

During the year the attendance was generally less than that number—never more—and for the eleven meetings held during the twelve months an average of a little over four was obtained.

The Committee would like to see an increased attendance at the meetings, and, by individual efforts, more members obtained during the forthcoming year. They hope that the Junior Branch will prosper in the future—more so than in this, the first year.

A vote of thanks to the retiring officers closed the meeting.

W. BRETTSCHEIDER, Hon. Secretary.

The ordinary monthly meeting was held on the conclusion of the annual meeting.

The newly-elected President Mr. L. A. Chester, occupied the chair, with the same attendance of members present as at the annual meeting.

Mr. H. Nicoll was elected a member of the Junior Branch.

Mr. M. A. Ekstrom, of Sydney, proposed by Mr. McKnight, seconded by the Secretary, will be balloted for at the next meeting.

Since circulating the list of stamps wanted for the Society's official collection, several members have come forward with contributions for same.

The rest of the evening was spent in looking over Mr. Hatch's specialised collection of English stamps.

W. BRETTSCHEIDER, Hon. Secretary.

The ordinary monthly meeting was held on Thursday, August 15th, at 8 p.m.

The President, Mr. L. A. Chester, occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance.

Mr. M. A. Ekstrom was duly elected a member of the Society.

The balance sheet was then read by the President.

It was resolved that the Society subscribe for 12 copies of *Gibbons' Weekly* for another twelve months at the reduced rate.

Book 171 was next balloted for.

This concluded the meeting, after which Mr. N. C. Horwood showed two volumes of his collection, which was greatly enjoyed.

128 Russell Street, Melbourne. W. BRETTSCHEIDER, Hon. Secretary.

**The Philatelic Society of South Australia.**—The ordinary monthly meeting of members was held on 31st July. Dr. Benham presided over a good attendance. The working of the Exchange Department was reviewed and sundry matters referred to the Committee for consideration. The President drew attention to some minor differences in the current stamps of Queensland.

J. H. WELFARE, Hon. Secretary.

**Union Stamp Collecting Club (Juniors).**—After a six months' vacation the re-opening meeting was held at 316 Elizabeth Street South Sydney, on Thursday, 4th July. There was a good attendance of members. The President in suitable terms re-opened the club and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, G. H. Anderson; Hon. Sec., P. Parry; Treasurer, W. Cooper.

W. J. B.—The stamps you mention are known as "Precancelled" stamps. There is a practice in vogue, in U.S.A. and Canada, of printing the name of the issuing office on certain stamps (low values) which are put on large lots of printed matter and do not require any further obliteration.

R. J. B.—The peculiarity in the formation of the punctured O.S. on the high value Queensland stamps is due to the fact that they can only be punctured one at a time. The vertical pair of 5/- submitted for inspection shows that the upper stamp was punctured, face showing normally, the two were then turned upside down, the lower stamp being now the upper one, but back showing and the stamp inverted. This may be the usual or a frequent practice.