

Regarding the opportunities of the philatelic press, much is to be said; too much to allow of its being treated even in the most cursory manner at the tail of an already over lengthy article. We must, therefore leave the discussion of this part of the theme until another month. It is well worth a separate article.

Fifty Philatelic Points.

Sayings and Articles of Noted Writers
Carefully Condensed.

BY GEORGE W. STARNAMAN.

The first issue of stamps for Tobago did not bear the word "postage" for the reason that they performed like many other British Colonials (e. g. Bahamas, Tasmania, etc.), the double function of postage and revenue stamps. In the lower half of the circle where the word "postage" afterward appeared there was a line of simple ornamentation, and when in 1880, a separate series was issued for the prepayment of mail matter, the old design was continued for the revenue stamps.—S. B. Hopkins.

In philately as in other pursuits in life, one of the main rewards and delights is found in witnessing the pleasures of others as they eagerly examine our treasures, with glistening eyes and exclamations of wonder and congratulation.—E. H. Hall.

In 1861 the United States issued a letter sheet of blue paper with a 3 cent pink stamp containing the head of Washington to left in relief, the same as the regular 3 cent envelope stamp. They were made in two sizes. They were used for only a short time and receiving little patronage were soon discontinued.—C. A. Coolidge.

A collection of one thousand varieties, neatly mounted, and in which every speci-

men has been chosen in regard to its beauty and historical interest rather than its rarity or value, is surely to be preferred to a conglomeration of three or four thousand varieties which have been accumulated without any care or thought.—R. S. Baker.

In my opinion, specialism has come to stay. It will gain in favor slowly but surely, nevertheless it will supersede generalism in the distant future. There will probably be published "The Specialist" but it will fail, because it will be issued before there is a demand for it.—W. Lionel Moise.

Fraudulent stamps of Switzerland have been rather successful, this being due to the fact that they were printed in Switzerland and put in the market right from the home of the genuine.—E. A. Stigeler.

As true philatelists we should hail with joy the entrance of any kingdom or republic into the postal world. It is a great step from barbarism to civilization, and we should not let it go by unrecognized.—Every paget.

Little of the speculative enters into the U. S. departments, however. We know that just so many of each value of each department was issued. The supply not being equal to the demand, is responsible for the ever increasing value of the departments.—C. E. Severn.

Which derives the most pleasure and profit from his hobby—the ardent generalist or the minutial loving specialist is, and must remain an open question. My advice to all collectors is—follow your own fancy and fear no faddist. "You pays your money and you takes your choice."—Wm. E. Imeson.

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