

who is fighting his country's wars in foreign lands, this one calls his attention to a sick brother in the antipodes, this to a sister in the sultry lands of India or China, perchance she is a missionary, toiling on wearily from day to day to convert the heathen, yet yet never tired of her self-imposed task.

Now my friend, there is my answer to you. "What foolishness? What nonsense?" I ask you, is it nonsense or is philately a study, which like the arts or sciences has obtained for itself a place in the world, commencing from a very small beginning and now grown to such dimensions as seem almost incredible as being a pastime for men of all degrees, from the autocrat of all the Russia's down to the humble school-boy.

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### NOTES.

BY THE EDITOR.

The Mekeel Co, announce a new standard catalogue, to appear shortly.

The *International Philatelist* has resumed publication with the September number.

There is a growing demand for cancelled Columbians in this city, and very few can be obtained, the 5 and 10 cent envelopes being almost impossible to obtain in used condition.

It is rumoured that another phil-

atelic society will be organized this winter, to be composed of the younger class of collectors. There is no doubt that such a society has long been needed in this city, and if properly organized with efficient officers, it should be very successful.

The annual election of officers of the Toronto Philatelic Club will take place on October 18th, the Club having reached the first anniversary of its successful existence. The membership which is composed of both City and Corresponding members is now 40.

The meetings, which are held twice each month, are as a rule well attended and with good management the membership should be greatly increased during the coming winter.

For some time past, several prominent dealers have been sending out approval sheets of stamps unsolicited. As a remedy for this, it has been suggested that the sheets should not be returned but either kept or destroyed. This is wrong, as any person who deliberately keeps or destroys stamps sent to him on approval, is almost as much a thief as the fraud or substituter.

Now, do not think for a moment that we wish to defend the dealer who sends out his sheets unsolicited. Far from it, as we should heartily endorse any legitimate plan by which the nuisance can be abated, and if possible entirely stopped.