pages From My Collection"—to be held on 15th January.

TYNEMOUTH PHILATELIC SOCIETY

In a welcome return to a pre-war system of in-travinity visits, Tynemouth acted as hosts to the Newcastle P.S. at North Shields on 6th December. As was the custom the displays were given by the visiting society, as follows:—Mr. Altkhson (Great Britain); Dr. Stewart Smith (Czechoslovakia); Mr. J. Bird (Canada); Mr. J. H. Sinton (St. Vincent); Mr. J. C. Colman (G.V.H. Pictorials, used); Mr. G. Kelvin (Great Britain postmarks on covers); Mr. Lablique (Belgium); Mr. E. C. Wallwork (U.S. Commemoratives). Over the light refreshments which were served after the displays many new friendships were made and old ones cemented.

At the monthly meeting, held on 13th December, five members of the society gave some varied displays from their collections. The displays were as follows: Mr. A. S. Soudby (Modern Italy and San Marino to gather with Papei States on covers); Mr. C. McAllister (China, German States and U.S.A.); Mr. S. Caird (Gilbert and Ellice Islands); Mr. N. Cornish (Great Britain, pre-stamp markings and officials); Mr. D. Lowes (Egypt, France and Switzerland).

The foggy conditions prevailing did not stop a large number of members from turning out and enjoying this varied fare.

THE RAREST K.G.VI ISSUE

is Straits Settlements, overprinted by the Japs at MALACCA in April, 1942. The overprint covers a block of four stamps. We can offer several values (figures in brackets are numbers stated to have been issued), all mint, except 8c, which is used

1c. (1,110) £4; 2c. (5,990) £2; 3c. (3,400) £2; 5c. (715) £5; 8c. (3,520) £4; 10c. (1,014) £4; 12c. (719) 90/-; 15c. (942) £4; 40c. (141) £20; 50c. (117) £25; 1 dollar (100) £30. Blocks of four, showing full overprint are available of some values, price about six times that of the single stamp.

Our January Price List (sub. 2/6 per annum), contains a complete illustrated check list of Jap Malaya, also offers of Colonials, Air Stamps, Covers, etc.

J. STEPHEN

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JUNIOR SECTION

QUEEN'S PARK STAMP CLUB AND STRATHBUNGO STAMP CLUB

Using as a text-book Stanley Phillips' "The Splendid Book of Stamps," Mr. Galbraith gives those clubs frequent talks and exhibitions of stamps. Last month he gave two displays, A Stamp Zoo and Sports Illustrated on stamps. If those latter were not so infernally dear there is little doubt that they would be most popular in both clubs.

A lesson was administered this month on patience and stamp psychology, if there is such a thing. Mr. Galbraith received a packet of Hitler stamps. He himself has some of these, nor will ever have, but when he showed them to his clubs there was a wild rush to secure the well-coloured and printed effigies of that horrible little Austrian pointer.

What is the secret? Are the members fascinated by the undoubted workmanship or is there some unaccountable fascination that the little squirt carried over in his stamps. It is hoped not.

Here is another interesting problem. A friend in London who interests himself in the clubs, and who is a stamp dealer, sent up a present of old stamps, many of them rare (certainly all of them were rare to the boys). Each one, however, was damaged and repaired. This was carefully explained and it was pointed out that they were getting an opportunity of filling up a space in their albums for 1d, which in normal circumstances they would never be able to do. A London club did this with great success. But the boys of Q.P. and Strathbungo were not going to follow London. Not one was purchased. Instead, they have been mounted on cardboard and covered with cellophane and now are a common property for study.

Numbers continue to increase and Q.P. has a good representative of the "gentler" sex. This month's competition was a stamp zoo. The Strathbungo results were:—Class I—Boys who have already been winners, A. Wilkie; Class II—Boys who have exhibited before but have never won, B. Cameron; Class III—Boys exhibiting for the first time, A. McGowan and A. Stewart. The Q.P. results will be published in our next issue.

SOME BARGAINS

AUSTRIA:—
Charity 1945 4v. epit. s'pt. (scarce) 17/6
Anti-Fascist 1946, 8v. epit. Mint 4/3
Vienna Race 1946, 5v. epit. Mint 4/3

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Post-war, to date, epit. £0
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Baltic Sea Comm. (Obsolete) 2/6
Two Years Committee (obsolete) 2/6
Airmail 1946 6v. epit. mint (face sl.100) 8/6

ITALY:—
Repub. 1946 8v. epit. mint 2/3

BELGIUM:—
Bastogne Air Charity 2v. epit. mint 10/6
Bovense, Damien, Vandervelede 5v. epit. mint ... 10/6

SURINAME:—
Charity Nat. Relief 6v. epit. mint (scarce) ... 22/4

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- ABERDEEN.**
Jan. 9—Mr H. M. Wallace, Edinburgh.
21—Junior Members' Night.
- ABERDEEN AND DISTRICT.**
Jan. 14—Short Displays, Australia, R. J. Hislop, Esq.; Italy, H. Lang, Esq.; Egypt, J. Kirkland, Esq.
- BLYTH.**
Jan. 10—
- CALEDONIAN.**
Jan. 11—Selected—Sir John Wilson, Bart.
16—Sweden—W. G. Paris, Esq.
23—Members' Display—sponsored by J. S. Merryloves, Esq.
- DARLINGTON.**
Jan. 10—Display—"Persia," by Mr T. Kipling.
- DUNDEE.**
Jan. 9—Auction, Congress Preview.
21—Saxony—F. H. Fairweather, Esq.
- EDINBURGH.**
Jan. 2—Display, Internal Flights of Newfoundland, by Mr C. G. R. H. Jaques, F.R.P.S.
16—Display of Philatelic Sidelines by Messrs W. Halley Grant, A. M. Mackay, C. M. Beckett and F. T. Green.
- GLASGOW.**
Jan. 7—"Canada," by Mr A. E. Stephenson.
21—Exchange Night.
Eve. 4—Stamp Show No. 1—Mr A. Harrold.
- GREENOCK.**
Jan. 9—Messrs John P. Thomson, F.S.I., Charles E. Edridge, M.B.E., and David W. Guy— "Great Britain and North America"
23—James Hill, M.P.S., "Nations United for Victory."
- IRISH.**
Jan. 2nd, 1st, 16th & Jan. 30th.
- KIRKINTILLOCH.**
Jan. 10—Australia, by Mr D. Campbell; Denmark by Mr R. C. Provan.
21—Exchange Night.
- NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE.**
Jan. 5—President's Night. Display by President.
- NORTH OF ENGLAND.**
Jan. 16—H. R. Hunter, Esq., Display of Philatelic Forgeries.
- NORTH OF IRELAND.**
Jan. 3—Annual Meeting.
- OBAN.**
Jan. 10—Talk, "Stamp Design," by Mr Bell.
24—G.B. Study Circle—Leader Mrs Walker.
- SCOTTISH.**
Jan. 7—Postal History & Methods of Stamp Printing.
Feb. 4—Auction, Quiz Night.
- SHIELDS.**
Jan. 10—Display by J. T. Vasey.
- STIRLING.**
Jan. 11—Visit to Caledonian Society, Glasgow.

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- FEB. 12th.**—A Specialised Stamp Sale, 653, at 2 p.m. Great Britain—a remarkably fine and valuable sale including the collections offered by the order of R. E. Green, esq., of Sheffield, Donald R. Hunt, esq., of Winchmore Hill, and the Executors of the late Reverend C. Graham Swann, M.C., of Sidmouth.
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