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To our Readers.

We are happy to say that the circulation of our paper is increasing very rapidly, and in order to meet the demand upon our advertising space, we have been obliged to enlarge it to double its usual size. The STAMP COLLECTOR'S MONTHLY GAZETTE is now the *largest* and *cheapest* periodical devoted to *philately* published in America; and in point of circulation is second to none on this or the other side of the Atlantic. We shall endeavour to do all that lies in our power to merit the continued support of our numerous friends and readers; and we would remind dealers in stamps, that the GAZETTE is now one of the best advertising mediums to be found anywhere.

Our agents will please accept our most hearty thanks for their generous efforts in our behalf, and we hope that they, as well as stamp collectors generally, will continue to exert themselves in procuring for the GAZETTE a still more extended circulation.

We will be much pleased to receive from any of our readers short communications on matters connected with the objects of our journal; but correspondence intended for publication must be accompanied with the real name and address of the writer, not necessary for publication, (unless desired,) but as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the writer.

The claims of our Journal.

It may appear singular to many of our readers that no lengthy notice has appeared in our columns respecting the claims of our journal, and the mission on which it has been sent. This we could not at all times do, in consequence of the limited space at our command; besides, as many would remark, it is useless to be all the time writing about trifles. But we heed not those who thus speak; our purpose is fixed

and unwavering and to foster a taste in postage stamp collecting, and a love for things new and old, is the sincere object we aspire to, and from which we hope to gain our reward. We cannot shut our eyes to the fact that this is remarkably a speculative age. In philosophy, science, and art, we find many earnest and anxious enquirers. The old landmarks of thought are about being swept away by the advancing tide of new opinions and modes of thinking in every department of literature. To the young the lesson which the age teaches is as essentially important as to the old. They grow wiser in every generation as education advances in its rapid strides, and every means that is taken to stimulate inquiry, and foster a love for literature, should not, we think, be derided or contemned. It is the reflection which excites us to a renewed effort in our task, and inspires us with the hope that the labour employed will not be in vain. It is to the young that we address ourselves, that they will appreciate whatever confident information we can give them concerning stamps and stamp collecting from all parts of the world. Some good arises from a sincere love and spirit of enterprise manifested in the task of those who are engaged in stamp collecting. We think it leads them to look beyond the narrow sphere of home, incites their minds to a knowledge of other countries, and aids them wonderfully in the study of geography. We hope, therefore, that our friends will rally to our aid, that we may be able to make our journal the best true friend and companion to all stamp collectors.

IN NEW BRUNSWICK the registration fee on letters has been reduced from 10 cents to 5 cents on pre-paid letters and from 20 cents to 10 cents on unpaid letters. Newspapers for Canada go by the boat via the United States now instead of by land as formerly.