

an explanatory paragraph informs the recipient that "the postman's expenses are paid," a legend which, by the way, strikes the editor of the *S. C. M.* as rather amusing. We can't see where the laugh comes in; mayhap our continental friends are no better off for postal superintendence than we Canadians. In all our cities, with a few exceptions, the postmen are the recipients of one cent for every card or circular, and two cents for every letter delivered at residence of addressed. Truly the gubernatorial chair of our postal regime is aptly filled. To both cards just described the privilege of registration is extended.

5 bani, Blue.

BARBADOS.

The new threepenny and one shilling stamps are now in active service. The three pence is



of design similar to that of the stamps at present doing service in the island. It is impressed in a bright violet, and a plain or dull mauve—two clearly perceptible shades; perforated, and watermarked by a star. The five shilling holds to the same design, but is much larger, resembling much the English 5/ in size and color—brick red, approaching almost to a pink,—watermarked by four stars, imperfect. A four pence, with value added, is also said to be in use, and it is rumored that supplies of the other values with denomination expressed, will be forthcoming upon the exhaustion of the present stock.

ECUADOR.

Referring in our March number to the reported new issues for this Republic, we stated that in our album of *fac similes*, we discovered



specimens identical with those chronicled as authoritatively issued in December last, and unhesitatingly credited them to the Boston gang, but now we are in receipt of several obliterated specimens, among other South American stamps,

from a gentleman of this city now resident at Ascension, which we have not a doubt are genuine, and find them exact counterparts of our presumed bogus specimens. We hardly know how to reconcile those two indisputable facts. The only suggestion we can offer is that our supposed forgeries are genuine, and that they, in common with their kindred just received, were emitted some time before their existence became known.

UNITED STATES—OFFICIAL.

Appended we present our readers with a full and authentic list of all the stamps as yet issued by the government for Departmental service. In connection herewith, and for the reasons governing their emissions, we refer our readers to an article treating on them in another column.

Department of Agriculture.

1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents, Straw.

Executive Department.

1, 2, 3, 6 and 10 cents, Carmine.

Department of the Interior.

1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents, Vermilion.

Department of Justice.

1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents, Purple.

Navy Department.

1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents, Blue.

Post Office Department.

Adhesive, 1, 2, 3, 6, 10, 12, 15, 24, 30 and 90 cents, Black.

Envelopes, 2, 3 and 6 cents, Black on Canary.