

Beneath the ocean's stormy wave  
The cable lies which yet may bind  
Two nations valiant, free and brave,  
In laws and language of one kind,  
God grant that this work may be done  
'Twill usher in the years of peace,  
Strife shall not count of victories won  
For knowledge—virtue will increase.

Then will no demigods prevail,  
Or fanatics shout wild with joy,  
Nor traitors hiss, and sneer, and rail;  
These will the power of truth destroy.  
For freedom, widening as truth grows,  
Will shame the dastards from the land,  
And banish all usurping foes,  
Who'll quickly flee at her command.

Our country's star still gleams on high,  
But brighter rays will soon appear,—  
The morning dawn will greet our eye,  
Which soon shall break in glory here;  
For progress ever keeps apace,  
With knowledge teaching many things,—  
We shall not linger in the race,  
When every heart with gladness sings.

The STAMP GAZETTE now bids good-bye  
To all its Patrons far and near:  
Our lay is sung, we pass away,  
To meet again some future year.  
Our mission may none e'er forget,  
But STAMP it in your memory deep,  
We bear the toil and you the debt—  
The benefit we both shall reap.

### CANADIAN ENVELOPES.

Most of our readers are aware that for some time past Canadian envelopes, embossed on buff or yellow paper, have been freely offered for sale, both in this country and in Europe; that latterly doubts have arisen respecting the genuineness of these envelopes, and that more recently still, they have been denounced as forgeries. The *S. C. Magazine* for August has an able article on the subject, in the course of which the editor says that he, however, is "convinced of the real genuine character of the envelopes on yellow paper." This opinion is formed, it appears, by a close inspection of the envelope itself; but it is needless for us to repeat the reasons adduced by the *Magazine* for its belief. They are at least ingenious and plausible, and would, no doubt, go a great way in carrying conviction to the doubting mind in the absence of other and stronger evidence of an opposite character. Being somewhat puzzled ourselves, and anxious for our own sake, as well as for the information of our readers, that this puzzling question should be satisfactorily solved one way or another, we took the liberty of addressing the Postmaster General of Canada on the subject, and by a letter written on the 6th ult., by W. H. Griffin, Esq., D. P. M. G., we are authoritatively informed "that no stamped envelopes on buff paper have ever been issued by the Canada P. O. Department." It appears, therefore, notwithstanding the opinion of the *Magazine*, that those envelopes are only cleverly executed forgeries, no matter by what dies, or by whom printed, and buyers should govern themselves accordingly.

### FENIAN STAMPS.

We have lately observed in one stamp journal, that as Fenian bonds have been issued, it might be presumed that "a postage stamp will follow in due course," while another informs its readers, "from a private letter," that "the Fenian Brotherhood stamp is in a state of preparation." From what source these journals have received their information we are at a loss

to imagine. We have read carefully the reported proceedings of the "Brotherhood," but have failed to discover one word about postage stamps, and we rather suspect that until the great dispute is ended about the presidency of the paper republic, that the "senators" and "head centres" will have something else to think about than such trifles. We would not be surprised, however, if some enterprising but not over-scrupulous dealer, did really succeed in getting what he would call "*Fenian stamps*." Indeed, from the quasi-official announcement made in some quarters, we would not be at all astonished if we saw this new stamp advertised. Should this be the case, we hope that those journals which now appear to be in the secret of their preparation, will condescend to furnish their readers and the public with satisfactory evidence of their authenticity. Without this we would caution our subscribers and all collectors to beware of imposition.

G. W. WINTERBURN & Co.'s STAMP CIRCULAR," is the title of a new paper devoted to timbrophily, published at Cincinnati. No. 1 appeared on 26th November last, and contains much really valuable information. We bid it welcome, and hope that it will continue as it has begun, to expose without mercy stamp forgers and forgeries. In the number before us two columns are filled with information on this subject, which should be read and known by every stamp collector. "Newly Issued Stamps" also occupy a prominent place, and are correctly and clearly described. The selected matter evinces much good taste and judgment, and to the general reader will, no doubt, prove very acceptable. The *Circular* is handsomely printed on fine white paper, and is to be continued monthly.

WE have received No. 1 of the *Collector's Circular*, a new monthly, which made its first appearance on the 6th December, 1865. It looks well, is neatly printed, and will prove a valuable auxiliary to the stamp collector.—Published at 2s. per annum, by Messrs. Industria & Co., of Preston.