

ON this the first anniversary of the publication of our paper, we come before our friends and readers to thank them heartily for the assistance given to us during the year that has just passed, and ask them to continue their efforts on our behalf, and help to make the incoming year even more successful than the last has been.

The hardest part in the history of a paper (namely, its first year) has now been passed, and, we are happy to say, with very fair success. Of course, all has not been smooth sailing (in fact we had a good many rough places to cross), but we are at last safely over and are now looking forward with light hearts to the future.

We trust our friends will do nothing to disappoint our expectations, but all they can to forward them.

Thanking you again for your kindness we wish you one and all most cordially a Happy New Year.

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Just before going to press, we have had the pleasure of receiving from the "Western Philatelic Publishing Co." a copy of "*The Bluffton Stamp Society*." The contents are interesting, the binding and typographical work excellent, and all together it is a book we may all be proud of having on the philatelic shelves of our library. We most heartily congratulate the company on their success, and can well say, Try it again.

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### THE CANADIAN ERROR.

THE Canada 2c. brown registration is at this time mentioned frequently in the *Figaro* and several other philatelic publications. As there seems to be considerable doubt as to the origin, and as I was in the main instrumental in introducing them to the philatelic public, I have decided to give the information I possess on this subject to them.

About the beginning of January, 1887, I was shown a registered letter received from Miscou Light House Post Office in New Brunswick. It had a BROWN 2c. registration stamp on it—a clear unmistakable dark brown. I immediately wrote the postmaster there for information relative to them. He answered and said that he had 23 on hand. That he had originally received 50 from the P. O. Dept. at Ottawa, and that they were BROWN when he received them. This he stated positively. I then sent to him for them, but before my letter reached him he had used two of them so that I received only 21.

Those stamps I showed to several philatelists and could not get two to agree as to their origin. Some said the change in color was due to the gum, others to chemical changes, others again said it was due to the atmosphere from the salt water. Very few would allow a misprint. In the meantime Mr. F. C. Kaye also came across another registered letter with brown registration stamp. This time it was from the P. O. of New Ross in Lunenburg Co., N. S. From this office about 50 were obtained. The postmaster at this office was also positive as to having received them from the Dept. at Ottawa in brown. The same objections were raised to those