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EDITORIAL.

Our annual retail list No. 4 has just been mailed, and our new wholesale list for the present quarter will be sent to any dealer who has not received a copy.

A change in the management of *The London Philatelist* will take place shortly. Mr. Castle, it is said, will have full charge, and will represent the London society.

Some of our contemporaries chronicled a special post card issued at Toulon in honor of the visit of the Russian fleet. Inquiry from the French postal authorities gives us information to the effect that this card was never authorized.

The *Philatelic Era* for Xmas has been received. The *Era* is a very creditable magazine and has become improved greatly since it changed from a monthly to a fortnightly. Mr. C. W. Small has again resumed the editorship of the Revenue Department.

Hollis was fortunate in the capture of the robber and his \$1500 worth of stolen stamps. We see the trial of the burglar, Geo. Williams, has just been held at Oakland, Cal., and that he

has been sentenced to three years imprisonment by Judge Hebbard.

We are at all times pleased to have our readers forward us their photographs for use in our columns. We publish one or more portraits each week and believe that there is no better way to make collectors acquainted with one another. Let us hear from you.

It seems that the Columbian stamps will be on sale for some time yet as there are several hundred millions more on hand at Washington and various other offices. Mr. Bisse placed his final order on Dec. 29th with the contractors. The new issue will not appear until the stock of Columbians is exhausted, which will not be for about five months yet.

We are informed by a good authority that the Natal embossed stamps, issue of 1857, were recently reprinted on the original paper, for a shrewd individual who bought them at face value, intimating that they were valueless as reprints. He is now trying to dispose of them among South African collectors at £20 the set. South African Philatelists are very indignant, and are trying to bring the matter before the Natal Government.

Our handbook No. 5, which we announced some little time ago as ready for delivery was again unavoidably delayed and although every effort is being made to push the work forward, it is doubtful whether we can have it ready for mailing before the 25th inst. We feel sure that the general appearance of the book when received will repay, for the delay, those who have ordered the work. Handbooks Nos. 4 and 6 are also about ready.

Strange people inhabit this world of ours. The publishers of this paper have had an advertisement running in certain newspapers offering to pay \$100 for a million stamps. Among the answers received the following seems too good to keep; it ran: "Dear Sirs;—I saw your advertisement offering to pay \$100 for a million stamps, and I enclose you 100; please send the money, and I will send the rest of the million as soon as I get them." Such is the innocence of a country youth.

Last week, in his article on Philatelic Literature, Mr. A. O. East suggested that it was not at all improbable but that we should have a daily stamp paper soon. It now seems as if his predictions would be verified, for a daily stamp paper has been announced from Denver, Colo., with Mr. C. W. Plummer as business manager. Although a daily philatelic paper is by no means a necessity, yet if worthy of support let it be shown that stamp collectors will not fail to recognize push and enterprise.

We have been receiving dozens of complaints recently in regard to Mr. Henry Aden Fowler, of Toronto, Canada, publisher of the *Canadian Journal of Philately*. Many of our readers state that they do not care so much about the amount

involved for the subscription, but that although they have repeatedly written him enclosing return postage they have been unable to obtain so much as a reply. Our personal dealings with Mr. Fowler have always been satisfactory in every respect, and we cannot understand his apparent neglect. We shall make enquiries at once and will have further information next week.

We have received quite a number of advertisements unaccompanied by payment which must invariably be made in advance. No dealer should take offence at this rule as we treat all alike, and every advertisement that appears in our columns has been paid for in advance. We are glad to see our brother publishers taking this matter up and now the following well-known papers all require advance payment: *Post Office, Southern Philatelist, Philatelic Era, Eastern Philatelist, and Canadian Philatelist*. What paper will be next?

Another stock of remainders are shortly to be placed on the market. The Crown Agents for the Colonies at London, England, are calling for tenders for the following British Honduras Provisionals: 13,734, 3d. red brown, surcharged 3 cents in black, figure 3 ruled out and surcharged "five" in words; 31,084 3d. blue surcharged 6 cents in black, figure 6 ruled out in red and surcharged in red "15"; 18,731, 6d. orange surcharged "20 cents" in black; 8,411 1sh. gray, surcharged "50 cents" in black. No tender of less than the face value of the stamps will be considered.

We desire to warn our readers against a firm called C. B. Madueno Marquez & Co., of Arequipa, Peru, whose advertisements are appearing in many of our contemporaries. This firm are offering rank forgeries of the 1883 issue of Peru, both cancelled and uncanceled. The forgeries are poorly executed and are not apt to deceive many. We received a consignment of this trash, which was of course guaranteed genuine. We have also been shown some sheets of this firm in which these forgeries were mixed up with current issues of Peru, Chili, and other South American countries.

The auction business for this season promises to be more active than it ever has been before; already many important sales have been and are being held. The Northwestern Philatelic Society will hold their first sale on the 15th inst., in all 71 lots are offered, most of which are United States, none of which, however, are exceptionally rare. Henry Gremmel's tenth sale was held on Dec. 5th. Many of the prices realized were very low, while some were outrageously high. S. B. Bradt held his promised sale on Dec. 20th. Mr. J. N. Burton, of Madison, N. Y., held a small sale on Dec. 22nd.

Many dealers are offering Canada current issue, unused, 10 c. lake which are supposed to be on either laid or ribbed paper. We have inspected a number of these stamps, and find