

We have received the annual issue of *The American Philatelist* and year book of the *American Philatelic Association*, for the year ending Feb. 5, 1894. We consider that this form of the publication is far more sensible than a monthly issue.

Mr. N. F. Seebeck, the controller of the Seebeck issues, referring to the cancelling of the contracts with the Honduras Government, states that the cancelling of the said contracts is simply a black-mailing scheme on the part of the Government.

The officers for 1894 of the New York branch of the Sons of Philatelia are as follows: President, Dr. P. Allen; Vice President, W. Wurts; Treasurer, J. E. Brevont; Secretary, D. W. Leeper; Librarian, A. G. Rich; Exchange Superintendent, C. W. Grevning.

The new triangular stamps of Liberia have appeared and are very pretty. The regular issue is printed in black with a scarlet center, and the official stamp is printed in lilac with a green center and surcharged "O. S." Both stamps are of the 5c. donation.

It would seem as if there was no law in Belgium against illustrating the current issues of that country. We notice that all our contemporaries in that country illustrate the new Sunday stamps. If this is allowed how easy it would be for unscrupulous parties to forge the stamps.

We have received from Mr. A. B. Merrill, of Everett, Mass., a copy of his *Fraud List* which is a very useful book, containing as it does the names and addresses of a large number of philatelic frauds. A large number of pages are left blank for additions. The book is sold at 25c and may be obtained at the above address.

A Portuguese collector writing to *The Monthly Journal* assures the editor that the government is not printing fresh editions of its obsolete stamps for the purpose of surcharging them, but he does not doubt that all the values of the new issue will be brought out before the old stocks are exhausted, and we may consequently expect to see surcharged specimens of the whole set.

The forthcoming work of the *Philatelic Society of London* is being looked forward to with interest. It is to deal with the British Colonies and Possessions in Africa; but it is not known when it

will appear. This book will contain the result of the labors of the society during the past year, and, as all other works published by the society, it will be greatly in demand and be a very useful work.

We see by Stanley Gibbons' monthly paper that Mr. D. A. King writes them to the effect that the Canadian Pacific railway employs a sheet stamped with a current 1c. wrapper die, upon which is printed the monthly receipts and expenditures for transmissions to shareholders; the paper is bluish grey, but this is hardly an official variety, although it is well that its existence should be noted.

In a recent issue of the *Canadian Philatelic Weekly*, when referring to our Hand Book No. 5, we mentioned the fact that the said book would be ready on the 31st of February. We are now glad to announce that we shall not have to keep those who have ordered the book waiting that long; most of our readers will notice that this was an error and that it should have been Feb. 28th.

The Melilla military stamps are pronounced by *Der Philatelist* to be frauds. According to this paper some speculator had these stamps engraved and printed and then delivered them to the soldiers, whom he supplied free of charge. All letters of the soldiers that are cancelled with the regimental cancellation stamp are entitled to free delivery, and consequently no stamps are required. It seems probable that this is the correct explanation of this issue.

The annual banquet of the New York branch, Sons of Philatelia, was held on the 26th of January; the following report of the same is taken from the *New York Standard*: "The second anniversary of the New York branch, Sons of Philatelia, was celebrated by a banquet at the Columbia restaurant on Jan. 26th. There was, unfortunately, a smaller attendance than expected, and those who failed to be present missed a fine evening's pleasure. The dinner, which consisted of eight courses, was of excellent quality, and the service was up to the high standard of the Columbia. After the guests had partaken of the dinner, speeches were called for from the vice-president, W. Wurts, who presided in the absence of the president, and Messrs. J. B. Brevoort, Chas. W. Grevning, D. Leeper, N. Nieschbourg and Alvah Davison.