

The third Annual convention of the Dominion Philatelic Association will be held in Hamilton, the Ambitious City, on July 1st and 2nd 1898. The

**The Hamilton Stamp Club** have **D. P. A.** taken the matter in hand and **Meet.** are making great preparations.

This gathering will without doubt be the greatest in the annals of the society. Our own Berlin will send down five or six representatives. In other parts of this issue we give some views of Hamilton and "Hamiltonese"

We hope to meet many of our readers at the convention.

The best time to commence your subscription is—NOW.

As you have probably noticed this number contains the articles which were to be the contents of the Canadian

**The Philatelic Annual.** The **Annual** was a financial failure, but as will be noticed on another page all who booked orders for the work are getting far more than they paid for.

The American Souvenir Card Co. are putting their stuff on sale as postcards with philatelic value. Fudge! what nonsense.—

The new Cuban Stamps with the **Recent** boy-head instead of the baby-head **News.** look "up to the limit."—One million each was the number issued of the 1c 2c and 5c Peruvian stamps —In the R. M. S. for February Mr. R. S. Baker has another chapter of his, "Five Years of Philatelic History." It treats of the literature of the period and is very ably written. Mr. Baker is one of our brightest literary lights.—Chas. W. Grev-

ning the prominent philatelist of New York is dead. He at one time was the publisher of The Stamp.

## The Stamp Collector.

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Three months ago he did not know.

His lessons in geography;  
Though he could spell, and read quite well,  
And cipher too, he could not tell  
The least thing in topography.

But what a change! How passing strange;  
This stamp collecting passion  
Has roused his zeal for woe or weal,  
And lists of names he now can reel  
Off in amazing fashion.

I hear him speak of Mozambique,  
Heligoland and Bavaria,  
Cashmere, Japan, Turkey, Soudan,  
Samoa, Spain, Waldeck, Kohran,  
Ceylon, Siam, Bulgaria,

Schleswig-Holstein; oh! boy of mine,  
Genius without a teacher!  
Wales, Parama, Scinde, Bolivar,  
Jellalabad and Kanahar,  
Cabul, Drecan, Helvetia.

And now he longs for more Hong-Kongs,  
A Fiji and Mauritius,  
Greece, Borneo, Fernando Po,  
And when he'll stop no one can know.  
He's grown so avaricious.

This paper will be sent one year to any address for any stamp catalogued 10c or 5 stamp papers dated before 1897. Papers must be in good condition.