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Introductory.

WHEN boys are born they do not immediately go out into the wood-house to chop fire-wood—neither are girls on their *debut* in this vale of tears commanded to "go right down stairs and get the supper ready," for some allowance is made for their weakly condition. Now in a literary point of view we are just born, and therefore we fully expect to be handled pretty tenderly, until we get our eyes fully opened to the glare that suddenly bursts upon them—till we get our feet well under us—our fists brought up to the first attitude taught by the Professors of the "manly art of self-defence," and our muscular man all ready, so that we can cry out to all whom it may concern, "Here we are," thrown upon the taste of the reading public, content to live or die on their just decision, content to stand on our merits, and on our merits alone; content, if our presence is unnecessary, to retire to the enshrouding shades of oblivion, content, if we deserve it, to be known as the model stamp paper of America; content, when we receive just correction for our faults, to bow before the smiting rod, but still ready, if made a target for unjust aggression, to stand on our right, put our back against the walls of Justice, and say with Fitz James—

Come one, come all, this rock shall fly
From its firm base as quick as I,

and there fight it out to the "bitter end," rejoicing if we triumph, and, if defeated, still knowing that "might is not always right." With this brief preface, picture to yourselves the erudite Editor removing the covering from his venerable cranium and making his opening bow, not like that of Mr. Rumsey, with his "Good evening white folks, how am you? and how am your parents?"—neither as Dan Rice with his back summersaults and his sweeping objurgation, but with all the dignity and deportment of Mr. Turveydrop—the smiles of Mr. Carker, the gravity of Louis Napoleon, and the good heart, high motives and honorable intentions of that ancient gentleman "Cosmo Comyn

Bradwardine of that ilk." Having made our bow, we go on to say, that it is our intention to do our best by the Timbropallic world, hoping alway that the Timbropallic world will do its best by us, and favor us with its heartfelt support, both by subscription and advertizing. Support is necessary to existence, and that support we claim. From whom do we claim it? It is not to be supposed that we are going to go to outsiders—barbarians as far as Postage Stamps are concerned—who don't see any distinction between the label on the end of a reel of thread and an issue of the Re-union Island, nor who do not care to have the flood of knowledge burst in the walls of their dark skepticism. It is not from such persons we ask countenance, but from the Stamp Collecting Fraternity, for whose benefit such papers as we are breathe the breath of life. From them we claim our vital spark, and from them we hope to receive it, freely and voluntarily, and without any grumbling or growling. Then, Stamp Collectors, to the rescue! Send us your subscriptions, or your advertizements. Send them in at once; no matter how small; every little helps: "many mickles make a muckle," &c. We will cheerfully answer through our columns all enquiries that lay within our province. We are at all times ready to give publicity to any important information concerning Stamps; in fact, we solicit correspondence, and would rather have it than not. To sum up—we intend to be as obliging as we can to our subscribers and correspondents, and to make our paper useful in its sphere, and to be depended on for veracity.

New Issues.

We hear continual rumours concerning the new issue of Prince Edward's Island. Our subscribers may depend on the earliest information we can give them.

There is said to be a new issue of Wirtemberg. Not having seen the stamp we can give no description of it.

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Publications.

We have received the price list of Mr. R. McLachlan, Box 834, Montreal, but after the praise which has been bestowed on it by other journals our small meed would be insignificant. We can say, however, that Mr. McLachlan, as far as we know, is a gentleman in his business, and one who tries to give satisfaction.

We are also in receipt of Mr. A. J. McIntosh's list. It is something similar to Mr. McLachlan's, and the same remarks will apply to it.

We have also to acknowledge reception of the "Stamp Collector's Record," a postal sheet published by Mr. S. A. Taylor, of Albany, New York, a gentleman whom we think all correspondents will find prompt in the transaction of business. The terms of the *Record* are 50c. per annum, in advance.

Mr. A. C. Kline, of Philadelphia, has issued a third Edition of his "Stamp Collector's Manual." We will endeavour to notice it next month.

From the tone of the "Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette" in his "Answers to Correspondents," we had anticipated trouble between our respected city contemporary and the Albany "Stamp Collector's Record," concerning the much vexed question of the College Stamps—and in our conclusions we are fully sustained by a private letter received this morning. Some person's "har" will be "rit" pretty shortly, if the combatants are unlike the school boys well known to fame, of whom "one was afraid and the other dars'nt." "High jinks" may be expected, and as we are impartial observers we shall look on at the gathering storms until they burst in one grand crash;—then, if we meddle at all it will be on the side of justice and right. At present, not having looked much into the matter we are rather inclined to believe in the authenticity of the College Stamps, from the fact that we have seen a notable paper, printed in a business College, and in that paper are cuts of the College Stamps and a short article on the College Post Offices. However till the "krisis" is fairly on, we want further developements. We hope their courage will not "ooze out at their finger ends."

POMEROY'S EXPRESS.—On the authority of the "Stamp Collector's Record," we would state for the benefit of sundry enquirers that these stamps were issued in 1849, the large one for parcel delivery, and the smaller ones for letters. The Stamps were engraved by Gavit, now Vice-President of the American Bank Note Company. Subsequently Pomeroy's Express was merged into the American Express Company, and as this merger took place many years since, the stamps are very rare—that is the *genuine stamps*.

WE are told on good authority that the U. S. 12 and 40 c. envelopes are *not* to be withdrawn.

Editorial Favors.

Mr. G. STEWART, has our thanks for copies of "The Stamp Collector's Monthly Gazette." Also we are obliged to Mr. TAYLOR for a set of the back numbers of his paper, and Mr. MASON of Chicago has kindly sent us Nos. 1, 2, and 3 of the "Coin and Stamp Journal."

Not wishing to copy from "The Stamp Collector's Gazette," we have not this month made out any long list of new Stamps, next month we will try to be on the alert for earliest information. We have correspondents in the United States and Europe who will furnish us with reliable news in this line for our columns.

In our next issue we will be happy to reply to all correspondence concerning Postage Stamps, at least as far as we are able; only we would gently hint to those persons writing us for information that they must prepay their letters, otherwise no notice will be taken of them.

MANY Collectors are not aware that the 1 c. New Brunswick has been issued in two colors, and that the brown is now obsolete. Also that our 5 c. stamps were first printed dark green, and are now changed to a much lighter shade. The dark green are becoming more rare every day.

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There is to be a new 1 c. United States Stamp. Essays are now submitted to the Government. The only variety we see noted is one on which is the bust of the late Mr. Lincoln—star with rays suspended over his head—impressions in green, mauve, and vermilion,—on white paper.

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