

We are glad to be able to say that so far we cannot complain, a large number of the important dealers seeing that THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST would to a great extent cover a new field, have favored us with their advertisements, and we intend if possible to repay them for their confidence. Thousands of sample copies will be mailed, prizes and premiums will be offered, and everything that can give the paper a wide spread circulation will be done. We also intend to enlarge it and devote more space to Exchange Notices and Correspondence so that subscribers may also receive the full worth of their money.

Our future therefore looks bright, and if the collectors in whose interests we appear will give us their support, we will promise them a good return for their favors.

We beg leave to call attention to our Grand Drawing advertised in another column; the prizes offered are well worth the price of a try, which is only 25 cents, apart from a subscription to the paper. But when the two are combined and you obtain in connection with a subscription to THE HALIFAX PHILATELIST for one year, a try for one of the valuable prizes given by us, also a Newfoundland stamp free, we would say that any one not sending us 25 cents as soon as possible would be doing a very foolish thing.

Exchanges will confer a favor on us by sending two copies, which we will be happy to reciprocate.

To any parties forming a club of five and sending us one dollar (\$1.00) we will send five copies of our paper for one year, and put the names down for five tries in our Grand Drawing.

As will be seen our rates for advertising are very low. This is done because we want to give advertisers a chance; they will not always continue as low, so now is the time to give us a standing advertisement, as it will pay you in the future.

The question was asked us the other day, "Why don't Halifax have a Philatelic Society the same as most other cities? Surely there are enough collectors? And the only answer we could give was, "There are hundreds of collectors but they want bringing more together, and that we are going to try to do."

Collectors think over the matter and let us know what you think of starting such a society. It cannot help but benefit you.

In answering advertisements collectors will confer a favor by mentioning this paper.

EXCHANGES.

We have received *The Cumberland Collector* *The Stamp World* *The Youths' Ledger* and *The Philatelic Journal of America*, for November, *The Philatelic monthly* and *The Empire State Philatelist* for December.

A Holiday number of the *Philatelic Journal of America* will be issued having a circulation of 25,000 copies. Editor Mekeel deserves great praise for the energy he displays in pushing his paper.

The Stamp World for December has just arrived and is as good as ever.

The Young World another paper from New York is to hand it is a fine little pamphlet and is worthy of good patronage.

Another new one comes to us from Chicago *The Western Philatelist*, it contains a large amount of good philatelic reading. its support comes chiefly from the Chicago Philatelic Society and therefore should do better than other papers which that flourishing city has endeavored to furnish. We do not know which of the three Messrs Gadsden Bradt or Wolsjaffer is the editor, but consider from the spicy way in which his editorials read that he is a man worthy of the position, we wish them luck in their enterprise.