

COIN AND STAMP DEPARTMENT.

We wish to purchase at all times stamps of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, P. E. Island, Newfoundland, and Old Issues of Canadian stamps. Highest cash prices paid. This office.

NEW ISSUES.

BERMUDA.—A new 2½d. stamp has been issued.

SIAM has issued a new set of stamps. Values: 1-16 fyang, blue; 1-8 fyang, carmine; 1-4 fyang, vermilion; 1 salang, yellow. A postal card, value 1-8 fyang, has also been issued.

BELGIUM.—We have just received the 25c and 50c values of the new series. They both have the portrait of Leopold, and are very neat in design. Color, 25c., blue; 50c., lilac.

CASHMERE has a new postcard, red on white, value 1-4 anna.

ST VINCENT.—A 6d., green, and a 1s., vermillion, stamp has appeared.

UNITED STATES.—The new 2-cent envelope is the prettiest and neatest that has yet appeared. There are altogether 9 varieties of color of paper and size.

Our American Contemporaries.

The *Old Curiosity Shop* for December lies on our table. It contains 16 pages of very interesting matter. It enters upon its 3rd volume with the January number.

The *Bayonne Philatelist* is a neat 4 page stamp paper from Bergen Pt., N. J.

Would the publishers of the *Granite State Philatelist*, *Union Exchange List*, *Stamp World* and *Curiosity Collector* kindly exchange with us, and if convenient, send back numbers.

The *Western Collector* is an exceedingly minute paper from Sacramento, Cal.

We hope all the new papers that are to come out this month will exchange with us.

We would respectfully request all stamp dealers and publishers to send us a copy of their catalogue, or other publication. All such will be reviewed in this department.

Our British Contemporaries.

By our London Correspondent.

The *Philatelic Referee* for July—the last number received—contains 12 large pages, and is well gotten up and full of interesting matter. It is only a wonder that the publishers take such pains on a publication that is gratis, and every dealer should give them an advertise-

ment, if only to encourage them in their endeavours to promote Philately.

The October number of the *Universal Philatelic Magazine* is the latest we have received. It contains 8 pages and is full of news.

The *East Anglian Philatelist* is a new venture. No. 1 (October) contains 4 pages, two of which are filled with advts. True, the price is only 1d., but when compared with the *Philatelic Referee*, even this low price seems very dear.

The *Foreign Stamp Collectors' News* is another new candidate for favor. The first number, published in October, contains 8 pages in colored wrapper.

The *Magazine of Philately* is one of the best philatelic papers now published in England. It contains 16 pages of interesting matter.

Written for the Monthly Echo.]

WHAT SHALL WE COLLECT?

OR,

A Few Words to Young Collectors.

BY B. W., LONDON, ENG.

The first word of advice, I would give a young collector is not to collect everything. Surely there is enough to collect if you take the stamps of Europe only, or America, or any other division you like.

Perhaps one of the most interesting would be Great Britain. And her possessions, and I am sure it would be sufficient occupation for you to form a complete collection of these, and quite sufficient outlay for your pocket. It would also be of more satisfaction for yourself, as you could thus attain something like a complete collection instead of the common stamps of every country, and there would be this further advantage, that if ever you wanted to sell your collection, you would get a much better price for it.

Thus, for instance, a complete set of Canadian stamps would be worth much more than an ordinary collection of, say 500 stamps, as most dealers would be glad to supply 500 stamps, all different, for 6s., but not one would sell a complete set of Canadian stamps for that price.

The young collector may argue, that this is very well, but that it would cost more to collect in this way. Here he is wrong, for if he buys the stamps singly, they would cost 1d. each or 40s. for the 500, for it must be remembered that the majority of beginners cannot afford to pay 5s. or 6s. down.

My advice is, do not purchase six separate stamps at a penny each but save that sixpence, for a stamp that is rare. Now having mentioned Canada, let us look into the value, number, etc., of these stamps. The catalogue now before me, mentions nearly 100 varieties including