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### EDITORIAL.

**T**HIS number completes our fifth volume  
and five years is a tolerably respectable  
age for any philatelic journal. We may,  
therefore, reasonably be jubilant on hav-  
ing attained such a mature age and  
thanking our readers for their support, which  
we hope they will continue, we wish them the  
Compliments of the Season.

At this season of the year when all normally  
constituted people feel generous and even the  
meanest among us are apt "to pat youngsters  
on the head and talk to them vaguely about  
sixpences" we venture to issue an  
**The Fiscal Exhibition.** appeal to fiscal philatelists on  
behalf of the approaching Exhibi-  
tion. We understand that the  
rank and file of fiscal philatelists  
have not yet responded very heartily to the  
request of the Fiscal Philatelic Society for  
donations towards the expenses of the Exhibi-  
tion and we now ask especially each one to  
contribute his mite. Perhaps many feel some  
timidity in venturing to offer a small donation  
but we can assure such that contributions of a  
few shillings from each one will soon be sufficient  
to meet the estimated cost, as nearly one half  
of the sum required has already been promised.  
The success of the Exhibition and the value of  
the prizes will entirely depend upon the financial  
support and if only each member of the Fiscal  
Philatelic Society would contribute something  
the expenses would be adequately met.

We hope, too, that fiscal collectors will not  
be diffident with regard to exhibiting. Every  
member of the Fiscal Philatelic Society ought  
certainly to show something and there is no  
excuse for not doing so, as it will cost them  
nothing except the expenditure of a little time  
and trouble in arranging their exhibit, while  
there is every prospect of winning at least a  
diploma. For non-members the cost of 5/- for  
exhibiting is purely nominal and as for that sum  
they can exhibit in all classes, we hope that  
many will come forward.

We have very much pleasure in highly  
recommending the "Stamp Collectors' Annual,"  
edited by Percy C. Bishop and published by  
C. Nissen & Co., a copy of which  
has been sent to us for review.  
**The Stamp Collectors' Annual.** This second issue of the annual  
(for 1905) is a great improvement  
on the one which was published  
last year and contains a number  
of interesting papers. Among these we would  
especially mention "Notes on the Stamps of  
Victoria," by W. H. Terry; "The Telegraph  
Stamps of Great Britain" by C. Nissen; "A  
short Dictionary of philately," by P. C. Bishop;  
"Postal fiscals of the United Kingdom," by C.  
Nissen; "The story of a philatelic year: being  
a review of the philatelic press for 1903-1904,"  
by P. C. Bishop. We are particularly glad to  
see that fiscals are not ignored, for besides the  
article by Mr. Nissen in the postal fiscals of  
Great Britain, we find "A Recruit" waxes  
enthusiastic over the "Joys of Revenue Stamp  
Collecting." The "Recruit" has tackled the  
revenue stamps of Great Britain as a start and  
naturally has soon found that many of them are  
by no means easy to get but a big show of these  
can be got together at small expense and we  
doubt if a beginner of fiscal collecting could  
make a better selection as a commencement.

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We have received a small book on "*The  
Postage Stamps of Great Britain.*" By F. J. Melville  
which is designed "as a facile and straight-"  
"forward guide for the young collector of the "  
"stamps of Great Britain. To meet his needs,"  
"all the niceties of ultra-"  
**Postage Stamps of Great Britain.** "specialism have been "  
"omitted, while a short "  
"bibliography of the sub-"  
"ject is added for those who desire to continue "  
"the study of this interesting branch of philate-"  
"ly." The work is excellently illustrated and  
appears to us adequate for the purpose intended.  
As an appendix is reproduced the paper by  
H.R.H the Prince of Wales on King Edward's  
stamps from the London Philatelist though from  
the book itself at first sight it seems as if H.R.  
H had written it especially for Mr. Melville's  
book!

#### BOARD OF TRADE OFFICIALS.

The 1d and 4d. King's head postage stamps  
have been recently seen perforated with "Crown  
and B.T." and cancelled on 1st November 1904.  
Are these stamps still in use or is the stock in  
hand being used up? Rather high prices are  
being asked for them, which may be right if the  
stamps are obsolete but too high if they are in  
current use. The following is a list of the  
stamps known perforated in this manner "Crown  
and B.T." we should be glad to see any not  
mentioned.

1880. 2d., rose  
1881. 1d., lilac  
1884. 2d., lilac; 5d., green  
1887. (Queen) ½d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d.,  
5d., 6d.  
1902. (King) 1d., 1½d., 2d., 4d., 9d.