

articles by the same writers will be found in its columns, our endeavor being to supply a newsy and valuable philatelic magazine at a popular price within the reach of all.

In this connection we may state that those receiving their wrappers stamped "The I. P.," "The P. F. R.," or "One Dime," will know that the copies are sent in filling their present subscriptions to those papers.

We solicit a renewal of those subscriptions which are expiring, and which are denoted by an X in *blue* beside the name of the journal stamped on the wrapper. Advertisers will find it to their interest to maintain their patronage in our columns.

To those that receive this magazine marked "sample copy," we respectfully solicit their subscription.

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For the convenience of those who wish to complete their files of the papers which are combined with THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST, and also files of the old *International Philatelist*, we have on hand a few back numbers, which can be obtained, as will be advertised in our next and succeeding numbers.

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The new eight cents stamp of the Dominion of Canada is out. We purchased one of the first issued, and felt great disappointment at its mean appearance. The type is the same as those of the lower values of the present issue, but with the head to the left. We hoped to have seen the type of 1893, twenty cents and fifty cents carried out in this stamp, particularly as it was issued for use as a postage and registration label combined. Possibly the wave of economy now enforced on so many of the citizens has struck the public offices, and they are saving on paper.

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In consequence of our purchasing *One Dime* we are the official organ of The Hoosier Philatelic Society, and the members will receive THE INTERNATIONAL PHILATELIST instead of *One Dime* as formerly, and their copies will be marked "The H. P. S."

Mr. Charles W. Peugh, the Secretary-Treasurer of that Society, through pressure of business, not having time to attend to his office, the President has appointed Mr. Henry Ades Fowler in his place for the unexpired time. All correspondence relating to this Society should in future be addressed to him.

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Among the recent visitors to our sanctum we had the pleasure of welcoming Mr. L. M. Stebler of London, Ont., Ralph W. Ashcroft of Philadelphia, Pa., and Clifford W. Kissinger of Reading, Pa., enthusiastic philatelists, and all men of knowledge and push, and strange to say, all three *publishers*. Such visits are the sweetening in the editorial life.

The devotees of the really "gentle art" should bear in mind how much pleasure it gives us to exchange ideas, knowledge and views on our fascinating pursuit with those of kindred tastes, whenever the opportunity offers of their so doing they will always be welcomed. The more the merrier.

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With the last two persons mentioned above, we left Toronto one Sunday morning on the hazardous expedition of going to Chicago, and we have arrived home safely again (thanks to our guardian angel), after having attended the conventions of the American Philatelic Association, the Sons of Philatelia, the United Philatelic Association, the American Numismatic Association, etc. We also "took in" the Fair. We were very much pleased with the way we were treated by our Chicago brethren, and should they ever come to Toronto, we shall endeavor to do likewise to them.

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From a reliable European source, we learn that the Governors of the French Republic are not satisfied with the symbolism on their stamps, thinking that whilst Mercury signifying spread of news is all right, his companion, supposed to represent Minerva, in no way embodies any idea of their republic. We may look for a new issue in the near future, and should this idea be extended to the stamps of the colonies, what an album France and her dependencies will demand! Is it possible that the polite people are jealous of the ascendancy of the United States in the matter of members in the stamp way?