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**BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE**

OBJECTS: TO promote interest in and the study of the stamps and postal history of the British West Indies.

TO establish contact with correspondents throughout the British West Indies comprising the following colonies

ANTIGUA	CAYMAN ISLANDS	ST. KITTS-NEVIS
BAHAMAS	DOMINICA	ST. LUCIA
BARBADOS	GRENADA	ST. VINCENT
BERMUDA	JAMAICA	TRINIDAD & TOBAGO
BRITISH GUIANA	LEEWARD ISLANDS	TURKS & CAICOS ISLANDS
BRITISH HONDURUS	MONTSERRAT	VIRGIN ISLANDS

TO issue a quarterly Bulletin embodying articles, items of interest and other features (including a wants' section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members (NOTE: It will be appreciated that every member will always be 'in the picture' no matter where he (or she) resides.

MEMBERSHIP: TO be WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all who are interested in the stamps or postal history of the abovementioned colonies.

The ANNUAL subscription on to be 10/6d (\$1.50 Canada & U. S. A.) due on the 1st FEBRUARY. (NOTE: Cheques and Postal Orders should be made payable to "B.W.I. Study Circle").

**OUR PRESIDENT'S PARAGRAPH:**

I suppose the most important news item of interest to B.W.I. collectors since the last issue of the Bulletin, is the announcement in the philatelic press of the forthcoming sale of our member Mr. J.H. Sinton's Gold Medal Collection of the Queen Victoria Line-engraved issues of ST. VINCENT. This will take place at Robson Lowe's Sale Room on October 27th next and what an opportunity it will afford for collectors of this colony to acquire some of these lovely stamps. Mr. Sinton has been making a superb collection of this Colony, especially of the local postmarks, for many years. Those of us who attended the meeting of the B.W.I. Study Circle at the 36th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain held at Eastbourne last May, had a sight of some of these rare items, little realizing that Mr. Sinton was contemplating their disposal. It will be recalled on that occasion he gave a most interesting discourse on the abbreviated town and village cancellations and it is hoped to include, by the courtesy of Mr. Robson Lowe, in a future issue of the Bulletin, an article contributed by Mr. Sinton to "The Philatelist" which was published in November, 1951.

I hear from our Honorary Secretary that the membership of our Circle is steadily increasing and I need hardly add that we require the help of every one interested in collecting the stamps of the British West Indies. Furthermore, good articles, or notes of interest, covering every colony are urgently needed for future issues of our Bulletin which constitutes the vital link between us.

G. W. COLLETT.

Dear Member,

Once again we have to thank all those who were good enough to write and express their appreciation of Bulletin No. 2 and we were also glad to receive some constructive criticism from Dr. H. Vivian Brown - which is' dealt with in our Honorary Secretary's Paragraph.

**MEMBERSHIP.**

Our numbers continue to grow steadily and have now reached 73 which includes 14 from overseas. It has been decided that the table showing the geographical distribution of our membership be a permanent feature and it will be observed that a new county - Northumberland appears for the first time and the total for the U.S.A. has risen to 8.

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PROVINCIAL (46 )

Cheshire 1	Lancashire 1	Wiltshire 3
Cornwall 2	Lincolnshire 1	Yorkshire 2
Derbyshire 3	Middlesex 3	Northumberland 2
Devon 3	Norfolk 1	Sussex 1
Durham 2	Northants 2	Kent 2
Essex 1	Shropshire 2	Surrey 3
Hampshire 1	Suffolk 3	Herts 3
N. Ireland 1		Scotland 2

OVERSEAS (14)

B.W.I. 2	Canada 1	Eire 1
France 1		U.S.A. 8

Our "Royal" representation has now reached 20, Mr. J. H. Sinton having joined us. Notwithstanding the fact that he is disposing of his St. Vincent collection we know that he is interested in other B.W.I. Colonies and are very glad to have his valued support. France 1 U.S.A.

It is with pleasure that we learn that our member, Mr. H. C. V. Adams - has recovered from his recent illness thereby enabling him to let us have his promised article on ST. VINCENT, part of which we are most happy to include in this issue.

We are sorry to hear that two other members - Mr. F. E. Beckett and Mr. G. R. Butler are indisposed and we sincerely trust that they will soon be restored to good health.

### **OBITUARY.**

It is with regret that we record the passing of our member MAJOR H. G. REID which took place suddenly on July 21st last. He made the trip from Jamaica to represent the Jamaica Philatelic Society at the 36th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain, at Eastbourne, and we had the pleasure of his company at our Meeting there. Many will remember his charming personality and his promise to help the Circle when he returned. to Jamaica which, unfortunately, was not to be. Our sincere sympathy is tendered to his daughters in their irreparable loss.

### **PUBLICITY.**

The philatelic press continue to give us their valued support and we have to express our thanks to Mr. Harry L. Lindquist of New York, U.S.A. for the generous reference made to our Circle in the issue of "STAMPS" dated 3rd July, 1954. Our thanks are also due to the Editor of "THE WEST-END PHILATELIST" for his encouraging paragraph in the August/September issue.

**DISPLAY TO THE LONDON AND PROVINCIAL STAMP CLUB.**

A combined display - the first attempted by the Circle was given to the London and Provincial Stamp Club at Weigh House Hall, Binney Street, London, W.1., on Saturday afternoon, September 4th, 1954.

Sixteen of the B.W.I. Colonies were covered and whilst these of necessity had to be concentrated into just over 90 pages - a very wide variety of interesting and important material was included. It showed much for the enthusiasm of our members that 30% of the Circles home membership supported this display by material from their collections.

Obviously it is impossible to report every individual item - fuller notes would entail a Bulletin devoted exclusively to this purpose but it is hoped that the following resume will serve to indicate the scope and at the same time, where it is considered relevant and helpful - details of unusual covers or cancellations have been included.

ANTIGUA - contributed by Dr. R.H. Urwick, Vice President: 1863, small star, rough perf. 14-16; shades of the 1d and 6d. in mint blocks and strips. A selection of covers with unusual postal markings.

BAHAMAS - contributed by Dr. N. Garrard: - 1859, 1d., no wmk., imperf., on thick paper, (S.G.1), used, and pairs pen-marked - being either specimens, or samples. The 1d. on thin or medium paper - mint singles and a block of four. The clean-cut and rough perf. issues, also the 1d., perf. 11 - 12, (S.G.7). The no watermark stamps of 1862 included all three values with compound perforation. The De la Rue prints

CC, 12½ and CC, 14 were shown for shades and included the anilines, mint. of the "FOURPENNY" on 6d. provisional of 1883, two mint and three used.

BAHAMAS - contributed by Mr. C. H. H. Roche The various printings of the King George VI issues, mint, including the rarer shades.

BARBADOS - contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor: 1873, 5s. small star, (S.G.64), used. 1893, "PAID AT BARBADOES" (crowned circle type) used provisionally during a shortage of the 2d. adhesive stamp in February and March. The numeral cancellations "1" to "11" ("Bootheel" type) employed for the eleven parishes.

BERMUDA - contributed by Captain F. S. J. Norris Rare pre-adhesive covers included a Portsmouth "SHIP LRE" dated July 27, 1807. A cover bearing 'combination' of date and fleuron usually only found individually with the first and third fleuron types, dated 29 Jan, 1835. The rare "IRELAND ISLE" date-stamp of July 19, 1845 (the post office was opened in March 1845), at present one of two known copies; of the same type as the Hamilton 'Perot' date-stamp and sent out to the colony at the same time, i.e. Nov. 1st, 1841. On the example shown, the day of the month "19" is in ms. An example of the HAMILTON (Perot type). date-stamp on a cover dated MR. 8 1850. Another unusual entire with the Hamilton crowned circle and with the original HAMILTON postmark - Feb. 5, 1850, in addition.

BERMUDA - contributed by Mr. V. W. Smithson: Here the various printings of the K.G. VI issues were fully set out with all the rarer shades.

BRITISH GUIANA - contributed by Mr. E. S. Forshaw: 1853, 4c. deep blue, (S.G.18) with clear "Berbice" cancellation. Entire, dated Sept. 2, 1825 with fleuron date-stamp, from Demerara to London. An example of one of the scarcest Georgetown postmarks with the words "British Guiana" in full; similar type to the first specific Village Posts introduced late in the year 1878 - the example shown was dated Dec. 6, 1879. A clear example of the first Essequibo postmark.

CAYMAN ISLANDS - contributed by Mr. E. E. Ainger: Rural post cancellations with two types of the boxed "GRAND CAYMAN" on covers - (a) "RURAL POST COLLECTION GRAND CAYMAN" and (b) "EAST END Grand Cayman RURAL Post Collection." 1908, K.E. VII, 3d., mint blocks of shade varieties including a block of 8 on buff paper (uncatalogued).

CAYMAN ISLANDS - contributed by Mr. P. T. Saunders: Jamaica: 1883-97, ½d. green, CA, 14 with the third Georgetown cancellation (Type A) showing part of the Cayman cancellation "GRAND CAYMAN CAYMAN ISLANDS." 1912-20, MCA, 14, mint- set with all shades of the 3d., 1s and 10s.

DOMINICA - contributed by Lieut.-Colonel G.H. LAG. B. 6d. , (S. G. 70) on cover cancelled with the "A07" obliterator of Dominica (addressed to L'pool). 9d., (S.G.87) with same obliteration. Dominica: 1883, -12d. olive-yellow (S. G.15) and 1886, 1d. lilac, (S.G.21) overprinted with R.L. Type D (Crowned Circle "PAID AT DOMINICA") used as an obliteration and a surcharge in 1885-86 owing to a shortage of sixpenny stamps; with this obliteration on ' the value of these stamps was raised to 6d. 1883-88, CA, 14, bisected 1d. lilac and 1d. rose, used on pieces. 4d. grey, malformed "CE", (S.G.22a), used. The 1s (S.G.26) unused.

DOMINICA - contributed by Mr. C. H. H. Roche: 1938, 2½d. 'Picking Limes?' with lower margin imperforate, used.



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GRENADA - contributed by Dr. R.H. Urwick: Die proofs in black of the 1d. and 6d., and of the 1875 (fiscal' type. Plate proofs, in the issued colours of 1d. and 6d., the latter value in a pair with experimental cancellation. Two covers - (a) an 1872 registered letter bearing a strip of three 1d. and pair of 6d. to London (unusual rate) and (b) to New York with a strip of five 1d. 1881, 2d., 2½d. and 4d. with varieties including a mint block of four ½d. mauve, one stamp "OSTAGE."

JAMAICA - contributed by Mr. G. W. Collett, President: Some fine pre-adhesive covers, e.g. "IAMAICA" dated 10 June 1774 with Bishop mark. "LACOVIA" (1793). Ship Letters of 1816. Adhesives on covers included an immaculate strip of six 1d. , pine watermark with "A73" (St. Ann's Bay) postmark. The 1s. yellow-brown and 1s. purple-brown pine on covers. 1870-83, CC, 14, pair of 2d. on newspaper "The Jamaica Churchman." Post Town markings on covers included "A28" (Type M) Annotto Bay, on pairs of the 4d. and 6d. CC.

JAMAICA- - contributed by Mr. V.N.F. Surtees: 1949, 3d. and £1 mint marginal and plate number blocks. 1952, Scout Jamboree issue, 2d. and 6d., marginal and imprint blocks.

LEEWARD ISLANDS - contributed by Mr. V. W. Smithson: All the various printings of the King George VI issues.

ST. CHRISTOPHER - contributed by Dr. R. H. Urwick: he provisional surcharges of 1885 and 1886 in mint blocks, e.g. - 1885, "Halfpenny" on half of 1d., mint block of 40 (unsevered), and a used pair with inverted surcharge. "FOUR PENCE" on 6d. used on cover with 1d. rose-carmine pen-cancelled to prepay local postage to Basse Terre. 1886, 4d. on 6d. variety, no stop, a mint block of ten, and a single on cover.

ST. KITTS - contributed by Mr. L.E. Britnor: Two interesting postcards addressed to St. Kitts, one bearing a Montserrat 1883, 1d. bisected, the other, Nevis, bisected 1d. both addressed to W.P. Pearce, Postmaster at Basse Terre; both items showing interesting correspondence between two B.W.I. postmasters.

ST. LUCIA - contributed by Mr. O. G. Bowlby: 1863, CC, 12½. (1d.), (4d. ) and (6d. ), - (S G.5/7). The unissued provisional surcharges, (S.G.8a and 8b). A cover from St. Lucia to Caen dated Mr.12. 66, franked by a pair of. 4d. chrome-yellow (S.G.12) with crowned circle "PAID AT ST. LUCIA" in red and other interesting transit markings. The major re-entry No. 205 on the sheet showing complete doubling of the words "ST. LUCIA" and "POSTAGE" and, line across lower portion of engine-turned design.

ST. VINCENT - contributed by :Mr. J. J. Turner: A superb selection of all the issues from 1861 onwards with all the known rarities - a 5s. rose-red of 1880 (S.G.28),; mint was exceptionally fine. The earliest known postmark of St. Vincent - the fleuron type with "S" in "ST. VINCENTS" (Sept.10, 1810).

TOBAGO - contributed by Mr. A.E. Beach: IBM, The 1d. ms. surcharge on half 6d. , used, (three, one on small piece). 1881, examples of various bisects employed to meet the 2½d. postage rate, when the island joined the U. P. U. : included. among these was a cover addressed to Trinidad bearing six bisected 1d. Venetian-red of 1880, and a bisected 1883, 4d. yellow-green used on large dated piece. A study of the varieties in the "2 PENNY" surcharges of 1886-89 showing the characteristic features of the settings.

TRINIDAD - contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott: a fine group of postmarks included the numeral types: Type 1 - circular marks and Type 2 - boxed. The first type of crowned circle on cover dated Nov. 9, 1858. Adhesives: 1863, CC, 12½, shades with the 6d. deep green, (S.G.78), unused, and the 1d. rose, variety imperf., (S.G.70a), used. 1898, 'handing of Columbus' issue: die proofs of central vignette and-of frame, in black; the former in early and finished states; completed die proof also colour trials, probably from the die, on unwatermarked paper.

TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS - contributed by Mr. W.A. Townsend: 1900, mint, shades including the 2s., (S.G.108) and 3s. (S.G.109). Sept., 1909, MCA, mint set, and similarly of the 1921 MCA issue.

No greater encouragement could be given to any newly-formed Study Circle, than the generous remarks made by Mr. A.P. Fawthrop - Chairman at this meeting, when he said that it was a marvellous accomplishment for a society, formed as recently as last January, to produce a display of this kind. He added that the members of the London and Provincial Stamp Club would benefit greatly by seeing this display and they were exceedingly grateful to the B.W.I. Study Circle for presenting such a fine exhibition.

The Circle's thanks are recorded to those who supported the display and not least of all to the Honorary Secretary for assembling the material and presenting it on behalf of country members who were unable to attend the meeting and for those who were present.

R. T.

### **A SECOND INVITATION.**

Whilst we ventured to suggest in the July issue that we might be invited to give another display -we did not, for one moment anticipate that such would materialise before our first one had taken place. It is, therefore, with pleasure that we announce that an invitation to give a joint display to the Junior Philatelic Society has been accepted. This will take place at the Bonnington Hotel, Southampton Row, W. C.2. , on Saturday, 2nd April, 1955 at 3 p.m. We know that we can rely on the continued support of those whose contributions made our first display such a success, but the help of others will be required since we understand some 200 pages are normally exhibited.

### **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND DINNER.**

Our first A.G.M. will be held on Thursday, January 27th, 1955 (the anniversary of our foundation) in the Meeting Room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London, at 41 Devonshire Place, W.1. from 5.30 to 7.p.m. This will be followed by-an informal dinner elsewhere and as it is essential that arrangements for accommodation be made well in advance it will be appreciated if those members who hope to attend will advise the Hon. Secretary as soon as possible: We would add that tickets will be approximately 12/6d. (excluding wine) and members may bring guests should they so desire.

### **NOTES AND QUERIES.**

**IMPORTANT.** It will be appreciated that the primary object of our Circle is to ensure that as far as possible all information is published in the Bulletin. It is therefore essential that ALL contributions (including replies to queries) are forwarded to the Hon. Secretary.

BRITISH HONDURAS.

"Our Hon. Secretary has asked me to contribute a few notes on this Colony. Let me confess at once that whilst I have a fairly straightforward collection of adhesives it is the Postal History and Postmark sides that interest me most. My collection begins with a letter written on the 1st August 1790 at Saint Georges Key which was then the headquarters of the Woodcutters and the scene of the battle of 1798 when the Spaniards, though upwards of 2,000 strong, were defeated by the "Bay-men" and the crew of the British sloop "Merlin." The letter went via Jamaica where it was stamped with the "IAMAICA" straight-line hand-stamp which was used as a transit mark. About 1800 Belize had a straight-line handstamp sent out (this is missing from my collection) which was then followed in the early 1840s by 2 type with the town name at top - date in two lines and double circle segments; the example in my possession is dated June 15th 1849; this was in use until the "A06" obliterator was introduced. British adhesives were supplied in 1857 in which year the first regular post office was opened. About 1872 an oval of bars with the "O" in the centre came into use and I have this on the issues of 1872, 1882 and the surcharges of 1888. Was this obliterator only used at Belize or was it for Corozal opened in 1862? About 1888 similar cancellations appeared but with "C" and "K65" in the centre. I have not got "C" but have the other on the 5c.Q.V. Key Plate.

In 1879 post offices were opened in Orange Walk, Punta Garda and Stann Creek and in 1888 in All Pivies, Monkey River and San ' Estevan. Has any one information whether the two last-named were used at one or the other of these offices? After these the ordinary circular types came into use but I have no information as to the earliest dates.

**BRITISH HONDURAS** (continued).

In 1935 the number of offices had increased to 30 whilst in April, 1953, a list kindly supplied by the Postmaster at Belize gives 34 offices under six districts, viz. - Belize, Cayo, Corozal, Orange Walk, Stann Creek and Toledo. Several of the offices in the 1935 list no longer appear. Cancellations from offices other than Belize are difficult to find and at the time of writing I only have Cayo, Corozal, Monkey River, Punta Garda and Stann Creek.

Air mail services were somewhat late coming into use and the first Internal Air Mail was that from Belize to El Cayo and back on the 17th August 1937, followed by that to Punta Garda on 15th March 1939. The Pan-American air line had been in the field for External Air Mail since 1929, the first acceptance of mail to Belize being 21st May and from Belize to Miami on 22nd May for which a special oval cachet was supplied. Presumably this became a regular service and I have a commercial cover addressed to the "Norwich Union" dated September 1940. Field's "Air Mail Digest" does not give any information after 1939 except for one short-lived service in 1950."

(Contributed by Mr. F.H. Thompson).

**JAMAICA.**

I have been shown during the past few- months at least six copies of the 1½d. light red-brown, S.G.123a (C.W.5b), all differing slightly in shade, and all purporting to be the extremely scarce shade of the 1944 Colonial release. Knowing that many members of the Circle specialise in Jamaica, I shall be extremely grateful if anyone possessing what they consider is an authentic copy will send it to the Secretary for inspection, as it appears that many of the intermediate shades of red-brown - see footnote in Gibbons ' - Catalogue which belong to an earlier printing, are inadvertently being taken for the genuine S.G. 123a.

(Contributed by Mr: V.W. Smithson)

ST. LUCIA

"Quite a lot of attention has been paid to the abbreviated postmarks of St. Vincent, but if anything comprehensive has been written about the abbreviated postmarks of St. Lucia, I have yet to find it. A circular date-stamp with "ST. LUCIA" at the top, the date in two lines and an index letter above, seems first to have been introduced in the Ws. It was this index letter which indicated the office at which the stamp was used. The following are the abbreviations known to me:

C	-	CASTRIES(Head Office)	M	-	MICOUD
D	-	DENNERY	S	-	SOUFRIERE
L	-	LABORIE	VF	-	VIEUX FORT.

An example of 1885 of "c" (Castries) is the earliest abbreviated mark I have

seen. It is, of course, easily the commonest. It was still in use in 1902 although a c. d. s. with "Castries" at the top and "St. Lucia" at the bottom, also with the index letter "c" was in use from at least 1899. Of the other offices I have found Soufriere to be fairly common, Vieux Fort not uncommon, Dennery and Micoud fairly scarce and Laborie quite rare. From 1912 all the abbreviated marks seem to have been replaced by c.d.s. , without index numbers, having the name of the office in full at the top and "St. Lucia" at the bottom.

I have not discovered any abbreviated postmarks for ANSELARAYE, CANARIES, CHOISEUL or GROS ISLET, the remaining post offices in the island. I have a c. d. s. of Canaries in full and the index letter "C" dated May, 1911 which rather suggests that it never had an abbreviated mark. This information is the result of looking for these marks over the past two years and I have no, doubt that others can add a great deal more.

(Contributed by Mr. G.W. Groves).

ST. VINCENT:

Having been requested to write a short summary about the early issues of the above Island I am hoping that the following remarks will prove of interest to those endeavouring to study these beautiful stamps. I have reason to believe all that is likely to be known can be found in some magazine or book published in more or less recent years, but I have tried to compress what matters most in the following notes.

The original design, thanks to the excellent work of the engraver Charles Henry Jeens, employed by Perkins Bacon & Co., is unquestionably one of the finest ever depicted on a postage stamp and it is, but for two exceptions, the only one I am dealing with on this occasion.

The majority of the stamps in question may be easily recognised by the average collector, but there are a few that require some little knowledge before they can be accepted as the true thing.

Using Stanley Gibbons' catalogue numbers, No. 1 is perhaps the most difficult of all to identify for certain, as the catalogue description "Intermediate Perforation" does not, unfortunately, really fit the case. The Expert Committee of the Royal Philatelic Society will not give a good certificate for this No. 1 unless it is found on a cover or large piece bearing a date prior to the second delivery of stamps from England to the Island in August 1861, as the perforations are so indefinite. A poor perforating machine happened to be employed at this period and the proved stamps can be found with possibly intermediate perforations on one, two



ST. VINCENT (continued)

or possibly three sides, but this alone is no true guide, as the second delivery may at times be similarly described. In consequence of this mint copies of this particular stamp are always doubtful as the true thing. A very interesting and informative article written by an American, Mr. Arthur Pierce, appeared in the "Philatelist" a short while ago on this very subject.

Of No. 2, issued at the same time as the One Penny, there is no question fortunately, as the stamp was printed in yellow-green, whereas the second delivery was in a definite deepish green. The former in mint state is a rare stamp today. The Penny stamp, I should add, whether classed as No. 1 or No. 3 is found imperforate vertically, but it is believed these are only remainders and never reached the Island. The fact that good sized blocks have been found confirms this view.

The next stamp of importance is S.G. Is No. 7, with the wide and narrow perforations. It is so often faked that anyone seeking it should be very careful when and where he gets it. I have heard so far of only one mint pair (vertical) which I am fortunate enough to possess. Nos. 7a and 7b Imperforate were never issued, and can occasionally be found with an ink line cancellation across the stamps.

No. 9 is worth mentioning as it is a good stamp - far from common in mint state, whilst it is still questionable in some minds whether used copies so far found are the real thing or not.

ST. VINCENT (continued)

No. 12, the Four Pence yellow is not readily come by in perfect mint state and blocks are quite rare.

No. 14, the Shilling brown generally comes poorly or unevenly perforated, thus well centred copies whether mint or used are decidedly uncommon.

The three One Shillings, Nos. 17, 19 and 20 are nice stamps to possess, especially in mint state and unless one can see the three together it is not very easy to tell one from the other. No. 19 curiously is generally found cancelled with a red postmark.

The Six Pence pale yellow-green, No. 23, perforated 15 is a very elusive stamp to acquire in mint state and as only 6,000 copies were ever printed it is not surprising when one remembers it did duty for over three years.

No. 24 is worth mentioning as it is not always easy to tell this Four Pence from No.8 unless the watermark Star is readily discernible.

The next stamp to comment upon is the very fine Five Shillings of an entirely new design by the engraver William Ridgway. This in rose-red (called by the printers "pink") when of perfect form is something every collector is anxious to possess. Imperforate copies are listed, but I have never seen one.

(Contributed by Mr. H. C. V. Adams, R.D.P. , F.R.P.S.L.)

- to be continued -

## **THE HONORARY SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH.**

I would like to express my thanks to our member - Dr. H. Vivian Brown - for his letter in which he complimented me on our NOTES AND QUERIES section and at the same time for some helpful criticism. First he suggested that the Notes be arranged in alphabetical order of colonies and this you will have observed has been adopted in this issue. In order that reference be made still easier it is intended to include with the January issue each year a Cumulative Index to the items in this section. - Dr. Brown also stressed the necessity for "accuracy in all matters" but it will be appreciated that I cannot accept responsibility for any Notes that may not be entirely correct. Personally I take the view that any such inaccuracies will be put right by members themselves through the publicity readily available to them in our Bulletin. It was a pleasure to exhibit the various pages so generously contributed by many of our members for our first display on September 4th, and in thanking them for their co-operation I would add a word of appreciation to our member - Miss Rose Titford for the informative report you will have read elsewhere. It will be appreciated that our second display to be given in the Spring of 1955 is rather more ambitious, but I have no doubt that the response of members will ensure that it will be an even greater success. In conclusion I would like to refer to the Aug./Sept. 1954 issue of the "Stamp Lover" in which ' the Hon. General Secretary - Mr. F. A. Pester - in his Report for 1953/54 states:- "It is quite obvious that Study Circles, drawing as they can on the best in their own particular field from the many leading collectors in that field, will in the future be able to present the most outstanding Society exhibits." How very true:

P.T.S.

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