

A Coming Event.

The Philatelic Exhibition which the London Philatelic Society held in 1890, was a grand success. Since that time great changes have taken place, remarkable progress made, and thousands of new adherents have been added to our science. Our European correspondent in his last month's letter stated that the London society intended holding another exhibition early in 1897. The exhibition will be held in the galleries of the Royal Institution of Painters, 19 Piccadilly, W., on Thursday, July 22nd, 1897, and will continue for about two weeks. The capable committee in charge is in itself a guarantee of the success of the undertaking. The exhibits will be divided into eight classes, which are subdivided into about thirty divisions. The chief awards will consist of twelve gold, forty-five silver, and forty-eight bronze medals, besides which special prizes will be offered. Class I. consists of special collections of the stamps of Great Britain, with the following divisions: (a) unused adhesive postage; (b) used adhesive postage; (c) telegraph stamps only. Class II. to consist of adhesive postage of special countries or combinations of countries as indicated in the rules. There are four divisions in this class, as follows: (a) British Colonies, consisting of four subdivisions; (b) Europe, two subdivisions; (c) Asia and Africa, two subdivisions; (d) America, three subdivisions. Class III., exhibits of rare stamps; not less than fifty, or more than one hundred. Class IV., entire general collections in albums, with and without post card and envelopes. There are three divisions in this class. Class V. has two divisions, and is for entire envelopes and wrappers. Class VI., two divisions for collections of entire postal and letter cards. Class VII., exhibits of engravers and stamp manufacturers. Class VIII., philatelic literature, three divisions. Class IX., albums, three divisions. Class X., philatelic accessories and appliances. Class XI., special for stamps on original covers, proofs, essays, oddities, etc. Detailed information regarding these various classes may be obtained from the committee in charge, the address of which we will furnish to anyone interested. The following gentlemen have donated medals: Mr. R. Ehrenbach, one silver and one bronze; Mr. W. Hadlow, one silver; Mr. W. T. Wilson, one gold and one silver; Mr. W. H. Peckitt, one gold and one silver; Stanley Gibbons, Ltd., one gold and one silver; Mr. M. P. Castle, one gold and one silver; Mr. W. Giwelb, one gold. In addition to the above medals, the London Society will place a number of medals at the disposal of the

judges. The entrance fees have been placed at a low rate, and every possible care will be taken of exhibits, which will be insured against loss by fire or theft. Entries must be made by May 1st, 1897, and the exhibits are to be delivered by July 10th. The judges will be appointed by the executive. The above is a general outline of the leading features of the exhibition, which will undoubtedly be the greatest in the history of philately. The awards will in all probability be keenly contested, as the number of entries in the various classes promises to be quite large. Further matter about the progress of the exhibition will be furnished by our European correspondent monthly by mail.

The market value of the 12c. purple, 1872-3, United States, is 75 cents, but in order to increase the circulation of my priced list of stamps, I will send one of these stamps and a copy of my list to anyone sending 30 cents and the names and addresses of five or more stamp collectors.

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