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Governors Meeting

Wednesday, May 25th, 1938

Present:—Arthur W. Deas, President; George R. M. Ewing; Clarence W. Brazer; Max G. Johl; Harry L. Lindquist; Laurence B. Mason; Theodore E. Steinway; Charles J. Phillips.

Absentees:—Alfred F. Lichtenstein; Frederick R. Harris; Edward S. Knapp; Arthur E. Owen.

The following were elected Members of the Club.

New Members

Franklin Mills	.....	New York City
Wilson E. Moore	.....	Albany, N. Y.
W. E. Hinman	.....	Albany, N. Y.
Revd. A. G. Dick	.....	Paterson, N. J.
Henry Grindall	.....	Birmingham, England
Colin MacR. Makepeace	.....	Providence, R. I.
A. W. Dunning	.....	Wilmington, N. C.
Clarence W. Wilson	.....	Detroit, Mich.
O. J. Williams	.....	San Francisco, Calif.
R. A. Truax	.....	Washington, D. C.
E. G. Bauer	.....	Rochester, N. Y.
J. R. Gilchrist	.....	McKeesport, Pa.
Dr. W. I. Mitchell	.....	Berkeley, Calif.
Dr. W. D. Jack	.....	New Market, Va.
R. L. Chapman	.....	Canton, Ohio
C. A. Perry	.....	Chicago, Ill.
Chester I. Crowell	.....	New York
Dr. G. C. Fritschel	.....	Dubuque, Iowa
D. O. True	.....	Miami, Fla.

Deaths

The following deaths were reported:

Gerald Burgess		Minneapolis, Minn.
William Blackwell		San Francisco, Calif.

The Membership is now 958.

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New Members

Donald Anthony, Ridley Park, Pa.	J. B. Bert, Erie, Pa.
H. H. Wheeler, New Britain, Conn.	Y. Briddell, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Max R. Taschenberger, Waterbury, Conn.	F. Hatton, Jr., Columbus, Ohio.
L. A. Holley, Benton Harbor, Mich.	G. W. Linn, Columbus, Ohio.
Milton Held, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Judge J. M. Broomall 3rd., Media, Penna.
Gabriel Rosenthal, Brooklyn, N. Y.	J. A. Wood, Washington, D. C.
C. Whitfield King, Ipswich, Eng.	J. C. Sharp, San Francisco, Calif.
E. F. Scott, Tipton, Miss.	E. W. Monroe, Jr. Tampa, Fla.
G. S. McKenzie, Denver, Colo.	A. E. Tilleux, New Orleans, La.
L. S. Fairbanks, Abington, Mass.	R. N. Heald, Worcester, Mass.
D. L. Ogden, Woodbridge, N. J.	J. E. Hughes, Linwood, N. J.
G. L. Holmes, Chicago, Ill.	W. C. Lilley, Los Angeles, Calif.
E. M. Ingraham, Bristol, Conn.	T. K. Webster, Jr., Winnetka, Ill.
Albert Dixon, Jr., West Hartford, Conn.	H. F. French, Baltimore, Md.
B. H. Brigham, Stockbridge, Mass.	T. F. Armstrong, Jr., Philadelphia, Pa.
Mrs. S. F. Sharpless, Philadelphia, Pa.	C. F. Carpenter, Waterbury, Conn.
G. H. Deuble, Canton, Ohio.	L. E. Smith, Dixon, Ill.
B. L. Morris, Bellaire, Ohio	H. A. Hussey, Berkeley, Calif.
S. R. Mc Coy, Pittsburgh, Pa.	M. C. Nathan, San Francisco, Calif.
F. M. Wood, Dobbs Ferry, N. Y.	O. F. Leffler, St. Louis, Mo.
Capt. J. E. Brady, Jr., Lake Forrest Ill.	Buchness, John A., M. D., Baltimore, Md.
R. W. Billings, Windom, Minn.	Robinson, Rev. H. K., Simsbury, Conn.
M. Bendiner, Philadelphia, Pa.	Niedermaier, Josef., Munchen, Germany.
M. Wand, Chicago, Ill.	Hill, Roy, San Francisco, Calif.
Miss A. B. Sitterding, Richmond, Va.	Brightman, L. H., Long Beach, Calif.
G. H. Shirk, Oklahoma City, Okla.	Col. G. S. F. Napier, Sussex, England.
Dr. J. O. Butler, Chicago, Ill.	Capt. E. G. Heinrici, San Francisco, Calif.
C. J. Demuth, Brooklyn, N. Y.	Max Amiel, St. Petersburg, Fla.
V. E. Sisson, Winnetka, Ill.	

Deaths

The following deaths were reported:—

Sir Edward Denny Bacon, K. C. V. O. A. M. Tracy Woodward
George G. Goodrich

The Membership is now 1011.

Meeting June 1st.

Philatelic Side Lines

GEORGE D. CABOT showed U. S. State Revenue and Tax stamps from every State except Rhode Island.

Included were many odd denominations such as 4/60c., 42/64c., \$.07258; a low value of 1/2 mill and a high value of \$1000. He also showed complete sheets of the large Illinois beer stamps, and a Texas wine sheet, where every stamp bears a position number and also carries a control number which steps up "1" for each sheet printed, so that every stamp can be traced.

Rarities shown were a California 1857 passenger; Georgia 1937 "Tom Linder" inspection stamps; Arizona 1935, mechanical games; and a complete collection of all the Texas beer, wine and liquor stamps. He also showed what he believes are the *only* known copies of the following stamps:

Arkansas 1935, liquor, 2 1/2c. and 5c. errors with inverted figures; Georgia 1925, 2c. oyster tax; Missouri, County of Garconade, 1930, 25c. and \$1; Oregon, City of North Bend, 1934, 12c. blue, 24 pts.; California 1935, 40c. distilled spirits. If he is wrong as to any of these, he would like to hear from other owners of any of these ten stamps.

MR. HOWARD LEDERER showed poster stamps pertaining to the Pan-American issue and also bank note vignettes covering Columbians and all of the 1902 series.

Also the original illustrations used for the Pan-American issue as well as that used for the 2c. Trans-Mississippi.

D. D. BEROLZHEIMER showed Non Post Office use of a U. S. stamped envelope 1930. The Boston Edison Illuminating Co. of Boston were putting envelopes containing a notice in letter boxes. P. O. Department made them use a 2c. stamped envelope which was cancelled by a private stamp but Boston Edison men put envelopes in boxes themselves.

CLARENCE BRAZER showed Post Card essays and proofs. Showed very earliest post card (1861) before other postcards were used abroad.

ERNEST KEHR showed "Kehr's Kwaint Kollektion original newspaper cartoons pertaining to philately. German Music Set autographed by Metropolitan Opera stars. Original letter by Buffalo Bill Cody. Autographed covers from Farley, Pres. Roosevelt, Queen Marie of Roumania, and Anthony Eden. A C. S. A. cover to Speaker of Senate from the Governor of South Carolina.

L. B. MASON showed early American Express covers, principally money letters showing labels used by various Express Companies.

Small envelopes used in New York City during the Civil War to contain postage stamps used for currency.

STEVE RICH showed Telegraph stamps of various countries, Austria, Canada, France, Netherlands, etc., including a few items that are known to be very elusive.

W. LLOYD HEATH, "The Papers of the TIPEX," an interesting exhibit showing copies of all the various "papers" used in connection with the TIPEX in 1936 including a cover signed by Postmaster General Farley in Black Ink instead of the usual green. A copy of a photograph of the clay model for all medals, etc. Full set of every kind of ticket and pass and other interesting items.

—W. LLOYD HEATH.

Meeting June 15th.

Visit and Exhibition. By Members of the Westchester Federation of Stamp Clubs, in charge of W. Lloyd Heath. This, the last meeting of the season 1937-38 was a very interesting one, the large meeting room being well filled by members.

Mr. Lloyd Heath introduced the visitors in the following order:—

BERTHOLD EHRENBERG. 20th Century British America. A beautiful collection in one large volume of mint stamps, practically complete up to the £1 values.

L. DE GROVE POTTER, Liberia. Mr. Potter was unable to attend but sent two volumes of his mint collection of Liberia which were kindly shown by Mr. Odell. The collection is a very fine one and contains many errors, such as inverted centers, error imperforate, part perforate, printed in wrong colors, and several pages of proofs or color trials, in colors and in black.

Among the inverted, I noted 1892, 4c., 8c., and \$5.00, 1906. Full sheets of the \$1.00, \$2.00 and \$5.00.

W. E. WATSON, Illustrations drawn round U. S. stamps. A magnificent volume, all the personal work of the exhibitor who is an artist of great taste.

He has selected series of stamps and has drawn most artistic designs, and in panels inserts full particulars, of each stamp, date issued, number printed, plate numbers used, and all particulars of interest to the collector.

In cases of many stamps of little known places in the British Empire he has inserted carefully drawn maps.

Other issues are grouped together, for instance to show "Scenes in the Revolutionary War, Scenes in Little America" etc.

CHARLES PORTER, Vice-President of the Westchester Stamp Club. Mr. Porter has lived for a number of years in Persia and has been connected with the development of the Air Mail Service in that country.

He gave us a most interesting talk with particulars that I am sure were new to all of us. One object of his talk was to show that the Persian Air Mail Service was not a racket but a real development of mail transport which was very necessary. Before the Air Mail was started it used to take from 9 to 18 days to send a letter from Baghdad to Teheran. Russia and Great Britain blocked one another from getting this service started. Eventually in 1927 Persia bought some 20 to 24 Junker planes without engines. These planes were built for engines of 250 h. p. but the Persians fitted them with engines developing 500 h. p., the result being that without one year they were all smashed up.

In 1928 the first real flights commenced but on some of the four routes planned there was so little demand for an air service that planes sometimes carried only 6 to 10 letters.

D. H. KILLEFER. Development in Boats and Ships as shown on stamp. This was another most interesting talk and display. Mr. Killefer by his stamps showed the History of Navigation from the earliest days, showing first the hull of the ship from the dug-out log to the modern ship. Then he showed the development of Sails, by the Papuans, Egyptians, Norsemen, the Latine sails as used in the Mediterranean, Galleys and the Fore and Haft of Bermuda.

He showed various groups of Ships such as "Ships of Discovery," "War Ships," "Traders of the Hansiatic League" and many other groups forming a very learned and able discourse.

GEORGE HOWARD, of Tarrytown. Private perforations on U. S. stamps. The best display of these little studied stamps that we have had at the Collectors Club.

I hope that we shall be able to induce Mr. Howard to write up this subject for publication. The stamps were shown in four of our wall frames and are fully written up with all details. In many cases the imperf blocks of four are shown and then the varieties of the private perforations.

It is impossible in a brief abstract such as I give here that one can do justice to this fine collection. It must be seen and be written up in full to appreciate it.

JOHN H. HALL, Rare used Patriotic Covers. Among the fine collection shown in three wall frames I noted:—Rose of Washington, Magnus; Washington, Kimmel, much rarer than Magnus; Washington with large Map on left. A group of Campaign covers including 1856 Buchanan, Freemont, American or "Know Nothing Party," 1860 Lincoln, 1864, 1868 Grant, National Union Club of Philadelphia, General Grant with 2 cent Black Jack, General Prentiss with Map, Col. Ellsworth Mourning Envelope, Naval Expedition to New Orleans, and many others, all in superb condition.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Nomination for Membership

During the latter half of April, and in May and June, we sent a special form letter to our 945 members, asking each member to nominate for membership any of their friends who they consider desirable members and who might be interested in affiliating with us.

With this letter we sent a blank form for members to send us names and addresses of such friends as they thought might join us.

What has been the result? Just 91 members out of 945 took the trouble to fill in the forms and send names. *Less than one member in ten* showed they wish to help their own Club.

The 91 members who so kindly showed their willingness to help, sent us 293 names.

To each of these we sent a separate typewritten letter saying that Mr. Blank had nominated him for membership, and we enclose our usual form, "Application for Membership."

In a separate cover we also sent a copy of the Collectors Club Philatelist and the Bulletin.

The result of the good help from the 91 friends of the Club has exceeded our expectations as, so far, it has resulted in the addition of 52 new members.

854 members have not troubled to return the form, if only half of them had done so just think what a fine lot of new members we would have.

Some of you may think this drive for members is rather unnecessary, but do you appreciate the expenses that we have in our new Club House in comparison with the expenses in our small three rooms at No. 30 East 42nd Street?

Rates and Taxes are now	\$1800.00	per annum
Janitor Service	600.00	per annum
Heat and Light	750.00	per annum
Miscellaneous (Repairs, Insurance, etc.)	400.00	per annum
\$3550.00		

Members out of town can show their appreciation of the work the Club is doing for Philately in America, by inducing their friends, through membership, to assist in defraying expenses.

With this explanation I feel sure of the further support of the members. If one has a collection worth \$1,000, the dues paid the Club is one of the best insurances for maintaining that valuation.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS,
Chairman, The Membership Committee.

The Collectors Club Bulletin

I am printing the Bulletin late this number so as to include the report of the Governors Meeting of June 29th. and the list of new members.

The last meeting of the Club for this season and the last Governors meeting have now taken place. The Club will be closed during the month of August. As I shall not have any meetings to report during the summer, the Bulletin will not be published again until October.

Mr. Sidney Barrett is preparing our Program for the Season 1938-1939, and all of us will look forward to the displays that he is arranging.

We have received from a member in Philadelphia, the following letter:

Mr. Arthur W. Deas, President

Collectors Club.

June 9, 1938

Dear "Mr. President"

I am writing you these few lines to let you know what a non-resident member thinks of the splendid work being done by Mr. Phillips in editing the Bulletin. The June issue is a "knock-out"!

If I were to express my appreciation to him I am sure that he would modestly keep it to himself. We non-residents like to know "what's going on."

A member in Santiago de Cuba writes as follows:—

The receiving of the first issue of the Collectors Club Bulletin, has been a most pleasant surprise to me. It fills a long felt necessity, not only for the benefit of the Non-resident members, but also for the Club. I congratulate the Club's Governors for their foresight.

This monthly issue will keep alive, in the minds of the unfortunate Non-residents, an interest in the Club's welfare. We who live, for many years without going to New York, in places more or less distant appreciate that you, the favored ones, should remember us.

I am also very much interested in the formation of an Expert Committee such as the Royal has; it will be a boon to all of us; Residents and Non-residents. The isolated ones will have the opportunity of ascertaining the real status of some cherished item. I note you already have the Quartz Lamp due to the generosity of Mrs. Henry, may others who can afford it follow her example.

The Editor will be glad to receive any additional comments.

List of Gifts to Collectors Club

From MR. PERRY W. FULLER (per C. W. Brazier), Three letter sheets with engravings of

Signing of Declaration of Independence, July 4, 1776
Wording of Declaration of Independence
The Presidents of our Great Republic

MR. SIDNEY BARRETT has presented the Club with a stand for examination of stamps, with a large reading glass attached. This was one of the first models made.

Records of the Collectors Club

In preparing my History of the Collectors Club, which will commence in the June number of the Collectors Club Philatelist, I have gathered together certain records which I think may interest the members.

Our Locale at Different Periods

December	1896.....	351 Fourth Avenue.
March	1905.....	24 West 26th. Street.
June	1909.....	14 East 23rd. Street.
February	1911.....	Kalil Bldg., 14 Park Place.
December	1913.....	42nd. St. Bldg., 30 East 42nd. Street
December	1917.....	120 West 49th. Street.
February	1925.....	51 West 48th. Street.
January	1931.....	30 East 42nd Street.
October	1937.....	22 East 35th Street.

Presidents

William Herrick	.....	1896-1897.
William Thorne	.....	1898-1899.
P. Fred Bruner	.....	1900 and March 1905.
J. M. Andreini	.....	1902 to 1905.
John N. Luff	.....	1905 to 1907, 1922 to 1924.
Joseph S. Rich	.....	1908-1909.
J. W. Scott, Sr.	.....	1910.
Dr. J. Brace Chittenden	.....	1910 to 1913, 1920.
Judge F. Spiegelberg	.....	1914.
William Homan	.....	1915-1916.
Thomas L. Wells	.....	1916.
Theodore E. Steinway	.....	1917, 1918, 1925-1926.
Alfred F. Lichtenstein	.....	1919.
H. H. Wilson	.....	1921.
Harry L. Lindquist	.....	1927 to 1930.
Charles Curie	.....	1931-1932.
Beverly S. King	.....	1933.
Laurence B. Mason	.....	1934-1936.
Arthur W. Deas	.....	1937-1938.

In October 1922 I decided that New York should be my future home and soon after my arrival I became acquainted with dear Brace Chittenden who quickly became one of my most intimate friends. As Theodore Steinway and Alfred Lichtenstein had previously discovered, he exerted mesmeric influence on a person when he wanted something done for his beloved club, and I soon fell under his spell and early in 1923 he induced me to accept the position of chairman of the membership committee which I have retained until the present day. Chittenden thought that with my extensive acquaintance with philatelists abroad I might be able to induce many to join our club. I was very successful in this and have kept up the good work ever since, and with the kind aid of scores of our members our membership is now over one thousand.

Roll of Members

1896.	100.	1903.	123.
1912.	92.	1913.	92.
1915.	106.	1917.	86.
1918.	108.	1919.	87.
1920.	90.	1921.	108.
1922.	142.	1923.	272.
1924.	360.	1925.	465.
1926.	550.	1927.	650.
1928.	647.	1929.	745.
1931.	759.	1932.	783.
1933.	747.	1934.	711.
1935.	687.	1936.	734.
1937. January,	783.	1937. December	895.
1938. May	945.	1938. June 30th.	

First Portion of the Ricketts Library

We are very glad to inform the members that the first portion of the great William R. Ricketts Library has been received and as rapidly as possible is being sorted and placed in order on the shelves of the Library.

The portion received consists of Dealers Priced Catalogues in various languages, and Periodicals and Handbooks in Foreign Languages only.

In the Periodicals we found the Ricketts Library strong in bound volumes of early dates. This enabled us to fill up a number of missing items on our shelves.

The Foreign Catalogues filled one large packing case and here we have found a number of rarities in the earliest catalogues of France, Germany, Italy, etc., etc.

The unbound Periodicals are all sorted but it will take the Library Committee several months to examine them and determine what is required to fill up our own files.

A Wonderful Gift By one of Our Members

Under date June 2nd. Mr. F. C. Atherton of Honolulu Hawaii writes me:—

“My interest in stamps was largely due to my desire to assemble as complete a collection as possible of Hawaiian stamps to be permanently located here in the territory. This aim I have accomplished, and have recently given to the Honolulu Academy of Arts, the complete collection of Hawaiians which I have assembled and had mounted in a steel cabinet.”

This is a very rich and valuable present. I have no idea of the value but it must be close to one hundred thousand dollars. Some months ago Mr. Atherton sent me superb photographs of his Missionaries and large figure stamps and these can be seen in the collection of photographs I have given the Club for their Reference Collection.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Duplicates for Sale from the Library

Handbooks Bound

Bartels' Catalogue and Reference list of the United States, Stamped Envelopes. V. M. Berthold	1904	10.00
Spain, Postage & Revenue, 1840-90 with 460 engravings. In French. J. B. Moens	1891	5.00
Sveriges Frankotecken 1855-1905 in Swedish, by the Swedish Philatelic Society	—	5.00
Canada, C. A. Howes	1911	15.00
Nederlandsch Maandblad vor Philatelic, Jan. 1935, Nos. 1-12	1935	1.00
Stamped Envelopes of the United States, W. E. V. Horner, 1st edit. ...	1879	5.00
Stamped Envelopes of the United States, W. E. V. Horner, 3rd edit. ...	1889	5.00
The Die Varieties of the Nesbitt Series of the U. S. envelopes, V. M. Berthold	1906	4.00
Stamps of the Canal Zone, G. L. Toppan	1906	3.50
Natal, (in French), L. H. J. Walker & J. B. Moens	1883	4.00
Mecklenburg-Schwerin et Strelitz, J. B. Moens	1879	4.00
Revised List of the Postage Stamps and Stamped Envelopes of all Nations, with Coster's Locals, bound together, J. W. Scott	1879	10.00
The Philatelic Almanac, F. L. Wilson, 1st Edit.	1936	1.00
The Statesman's Year Book (England)	1907	1.00
The Retouched 2 cent Envelope Dies of the series 1903 (Rep. from Phil. Gazette), L. G. Barrett	—	5.00
History of the Telephone & Telegraph in Uruguay, V. M. Berthold 1886-1923	—	1.00
Who's Who in Philately, (London, England) 1915, 1916, 1920-21, 1923, 1925, 1926, each	—	.25

Periodicals Bound

La Vie en El Hogar (Spanish) Nos. 41-64 1897-98	1.00
The American Philatelist Year Book, Vols. XXII and XXIII, 1908-09 bound together	3.00
Daily Philatelic World, Nos. 1 to 116, Oct. 1908 to March 1909	1.00
American Stamp Mercury and Numismatist, Boston. F. Trifet. Vol. 1, 1867, original green binding	5.00
Same. Vol. II, 1869, original green binding	5.00
Same. Vol. III, 1870, original green binding	5.00
La Gazette des Timbres, July 1872 to June 1873, P. Mahe'	5.00
Same	5.00
American Philatelic Magazine, Vol. III, Nov. 1894 to Vol. IV, April 1897, bound together	3.00
Numismatic and Philatelic Journal of Japan. Many full plates of Stamps, Coins, Coin-charms, Bank notes, etc. Vol. II, H. A. Ramsden, 1913	2.00
Foreign Stamp Collectors News, Vol. I, E. England Hull, 1883	2.00
Same. Vol. I. Same date	2.00
Same. Vol. II. 1884-85	2.00
British Philatelist, C. Nissen, Vol. XX, 1927-28	1.00
Dominion Philatelist, Vol. I & II Bound together 1889	)
Dominion Philatelist, Vol. III, 1891	) — 6.00
Dominion Philatelist, Vol. IV, 1892	)

Periodicals Unbound

St. Louis (Bear) Stamps, C. H. Mekeel. Ill. of stamps and the types. From the A. J. of P. Nov. 1895	5.00
Southern Philatelist (Charleston, S. C.) Vols. I-II & III, 1889-92	2.00
Brooklyn Philatelist, June 1891, Vol. I, Nos. 1 to 6	1.00
Collectors Companion (Chicago), Vol. I, Nos. 1-12, Vol. II, Nos. 1-5 complete 1885-86	2.00
Albemarle Stamp Collector, about 25 odd Nos. 1915-1921	1.00
Gazette des Timbres, P. Mahe (French) Jan., Dec. 1876	2.00
Bayonne Philatelist, Oct. 1883 to Nov. 1885	1.00
Same. Vol. I, 1883-1884, Nos. 1 to 10 and 12 and 13	1.00
Same. Vol. I, 1883-1884, Nos. 3 to 13	—
Independent Philatelist, Nos. 14-23, 1884 & 85	1.00
Collectors Review (Denver, Colo.) Vol. 1 & 2, 1886-87	1.00
Timbres de la Guerre, E. Locha, 1914-2-	1.00
Cat. of Stamps in Smithsonian Inst., J. B. Leavy, 1919	3.00

OBITUARY

SIR EDWARD DENNY BACON, K. C. V. O.

An Honorary member of the Collectors Club died on June 5th. at the age of 77.

I have known Sir Edward since 1888, and I would rank him as the outstanding British Philatelist. He joined the Philatelic Society of London in May 1880 and in May 1917 was elected President.

For several years Sir Edward was an intimate friend of Mr. T. K. Tapling and after Tapling's death he spent several years arranging the Tapling collection for the British Museum. When this was finished Mr. Henry J. Duveen engaged Sir Edward to arrange his collection in 70 Oriel albums. He next took charge of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford and in 1911 he completed his monumental work on the "Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford." After the death of Lord Crawford it was found that he had left this great collection to the British Museum. In October 1913, King George V. appointed Sir Edward curator of his collection and he worked on this collection until shortly before his death.

Sir Edward Bacon wrote numerous handbooks and hundreds of articles on philatelic subjects. One of his greatest works was "The Line-engraved Postage Stamps of Great Britain, printed by Perkins Bacon and Company, 1840 to 1880."

In 1893 on his proposal the Expert Committee of the R. P. S. L. was formed, and he has been a member ever since.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

GEORGE G. GOODRICH

a member of the club since February 28, '34, of 170 So. Oxford Street, Brooklyn, New York, died at the age of 65, suddenly, at his summer residence "Shady Brink," at Highlands, New Jersey, on Monday, May 30th, at 10.30 A. M.

His funeral with Masonic services, was held at his late residence, on Wednesday, June 1st, at 2 P. M. Cremation of his remains was at Fresh Pond, New York.

Mr. Goodrich was actively engaged in the Brokerage business and was an active member of the Collectors Club of New York; International Stamp Club of Brooklyn, New York; The Masonic Stamp Club of New York; Monmouth County (N. J.) Stamp Club and many fraternal orders; He had been a District Deputy Grand Master and was of several other high degrees in Masonry.

His Philatelic activities were many and varied, but he specialized in stamps of China and Netherlands. In the Balisea Exhibition his Netherland collection took the "Lagerloef" trophy and recent Bronx and New Jersey exhibition, his collection received first awards.

He left a wife, Mrs. Ray W. Goodrich and daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Karrh.

—A. W. DEAS.

A. M. TRACY WOODWARD

It is with great regret that I have to report the death of our member, Mr. A. M. Tracy Woodward, who died at sea on March 27th, last.

For many years he lived in Shanghai and Kuling in China and he devoted many years of his life to forming a magnificent collection of the stamps of Japan, Korea and Formosa.

In 1928 he published the result of his researches in two superb DeLuxe volumes, in a limited edition of 100 copies.

These were published at \$75.00 the set, and the Club is indebted to the generosity of Mr. A. F. Lichtenstein for a set.

The books are profusely illustrated by full size plates of the early issues, and numerous single retouched and scarce varieties.

This work will, I think, rank as the finest and most complete work on the stamps of any one country that has ever been published.

I knew Tracy Woodward personally and when he took his family to live in France, fleeing from the troubles in China, he spent a day with me.

Philately has lost one of its great students and to his widow and four children we express, in the name of the Collectors Club, our deepest sympathy for the loss they have sustained.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

Chattanooga, Tenn.

I have received the following letter from the Chattanooga Public Library. If any of our members can send any information to our fellow member Mr. J. D. Stanard, they will be helping a good cause.

Re: Postal History of Chattanooga, Tenn.

Dear Mr. Phillips:

The Chattanooga Public Library has selected Mr. John D. Stanard, of Chattanooga, a member of the Collectors Club and the American Philatelic Society, to write a postal history of this City as a research project for our Reference Room.

We will appreciate any assistance members of the Collectors Club can give in the collection of data, reference notes, photographs and "covers" postmarked at Chattanooga. The latter material is especially needed and if sent for inspection will be returned within three days. All rare philatelic material should be sent via registered mail, will be sent via registered mail back to the owner with a postage refund.

Correspondence should be addressed to:

Mr. John D. Stanard,
P. O. Box 306,
Chattanooga, Tenn.

U. S. 1869 Issue

24 Cents, Picture Inverted

This stamp is No. 120B in Scott's catalogue and a single used copy is listed at \$1200.00.

How many multiple pieces are known? I only find recorded one pair and one block of four.

The horizontal pair occurred in the Hunter auction sale of January 1900 when it was sold for \$242.00.

In the old days before Southampton became the port of call for U. S. Mail steamers most of the U. S. mail used to go to Liverpool and a less amount to Glasgow.

In my early days say from 1884 to 1900 both these cities were happy hunting grounds for used U. S. stamps. One of the early dealers in Liverpool was my old friend Thomas Ridpath, who had the only known used block of 1869, 24 cents, with the inverted picture. Some of our older dealers claim this was a block of six, and that two stamps were removed and a block of four remained.

How this may be I cannot say but Ridpath's block passed into the collection of William Thorne of New York. Years later on Mr. Batchelder of the New England Stamp Co. bought the Thorne collection and sold the block of four to William H. Crocker of San Francisco for \$1500.00 and in this collection it still remains, to be sold in London, by Harmer Rooke & Co. this autumn.

Columbian 1893 Issue**Error 4c Blue in Color of the 1 Cent**

One of the earliest records that I have seen, of a price for this scarce variety, is in an auction catalogue of Bogert & Durbin, October 1899, when one was sold for \$25.00. This we are told, in the catalogue of the sale, was one of a half sheet sold by a New York dealer in the Spring of 1899, for \$10.00 each.

In or about 1898 I was in Cleveland, and while dining with my old friend J. V. Painter, at his home on Euclid Avenue, he asked me if I could use a quantity of Columbians as the Postmaster of Cleveland was a friend of his, and advised him when a new supply of sheets came from Washington, and he allowed Painter to go through the stock and select new shades. Painter had accumulated quite a lot of duplicates and I purchased a large quantity for my old firm. Among these we noted that some of the 4c. were very close in color to the 1c., but in those days we only looked on this as a marked shade. I feel sure that I have some of the errors, probably all were at face value, if so, I sold them, on my return to England, at nominal prices.

It is interesting to see how this error has increased in value over the years:—

With the aid of the set of the Scott catalogues in the Library from 1893 to date I find that:—

1898 is the first catalogue in which the error is included.

In 1901 it was taken out of the catalogue, in 1902 it was restored to catalogue rank.

From 1898 to 1916 inclusive the error is not priced.

In 1917 to 1923 it is priced	-----	\$ 100.00
1924 & 1925 it is priced	-----	125.00
1926 & 1927 it is priced	-----	150.00
1928 & 1929 it is priced	-----	300.00
1930 it is priced	-----	400.00
1931 to 1936 it is priced	-----	800.00
1937 it is priced	-----	1000.00
1938 it is priced	-----	1200.00

After the death of E. B. Sterling of Trenton, N. J., his widow gave the Collectors Club his library of Philatelic Literature. With this we received a large batch of his correspondence, many letters being from well known stamp men of his period.

In going through these lately we have found a number of letters from John K. Tiffany, dated between November 1878 and October 1894.

A portion of this time Tiffany was president of the American Philatelic Association, many of these letters are on affairs of the A. P. A., but others are on interesting philatelic subjects, e. g. one letter of six pages dated January 1887 is on the varieties Tiffany had noted in the grills of 1867.

Again I note that Dr. Petrie had used Tiffany's name as a reference on his application to the A. P. A. this Tiffany says he never authorized and he strongly objects to him as a member.

There are many details in these letters which may prove of interest to future students, and these and other M. S. S. that we have should be preserved with special care.

WHO WAS THE FIRST STAMP COLLECTOR?

I have been asked this a number of times but I do not remember to have seen the question answered in print.

I was recently hunting through Stanley Gibbons Monthly Journal when I came across an article which I claim shows who was the *earliest* stamp collector until the claim I now make is disproved by sound evidence of a collector of earlier date.

In or about the year 1900, J. B. Moens of Brussels sold his stock of stamps and discontinued the publication of *Le Timbre-Poste* which had been edited by L. Hanciau since its commencement in 1863.

I was well acquainted both with Moens and Hanciau, and after the Moens business was given up I persuaded my friend Hanciau to write some of his "Old-Time Memories" for my paper.

In the number of July 1906 in one of these articles he wrote "The idea of collecting postage stamps came to me from seeing in 1852, the collection of M. Pierre Maus, this contained about fifty stamps."

From this it appears that M. Pierre Maus must have been one of the earliest collectors of which we have an authentic record.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.

\$1200.00 for A Letter Marseilles to London

This seems an impossible price to have paid for a letter yet this was the actual cost as reported in the *London Times* for 1842.

The letter was a special dispatch to *The Times* containing the news of the massacre in Cabul which the *Times* was the first to make known.

From Marseilles to Paris the conveyance was by carriages especially hired; from Paris to Boulogne by horse, then to Dover by special steamer, and from Dover to London again by horse.

WHO INVENTED THE SYSTEM OF MEASURING PERFORATIONS?

I do not think that many members of the *Collectors Club* could answer this question. It was one of the greatest of the early French collectors—Dr. Jacques Amable Legrand, perhaps better known under his pen name of Dr. Magnus.

It was in 1866 that he wrote his paper in *Le Timbre Poste*, in which he expounded his system of counting the number of perforations in a space of two centimetres. At the same time he classified, for the first time, the different kinds of perforations. This article attracted considerable attention, both in France and in England. A large class of collectors ridiculed what was termed the French school of collecting, but they were finally vanquished by the articles of E. L. Pemberton and T. K. Tapling.

Dr. Legrand became one of the principal writers in the French philatelic press. He was Editor of *Le Timbrophile* and later of the *Gazette des Timbres*. During the period 1868-76 he wrote his *magnum opus* on "Stamped Envelopes" which was published by M. Moens in *Le Timbre-Poste*.

In 1876 he, with the aid of several of the leading French collectors, founded "Le Societe Timbrologique de France," with Baron Arthur de Rothschild as President and Legrand acting as Secretary for many years.

—CHARLES J. PHILLIPS.