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TORONTO, APRIL, 1888.

WE have received from Mr. Babb a copy of "The Stamp Dealers of the United States." A directory which contains the names and addresses of the leading dealers of the United States.

MESSRS. STANLEY, GIBBONS & CO., have forwarded us the second supplement of the Philatelic Handbook, by Major Evans. It contains all the postal issues of 1886 and 1887. This is a valuable work and should be in the library of every philatelist.

CAN any of our readers give us any information concerning the following parties : Frank S. Perry, Box 255, Yarmouth, Maine ; R. Vansyckel, Box 604 and 2438, Bridgeton, N.Y.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letters of enquiry not accompanied by 3c. for postage will be inserted under this heading.

A. E. Smith, Halifax.—T. P. J. was forwarded to you on Feb. 20th. As a rule we take no notice of postals

W. H. B.—We know nothing of Gregory, of Hamilton.

F. J. G.—We expect to publish a catalogue of Canadian postage and revenue some time next fall.

For the Toronto Philatelic Journal

POSTAGE STAMPS AS A PASTIME.

BY MRS J. A. MASON.

The practice of collecting postage stamps is now universally acknowledged to be one of the most useful and elevating of all pastimes. True, many raise the objection that it is so expensive. But what pastime is there that is not attended with some outlay, and judging by comparison stamps rank about the cheapest.

Many a successful business man to-day dates his first business venture back to the time when he bought a packet of thirty stamps for a nickel and sold them at a cent apiece, realizing what he considered a small fortune of profit in the transaction.

A poor man living in Denmark had acquired a love of Philately when a small boy, saving every cent to add to his collection. Born of lowly parents and having to work very hard, his education was necessarily very limited, but by his constant devotion to his favorite amusement he became familiar with the various countries and their rulers, and naturally of an investigating turn of