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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

In answer to our request for the opinions of our subscribers as to the advisability of continuing our monthly report of new issues 520 of our readers have expressed their wishes; of these 445 vote in favor of continuing the report and 75 wish it discontinued. Although the number who have recorded their votes is less than one fourth our total subscription list, we think the majority of 6 to 1 may fairly be considered as representing the views of the greater part of our readers, therefore their wishes will be respected and the report continued. We find that those who have voted "for" are nearly all enthusiastic and emphatic in their approval of our work, while those who have voted "against" do so in many cases without comment, or because they subscribe to one or more of the weekly journals, and get the same news there. Only one or two of the minority offer any suggestions, while many valuable hints have been received from the majority. We will act upon some of the suggestions thrown out, and hope to make this department of our paper more and more interesting as the plans we have in view are developed. To the voters in the minority we merely request that they kindly read our chronicle, and we think they will find therein much useful information that is not given in any other paper, weekly or monthly, they will also find in other departments matter that may be of more special interest to them, if they do not collect the new issues. To one and all who have responded to our request we tender our sincere thanks; it is always a pleasure to an editor to find that his readers take sufficient interest in his work to express their opinions about it. As promised, with this number, we send an unused newly issued stamp to all those who have voted, hoping it may give them as much pleasure to receive it, as we experienced in receiving their votes.

The new issues of this month are comparatively few and not of great philatelic

interest. With the practical termination of the Transvaal war, the flight of Kruger, and the surrender of the greater part of the Boer forces, public interest in African affairs has waned. It is now concentrated on the events of China. What will be the ultimate outcome of the troubles there, it would be a wise prophet who could foretell, but whatever may be in store, our science—Philately—will certainly place on record; in these columns our readers will find the Philatelic war news.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

BELGIUM.—In conformity with an official decree dated May 23rd, the unpaid letter stamps of 50 centimes and 1 franc are in future to be printed in grey and in orange respectively, the same colors as the corresponding values of the regular postage stamps. We hear that the color of the 10c unpaid is also to be changed from red brown to carmine for a similar reason.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—The 2s which we noted as "reported" in our May number, should read 10s olive green and black.

BRAZIL.—Last December, on the authority of a Brazilian correspondent, we reported the prospective issue of a complete new set, this news is now confirmed by *Le Timbrophile Belge* which states that stamps of the following types are in preparation:—

10 reis,	Aborigine of Brazil
20 "	Pedro Alvarez Cabral
50 "	Tiradentes
100 "	Jose Bonifacio
200 "	Don Pedro
300 "	Benjamin Constant
500 "	Deodora da Fonseca
700 "	Florian Peixoto
1,000 "	First voyage to Brazil
2,000 "	Battle of Ypiranga
5,000 "	Proclamation of the Republic
10,000 "	Allegory of Civilization.