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EDITORIAL.

We wish our readers, one and all, a right Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, and we trust that in their merry-making they will not forget PHILATELY.

We herewith present ourselves before our readers in new attire, viz :—a cover, which feature we feel sure will be appreciated by our readers, one and all. During the past few months the paper has been full of our own advts., and this interfered greatly with the standard of the paper. As will be seen, we confine our advertisements in a large measure to the cover this month, which increases the proportion of reading matter to a large degree. In course of a month or so we shall be enabled to cut down our advertisements to a page or so—that is, when our new lists are issued.

One of our correspondents takes the trouble to inform us that this magazine has an unlucky name, and that we are the fifth "*Canadian Philatelist*" published in Canada, one at Quebec, one at Whitby, one at Toronto and one at Niagara Falls. At the time our first number was issued we were not aware of this fact, or we might have named this paper otherwise. It is now, however, too late, and we take this opportunity of informing our valued correspondent that we have no intention whatever of following in the wake of our predecessors, and further we are here to stay, and to this and other parties we say, no risk whatever is run by placing your subscription with us, as we guarantee to fill them all or refund amount paid. We further urge all collectors to subscribe at once, as before long our subscription price, as well as that of all other first-class journals, will be advanced to \$1.00.

The Philatelic Protective Association, of 8 Gower street, London, W. C., have just issued their circular No. 3 in relation to new forgeries, and collectors are warned against the following forgeries ;—*Hanover*—10 gr. green, made from the 2 gr., and heavily postmarked over the value. *South Australia*—3d. on 4d. with the black surcharge changed to red ; 4d., old type, with the star mark obliterated and cr. and S. A. stamped in its place. *Trinidad*.—1851. Without value ; the red, purple-brown and blue stamps made from the Mauritius stamps of similar type. *Great Britain*.—Unperforated 1d., marked small crown, changed to the 1d. bluish black. The committee of experts of the Philatelic Protective Association shall be pleased to report upon any specimens of the above, provided that such stamps are sent to the Secretary with sufficient postage for reply.

CHAS. J. PHILLIPS,

Secretary.

While speaking of forgeries, we desire to call the attention of our readers to something going on nearer home. There is a town in New York State called Greene, and from this place come thousands of forged stamps ; not an ordinary forgery, but U. S. unperforated revenues and genuine (?) and issue 1872, Grilles of the U.S. The firm in question have of late been filling the market with U. S. unperforated revenues, which are nothing more or less than perforated ones with clipped perforations. In fact, in a lot sent us we found some with the remains of perforations left on. Every dealer and collector in our vicinity has received a choice consignment of this trash. These parties will place a pair of the genuine unperforated stamps on a sheet, together with a host of the forgeries, and offer them at such a low (?) price that many collectors have purchased this great bargain. (?) We warn our readers, one and all, against this firm, and no one should purchase these