

### The Printers' International Specimen Exchange.

The object of the Specimen Exchange is to show printers what their *confreres* are doing, and to foster and encourage taste and good work generally. Printers joining the Exchange pay a nominal sum towards the cost of special title pages and covering incidental expenses, and will contribute twice a year 200 typographical specimens of an uniform size (demy 4to.,  $11\frac{1}{4} \times 8\frac{3}{4}$ ) which, at the end of each half year, will be collated into sets and distributed amongst the various members for binding into half yearly volumes for future reference. The proprietors of *The Paper & Printing Trades Journal* have agreed to handsomely bind the half-yearly volumes for those subscribers desiring it at five shillings per volume. Each specimen should bear the full imprint of the producer, and may be single or fly leaf and worked one or both sides. Subscribers are not necessarily expected to print special jobs for the Specimen Exchange, but may work off 200 copies in excess of any artistically arranged, well finished, and carefully worked job of the required size that may pass through their hands. Each contributor should bear in mind that his work will be critically scrutinized by fellow craftsmen who, from the fact of their joining such an organization, show that they are more than ordinarily alive to what constitutes good work. The volumes of specimens will not only prove of extreme value to subscribers as works of reference, but will be intrinsically valuable in themselves, as it will be impossible to procure even a single copy by purchase.

#### RULES.

1.—The subscription to *The Printers' International Specimen Exchange* is one shilling per annum.

2.—Members must be practical letterpress or lithographic printers. Managers of printing offices, compositors, pressmen, etc., are eligible.

3.—The specimens produced for the Specimen Exchange must be from the hands of the subscriber or his workmen; trade work, of course, cannot be admitted.

2.—Two hundred copies of each half-yearly job must be sent, carriage paid, addressed to the editor of *The Paper & Printing Trades Journal*, 50 Leadenhall street, London, E. C.

5.—The first English specimens in each year are to be sent in (carriage paid) any time before the 15th of June, and the second any time before the end of November; but American specimens are to be posted (packed between boards) a fortnight earlier.

6.—For the protection of subscribers, the editor reserves the right of rejecting specimens which he may consider unsuitable, but notices of rejection will be given privately.

### Dishonest Employees.

The Dominion Type-Founding Co. would seem to have been rather unfortunate in the selection of its employés, for now we hear of a third case of default during the last few years. The first, it will be remembered, was Osborne, the manager at Montreal, whom the company put in the penitentiary; the second was Lovell, manager of the Toronto branch, for whom the company had a guarantee of \$1000 from the Canada Guarantee Company, and which they recovered from the latter after a protracted lawsuit; and now we have the cashier of the Toronto branch, Thomas Barrett, who has been in the employ of the company about three years as bookkeeper and cashier, disappearing with some of his employers' money. The Toronto daily papers, in giving their version of the affair, say that Mr. John Macdonald, accountant, in making his audit of the company's books, discovered that Barrett had been falsifying the entries therein. The company accordingly determined to discharge Barrett, especially as he had lately relapsed into drinking habits. After Barrett had learned through the President of the Company, Mr. Murray, of his discharge, he went to the safe, pocketed the cash therein (some \$70), locked the door, and went off with the key in his pocket. The manager had the safe opened, when the cash-box, with a number of bonds in it, and the books of the firm, were found intact. The whole amount short is not supposed to exceed \$200. Barrett, who was formerly of the firm of Barrett & Rae, auctioneers, has a wife and four children depending on him. Barrett left on the train for St. Johns, but took a ticket for some point further on the line.

*The Printer's Miscellany*, published by Hugh Finlay, St. John, N. B., Canada, monthly, \$1 per year.—We have just received the current number of this cute, well-printed, spicy publication, a goodly portion of which is devoted to matters which interest and amuse the "craft." The department headed the "Scrap Book" is peculiarly facetious, and we would like to reproduce it, had we room, in its entirety. Another portion of it, devoted to "Phonography" is particularly spicy, especially to old "vets." This department is conducted by T. William Bell—*Boston Journal of Commerce*.