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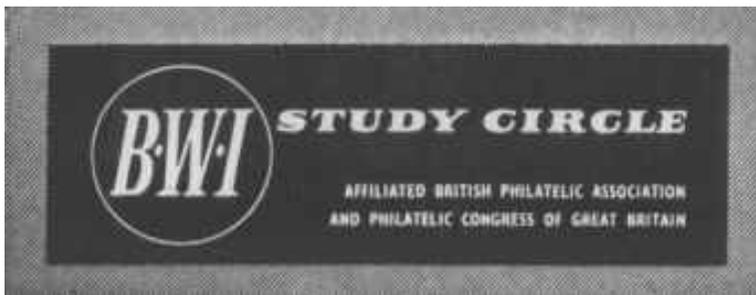
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AUTUMN MEETING

The Autumn Meeting of the Circle was held at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.1, on Saturday, October 31st, 1964, at 3 p.m., with Mr. G. Bridgmore Brown in the chair. 13 members and one visitor attended, and apologies for absence were received from Mr. K. J. Robertson, Mr. E. K. Thompson and Miss Titford.

Following the Chairman's customary welcome, Members stood in silence in memory of our late President, Mr. G. W. Collett.

The Chairman announced that following a meeting of the Committee held earlier it had been decided to table a resolution at the next Annual General Meeting in April 1965 to the effect that the tenure of office of all future Presidents be limited to a period not exceeding three years. It had also been agreed that Mr. P. T. Saunders should be Acting President for the time being and that he continue as Hon. Secretary and Treasurer.

The Chairman then mentioned that work on the Circle's next Paper (No.4) on Montserrat was entering its final stages and it was hoped that publication would be possible in the early part of 1965.

A letter was read out from the Hon. Librarian intimating her willingness to revive the Sales Circuit which was discontinued some years ago. Mr. W. H. H. Crow, who last held the office of Hon. Secretary Sales Circuit, expressed his doubt that sufficient material would be forthcoming to justify the project. Following further discussion it was decided to defer a final decision in this connection until the next A.G.M. Meanwhile, Miss Titford would welcome letters from members expressing their opinions on the proposal particularly those who are able to give a definite promise to provide material regularly.

The official business having been completed Mr. J. B. Marriott showed the following sheets.

GRENADA: enlarged photographs of the two states of the die of the 'basic stamp' of 1875 showing, in the second state, the jewels in the diadem and earrings retouched. The existence of two states of the die was recently discovered by Major J. W. M. Stone. Examples were shown on card (state 1) and on India paper (state 2). (J. L. Messenger)

TRINIDAD: four sheets were shown. The first contained examples of the 'Officially Sealed' labels used by the Post Office from about 1885 for sealing letters found open during transit through the post.

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More research could be done on these as there is more than one type, and it would be appreciated if others who have examples of them would write in and say what they have. The labels are catalogued in Yvert.

The second sheet showed examples of the T.P.O. Arima section. A travelling Post Office was opened experimentally on the Port of Spain - Arima train from January to April, 1899.

The last two sheets showed examples of the 'Military Camp, Trinidad, B.W.I.' double ringed circular handstamp in violet. The first was on an Edward VII 1d. postcard of 26 Jan. 1915 addressed to the Bureau Internationale de la Paix, Berne, Switzerland, for onward transmission to Michelstadt, Germany. The second was on a Prisoners of War envelope of 1 April 1916 which also showed the only example recorded of the double ringed 'Post Free, P.C., Prisoners of War' circular handstamp, also in violet.

Following a break for tea, members proceeded to enjoy a display of BARBADOS given by Mr. B. B. Benwell.

The display opened with an introduction to the postal history of Barbados illustrated with an early map dated 1671, photographs of Needhams Point 1813, packet boats at Bridgetown 1845, Jamaica Coffee House, Cornhill, and an early Mail Notice 1792. Then followed a complete collection of the pre-adhesive markings with two types of the 2-line BARBA/DOES (R.L. Type PC); the first dated 1762 with 'DOES' measuring 24mm. and the second dated 1771 with 'DOES' measuring 22mm. Amongst the other pre-adhesive marks were: single line BARBADOES (1766); the first two-line dated mark (1800); large and small fleurons and crowned circle paid marks. An interesting cover bearing two strikes of R.L. Type PL in which the parish number had been included in the datestamp was shown and is reputed to be the only recorded copy of this variation and dated 23.2.1846. The pre-adhesive marks were followed by a very comprehensive display of the postmarks commencing with the obliterations. A complete set of the 'Barred' obliterations for all the Parish post offices together with fine examples of Nos. 2, 5, 6 and 11 on cover were shown. The three types of the No.1 obliterator were described and illustrated with covers and stamps. Similar examples were shown of the 'Bootheel' obliterator including a complete set on the 1882 Queens Head issue, these strikes being rare on this issue. The Circular date stamps continued the postmark section in a very complete display from 1863 to 1960 in which all the different marks were shown on stamps and covers and described in some detail. Miscellaneous markings included Official Paid Marks; Too Late; Late

Fee; Parcel Post; Money Order Office; Received Damaged; Received Soiled; Ship Letter; Posted on Board; Consignees Mail and a selection of Slogan Postmarks.

The postal markings were followed by a selection of the adhesive stamps with multiple mint blocks of the 1852-55 issue; 1860 pin-perf. including two covers; 1861-70 multiple mint blocks including a very fine block of 12 showing the variety 'imperf. between margin and first vertical row,' and the 6d. Dull Orange Vermilion variety imperf.; 1875-78 with 1d. bisect on piece. The Britannia issues concluded with a page of the reprinted Die proofs of the 6d. and a page of forgeries. Of the later issues - a superb cover of 1892 showing the 1d. Queen's Head issue bisected and used as a ½d.; a block of 48 of the HALF-PENNY on 4d. Brown showing the missing hyphen and small 'A' varieties; illustrated varieties on the Nelson Centenary issue, including a reconstructed sheet; complete panes of the Kingston Relief Fund overprints showing the different settings and varieties on the 1925-35 and 1938-45 issues. The display ended with the Postage Dues which included two complete sheets of the 1c. and 6c. showing the St. Edwards Crown variety.

Mr. L. E. Britnor followed with a few sheets illustrating some interesting aspects of B.W.I. Postal History, full details of which will be given in the next Bulletin.

The Chairman expressed his thanks on behalf of all to the exhibitors for the most interesting and varied material displayed and the meeting closed at 6 p.m.

NOTES AND QUERIES

ANTIGUA

Village Postmarks

It has been stated that post offices were opened sometime during 1930 at BARNES HILL, BETHESDA, NEWFIELD and ST. STEPHENS and that all four offices were closed on December 31st, 1931. Can any member confirm and give any further information, particularly regarding the actual opening dates. To complete the record it would also be much appreciated if details of any postmarks, with dates of usage, could be given.

ST. STEPHENS later re-opened as SEATONS - earliest dated postmark as yet recorded is AP 9 35.

G. W. Groves.

BAHAMAS

(1) I have a strike on an airmail item dated AUG 25 1958 on which the figures '58' are much smaller than the remainder. This is in a 25mm. circle, having Nassau, Bahamas, round the top, AUG 25, 10 A.M. in the centre and 19 (of 1958) in 3mm. figures but with the 58 in 2mm. only. Has any other member come across it and just how long was this used?

(2) The New Constitution issue seems to show an alteration of the setting on the stamp between certain sheets of the ½d. value. All values of this overprint are difficult to find in quantity but it looks as though the setting position on the first sheets of the ½d., for the first four stamps of the first five rows was altered after a while. If any member has a quantity (of any value) it would be most useful to know whether there are any signs of the overprint being placed differently as between one stamp and another.

Alfred Branston.

BERMUDA

THE USE OF POSTAL METERS IN BERMUDA

On page 48, Bulletin No.38, reference was made to Mr. G. A. Osborn showing an interesting selection of BERMUDA meter marks. As a newcomer to the B.W.I. Study Circle with information on the postal meters, I thought that the members might be interested in further details about them.

Only two makes of postal meters have been licensed by the G.P.O. Hamilton for use in BERMUDA. These are made by Pitney-Bowes and Roneo and are both handled by a single supplier, Office Equipment Limited, Reid Street, Hamilton.

A total of twenty-eight licences have been granted for postal meter use, but in July 1964, one of these had lapsed, so that twenty-seven were in actual use at that time. All but two of these meters were of Pitney-Bowes manufacture, and three different models of these were in use. These were:

- (a) a Simplex machine, which has twenty-five settings of predetermined values,
- (b) a machine which covers the range from half-penny to nine shillings and eleven pence halfpenny in half-penny increments, and
- (c) a machine which covers the range from half-penny to ninety-nine shillings and eleven pence half-penny in half-penny increments.

There appears to be no way to distinguish between the latter two types of machines by means of the impressions on covers, as both have essentially the same dimensions and print small values of postage in the same fashion, thus — 0/3—. On the basis of my information, it is possible that the (b) machines have Die Numbers in the hundreds, while the (c) machines have Die Numbers

beginning with Number One. These Die Numbers appear in a small square in the lower right hand corner of the postage mark.

While all machines obviously make provision for a slogan to the left of the date stamp, not all users have taken advantage of this and simply print the date stamp and the postage on their covers. Both makes of machine use a double circle datestamp. Between the circles, HAMILTON appears across the top and BERMUDA across the bottom, with the date in the centre written as, 11 X 64. The dimensions of the datestamps are quite different in the two makes, as shown below:

| Meter Type | Outer Circle | Inner Circle | Height | |
|-------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | | Letters | Date |
| | mm. | mm. | mm. | |
| Pitney-Bowes | 23.5-24.0 | 16.5-17.0 | 1.75 | 2.75 |
| P.B. Simplex | 23.5 | 17.0 | 1.75 | 2.00 |
| Roneo | 26.5 | 17.5 | 2.5 | 2.75 |

The P.B. Simplex postage mark is essentially the same as the other Pitney-Bowes machines, except that it has an 'S' in a box in the lower left hand corner, while the others have 'P.B.' in a slightly larger box in the same position. In addition, the value of the postage is shown differently, for example, 3d. (Simplex) and —0/3— (other P.B.). The Roneo postage mark is more ornate and has a large 'RN' in the left hand corner. The value of the postage on the Roneo machine is also shown as —0/3—, but with differently shaped numbers. There are many differences between the Pitney-Bowes and Roneo postage marks.

While the G.P.O. licences for the use of these machines are consecutively numbered from 1 to 27, the Die Numbers are sequential for each meter type. These numbers are as follows:

| Meter Type | Die Numbers |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| P.B. Simplex | S 201 |
| Pitney-Bowes | P.B. 1-21 |
| | P.B. 101-104 |
| Roneo | RN001 and RN003 |

I presume the twenty-eighth postal meter had Die Number RN002.

I have not managed to collect all the meters on cover, but am still hopeful of doing so. If any of the members are interested in the list of the firms using the various die numbers, I shall be happy to provide those which I have to the Editor for subsequent publication.

In a mixed lot of BERMUDA stamps I received recently, there was a KG VI 12/6 (S.G.120) which appeared to be mint, although most of the gum was

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missing. The back of the stamp looked as if it had been stuck to the face of another stamp and had pulled some of the ink from the other stamp when they were separated. The interesting thing about this stamp was a hole (3mm. diam.) in the king's cheek. This hole appeared to have been made by a hand punch. I have never encountered this form of defacement before and am wondering whether any of the Circle members can throw any light on this. I have many different types of revenue cancellations on these high value stamps, and rather doubt that the punching of a hole was ever used for this purpose. I would be interested in members' views.

J C Arnell

MAIL SERVICE 1842-1900

The following are brief extracts from Post Office Notices dealing with the Mail Services to Bermuda for the period 1842-1900. The same comments regarding the limitations of these Notices apply as did to those relating to the Bahamas, published in the Bulletin No.42, of September, 1964.

12 Sept. 1842 (No.25) The Packets will no longer touch at Turks Is. On the return voyage the Packets will continue to touch at Bermuda.

June 1843 (No.15) New scheme for West India Mail - only once a month for Bermuda. Mails will be made up in London on the 16th of each month.

Oct. 1874 (No.26) On and after the 2nd November the Packet leaving Southampton on the 2nd of the month will proceed direct to Bermuda, instead of to Barbados. Mail will be made up in London on the 2nd of each month. Mails for Bermuda will be forwarded by West India Packet unless specially addressed 'via Halifax.' (Letter Rate 1s. per ½oz.)

March 1848 (No.8) The Branch Packet for Bermuda will be despatched on the arrival at Halifax (N.S.) of the outward Packet for Boston. The Packet will leave Liverpool for Boston on the 8th and 22nd April, 6th May, etc.

July 1850 (No.24) No Mails will be transmitted by the West India Packets to Bermuda; these will be forwarded by route of Halifax by N. American Contract Packet.

July 1854 (No.40) The Packet communication between Halifax and Bermuda, which has been once a fortnight in summer and once a month in winter, will now only be once a month all the year. Mails for Bermuda will

continue to be forwarded from Liverpool to Halifax fortnightly, but only from Halifax to Bermuda monthly.

27 July 1861 (No.17) Mail for Bermuda may be sent by each Cunard Packet proceeding to New York. These extra Mails will be conveyed from New York to Bermuda by private ship as opportunity offers. Postage on such letters, which must be prepaid, 9d. per ½oz., etc.

24 Mar. 1863 (No.8) New Rates to Bermuda

(a) by W.I. Packet via St. Thomas, 1s. per ½oz.

(b) by Cunard Packet to New York, thence by Private Ship.
1s. 3d., instead of 9d., per ½oz.

28 Sep. 1871 (No.46) Mail for Bermuda may be sent by West India Packet leaving Southampton on 2nd Oct. and 2nd Nov. If so they must be marked 'via St. Thomas.'

1 Apr. 1872 (No.10) Reduction of Letter Rate to Bermuda via Halifax: 6d. per ½oz. when paid in advance.

March 1874 (No.14) The Government of Bermuda has established a Colonial Mail Service once a fortnight at present between New York and Hamilton. Mail may be sent to Bermuda via New York, leaving New York on Thursday, 16th and 30th April, etc. It must be addressed 'via New York' and must be posted in time to reach New York before the departure of the Colonial Mail Packet. Letter Rate: 7d. per ½oz.

15 June 1874 (No.26) Gives further date of the Packet leaving New York for Bermuda: July 9th, 30th, etc.

29 Sept. 1874 (No.40) Change of days of the Colonial Packet leaving New York for Bermuda: Tuesday, Oct. 20th, etc.

28 Dec. 1874 (No.51) Further date of Colonial Packet: Tuesday, 12 Jan., 2, 23 Feb., 16 March, etc.

3 May 1875 (No.22) Mail for Bermuda will leave New York on Thursday 13, 20, 27 May, etc. To be addressed 'via New York.'

Further dates of the Packets leaving New York for Bermuda are given in the P.O. Notices: 2 August 1875 (No.32), 22 Nov. 1875 (No.43), 28 Feb. 1876 (No.10), 7 Aug. 1876 (No.30), 2 Oct. 1876 (No.36).

1 Jan. 1878 (No.1) Mail for Bermuda will be made up on Thursday, 10th Jan., and every fourth Thursday: it will go to Halifax by the Canadian Packet, and thence to Bermuda by the monthly Mail Packet.

15 Apr. 1878 (No.11) Mail for Bermuda will again be forwarded via Queenstown and Halifax instead of via Londonderry. It will be sent from London on Tuesday, 30th inst., and every fourth Tuesday,

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7 Jan. 1879 (No.1) Mails for Bermuda will be made up on Thursday, 6th Feb., and every fourth Thursday. They will go direct to Halifax, and there transferred to the local steamer proceeding to Bermuda.

7 Jan. 1879 (No.2) The Packet from Queenstown to Halifax has been withdrawn for the winter.

8 Apr. 1879 (No.19) Mail for Bermuda. The Queenstown route will resume as from the 15th inst.

6 May 1879 (No.25) Mail for Bermuda via New York will be despatched from London on Thursdays instead of Saturdays. There will be a supplementary despatch on Saturdays on the chance of reaching New York in time for the Packet to Bermuda.

'During the crop season, which lasts from the beginning of April to about the end of June, mails for Bermuda are despatched from London via New York every week; during the rest of the year the Service is fortnightly.'

23 Dec. 1879 (No.60) Winter Service for Bermuda.

After the Packet leaving on the 6th Jan., the direct Service to Nova Scotia and Newfoundland via Queenstown ceases for the winter. Mail will be forwarded by the Canadian Packet from Londonderry. It will be made up in London every fourth Thursday as from 5th Feb.

20 Apr. 1880 (No.11) Mail for Bermuda.

As the Allan Line has ceased to operate Mail will in future be made up in London every fourth Thursday evening as from the 29th inst.

11 March 1890 (No.8) Latest dates for posting Easter Mail - To Bermuda, 15th March.

14 Oct. 1890 (No.44) Latest dates for posting Christmas Mail - To Bermuda, 6th Dec.

Similar dates are given for posting Christmas Mail to Bermuda in the P.O. Notices: 27 Oct. 1891 (No.57), 25 Oct. 1892 (No.49), 16 Oct. 1893 (No.40), 16 Oct. 1894 (No.44), 22 Oct. 1895 (No.37).

2 Jan. 1900 (No.3) On and after the 10th inst., Mails via Queenstown will be accelerated. Latest Times for posting, Wednesdays. Places affected, Bermuda, etc.

L. E. Britnor.

BRITISH HONDURAS

I was interested to read Mr. Ronald Ward's notes on British Honduras cancellations.

Unfortunately, I have no covers but I have:

K65 on SG.52
O on SG.48
C on SG.54

COROZAL dated 17.2.04. These may not have any significance but may afford a clue.

W. A. Townsend.

DOMINICA

In recent years postal facilities have been made available at a number of villages usually by appointing a local resident as Postal Agent. For the benefit of collectors of this colony I would mention that only a letter box is installed at MELVILLE HALL, it being situated by the airfield. Collections are made daily and taken to the Post Office at MARIGOT for onward transmission.

P. T. Saunders.

LEEWARD ISLANDS

There are two interesting varieties on the stamps of King Edward VII which may not be as well known as they ought to be as they are not catalogued by Gibbons or by Scott. These two varieties were, however, included in *The Regent Stamp Catalogue* published by The Regent Stamp Co. Limited up to about the middle of the last war and are also mentioned by Major A. E. Hopkins in his booklet. *The Postage Stamps of the Leeward Islands*: they are well worth looking for.

The first variety is the wide 'A' in 'LEEWARD.' If an example of this variety is compared with the normal 'A' it will be seen that a wrong fount has been used giving the variety 'A' a very much wider base than the normal 'A.' This variety occurs on stamp No. 1 on the sixth horizontal row of every pane of the 2½d. value. As the same name and duty plates were used for all three of the Edwardian sets, the variety will occur on the 2½d. value in each set. Owing to the 1905-8 set being relatively scarce, it is extremely difficult to find a wide 'A' variety on the 2½d. value from this set, and in fact after looking for several years the writer has only found two copies. If cancellations are collected it is a challenge to try and find examples of the variety with the different cancellations of the Leeward group in addition to mint copies.

The wide 'A' variety is not known to many dealers and collectors chiefly because it is not catalogued today, and it can be picked up as a normal stamp

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more often than not. This variety will not be found on the 2½d. value in the 1890 set of Queen Victoria as apparently a different set of name and duty plates was employed for that set, and it is likewise not found in any of the Georgian 2½d. values, presumably for a similar reason.

The 2½d. value in the 1902 and 1907-11 sets was printed from plates 1 and 2 while it was only printed from plate 1 for the 1905-8 set. Therefore the variety is to be found on plates 1 and 2.

An enlarged photograph of the wide 'A' variety in 'LEEWARD' in pair with normal is illustrated below.



The second variety consists of a dropped 'R' in the word 'LEEWARD' to be found on the One Shilling value of the 1902 set only. So far, the writer has not seen this variety printed from plate 1, but only from plate 2 which consists of four panes of sixty stamps each, and it is stamp No.1 in the first horizontal row of a pane. The writer considers that the variety is likely to be found on all four panes from plate 2, as he has found the variety on a top left pane of sixty stamps from plate 2, on a marginal pair from the top right pane and on a further

marginal pair from the bottom right pane. It is also very likely that the variety exists on plate 1 as well which consists of two panes of sixty stamps placed side by side. Can anyone confirm that the variety is to be found on plate 1?

The probable reason for the dropped 'R' occurring is due to the fact that as the letter 'R' protruded from the face of the plate it may have received a blow before printing commenced, and the damage was not noticed throughout the printing of the stamps. The writer has found this variety in two shades of green on the One Shilling value, but has so far not found any used example.

Again this variety is not known to most dealers and collectors as it is not now catalogued, and it can usually be acquired for the price of a normal stamp.

Both the wide 'A' and dropped 'R' varieties are well worth looking out for, and the wide 'A' variety should really be catalogued by Gibbons as it is as good as or better than a number of other varieties mentioned in their catalogue.

The dropped 'R' in 'LEEWARD' variety is illustrated below in pair with normal so that it can be recognised easily by those who have never seen it previously.

E. V. Toeg.



MISCELLANEA

PUBLICATIONS

The following papers have been published by the Circle and copies are still available from the Hon. Secretary.

No. 1 AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAL HISTORY OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES, by L. E. Britnor, 1959. Price 10s. 0d. (Canada and U.S.A. \$1.50) post free.

No. 2 THE POSTAL MARKINGS OF BARBADOS, by Basil B. Benwell and L. E. Britnor, 1961. Price 12s. 6d. (Canada and U.S.A. \$1.75) post free.

SUPPLEMENT No. 1 to Paper No. 2, Price 4s. (Canada and U.S.A. 75c.) post free.

No. 3 THE PHILATELIC HISTORY OF TRINIDAD TO 1862, by John B. Marriott, F.R.P.S.L. 1963. Price 20s. (Canada and U.S.A. \$3.75) post free.

No. 4 MONTSERRAT - To be published in the Spring of 1965.

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BRITISH PHILATELIC EXHIBITION, 1965

An exhibition promoted by the Philatelic Press and sponsored by the Philatelic Congress of Great Britain and the British Philatelic Association will be held at Seymour Hall, Marble Arch, London, W.1, on 21, 22 and 23 January, 1965. Admission: Adults 2s. 6d.: Children (under 16) 1s.

THE LIBRARY

For those who have joined the Circle since the last notes and list were published, and also, of course for our other members, it may be useful to 'recap' the literature which the Library now contains. There have been many important additions and I would like to mention again that it is hoped by purchase and better still by gift, to make the Library stronger and more representative of the various colonies.

Members who desire to borrow books from the Library are required to pay postage both ways and it is important that the volume or volumes borrowed are securely packed and sent by registered post, as in many cases the books are now irreplaceable.

Those items listed under the heading 'General' do not necessarily treat of British West Indies stamps, although the De la Rue History and the works by Aspinall and Wiseman, are exceptions.

There has been a steady increase in the use of the Library postally and now that new members know we have a Library, small though it is at present by general standards, I hope they will make full use of it.

If a reference in any particular book in the Library is required but which does not really justify sending the book on loan I shall be happy to quote the reference, or make a digest of it, for a nominal fee (to be credited to the Circle's funds), dependent upon the amount of work involved.

ROSE TITFORD, *Hon. Librarian.*

BAHAMAS. The Postage Stamps and Postal History of the Bahamas. By Harold G. D. Gisburn. 5½" x 8½". 144pp. Ills. c.b. Published by Stanley Gibbons Ltd., London, 1950.

The Yachtsman's Guide to the Bahamas. Compiled and illustrated by Harry Etheridge (1910-1957) and Thomas Waddington. 228pp. Ills. Official Publication of the Development Board, Nassau, Bahamas, 1958.

Bahamas. Temporary Rubber Datestamps and Cancellations. By Gale J. Raymond. 6" x 8". 93pp. Ills. p.c. Houston, Texas, U.S.A., 1960.

BARBADOS. The Postal Markings of Barbados. By Basil B. Benwell and L. E. Britnor. 8" x 10". 29pp. Ills., cardboard covers. (Paper No.2. Published by the British West Indies Study Circle). 1961.

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Bermuda: The 1910-36 'Ship' Type Stamps. By M. H. Ludington. 4¾" x 7". 35pp. Ills. p.c. Published by the Junior Philatelic Society, London, 1955.

Bermuda: The Handstruck Stamps and Cancellations. By M. H. Ludington. 7¼" x 9½". 44pp. Ills. p.c. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd., 1956.

The Post Office, Postal Markings and Adhesive Stamps of Bermuda. By M. H. Ludington. 7" x 9½". 283pp. Ills. h.l. Published by Robson Lowe Ltd., London, 1962.

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HON. SECRETARY'S PARAGRAPH

DEAR MEMBER,

This year of 1964 has, indeed, been a sad one for our Circle with the loss of our President and Dr. R. H. Urwick, a Vice-President. I feel that members will agree that we must be grateful that each of these distinguished philatelists left directions for the disposal of their respective collections by Auction. Quite a number of our members obtained items from Dr. Urwick's material which will not only enhance their own collections but will also constitute a lasting memory of him. Our late President's well known collection of Jamaica will come up for auction at H. R. Harmer Ltd. on March 15th, 1965, and i am sure there will be many who will endeavour to acquire items to add to their own material of this colony. At our recent Autumn Meeting a member expressed his regret that attendances had tended to diminish and T, too, am very unhappy at this trend. Now that our meetings include a full-scale display by one or two members I am of the opinion that many more should endeavour to give their support. Whilst full publicity of our meetings are given in the Bulletin I intend in future to send out postal reminders to those residing in or near London which I hope will result in much larger attendances. In this connection I cannot stress too much the happy and informal atmosphere that surrounds these gatherings and, as has been mentioned on many occasions, visitors are always welcome. The following have been enrolled as members and a warm welcome is extended to them on your behalf: J. C. Aleong (Trinidad), B. A. Davis (Essex), R. W. Lyman (U.S.A.) and B. Proffitt (Devon). I take this opportunity to mention that our 11th Anniversary and Dinner will take place on **Saturday, April 24th, 1965**, and full details will appear in the March, 1965, Bulletin. In conclusion, I would like to wish you a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

P.T.S.

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