

poraries a long adieu we cheerfully forgive all such offenders.

The success of the *Gazette* stimulated rivalry. Other papers sprang into existence, but few of them lived long, and of the many in this and other cities in America that claimed attention and support subsequent to our *debut*, one only now remains viz., the "*The Postman's Knock*," published also in this city for gratuitous circulation; and to such of our friends who still take an interest in stamp affairs we would say send and get this *reliable* periodical.

In thinking over the past, we cannot bid good-bye to the English periodicals named above (viz., the *Stamp Collector's Magazine* and the *Philatelist*) without making acknowledgment of the honorable way in which they have acted uniformly towards the *Gazette*: and to such of our readers as desire to be well informed on the stamp and postal affairs of the world, we earnestly recommend these journals as worthy of their confidence and support. The publishing price of the former is one dollar per annum, and of the latter seventy five cents.

To the Press, also, of Saint John and other cities in Europe and America, we tender our warmest thanks for the many friendly notices with which they favored us from time to time. This kindness will ever be remembered with gratitude.

We also take this opportunity of thanking publicly Messrs W. D. Atlee and E. Clark of London, and E. S. Gibbons, of Plymouth, England, M. Moens of Brussels, P. Mahe, and M. A. Maury, of Paris, Zschiesche & Koder of Leipzig, M. Carl, of Geneva, J. G. Topali, of Messina, Italy, R. Schloff, of St. Petersburg, Russia, and others. Mr. Nutter of Montreal, must also be acknowledged as a particular friend who took a warm interest in the *Gazette*, and was indefatigable in trying to promote its interests.

Those of our subscribers whose term is not expired will have the balance due to them refunded either in cash, or stamps, as they may desire. Parties indebted to the *Gazette* will oblige greatly by remitting immediately; and those whom we owe will please send along their bills at once and get paid.

FRIENDS AND PATRONS,—GOOD-BYE!

Since our present Post Master General has been in office he has bestowed many benefits on our citizens. The improvements he has made in the several Post Offices throughout the province, and the zeal and activity he displays whilst fulfilling the obligations of his office, show that he is determined "no stone shall be left unturned" for the proper performance of his duty. Since the retirement of the Hon. Chas. Connell, the Post Master Generalship of this province was but imperfectly filled, until the present incumbent Hon. John McMillan entered the arena. Not only has he instituted numerous changes in relation to the arrival and

departure of the mails, removed the inland postage on pamphlets to publishers, etc, reduced the postage on newspapers to foreign countries, and given further facilities to the Money Order office in transacting its rapidly increasing business, but he has also made arrangements with the Post Master General of the neighbouring Republic for the introduction of the registration system between the two countries. This latter act of the P. M. G. is what the lamented Artemus Ward would call a "sweet boon."

THE PENNSYLVANIA SCHOOL JOURNAL.—We have received from the editor, Thos. N. Burrows, Esq., No 10 of volume 15 of the above serial. It is a well printed magazine of some 24 pages of reading matter, chiefly educational, and about the same number of advertising pages. The information afforded to the students, relative to the progress of the principal schools in the United States is considerable, and the *critiques* on the latest books of the day are written in a fair and impartial style. The terms are \$1.00 a year, in advance.

THE CHURCH MAGAZINE published in this city by Mr. W. M. Wright, in entering upon its third volume, is greatly enlarged, illustrated, and otherwise improved. The price is only 75 cents per annum. It is in the interests of the Church of England.

PRIZE PUZZLES IN OUR LAST.—The answer to the Enigma that appeared in last month's *Gazette* is "*Ceylon Postage, one shilling and nine pence, and Cape of Good Hope Postage four pence.*" R. C., *Syracuse, N. Y.*, received the 50 cent packet for solving it correctly. "*Nix's*" answer came too late as did also several other correspondents' solutions.

The answers to Transpositions are, 1. *Correos poste franco colon Chile.* 2. *The Confederate States of America, postage ten cents.*

Answer to Cryptograph. "*Whoso solveth this specimen of secret writing, the same shall receive an unused ten cent New Brunswick stamp for his pains.*"

The Transpositions and Cryptograph had no solvers.

Newly Issued Stamps.

UNITED STATES.—Shortly, from this Republic, will be issued an adhesive stamp of a new value, viz., 20 cents. It is intended to be used chiefly for Registered letters.

MORESNET.—Some years ago a coloured individual hailing from "Africa's burning clime," was describing to a noted geographer a small place near the coast of Africa. The man versed in descriptions of the earth, denied that there was such a place at all; and taking from his bookcase an atlas, that was warranted to con-