

each one remarked that "It was one of the most enjoyable evenings they had ever spent."

THE 1 and 2 cent (Canada) weights and measures stamps have been changed from blue to black, making the whole set of the same color.

THE (Canada) Gas Inspection stamps have been changed from light to dark blue.

L. W. DURBIN, DEAD.

It is with deep sorrow we read of the death of Mr. L. W. Durbin, which took place at his residence at Burlington, N. J., on August 13th. There are very few stamp collectors who do not know the name of Durbin, as being connected with Philately for a number of years. As we were not personally acquainted with Mr. Durbin, we are not in a position to give him the just tribute to his memory which he is worthy of, but this much we can say, that with the death of Mr. Durbin, the Philatelic fraternity at large loses one of their most prominent members as well as a thoroughly reliable author, who was always willing to give a helping hand to Philatelic matters. We tender our sincere condolence to his family in this, their trying moment.

AFTER all that has been written regarding the Samoa stamps, we are still in doubt as to their being of any real postal value. We have recently received from a Hawaiian correspondent, specimens of the 2d, 4d, 1sh. and 2/6 stamps of the present issue, bearing the Apia postmark. The stamps were procured from the Samoan Consul at Honolulu.

ODD NOTES.

WE have seen the jubilee stamps used in the Levant.

MAMA! can I stick the stamp on your letter? Well, yes, I suppose you can as you have such a sweet tooth, but I can tell you if you don't leave off this hankering after sweeties, you will soon not have a tooth left in your head.

"Did you deliver the letter to Mr. Smith?" asked a gentleman of his servant. "Yes," said he, "but the man did not live in Water Street but across the common, not number 10 but number 115, not in the front but in the rear, he wasn't a mason but a minister, and his name wasn't Smith but O'Flaherty."

FILL up the ranks of the C. P. A by sending your initiation fee of 25c. to Mr. J. R. Hooper, Sec. pro tem, 124 Slater St., Ottawa, Ont.

Join at once so as to have a vote at the coming election.

MR. F. J. GRENBY of Brantford, has a genuine used O'Connell stamp in his collection.

A GENTLEMAN told his servant to burn a handful of letters which were lying on the table. The servant asked to be allowed to retain a few of them for his own use. Surprised at this request, the gentleman asked him what he intended to do with them. Said he: "Oh, yes, when I left home my sweetheart asked me to send her a letter now and again, and as they are of no use to you, sir, and new and clean at that, I would thereby fulfil my promise to send her a letter now and again."