

them some valuable consignments as far back as 8 months ago, and have had no answer yet. We trust there has been an oversight somewhere.

We acknowledge receipt of the following: "Weekly Philatelic Era," "Boston Stamp Book," "Lake State Stamp," "Herald Exchange," "Filatelic Facts and Fallacies," "Ph. Bulletin," "Perforator," "Canadian Philatelic Weekly," (Toronto and Berlin,) "Ph. Advocate," "Ph. Messenger," "American Collector," "Columbian Philatelist," "Evergreen State Philatelist," "International Philatelist," "Texan Philatelist," "Lone Star State Philatelist."

From abroad: "Philatelic Journal of Great Britain," "Melita Philatelic Chronicle," "Philatelic Chronicle and Advertiser," "Stamps," "Le Timprophile Ganlois," "L'Aurore Philatelique," "Antwerpia et Scaldis Philatelique," "O'Colleccionador de Sellow," Brazil, "Le Reyue Postale," "L'Annonce Timprophile," "Le Timprophile Belge," "Porto Philatelist," "La Revista Postal," Buenos Ayres, "Die Post," "Int. Offerten Blatt," "Offerten Blatt Fur Briefmarken Sammler," "Wegrveiser fur Sammler." Bulletin Mensuel Ph. Francaise.

We are in receipt of No. 1, vol. 1 of "The Stamp Tribune" edited and published by Mr. S. P. Lev, Harriman, Tenn., Mr. Wm. M. Verbeck, of Ballston, Spa., is associate editor. Mr. Verbeck's portrait appears in this number. The S. T. is well printed, and gotten up, and we wish it every success.

"La Carlolina Postale Illustrata," published by D. Giovanni Gussoni, Milan, Italy, is really a work of art. A beautiful colored cover, and 16 pages of well printed reading make up a nice initial number.

The Michigan Philatelic Weekly is the latest. It is very poorly printed, and as it does not even give the publisher's name or address, intending subscribers would be at a loss to whom to remit. A very curious fact is, that the review, said to be conducted by Mr. H. I. Watts, is exactly the same, word for word, as that in the "Stamp Tribune" which is conducted by Mr. Verbeck.

The Herald Exchange for January has a good article on Tasmania, by Amy L. Swift. On their editorial page, the management says they shall start a Protective Bureau, describing swindlers and their methods, etc. In the same number they run the ad of the Bohn Stamp Co., of very questionable reputation.

The Toronto Canadian Philatelic Weekly having died, the Berlin original and only one presents us with a so called "Midwinter Special" of 8 pages and cover of which 5 are advertisements, one devoted to themselves, one gives a review of the press of '98, while the remaining, one is the only one having a semblance of Philatelic reading matter. Why not give us some good reading instead of a picture of Berlin's duck-pond, or reservoir, (we cant quite make out which it is) on the cover.

The Philatelic Advocate issues a fine January Number of 60 pages. G. W. Starnaman continues his interesting Pithy Philatelic Points. Raymond S. Baker contributes a good article on early stamp papers. Under U.S. Jottings, which by the way, are mostly a rerash of notes copied from other papers, are some senseless remarks about the M. P. which could well be applied to the party that wrote them.

A DECIDED NUISANCE,

A nuisance which is daily increasing, is the tampering with rare stamps on the covers by some Post Office officials. Only recently the writer received 2 packages from Newfoundland which had thus been tampered with. Some person had attempted to tear off the stamps and failing to do so, had spoiled them by tearing them in a dozen places. Another Montreal collector received a letter from St. Helena, but the stamps were spoilt in the same manner.

Owing to a combination of circumstances we were unable to get out a December number. Subscribers lose nothing thereby, as we enter all subscriptions for 12 numbers from date of receipt.