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NEWS OF THE MONTH.

Few if any events of so great importance in their bearing on philately have ever occurred as the death of the sovereign of the world wide British Empire. Over thirty different colonies and protectorates now issue stamps having Queen Victoria's portrait for design, and as it is now probable that in the near future these stamps will be replaced by others depicting the features of King Edward VII, during the first year of the century, we may see the issue of some 400 or more new colonial stamps. What will be the effect of this wholesale addition to the catalogues and albums it is difficult to tell. Will the new stamps tend to increase or diminish our ranks? When also it is considered, that Victoria's reign was the longest in the history of the British Monarchy, and that in the natural course of events, a reign of equal duration is impossible for several generations, hence changes in the stamps throughout the Empire must be more frequent in the future than in the past, therefore it would seem that collecting on the old lines is about at its end. The truly scientific plan of stamp collecting—the chronological one—seems destined to at last take the place of the prevalent clumsy alphabetical-geographical arrangement. This month there is little of an important character to chronicle in the way of new issues, the new set for Costa Rica, provisionals here and there, and a few odd values added to existing sets, make up the list.

ENTRANCES AND EXITS.

AUSTRALIA.—(*Stamps for the new Federation.*) Many of our contemporaries seem to expect an immediate issue of stamps for the Australian Commonwealth. We imagine that procedure similar to that followed when the provinces of Canada

were confederated will be necessary before the issue of stamps. On July 1st, 1867, our separate provinces were united under the title Dominion of Canada, a premier was chosen by the Governor General, who organized a cabinet or government; appeal to the electors was the next step, and the government having been sustained by the popular vote called parliament together early in 1868. The post office act was passed, and on April 1st the first Dominion stamps were issued; for some months after the old Provincial stamps were accepted on mail originating in the Province of issue, after which they became valueless for postage but could be exchanged for the new stamps. Probably a similar delay of about nine months will elapse before the stamps of the Australian Federation will appear, but as the postal revenue from the date of Federation belongs to the General Government, while much of the fiscal revenue is local, those stamps formerly available for both fiscal and postal purposes will have to be restricted to one or the other objects in order to keep a separate account of the funds collected. For this reason some of these stamps are now appearing surcharged "Revenue" to indicate their restricted use.

BELGIUM.—(*The reported 10c cards, carmine.*) In our August number we reported the forthcoming change of color of the 10c cards from brown to carmine, we learn that the letter cards only have been so changed, the post cards single and reply being still issued in the old color.

BRITISH CENTRAL AFRICA.—(*1d., 4d. and 6d. in new colors.*) The following changes of colors have appeared in the official collections.

1d	black	and	carmine	formerly	ultra-
					marine
4d	"	"	olive	"	carmine
6d	violet	and	brown	"	green

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CANADA.—(*Official denial of a reported immediate new issue.*) The following official despatch from the Post Office Department has been issued.

Ottawa, Jan. 30. — The Postmaster-General authorizes a denial of the statement that he is consulting with the contractors for printing postage stamps, with respect to the design of a new issue. Canada is the only British colony possessing stamps on which are engraved a portrait of the late Queen as she appeared at the time of the jubilee. In every other case Her Majesty is represented on the stamps as a young woman. For many reasons, and especially in view of the long and glorious reign of the late Queen, it is considered desirable that the present stamps be retained. It is likely that the Postmaster-General will await the action of the Imperial authorities before coming of any decision regarding new stamps for Canada.

CEYLON.—(*Official 4c. and 12c.*) The 4 c. yellow, and 12 c. green and carmine, issued in 1900, have been surcharged ON SERVICE.

CHILL.—(*Provisional 5 centavos.*) We hear that a new type of revenue stamp, engraved by Waterlow & Son, 5 c. blue, has lately been used for postal purposes, during a temporary shortage of the regular 5 c. postage stamp. *Mekeel's W.S. News* reports the provisional employment of the 1899 30 c. rose surcharged with a large "5" and thus used as a 5 c. stamp. From the *S.C. Fortnightly* we learn that this provisional was issued December 28th and that the total number to be surcharged, according to official decree, is 1,750,000.

CHINA.—(*New Post Cards.*) The 1 c. card single and reply of Japanese manufacture has now been replaced by similarly designed cards engraved by Waterlow & Sons, the inscription being changed as on the adhesives to read CHINESE IMPERIAL POST.

COREA.—(*Provisional 1 on 5 Poon*) The 5 poon green of 1895 has been surcharged 1 poon, in a similar manner to the 25 p. reported in September last.

COSTA RICA.—(*New Pictorial Set.*) As our January number went to press, we received from Mr. Huguenin, two envelopes mailed at San Jose, January 11th, on which were 5 c. and 10 c. stamps of new designs, evidently forming part of an entire new set. The engraving and style seems to indicate that they

are made by Waterlow & Sons. The 5 c. is oblong and has a view of Puerto Limon in black, the frame being light blue; the 10 c. with yellow brown frame, and a central portrait in black of Branlio Carvillo, is of the usual rectangular shape. We have since obtained a complete set which comprises besides the above:—

- 1 c. green, Statue of Juan Santa Maria.
- 2 c. red, Juan Mora.
- 20 c. maroon, National Theatre.
- 50 c. lilac and blue, Jose M. Castro.
- 1 colon bistre, Bridge of Birris.

The colors are those of the outer frames the central vignettes are black except on the 50 c.

CRETE.—(*50 lepta in new color.*) In our October number we reported on the authority of *L'Essor Philatelique* that the 5 l. had been changed from green to pale blue. A Parisian correspondent informs us that it is the 50 l. that has been changed from violet to ultramarine.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC.—(*¼c. and ½c. Commemorative.*) The ¼ c. and ½ c. stamps announced in our number of June last, have been issued in the commemorative type, as well as in the new "map" type, they are printed in black, the design of the 5 c. jubilee has been used for the ¼ c., and that of the 1 peso for the ½ c. They have been seen imperforate and perforated 11½c. From the *Philatelist Francais* we learn that the new map series have been suppressed and the stamps, plates and dies have been destroyed. It seems the stamps exaggerated the area of the country at the expense of the neighboring Republic of Hayti, which felt insulted by the issue of these stamps, and demanded their suppression.

FERNANDO PO.—(*Provisional 50 c. on 4 c. 1890.*) The omission of a 50 c. value from the set dated 1900, as listed in our November number, is somewhat surprising, as the necessity for that value had already been felt. Another variety is now reported, the 4 c. orange of 1899 surcharged with the circular type used in 1884-87 HABILITADO PARA CORREOS 50 CENT PTA. This surcharge is found in violet and in green, and specimens have been seen doubly surcharged in the two colors.

FINLAND.—(*New issue of Russian type.*) As we announced some months ago, the stamps so long in use bearing the Finnish coat of arms have been suppressed. A set, identical in design with

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the current Russian stamps, but with the value expressed in the local currency (penni and marks) has been substituted. They came into use January 14th, and the set comprises the following values :

2	Penni. yellow,
5	" green,
10	" rose,
20	" blue,
1	Mark. mauve and green
10	" black and gray.

FRANCE.—(*The new set.*) We learn from the *Philatiste Français* that the new French stamps are engraved on wood, which gives them such an indistinct appearance. New copper plate dies are to be engraved, from which fresh plates will be made, from these it is expected much better and clearer impressions will be printed. The color of the 15 c. is to be changed to gray.

FRENCH CONGO.—(*The 10, 15, 25 and 50c recently issued.*) We learn from the *Am J. of Philately* supplemented by an interesting letter in the *Era* that the 10, 15, 25 and 50c of the old colonial type in new colors, listed in our December number were issued in error, and have been withdrawn. The issue which consisted of 10,000 of each value was at once bought up by Parisian dealers, all French colonials being now on sale in Paris, so they have never been actually issued in the colony. The order to print these stamps was given from an old list in the colonial office, it having been overlooked that Congo had a new design. Of the stamps of this new design, which we illustrated in July, we learn from several French contemporaries, that they have never even been sent out to Congo much less used there, but the entire issue was sold to supply the demands of stamp collectors. It seems that the printing was so badly done that the administration have given an order to another printing establishment for a supply for the use of the colony. Are the stamps of the first printing to be considered *essays*? Are they available for postage in the colonial offices?

FRENCH SOUDAN.—(*The new 10, 15, 25 and 50c.*) The stamps in new colors reported by us in December, were issued in error. This colony no longer exists politically, the territory having been divided up amongst other administrations in Africa, as noted by us in February 1900. The mistake occurred by the same

means as that noted under French Congo. They can only be catalogued as stamps prepared for issue, but which never had any actual currency.

GERMAN COLONIES.—(*Post Cards new type.*) Cards with impressed stamp of the new type, 5 pf. green, and 10 pf. carmine, both single and reply have been issued for the following colonies: Cameroons, Caroline Islands, German New Guinea, German South West Africa, Kiao-Chow, Marianna, Marshall Islands, Samoa and Togoland. Also 3 pesa green and 5 pesa carmine single and reply for German East Africa.

GREECE.—(*More provisionals.*) The following are to be added to our December list of the stamps surcharged A. M.

20 l	on 25 l	blue of 1889	perf. and imp.
20 l	on 25 l	indigo	" " "
20 l	on 25 l	ultramarine	" " "
35 l	on 40 l	red lilac	" " "

The *Era* reports two surcharges on the Olympic games series, 25 l. on 40 l. and 50 l. on 2 dr.



HUNGARY.—[*20 and 35 filler stamps.*] Two new values of the current type have appeared, 20 f. brown and 35 f. purple. The 6 f. and 3 k. are to be withdrawn, and 2 k. blue and 5 k. claret stamps are about to be added to the set.

MACAO.—(*New 78 avos.*) The new value 78 avos reported last month has made its appearance it is printed in black on pale blue.

MALTA.—(*½ d post cards.*) In consequence of the reduction of the charge on postal cards for the interior of the island a ½ d. card, single and reply, green on buff, with stamp of the same type as the adhesive of that value, has been issued.

NATAL.—(*1 d. letter card.*) A 1 d. letter card carmine and pale blue is announced by the *Monthly Circular*.

NEW ZEALAND.—(1½ d. stamp.) We have received from Mr. H. Bolitho specimens of the new 1 d. stamp described last month, also of the 1½ d. announced in our July number. The latter is of large oblong shape, the design is somewhat indistinct, probably on account of poor printing, it seems to depict a cavalry charge across the African veldt, with kopjes and tents in the background. The foreground is occupied by a winged female representing what? At each side stands a colonial soldier by his horse, below the one on the left are the words THE EMPIRE'S CALL, from which we infer the female must represent the Empire. The color is a yellow brown supposed to be khaki. Watermark N. Z. and star.

(Provisional 1d letter card.) Mr. Bolitho also informs us that the 1½d letter card has been surcharged ONE PENNY on account of the reduction of the rate of postage.

NICARAĞUA.—(Official surcharged on unpaid letter stamps.) The unpaid letter stamps of 1896 1, 2, 5, 10, 20, 30 and 50 centavos, orange have been surcharged FRANQUEO OFICIAL in two lines in italic letters, for use as official stamps.

PERSIA.—(Provisional 5 sh.) The 8 shahi light brown, current type, is reported surcharged in black 5 shahi in European and Arabic characters. All the current issue have lately appeared ornamented with a peculiar black control mark, which looks like a post mark, the object of which has not yet been explained.

PERU.—(1 sol, stamp of new type.) A 1 sol. lake of the same design as the 1899 5s. (Scott A. 31) is announced by Stanley Gibbons, M. F. It has the date of issue at each side instead of ornaments.

PORTUGUESE INDIA.—(New high values.) Of the new stamps reported last month as "shortly to appear," the following have been issued :

12 tangas blue on rose	value in black
1 rupee black on blue	" red
2 " violet on yellow	" black

SIAM.—(The three-quarter face set.) A correspondent from Bangkok, informs Stanley Gibbons, M. F., that the stamps described by us last month, with a three-quarter face portrait, must have been issued by mistake in one of the provinces, as the design was not approved of by the

king. Only the 1, 2 and 3 atts of this set are known, the 8, 10, 12 and 64 atts mentioned last month are of the profile type previously chronicled.

SOUTHERN NIGERIA.—(A new set reported.) A complete list, with the information that the stamps are plate engraved, and have the Queen's head in centre on solid ground, is given by the S. C. fortnightly, as follows:—

½ d. pale green and black	
1 d. carmine	"
2 d. red brown	"
4 d. sage green	"
6 d. violet	"
1 s. olive green	"
2/6 brown	"
5 s. yellow	"
10 s. violet and black on yellow	

TASMANIA.—(The Platypus series) As explained under the heading "Australia" the platypus type of fiscal stamps can no longer be used for postage, and have been surcharged REVENUE, to indicate their restricted use. As this law went into force December 1st and the surcharged fiscals were issued a few days earlier, a few have been used for postage up to November 30th. Only the 3 d, red brown has yet been reported as used postally with the fiscal surcharge.

URUGUAY.—(Provisional 5 c.) The 10 centesimos commemorative of 1896, was surcharged in red in the following year PROVISORIO 1897, (Scott No 118.) The remainders of these provisionals have been re-surcharged 1900 5 CENTESIMOS and a heavy bar blocking out the 1897. They were used for a week or two pending the issue of the new set described in our November number upon the exhaustion of the supply of the 5 c. blue engine type.

VICTORIA.—(Reply and Commemorative Post Cards.) A 1 d. reply post card carmine on buff has recently appeared, also a 1 d. single card with a design commemorative of the Confederation of the colonies. The latter is said to have been printed in five different colors.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.—(Fiscal Stamps.) We are informed that the long revenue stamps are no longer available for postal use since January 1st.

PERSONALS.

AN INTERVIEW WITH MR. PHILLIPS.

Mr. C. J. Phillips, manager and principle owner of the firm of Stanley Gibbons, Limited, was in Montreal from January 23rd to 26th. During his brief stay here he met most of the prominent collectors of the city. During the morning of each day he held a reception at the St. Lawrence Hall, his room being constantly crowded, by philatelists eagerly examining his valuable stock books; many sales were made at these receptions, but the bulk of his business here was done during his afternoon and evening visits to the homes of the gentlemen interested. Before his departure for Boston, on the evening of 26th Mr. Phillips was interviewed by a member of our staff, when he expressed his great satisfaction at the amount of business transacted in Montreal, which was far in excess of his expectations. He was not prepared to state the exact figures of his Montreal sales, but they approximated \$10,000. "Some of our firm's very best customers reside in your city" said Mr. Phillips, "it was from a Montreal collector that I received that \$1,100 check at Washington which the Era correspondent wrote about, but such remittances are nothing unusual for us."

"I have sold on this trip so far, over \$56,000 worth of stamps, the demand for really fine specimens of rare stamps in America is very great, and your American dealers do not seem to be able to nearly supply the demand for this class of goods." When asked about discounts, Mr. Phillips stated that the catalogue prices of his firm were strictly net for good specimens, while for extra fine copies of rarities he had no difficulty in obtaining much more than the catalogue prices; "the only discount we give is 10 per cent on a cash purchase of \$500 or over."

Before leaving Mr. Phillips informed our representative that the American business of his firm had grown to such great proportions, that they had decided to open a branch office in New York, under the management of Mr. Power, where a full line of their packets, sets and publications and all new issues in mint state, would be constantly on hand; and in order to accommodate their Canadian customers, and save them unnecessary

expense for duty and transportation, he had arranged with the International Stamp Co. to act as their sole wholesale and retail agents for Canada. He also intimated that when publishing subsequent editions of their catalogue, they would print a special American edition with prices in dollars and cents.

NOTES ON INDIAN PHILATELY.

BY

KUMAR MAHENDRALALA MITRA,
F. S. SC. (London.)

Calcutta, January 3rd, 1901.

The Season's Greetings to all my Readers.

The lower value stamps of British India have changed their colors without there being any alteration in the design. As I have already, in a former note, described what the colors are, I do not recapitulate them here, and in your December number you must have chronicled the new issue from the specimens I sent you. The stamps were to have been issued to the public on the 1st October last, but the Durga Puja Holidays (which last in Bengal for about 12 days) having begun two days before that date, the new issue was not available in Calcutta till the 4th of that month, and even then few people got it. It was not till a week later that the new issue was generally available. But daily newspapers from Madras bearing the post mark of the 2nd October were stamped with the $\frac{1}{4}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ anna stamps of the new issue. After a short disappearance the old issue is going as great guns as ever, and the use of the new issue is very rare. No one has yet seen the new issue with the official "On H. M. S.," surcharge as yet, nor have I heard that the Native States have yet been supplied with the new issue. Sirmoor, by the way, will shortly cease to have stamps of its own design, this wave of Imperialism having surged up to the foot of the Northwestern Himalayas. British India stamps will be surcharged Sirmoor for use in that state.

From the annual report of the working of the Indian Post Office during April 1899 to March 1900, it would appear that the increase in the number of post cards (more than 17 millions) far exceeded the increase of any other class of postal art-

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Died January 22nd 1901. R.I.P

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progress has taken during the 19th cen-
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mankind, to the advancement of civiliza-
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third year of the reign of Victoria the
Good, that this emblem of prosperity,
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appeared, the old familiar Queen's head-
black. This stamp in its size, and design
has been the model for the great majority
of the tens of thousands of different kinds
of postage stamps that have since been
issued, which form the units of which the
vast science, hobby, pastime and business
called Philately is composed.

The official portrait of the Queen de-
picted on this stamp, was that adopted
for the early coinage of her reign, and
while of late years the portrait on the
British coinage has been altered, that of
the British stamps has ever remained the
same. The first colonial stamp issued
was from the island of Mauritius, where
as in the Province of Quebec the majority
of the populace are loyal French speaking
British subjects,—loyal and true because
Victoria's rule guaranteed to them their
natural rights as free-born British sub-
jects, to use on all occasions their mother
tongue and to maintain their native laws
and customs. And it is this liberty, this
respect for inborn, individual rights,
wherever the British flag flies, that has
made the Empire during Victoria's reign
“the vastest that has been.” It is estim-
ated that nearly one hundred different
languages are officially recognized in
various parts of the British Empire, and
it is well known that under no other flag
is this true freedom guaranteed. This is
the reason Victoria was so loved, why
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In 1850 the next colonial Queen's heads were issued from Victoria, 1d and 3d values. The inscriptions and general design and colors of these stamps are again evidently copied from those of the home land, but a new portrait was introduced, modeled from the coronation pictures. What is known as the real coronation portrait was first used on the Canada 12d in 1851, and it has since appeared on the stamps of New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, Newfoundland, Queensland, Tasmania, Bahamas and Natal. The portrait in "widows weeds" first appeared on the postage stamps of Newfoundland, and about the same time on the Canadian bill stamps. A similar portrait is also seen on the stamps of Niger Coast, British East Africa, the higher values and the 3 pies of India, and also on our current issue of Canada. These variations however are the exceptions, nearly all the colonies still use the old official portrait, and as it is only an official portrait, and never pretended to be a true likeness of any period of the Queen's life, it is to be supposed that these will now soon disappear to give place to the official portrait of the reigning King.

As it was in Victoria's reign and empire that the postage stamp originated, so from that point also dates the birth of philately, and no philatelist worthy of the name, no matter of what race or creed a lover of his stamps, but mourns with us British subjects, the loss of that great good Queen, whom we as her children in nationality or in philately lament this day as a mother departed from our earthly ken.

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Commercial philately is still in its infancy in America, is the common remark of those who have seen for themselves, to what proportions it has attained in London and other European capitals. A perusal of the various dealers' announcements in our American Journals, and the juvenile nature of the contents of most of those journals, would leave the impression that stamp collecting in this country was still but a pastime for school boys, and not as we know it to be a serious scientific pursuit, demanding the expenditure of the means of the millionaire, and the close discriminating thought of our keenest minds. Cheapness, penny sets and packets, are the most prevalent offerings of our dealers, while only one or two seem to cater to the wants of the advanced philatelist. Does this practice depend upon the fact that our collectors prefer sending to Europe for their most expensive wants, instead of patronizing the home dealer? Even when he has the very specimens they require, many collectors will offer a local dealer 50 per cent of Scott's catalogue, or buy from a foreigner at perhaps 100 per cent advance. Or is it that our dealers do not as a rule

carry the expensive class of stock that our advanced collectors demand, and when by chance a rarity is picked up that it is usually bought at bargain figures, and the collector demands a share in that bargain. if he becomes a buyer? However this may be the fact exists, that American dealers, even the very largest firms, do not obtain or even ask the price for rarities from our collectors that they can get from dealers in Europe, and the same stamps are often sent back here and sold by the European dealer at his full catalogue figure.

A shrewd philatelic merchant, like Mr. Phillips, head of the largest stamp firm in existence, whose finger is on the pulse of the philatelic market, has not been slow to note the fact and to take advantage of it. He has already opened a branch office in New York, from which center he expects to distribute a constant supply of all classes of philatelic merchandise, and he has also for Canadian collectors decided to establish in Montreal, Canada's philatelic metropolis, an agency specially for the sale of albums, catalogues, hand-books and other philatelic publications, and by this step save to Canadian collectors a large percentage of the cost of importation on such works. To the International Stamp Company this Canadian Agency has been entrusted, and we extend to the gentlemen forming this concern, our best wishes for their success.

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icles; and the total number of post cards passing through the post throughout the country has now reached a figure far in excess of the total number of paid letters. The total number of letters registered during the year was more than ten millions.

"The total value of the issue of ordinary stamps was Rs. 1,42,47,912, and of service stamps, Rs. 27,82,594, there being an increase over the figures of the preceding year of Rs. 7,90,976 in the value of ordinary stamps, and of Rs. 86,269 in the value of service stamps. The issues of ordinary stamps were largest in the Bom-

bay circle where they amounted to over twenty-eight lakhs of rupees. Bengal comes next with issues of over twenty-five lakhs of rupees. The inland single post cards continued to command the highest sales, the total issues being over 130 millions in number. The small half-anna envelope had the next largest sale, over 77 millions being issued during the year. Of the half-anna adhesive stamps, over 68 millions were issued, of the half-anna reply post cards, over 20 millions, and of the half-anna adhesive stamps, over 7 millions. The sales of the one-anna adhesive stamps rose from 12 millions to 14 millions, and of the quarter-anna adhesive stamps from 7½ millions to 18 millions. In the case of the half-anna and one anna stamped wrappers, of the foreign post cards, both single and reply, of the ordinary half-anna square envelopes, and of the one-anna soldiers' envelopes, the sales declined; but there was an improvement in the number of one-anna square envelopes issued, both ordinary and service, and there was also an increase in the sales of registration envelopes of both sizes, over the figures of the previous year. Apart from the sales of postage stamps, one-anna revenue or receipt stamps to the value of Rs. 4,15,899 were sold during the year, through the agency of the Post Office."

It would be interesting to my readers to know that the total value of stamps sold in Borneo and Labuan is £20,000 of this amount only £800 represented the value of stamps actually used on letters, &c., and the balance of £19,200 represents the tribute paid by Philately. Truly, a good source of income!

CREAM OF THE MAGAZINES.

PHILATELY IN THE NEW CENTURY.—Our fascinating hobby has weathered so many storms, withstood so many shocks, in the past that it is beginning to be regarded—and we think justly so—that stamp collecting is a pursuit that will endure when nine out of ten of the ephemeral fads and crazes of to day are gone and forgotten. From a mere schoolboy's pastime Philately has grown into a serious and scientific pursuit.

And how stands Philately to day? In our opinion the hobby occupies a better, a safer, an altogether more satisfactory position than at any previous time in its

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history. There are some who point to the years 1893 to 1896 as marking the zenith of Philately's prosperity; but we think they are wrong. In the period mentioned Philately was, in reality, in a position fraught with extreme danger. The hobby became, just at that time, a greater favorite in "society" than it had ever been before. Many rich and titled people were attracted to the pursuit, and for some time Stamp Collecting became the spoilt darling of the drawing rooms. But society folk are fickle. Many dropped the hobby as sood as the craving for novelty was satiated. Such people could never become philatelists. And the "boom" of the middle "nineties" brought their inevitable sequel a drop in prices, or, more correctly, a readjustment of prices on a common-sense level. That boom did Philately no real good. Booms never do. The exploitation of a market, consequent upon a sudden spurt in business, is of benefit only to the shrewder dealers and to those speculators who come into a hobby for what there is "in it," and hop out again as soon as their "turn" is made. Philately, as we all know, came through its ordeal with flying colours; and we firmly believe that our hobby has commenced the Twentieth Century under the most favourable auspices. The possibility of our seeing another "boom" in prices such as the rapid and fictitious inflations that were witnessed some years ago is, happily remote. We say happily remote because to the generality of amateur philatelists such a boom is by no means a boon. But that stamp collecting will continue to flourish and prosper, and that it will do so argely as a result of the severe lessons of the past, we are firmly convinced.

—*Stamp Collector's Fortnightly*

PHILATELY AS AN AID TO CULTURE IN THINGS PERTAINING TO RELIGION. —When we consider what a power religion has exercised from the earliest ages upon the mind of man, it may not be amiss to enquire what witness is borne to this fact by philately. In pursuing this investigation one naturally turns first of all to the mythology of ancient Greece, inasmuch as its influence was too widespread and deep-rooted for its memory to have altogether faded away. Consequently we have the graceful head of Mercury—the messenger of the gods—as the normal design of the postage stamps of Greece; and the same herald of news is presented to us in

more or less pleasing fashion upon stamps of Austria, Brazil, Crete, and Uruguay. But when we come to the particular issue commemorating the revival of the Olympic Games, the range of our subject is considerably extended. There we may notice Atlas bending beneath his ponderous load, Minerva raising her shield decorated with the Gorgon's head, Hercules, and apparently Apollo, and Nikè or Victory with extended wings. The female figure on the ten cents Uruguay of 1895, is probably meant for Ceres, the goddess of corn; while "Great Herè," otherwise known as Juno, is also supposed by some to be the intention of a well-modelled head upon another of the Cretan stamps.

The mythology of India is likewise of great antiquity; and we are reminded of its existence by representations of idols upon the stamps of Duttia and Jhalawar; while yet a third system, almost lost in the dim recesses of the hoary past, is indicated by the unimpassioned features of the Sphinx which keeps its silent watch and ward over the pyramids of Egypt.

Advancing with the march of time we note that the cross, the symbol of Christianity, is emblazoned on the shields of Switzerland, Modena, Tuscany, and some of the lower values of Italy. The crescent of Islam is conspicuous on most of the emissions of Turkey, and in a lesser degree as the watermark of nearly all the Egyptian issues. The sunburst on the stamps of Persia awakes recollections of the fire-worshippers of Iran, those Ghebers who bowed in adoration before the rising orb of day; while a similar device upon stamps of Peru preserves the memory of the Incas—the heaven-born children of the sun—a gentle race, whom, along with their religion, the Spaniards so ruthlessly exterminated. The open book of the Law, which adorns one of the emissions of Bolivia, is presumably the Bible; and the three figures by the healing spring on the stamps of Nevis may be regarded as emblematical of Faith, Hope and Charity. The Virgin Islands, appropriately to their name, recall to us first of all the parable of the virgins and their lamps as recorded by St. Matthew; then the Mater dolorosa, or the sorrowing mother of our Lord; while in their latest issue the Virgin with the lily branch seems more suggestive of the teaching of the Roman Catholic Church.

In the sphere of saints and angels we have St. Michael beating down the old serpent on the labels intended to popularize the Brussels Exhibition; the same archangel is represented on one of the Cretan stamps, and probably also on the several sets got up in honor of Vasco da Gama. Another angel, possibly the one referred to in Rev. xiv., 6, appears flying across one of last year's commemorative stamps of Brazil. St. Paul's escape from shipwreck, as related in the Acts of the Apostles, is depicted on the highest value of Malta; and we find St. George and the dragon on the fiscal postals of Tasmania and also on another stamp of Crete. A series of events in the history

of St. Anthony is presented to us on a special commemorative issue of Portugal; and a similar issue of Venezuela refers to some wondrous story under the title of the apotheosis of Miranda.

Amongst other developments of religion the temporal power of the papacy is indicated by the cross-keys and the tiara upon the stamps of the Roman States. On various emissions of Mexico we have a portrait of Hidalgo the priest, a patriot and reformer; while another ecclesiastic, said to be a Jesuit missionary, is shown upon the 1 cent stamp of Omaha as preaching to the red Indians. —*Morley's Philatelic Journal.*

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