

EDITORIAL REMARKS.

On entering its second year, the Badger State Philatelist shows a marked improvement.

—We have received catalogues of Mr. Bogerts tenth and Mr. Casey's eighteenth sale. Both are extensive.

—The Eastern Press is a neat new sheet from Wilmington, Del., devoted to general collectors.

—The Pearl, a neat amateur paper published at Syracuse, N. Y., will hereafter contain an interesting philatelic department.

—The Philatelic Society of America has now a membership of 65, and at last shows signs of achieving success. Secretary, M. V. Samuels, San Francisco.

—No. 2 of the Alabama Philatelist, although not so large or interesting as the first issue, is far above the average for new ventures in the philatelic line of publication. Mobile, Ala.

—A portrait of one of our prominent Canadian philatelists, Maj. Grenny, adorns the first page of the Stamp World, for December. It is accompanied by a short sketch of his life.

—The December number of the West-Post shows a prosperous condition in the advertising department, which means success financially. We shall, shortly, present several translations from this and other foreign philatelic journals.

—A very interesting Christmas number was issued by Mr. Herdman, Berwick-on-Tweed, England. The Miscellany, is always readable, but the issue referred to is especially so. An able article on the "Gold and Silver Coins Current Before the Christian Era," by Herbert Thompson, is commenced therein, and will run as a serial.

—The long promised Canadian Philatelic Journal has at last made its appearance, from St. Catharines, Ont. It consists of four three-column pages, mainly devoted to advertisements.

—With the December issue, the Quaker City Philatelist successfully ends its third volume, and if appearances go for anything, it looks as though it will reach several times that age, with its usual regularity, neatness, and good contents.

—During the past year the Editor of this journal has been hard at work, spare moments, in the preparation of a "History of Philatelic Literature," which he expects to publish next autumn. In the meantime, he would be thankful for any information that will be of assistance in the compilation of the work; and would like to hear from any person who is willing to loan odd articles on philately, and rare old papers that he does not already possess in his own library.

—The familiar word now on the tongue of every philatelist is "reprints," and it is certainly time that some decided action was taken in the matter. Many prominent philatelists consider them worse than counterfeits, and we cannot help but coincide with them. For with a counterfeit there is generally some defect, whereby we know it at a glance, while the reprint is so near perfection that only the most skilled can detect it from the genuine. The action of the American Philatelic Association, in excluding them from their exchange sheets, and the opinion of Mr. Bogert, and other prominent dealers in the United States; the action taken at the convention of the Canadian Philatelic Association, and the general attitude of the press, should be sufficient to convince that they ought not be collected. The only persons now in sympathy with them, are those dealers who are interested in their production and sale, and our advice to collectors is to leave such dealers severely alone.