

To Members of P.S. of C.

This Journal has resigned the Official Organship of the P.S. of C. in order to have more room for reading matter. All members of the P.S. of C. formerly received this paper, as official organ, free. A sample copy of this issue is sent to every P.S. of C. member, with a cordial invitation to forward the required amount for their subscription at once, otherwise paper will necessarily be discontinued. We give more interesting reading matter each month than any other philatelic paper published for the price, and guarantee to fill all subscriptions. Send us your quarter, and insure our regular visits for twelve months.

Canada and her Stamp Collectors.

This work, constituting the second of our philatelic handbooks, is now ready for delivery. It covers a wide area of information, carefully written, that will prove a source of great value to the purchaser, whether dealer or collector. The Directory of Canada is five times as large as any other directory of Canadian stamp collectors ever published. The sketches of the prominent Canadian philatelists are brief and well written; the general information, proficient and valuable; it is a work that, as a collector, you should not be without. The low price places it within the reach of all. The sale of our first handbook, "*The Stamps of British North America*," has been large and encouraging, but we anticipate a still greater and wide-spread sale for this book. Paper covers. Order a copy. See advertisement.

Re Amalgamation. The Iowa Philatelic Association, at the Convention, Des Moines, passed a motion, favoring it (Aug. 31). A vote has just been called on the subject, by the *Western Philatelic Union*, but at the time of going to press, has not as yet been announced. The P.S. of C. favors the motion, as also do most of the large societies. The Sons of Philately disfavor it.

Sample Copies.

A large number of sample copies of this issue are sent out to collectors who are not on our subscription books. We trust you will examine this number, and should you desire to see us regularly, forward your subscription, for we send but one sample copy to one person. We guarantee 12 numbers or refund subscription. You should subscribe.

Our Retail List

We would call the attention of our customers to the fact that our Third Annual Retail List has just been issued, and it is larger, cheaper and better than ever before. Every collector and dealer should possess a copy. To those who have not yet received it, we shall be pleased to forward it, *post free* on application.

"The Cholera Scare."

Collectors and Philatelists in general, together with the post office clerks, seem more or less worried when they are compelled to handle European mail matter; this on account of the prevalence of the cholera in some parts of Europe. At all the United States and Canadian entry posts, all the mails are fumigated, and this removes the apparent danger. The disease is raging in Germany at present; will it cause the prices in old German stamps to drop their real value?

Our Chronicle

and Literary Review, which have always been such a prominent part of this paper, will be resumed as usual in our October number. We were compelled to leave them out this month, owing to the pressure of other matter. Both of these departments are always complete and up to date.

N.B. Shilling. Recent despatches from Europe, advise us that the price of this stamp has decreased 25% during the past month. The prices realized for it at various auction and private sales, during the past month, have hardly averaged 20 and 25 dollars for good specimens. The New Brunswick remainders of the cent issue have slightly advanced. European dealers experience a great demand for New Brunswick stamps.

Our October Issue.

We expect to have the report of the Paris Philatelic Exhibition. We have on hand, several superior articles for that issue, and that number will excel all our former issues. We would strongly advise those who have not as yet subscribed, to do so, for, in missing the above issue, you miss a treat.

A Serious Fraud.

John J. Morgan, of Trenton, N. J., has decamped, leaving hundreds of swindled dealers to bemoan his absence. Not only was he an approval sheet fraud, but every possible way of defrauding dealers, collectors and publishers was practised by him. He sent us an advertisement for insertion in this paper, but having our suspicions, same was refused. The Post Office Inspectors are searching for him; they say he secured thousands of dollars worth of stamps.

Various Matters.

The Exchange Department is ready for everybody, and the rates very low compared with our regular advertising rates.—Collectors and dealers would confer a favor on the publishers by forwarding us the names of all their stamp collecting friends.—Our Approval Sheet Department is in active operation—see advertisement!—Cash must be sent with copy by advertisers unknown to us.—Subscriptions must begin with current issue; back numbers are very scarce and can only be supplied at 10 cts. each; no discount.