

REVIEWS.

We have had laid upon our table Mr. A. D. Robertson's new Price List. It is a beautifully got up affair, finely printed by Messrs. Chubb & Co., on the best quality of paper, and the cover is tastefully illustrated with cuts of stamps. For full particulars see Mr. R.'s advertisement in another column.

We also have to notice the new Price List of the Excelsior Stamp Association, which is similar, in many respects, to the above. We are also requested to state that purchasers of this latter catalogue will find on the cover a list of "the celebrated Excelsior Packets."

We have received a half-sheet, printed on one side, purporting to be the "Introductory" to a new postal publication called "The Stamp-Collector's Review," the first number of which is to be issued on Sept. 15th, at Boston, Mass., by Fred. H. King. We presume it is all "O. K." but we think it is rather bad policy putting out an Introductory and asking subscriptions in advance, before subscribers can see the size, style, of editing and timophilic weight of the affair. Mr. King is, as we understand, a very young person, and doubtless means well; but young persons should not be rash in a speculation of this kind. However, be that as it may, "he knows his own business best," and we wish him every success in his enterprise, and hope it may be a useful periodical in the philatelic field of literature.

An English stamp paper throws discredit on the 13 cent Sandwich Islands, which was lately issued or said to be issued. For once in our lives it does us good to agree with him. We believe them to be the bogus emanations of some New York "manufacturer;" in fact we can almost say we know it.—Also we have very great doubt of the authenticity of the 5c. provisional of the same Islands.

NEW STAMPS.

**SANDWICH ISLANDS.**—This country has a new stamp; value 5 cents, color blue, inscription "Lihua Keneta." This postal bears the effigy of King Kamehameha V., who has his hair parted in the middle.

**FRANCE.**—We notice engravings of envelope-essays, which the stamp advocates say will never be used, so it is of no use giving descriptions of them.

**UNITED STATES.**—There is about to be issued a new 10c. envelope—to be a companion to the adhesive of that value. It will have the head of Lincoln, in a circle, and will be printed in black.

The Rigi Kaltbad Stamp, about which there has been so much discussion, has had its genuineness proved by the S.C. Magazine, whose editor wrote to the Rigi Kaltbad hotel, and was told in reply:—

"As our establishment is situated on the mountain we are not in direct connection with the Federal Swiss Post office, therefore we have to send the letters to the post station at the foot of the mountain, for which every body has to pay 15 cents per letter extra, for carriage.

Not only is it a postage stamp, but it is also for an advertising use. In the centre of the stamp is the well known Alpine rose, a symbol of the mountain."

We have received the following papers which we place on our exchange list:—The Collector's Circular; The Collector's Guide; The S.C.M. Gazette; The S. C. Record; Le Timbrophile; Briefmarken Sammler; The Monthly Intelligencer; The Chit-chat; The Wolverine Acadian; The Digby Examiner; The Star Spangled Banner; and The Stamp Dealer's Advertiser.

To publishers of papers.—We will cheerfully exchange notices with you. Any person inserting our advertisement and sending the papers to us will have the favor reciprocated.