

The Philatelic Periodicals.

BY H. A. CHAPMAN.

Publishers desiring notice under this head will confer a favor by sending one copy of their journal to HENRY A. CHAPMAN, Rocky Hill, Conn.

The first review in a new journal is always apt to be a little crude in any event, and in this case the publisher is desirous of my "rushing it," so I trust due allowance will be made. Although he is a stranger to me, he has seen fit to request my services as reviewer, and I trust I shall be satisfactory to him, to his readers, and to the journals noticed.

Vol. III, No. 1, of The Virginia Philatelist comes to hand with a brand new cover, in which blue, silver, and red-brown colors are used in setting forth the design adopted or engraved by Brother Editor Dietz. At the top appears the state coat-of-arms of Virginia, well-known from its motto *Lic Semper Tyrannis*. Two dragon-like looking lions hold up the shield, on which appears: "The Virginia Philatelist, an Exponent of Philately." The other work shows labyrinthian work carried out successfully. Inside a welcome is extended to members of the Southern Philatelic Association to "the seven-hilled Rome of the western world," and a hearty reception is promised. The editorials and notes are copious and spicy. "Ladus Viridis," a very capable writer, has an article unfinished on "The Postage and Newspaper Stamps of Parma and Piacenza." A new department on postal cards appears, with Adolph Lohmeyer as its exponent. The correspondence is ample and the usual A1 review by Mr. Paalzou takes precedence in position to the society reports, which appear at the rear.

Energy, for August, comes from Berlin, Canada. Thirteen pages of the sixteen of reading matter are non-philatelic "plate matter." Does my friend Weaver imagine that his journal at 50 cents a year can compete with four good philatelic journals which can be obtained by clubbing at that figure?

The Sept. Philatelic Advocate, while not as full of long special articles as sometimes, has several short ones that are readable, and the secretary's report shows that D. P. A. members keep coming in in goodly numbers.

The occasional California Philatelist for the season of 1899-1900 appears on "lemon yellow" paper, devoted to "The Market," "Our Hobby," some short items, and E. F. Gambs's price list. Always welcome.

Philatelic Facts and Fallacies (August) continues "Notes on the History of the General Post Office of the Hawaiian Islands," which, when finished, will make a respectable sized pamphlet. F. I. Weaver writes of "The Difference Between Smith and Jones," Smith keeping his stamps clean and untorn, while Jones was more slovenly, hence Smith's collection brought the most money, although not "catalogued" as high. A good deal of truth tersely set forth.

The July and August issues of The Montreal Philatelist were combined, and we are told that the publisher has secured some old philatelic journals from which extracts are to be given hereafter. In future, notes will be omitted as much as possible, and personals not allowed. Notices is served that "baits" will not be nibbled at. The editor tells of the disappointment of the "sample copy" fiend in not being supplied regularly.

The Post Office is furnishing its readers with copious quotations from the advance sheets of the "Standard 59th" and the August number thinks the coming catalogue will be a fair and meritorious one that will meet the requirements of all classes.

The Stamp Tribune for August, 1899, appeared from its new office, having been transferred from Harri-man, Tenn., to Cleveland, Ohio. Of course the management is not to be blamed for the journal being dated ninety years ahead. The announcement is made that Editor Lov is a candidate for exchange superintendent of the S. of P., while his journal seeks to be the official organ, which matters will be settled before this review is published. Mr. Verbeck's review is fair to all, and the articles generally interesting.

The mimeographed Rival Philatelist for September, 1899, which is No. 2, claims to be seriously inclined. Would it have us believe that its lapses from correct spelling are in earnest or the results of indigestion from over-eating boiled eggs? The issue at hand, however, is better than some of the doubled up three months', behind hand apologies, for which remark we expect a roast.

The leading article in The American Journal of Philately is headed "Australian Federation" but is re-printed from The Australian Philatelist, which predicts an early consolidation of all the six colonies of Australia, including Tasmania. When this event comes to pass a uniform set of stamps for the whole commonwealth will be in order. The collector who specializes in the Victoria colony alone has plenty to do to fill up the seven hundred spaces allotted to it. Mr. Nank has an interesting letter of six pages from London.

The leading article in the Rushden Stamps for August 25 is "On Local Societies," in which he sets forth that many of the organizations over there are of little benefit to philately, besides having poorly attended meetings. The Manchester and London societies are notable exceptions, however. Nearly half of the number is devoted to the trial of H. Hilleke & Co., Limited.

The Chicago Philatelist is a new journal, neatly printed, and has several well-known contributors. Among them are G. A. Camp, F. J. Weaver, Herman Moeller, Aug. Dietz, and others. A journal coming from Chicago should be well patronized.

The few copies received of the Nebraska Philatelist show neat typography, and Mr. Peltz writes intelligently on various topics connected with our hobby.

A PERSONAL TRIBUTE.

On the 9th of September I learned of the death of E. A. Marris, of Hamilton, Ont. While publishing The Performer Mr. Marris was for 6 months a valued and conscientious contributor to my journal, always courteous, ever ready to take advice from his elders, and a pleasant and intelligent correspondent always. He made me a present of the first one-half cent Jubilee I owned which was gratefully acknowledged. His death at the early age of 21 came as a shock, not only to me, but to a large circle of friends. His parents have my heartfelt sympathy.

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FROM OVER THE BORDER.

According to J. C. Morguethan & Co., the boy king set of Cuba have been counterfeited. Cancelled forgeries on the 3 and 6 centavo values have been found. They are rough lithographs irregularly perforated.

There is talk of a two cent letter rate between the United States and European countries.

Quite an excitement was created in the Treasury Department by the discovery that the revenue stamps used by a certain eastern cigar manufacturer were counterfeits. It is said that the government has been defrauded out of thousands of dollars. The guilty parties were quickly and properly punished.

The Post Office Department at Washington destroyed the Columbians on hand. 48,400 of the 6c., 2,937 of the \$3, 3,357 of the \$4 and 4,506 of the \$5. Were slow selling and it would take several years to dispose of them all.

THE MULOCK STAMP.

Old England holds an empire vast,
Vaster than o'er has been;
A glance upon Mulock's stamp cast,
And this is plainly seen.

Canada our domain sublime,
Takes up near half a sphere;
This to our cousins o'er the line
No doubt seems rather queer.

But Mulock to himself hath said,
"We Britons, staunch and true,
Will paint our empire vast so red,
That strange lands shall turn blue.

"To show our sons our country's worth
And England our devotion,
We'll paint our empire o'er the earth
And over half the ocean."

"Then Uncle Sam will say no more,
To Wilfrid Laurier,
When for free trade he doth go o'er—
'Well, what is Canada?'"

—Toronto Evening Telegram.