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## EDITORIAL.

### Columbian Stamp Exhibit.

The Executive Committee of the World's Fair Philatelic Exhibit held a meeting at the office of Mr. A. R. Rogers, 75 Maiden Lane, N Y. city, on Friday afternoon, Dec. 23rd. Present were: Messrs. C. B. Calman, Henry Clotz, J. W. Scott, Charles Gregory, A. R. Rogers, and H. E. Deats. Mr. Rogers reviewed the situation in detail, and presented various communications and exhibited the plans for the proposed exhibit. The committee authorized the chairman, Mr. Rogers, to go to Washington at once and confer with Hon. A. D. Hazen, Third Assistant Postmaster-General, and complete, as far as possible, the arrangements for space in the Government building. The cases and frames will be made uniform with those containing the Government exhibits. The next meeting of the committee will be held the first week in January, at which time it is hoped the committee will be able to prepare the rules governing the exhibit.

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