

Up to the time of going to press we have received the following publications for which the publishers will kindly accept our thanks:—The Advocate, The Ontario Philatelist, The Kid, The Philatelic Literature Collector, The Monthly Bulletin, The Philatelic Bulletin, Briefmarken Of-fertenblatt, The Philatelic Messenger, The Montreal Philatelist, Texan Philatelist, International Philatelist, Evergreen Philatelist, Philatelic West, Der Briefmarkenhandier, Do Occidente, Allegheny Philatelist, Stamps and Metropolitan Magazine.

Ohio Notes.

BY J. EDWARD SOHN JR.

"War." Everything seems to be war nowadays. Collectors have dropped the discussion of stamps and turned their minds trying to solve the best way how Havana can be captured.

The 5c blue is out in most of the large cities of the Union. I have seen three different shades, light blue, blue, dark blue.

Cincinnati will be a prominent candidate for the 1899 Convention seat of the S. of P. and O. P. A. Numerous conventions and prominent meetings will be held in Cincinnati during 1899 and therefore cheap railroad rates will be in abundance.

You can look for a new issue from the Republic of Cuba in a few months.

Spain is greatly in debt. Will she commemorate her downfall by issuing a set of stamps and thus raise part of her funds.

Collectors in Cincinnati, New-

port and Covington and their suburbs and adjacent villages will try to form a Philatelic Club called Tri-City Philatelic. There are about 50 members in this section of the Union.

The O. P. A. seems to have an attack of "Hay Fever," since the retirement of Chas. H. Pendleton. The Society has suffered a great deal since his retirement.

Several O. P. A. members, in speaking about the Ohio Centennial, which will be held in 1903, say that they will try to have the O. P. A. exhibit in it. They will place it before the members at the next convention, which will be held at Columbus in September.

Jubilees Still on Sale.

The Stamp Vendor here (St. Catharines) is again selling jubilees. This time it is the 20c values. He reports that these were sent on when the supply of old ones ran short.

Rapid Delivery of City Letters.

Special to the Mail and Empire.

OTTAWA, May 17th.—The government has decided to utilize bicycles in the special rapid delivery or letters in larger cities. The system will be brought into force by July 1st. The rate will probably be ten cents per letter. The stamp is now in preparation. A proposal to reduce the rate on drop letters in cities from two to one cent is under consideration. Statistics will be gathered as to the probable effect of the reduction before any step is taken.