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We take pleasure now in announcing that another exhibition of, if possible, an even larger scale than its predecessor will be held in the same capital, commencing on the 28th of February next. The magnificent hall of the Imperial Gartenbau-Gesellschaft has been secured for the purpose, and there the formal opening will take place at 9 a. m. of the day above mentioned by His Excellency the imperial Postmaster-General. The exhibition will continue till 5 p. m. of the 12th of March. The balance of the proceeds of admission and other fees, after paying expenses, are to be devoted half to the funds of the benevolent Society of Vienna Post-officers and the other half to the Pension and Benevolent Fund of Vienna Letter Carriers.

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We regret that details of the scheme were not published sooner than they were, as the shortness of the time allowed prevents many persons interested who reside at a distance, i. e., outside of Europe, from making up and sending such an exhibit as they would regard worthy of themselves and of the exhibition. There can be no doubt that had sufficient time—say at least six months—been allowed many philatelists residing in distant lands would have been able to, and would have taken pleasure in preparing and sending exhibits that would have been creditable both to themselves and to their respective countries.

The committee engaged in preparing and managing the exhibition consists of Gustav Reitz, Editor von Bollheim, President, Rud v. Berger, Secretary, Emerich Ducekhalik, Treasurer, and Joseph Dolyak, Anton Laighammer and Wilhelm Rilke. These are all eminent and scientific philatelists, whose names are familiar to collectors all the world over, and will be recognized as a guarantee of the success of the exhibition. We are sorry to miss from this list the name of that eminent author in this science Dr Alfred Moschkau, who, as Secretary, rendered such valuable service and contributed so largely to the success of the former exhibition.

We sincerely wish the exhibition the fullest success possible, and shall await with what patience we can the receipt of mementos and also of the organ of the Vienna Club containing a full account of exhibits and proceedings of the meeting. We also hope that the two worthy funds to be benefited by the proceeds will have their treasuries materially increased by the event.

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