

**Mr. Hooper's Appeal.** Mr. H. F. Mooers sends us the following:—"Members of the P. S. of C. and others have no doubt heard of the calamity that has befallen our President, Mr. J. R. Hooper, who is confined at Joliette, Que., with a grave charge against him, and who is lacking in the means necessary to give him a fair trial. Now, will all those who feel as if they could help him a little in this case, kindly send in the amount, however small, to H. F. Mooers, of Kingston, who will forward it to the above."

**Lewis Bishop, A. B. Quickley, alias A. Burmeister, Etc.** alias Horace Stone, alias John J. Morgan, alias Lewis Bishop, has again added additional proof to his character of Philately's greatest swindler. He has caused collectors and dealers more loss than any other philatelic black sheep known. It is said his swindling operations, under the name of Lewis Bishop, were the most extensive he has yet attempted. He is again at liberty, and it is not unlikely his next schemes will be on a still more extensive plan. A dozen (more or less) detectives (amateur and otherwise) are on his track, and all expect to capture him, which fact speaks well for his chance of escape. We, ourselves, are more fortunate than most of his correspondents, for we find we owe him a small amount, and if he will present himself at our office, with proper proof of his identity, we shall be pleased to settle our account.

**Among the Societies.** At their recent convention, the Canadian Philatelic Association chose *The Canadian Journal of Philately* for their official organ. They better had retained the *Dominion Philatelist*, as the last number of the *C. J. of P.* that has appeared, up to the present, is that of July. An official organ should be prompt. Whatever else may be said about the *Dominion Philatelist*, it is one of our promptest exchanges. London, England, has at last formed a stamp club, which fills a long-felt want, not being so exclusive and aristocratic in its membership as "ye old time" Philatelic Society of London. It starts with a good membership, some of the foremost London dealers and collectors among its supporters, and will, in all probability, be a great success and fulfil its end. Great Britain does not, as a rule, copy from or follow the agitation of Americans. A year or so ago we had a great deal of talk here respecting the amalgamation of our philatelic societies, and nothing came of it. Great Britain evidently believes she can do better, as we notice the *Philatelic Journal of Great Britain* has started an agitation on foot to secure the amalgamation of all the small English Philatelic Societies and stamp clubs with the International Philatelic Union, one of the leading

philatelic societies of England. We cannot tell what measure of success they will attain, but our candid opinion is that, as we philatelists are not all "birds of a feather" in many respects, we, therefore, do not seem to flock together, although union might prove advantageous. Regarding the Chicago Convention, nothing need be said; the results are known by all, and we are a little too late to allow of discussion.

#### The Press.

Several new papers are announced from Canada—one by Mr. Wm. Campbell, of Brooklyn, Ontario. The *International Philatelist*, formerly published by Geo. A. Lowe, of Toronto, has passed into the hands of Henry A. Fowler, and the first number after the change is certainly a creditable one. The *Philatelist* ceased publication when Lewis Bishop left Denver for parts unknown! The *Philatelic Era*, since its debut as a semi-monthly, comes around as regular and as promptly as clock-work. We cannot but notice the decided improvement in *The Philatelic Journal of America* during the last two months. Henry Gremmel's *Post Office* is 500% better than formerly. The editor of *The Southern Philatelist* is still aspiring to be a Mark Twain in his own quaint way. Mr. Percy Bishop has retired from the editorial chair of the *Philatelic Review of Reviews*. Alvah Davidson has resumed the duties of editor of *The Post Office*.

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