

the saying is, *Slow but sure*, they are *sure* a Philatelic Society would be a very good thing to have here, but they are pretty *slow* in forming one, they are a *s* rather *slow* in sending along their sub-scrip-tions, but we are *sure* they only want reminding of the fact, to *ensure* us quite a number of sub-scribers.

We have been very fortunate this month in securing an article from Mr. Henry Hechler, of this city. Mr. Hechler is one of the best philatelic writers in America, but he finds but little time in which to write, as his large business engrosses all his time. Mr. Hechler has now been a dealer for twelve years and a collector since 1858; his collection is one of the most perfect in existence, and the varieties which he always has in stock are not to be obtained from many other dealers. In 1885 he captained a company of the Halifax Battalion which went to the North West to help quell the Reil Rebellion; he also served in the Franco-German war, for both of which events he received medals. Latterly he has gone into the coin as well as the stamp business, in which we wish him every success.

We have decided to abandon the idea of having a drawing, because as we have a large number of subscribers and as they all want the prize, we feel that too many of them will be dissappointed at not receiving anything, so in place of it we will offer a splendid premium to every subscriber, including those who have already subscribed. A full list of premiums will appear in next num-

ber. In order to give more room to reading matter of more interest the New Issues will be discontinued, as they are the same in almost every philatelic paper.

We would advise all who receive this number to read Mr. Hechler's article on the different watermarks of stamps. It is a first class article and cannot help throwing much light on the subject as Mr. Hechler has made it a special study.

As to the genuineness of the Macao stamps of which doubt has lately existed, we are able to inform our readers that we have received used specimens direct from that country. They were issued in 1884.

We would just mention here for the benefit of advertisers that we do not keep sending copies of our paper to the same parties time after time, in the hope of obtaining their subscriptions, but as we have a large list of addres-ses, we send very many copies around to new ones each issue, and to collectors and others we would also say that if you want to receive the next and following numbers of the *Halifax Philatelist* you had better subscribe right now. You will obtain as much if not more *original* reading in it as in any other philatelic paper in America.

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## Exchanges.

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We are very much pleased with the appearance of the January number of *The Stamp*, it has improved wonderfully in the last few months, Philately must be rushing in Denver.