

dated with the Quaker City Philatelist and it is to be regretted that it was not continued as it was one of the best of its kind then in existence.

Another good paper published at the same city was the Quaker City Philatelist. This was a large paper of 16 pages and cover. In an article entitled "A little of Everything not much of Anything, and a good deal of Nothing." The writer Mr. C. E. Hutchison, describes the novel way a Union soldier used a postage stamp. The stamp used was the common 3c green of the 1861 issue, but instead of being on the envelope the stamp was stuck on the letter inside and a square hole had been cut in the envelope so that the stamp might be seen. It had gone through the mails and was postmarked "Washington," partly on the stamp and partly on the envelope. The letter was accompanied by the following explanatory verses.

"Without intent, when I went  
On a tramp, this postage stamp  
To my paper like a wafer, it did stick.  
Now a soldier on a tramp  
Can't afford to lose a stamp  
So let these lines to all develope  
Why the hole is in this envelope."

The following note is taken from the July 1887, Q. C. P. it doubtless refers to E. B. Sterling the once famous dealer of Trenton, N. J. "Sterling has more stamps than would pave a road from Boston to Philadelphia and his private collection is immense." This is probably the same collection Mr. Sterling sold to Mr. H. E. Deats for \$7000.

The Toronto Philatelic Journal was the leading stamp journal in Canada, ten years ago. It was an eight page journal

with a handsome engraved cover. The T. P. J. was edited by Mr. G. A. Lowe, who is still one of Toronto's leading dealers.

Another Canadian stamp paper of ten years ago was the Halifax Philatelist. It was the leading light in American Philatelic journalism of that day.

The American Philatelist was edited and published by the A. P. A. Literary Board. It was first published at Altoona, Pa. issuing five numbers at this place, in 1887. It was then issued at Philadelphia until 1890. In 1891 it appeared from Chicago, and in 1892 from Chicago and St. Louis. It was issued from the latter city until it ceased to be a monthly. It now appears annually and is designated the year book of the association.

The Stamp Collectors Figaro published by E. W. Voute, at Chicago, seemed to be one of the most successful publications of 1887. Its first number appeared in March of that year and it contained 12 pages and cover; by December of the same year it had increased in size to 40 pages and cover. In this latter number there is one article of which we will make a special notice. The title of this piece is: "Philatelic Publications of 1887 of Canada and the United States." It was written by Mr. Henry S. Harte.

Mr. Harte explained in his introductory that he intended to take up and review, month by month, those journals which appeared as new lights on the philatelic horizon in 1887.

The Halifax Philatelist, Keystone Philatelist, Western Philatelist, International Philatelic Advertiser and the American Philatelist appeared in January of that year.

The Stamp Record and the Philatelic