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# BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

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

ANTIGUA	CAYMAN ISLANDS	ST. LUCIA
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BERMUDA	JAMAICA	TOBAGO
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TO issue a quarterly BULLETIN containing articles, items of interest and other features (including 'Opinions' Service, and a 'Wants' Section) which it is hoped will widen the knowledge of members.

TO operate a SALES CIRCUIT to enable members to dispose of their surplus material.

**MEMBERSHIP:** TO be WORLD-WIDE in scope and open to all interested in the stamps or postal history of the above-mentioned colonies and dependencies whether they be *advanced* or *new* collectors. The ANNUAL subscription to be 10/6d (\$1.50 non-sterling countries) payable 1st FEBRUARY. Cheques and Postal Orders to be made payable to "B.W.I. STUDY CIRCLE".

DEAR MEMBER.

On behalf of all members we extend our congratulations to Mr. B. B. Benwell on winning the J.P.S. Cup Competition held on 4th January with his study of the Barbados 1d. 'Nelson' stamp and also to Mr. B. E. Johnson on his being awarded the President's Cup at a recent meeting of the Epsom & Ewell Philatelic Society. Our member Col. Thomas Sutton is also in the news, he having been awarded the O.B.E. in the New Year's Honours List. The following have been enrolled as Members since the 1st January to whom we extend a very warm welcome: H. Moreton Black, H. C. Carder, J. D. Chorlton, G. C. Cowan, Mrs. A. Green, J. C. Loach and W. C. Vann.

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Cornwall	1	Lancashire	6	Staffordshire	1
Derbyshire	6	Middlesex	4	Suffolk	1
Devonshire	6	Norfolk	2	Surrey	17
Dorset	1	Northants	1	Sussex	6
Essex	5	Northumberland	2	Warwickshire	3
Gloucestershire	4	Nottinghamshire	1	Wiltshire	3
Hampshire	3	Oxfordshire	1	Yorkshire	14
Isle of Man	1	Northern Ireland	1	Scotland	8
		Wales	2		

### OVERSEAS (49)

Australia	5	B.W.I.	4	Canada	7
France	1	Lebanon	1	New Guinea	1
South Africa	2	Tasmania	1	U.S.A.	27

## SALES CIRCUIT

Owing to moving home Mr. Crow regrets that there has been unavoidable delay in preparing packets but he hopes to send some out shortly. Meanwhile he will be glad to receive more material as soon as possible.

## FEDERATION OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES

We understand that the G.P.O. in Kingston, Jamaica have opened a Philatelic Agency and will undertake commissions for the Federal Issues. The servicing charge is 2d. for each envelope.

## STAMPEX 1958

at Central Hall, Westminster, S.W.1, 15th-22nd March.

As announced in our January issue our Circle was invited to provide an exhibit for which two frames (60 & 61) were allocated. For the benefit of those who were unable to attend the following is a brief account of the material shown. The names of our members who kindly loaned pages from their respective collections are given in brackets.

**BAHAMAS:** Ship Letter to Nassau per Sloop 'Mary' about 1850. S.G.2. used, S.G.3. used and S.G.4. unused, 1d. S.G.4 and 7 unused also De La Rue no watermark issue including 1d. unused and 4d. and 6d. used with compound perforation. (Dr. N. Garrard. F.R.P.S.L.). **BARBADOS:** Early postmarks and cancellations. 1st Type 1852-63. Examples of parish numbers 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11. 2nd Type of postmark in use from 1863 until 1878 at the G.P.O. and until 1887 in the parish offices. 3rd Type of postmark in use at G.P.O. from 1876 to 1902, the cancelling mark being the 'Boot-heel' without the numeral; the letters 'A' to 'D' indicating the time of posting. Fine example on entire of the duplex mark dated May 14th 1888 and marked 'LATE FEE'. Examples of 3rd Type parish postmarks 1887-1907. (Mr. F. R. Fordham) **BRITISH GUIANA:**

Entire dated 7th June 1810 with date shown as '1801' in error. R. L. Type P.2 forming two thirds of a circle with the word DEMERARA'. Entire dated 20th June 1821 with 2 line postmark 'DEMERARY' in 6mm caps and the date on second line. Only example so far known and unrecorded by Robson Lowe. Entire single line postmark from BERBICE dated August 4th 1840 with BERBICE in caps. R.L. Type P1a. Another example dated March 24th 1841 with the word 'MAR' in caps. Not recorded by Robson Lowe. Complete used pane (12 stamps) of the 1882 issue printed locally by Baldwin & Co., Georgetown showing odd setting for 2 and 3 masts also the variety of figure '1' of 1 cent with a foot to it. (Mr. E. Shields Forshaw.) **GRENADA:** Selection of pre-adhesives and a Postage Due cover. (Mrs. M. W. Taylor.) **JAMAICA:** Selection of temporary rubber datestamps, some of which are the only known examples. (Mr. A. A. Hershman.) **ST.VINCENT:** Examples of S.G. 10, 11, 13, 14, 20 and 54 mint. Strip of 3 of S.G.3a mint, strip of 5 of S.G.6. mint, S.G. 6, 8, 17c, 28, 38 and 53, all mint. Pair of S.G. 29a and mint and used copies of 1d. on 6d. S.G.31. (Mr. J. J. Turner).

Among the individual displays we were pleased to see some **BERMUDA** material loaned by Mr. G. A. Osborn and Lt. Col. F. S. J. Norris.

## **DISPLAYS**

### **To The Herts Philatelic Society on 21st January, 1958**

Owing to the indisposition of our Hon. Secretary our Committee member - Mr. G. W. Groves - acted as leader and was accompanied by Mr. A. E. Beach and Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown. Selected pages were shown as follows: Antigua (Mr. G. W. Groves), Bahamas (Miss Rose Titford), Bermuda (Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown), Cayman Islands (Mr. P. T. Saunders), Jamaica (Mr. A. A. Hershman) and Tobago (Mr. A. E. Beach).

### **To The Speedbird Philatelic Society on 10th March, 1958**

Our Hon. Secretary, accompanied by Miss Rose Titford, gave a display of varied material to a most attentive audience. An exhibit of Jamaica loaned by Mr. K. J. Robertson, who was unable to attend, included a most interesting study of U.S.A. stamps used in Jamaica during World War II. U.S. post offices were established there in 1941 for the exclusive use of U.S. Forces and U.S. civilians employed at the bases. A selection of covers were shown, including an example of the first type "First Day Cancel" between bars (Jul. 18 1941.) Other items included the bisected 1d. Pine. of 1861 used on large piece; fiscals used postally including a very fine cover, also the Red Cross labels used during 1915 and 1916. A selection of "Paquebot" marks concluded his display. Miss R. Titford showed a selection of Bahamas and St. Christopher early issues, prefaced by plate proofs of the first colony and with pre-adhesives in St. Kitts. Mr. P. T. Saunders contributed pages from his collection of Cayman Islands with examples of Jamaica stamps used in Caymans, the surcharged provisionals of 1907, "Specimen" stamps and a range of the later issues.

## **40th PHILATELIC CONGRESS OF GREAT BRITAIN**

As most members will be aware this is being held at the Grand Hotel, Folkestone, Kent, from the 27th - 30th May under the auspices of The Cinque Ports Philatelic Society. All being well, our Hon. Secretary hopes to attend and Miss Rose Titford and Mr. G. W. Groves have been appointed the Circle's Delegates. The customary meeting of our Circle will take place on the **Thursday evening - May 29th** - and the time and location can be ascertained on enquiry at the Congress Office. It is hoped that our President will take the chair and as there will be no special display by our Circle on this occasion each member who attends is requested to bring along a dozen or so of his (or her) favourite pages to pass round and a note of any queries to be raised.

## **FOURTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING**

This took place in the meeting room of the Royal Philatelic Society, London and was attended by twenty-four members and three visitors. Our Hon. Secretary opened the proceedings by welcoming those present and read a letter from Mr. G. W. Collett, the President, apologising for his absence owing to ill health coupled with his good wishes for a successful meeting. It was the unanimous wish of all that the Hon. Secretary write to Mr. Collett expressing their regret at his inability to take his accustomed place in the chair and their hopes for his speedy recovery. The Hon. Secretary stated that, with the concurrence of the President, Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown had been nominated as Chairman of the Circle. This on the proposition of the President and seconded by the Hon. Secretary was put to the meeting and carried unanimously. Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown then took the chair. Following a brief report of the events of the past year our Hon. Secretary presented the accounts (see p.26) which were formerly adopted. As intimated in Bulletin No. 14, p.35, a Publications Sub-Committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown who reported that two meetings had been held during the year. Some half dozen books for annotating notes, articles and queries on some of the colonies comprising the B.W.I. group were in circulation. Some of these books had been returned and, by and large, the response had been most encouraging, although some colonies had received better support than others. The books which covered Antigua, Bahamas, Barbados, Bermuda, Grenada, St. Vincent and Tobago were taking some time to go round but if members who receive them have something useful to add this was all to the good. Nevertheless members who were on the postal list were asked to circulate them without unnecessary delay. Most of the postal lists comprised twelve names or less and if there are any other members who possess some worthwhile information about a particular colony who were not receiving these books they should advise Cdr. Bridgmore Brown at 22, Park Hill Rise, Croydon, Surrey, who will arrange for their names to be placed on the register for their particular colony. There are some thirty members resident in the U.S.A. and whilst it is not practicable for the books to be sent to them it is suggested that one member in the U.S.A. might be

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**NOTES AND QUERIES**

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is mainly dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. ALL contributions should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary.

**BAHAMAS**  
**Postal Markings**

"With regard to my contribution on Bahamas postmarks in Bulletins Nos. 15 & 16 a few typographical errors seem to have slipped in due, I fear, to my having listed the P.O.'s alphabetically by islands instead of grouping them all in one list. In Bulletin No. 15, p. 51, Type 6 is listed twice and the dates for two of the Type 9's should have been:

**SPANISH WELLS (c.1911-c. 1913)**  
**TARPUM BAY (c.1909-c. 1913)**

In the paragraph of text below 'Type II' should in all cases be 'Type 11' as correctly shown in the listing on p.52 (The island is 'EXUMA' not 'EXHUME' though pirate treasure may be buried on the island!) Since writing the notes I have discovered there was in the mid 1920's a datestamp in Type 14 for a P.O. called 'OLD PLACE' located on Abaco and I believe this to be the same office as that of the incomplete manuscript datestamp mentioned in lines 8 to 12 on p.52. I have just acquired another collection of Bahamas postmarks and expect to be able to provide some more information and perhaps some amendments in due course."

(Contributed by Mr. M. H. Ludington)

**BAHAMAS**

"I have read the various notes on Bahamas which have appeared from time to time in the Bulletins with great interest and would like to take the opportunity to add to the data already given and also to raise a number of queries. By so doing I hope that other members who collect this colony will be encouraged to make a careful study of their pages which may bring to light further information.

Bulletin No. 1. p.8. Handstamped Slogan Cancellations.

'NASSAU TOURIST SEASON/DEC to APL'. I have a cover dated 4th December 1917.

'HOPE TOWN-ABACO/The Beauty Spot/of the Bahamas'. I have an example used as a cachet in 1937. It is in a boxed rectangle 62mm x 12mm approx. in three lines. The words in capitals are in large type and the remainder in small letters. The lower two lines are flanked with ornaments.

Bulletin No. 6, p. 71 and No. 11, p. 49/50. NASSAU - damaged cancellor.

(a) & (b) I have examples on S.G.177.

- (c) The earliest date I have on a stamp is 13.10.1911 and on a cover dated 8.10.1911 the postmark shows some sign of damage.
- (d) I have a cover showing this fault dated 8.6.1919.
- (f) I have a cover showing the broken 'H' dated 21.7.1912.

LIGNUM VITAE CAY have a recent cover where the circle above 'NUM' appears to be damaged but not to a great extent. It also shows a slight damage between the 'A' and 'M' of BAHAMAS. Has any other member an example?

Mr. Ludington in Bulletin No.15 pp. 50/2 and Bulletin No. 16. pp. 4/5 has added considerably to the recorded information on Bahamas postmarks and whilst the many dates he gives are very important it would be most helpful if we knew on what he bases his information. I cannot agree with some of the dates but in saying this I am, of course, only relying on stamps or covers in my possession or have seen elsewhere. My dates are earlier or later which I admit are not necessarily the earliest or latest ones known. It seems reasonable to assume that the appearance of a new postmark on a stamp or cover is the first evidence of its issue and the only way to establish the period of issue, in my view, is by finding out what members and others can provide by way of dated copies or stamps on covers. A census of postmarks will, indeed, be a big task which can only be dealt with a little at a time. Mr. Ludington has used Gisburn's numbers, presumably for convenience but in my opinion one should start from 'scratch' and in any general revision of the chapter on postmarks new numbers should be assigned to the whole range. Following a study of my collection I would like to comment on and in some instances add to the information given by Mr. Ludington on the various types:

- Type 1. Whilst this postmark is known cancelling postage stamps I suggest it was irregular. It was, I believe, issued in 1841 in connection with the mail carried by the Royal Mail Steam Packet Line and following the issue of adhesive stamps it was, I understand, used as a backstamp.
- Type 4. I have a registered cover dated 24th November 1896 but I believe this cancellor may have been in use after 1900.
- Type 5. Is this really so or is it because it had been in use for over 70 years and was worn? Gisburn states that it was known to have been used to cancel stamps on letters posted on board the inter-island mail vessels and handed over by the Master to the G.P.O. It seems unlikely that a new cancellor of this killer type would have been made in modern times. It is, of course, possible that it had been repaired.
- Type 7. The reason for the use of this cancellation is obscure. INAGUA had its own named cancellor at this date so why use the old general type? I can think of four reasons that would fit the case: (a) unusually heavy mail and it was pressed into service to help clear it before the inter-island boat sailed, (b) in error, (c) the named cancellor was mislaid and (d) as a favour although this seems unlikely in 1907. A point of interest is that the '27' cancellor was retained by the post office and not returned when the named cancellor was issued. It would be of interest to know what offices in addition to INAGUA were issued with the '27' cancellor."

To be continued.

(Contributed by Mr. L. R. Coasby)

## BAHAMAS

"I was delighted to receive recently a non-philatelic letter from the Bahamas postmarked with a new T.R.D. of UPPER BOGUE. It consists of a double-line oval (Gisburn's Type 25)

44mm inscribed 'POST OFFICE' at top and 'UPPER BOGUE' at bottom with date in one line."

(Contributed by Mr. G. J. Raymond)

### **BERMUDA**

"In reply to Mr Biddle's query in Bulletin No. 15, p. 54, in regard to the 1940 ½d. on 1d. provisional (S.G.122). The surcharge was printed locally by the Bermuda Press, which was the printing department of the newspaper 'The Royal Gazette.' The setting was of 60 - a P.O. sheet - and in spite of official statements that only two printings were made three settings are known, the difference being apparent only in stamps 43-48 in the eighth horizontal row. In the original, and rarest, setting none of the surcharges on these six stamps show any variety. In the earlier two settings, however, the position of 'HALF' in relation to 'PENNY' is further to the right on three stamps in the row, Nos. 43, 44 and 45 in the second setting and Nos. 46, 47 and 48 in the third. In these varieties the 'H' is directly above the 'E' instead of being slightly to the left as on the normal stamps. In all three settings the vertical spacing between 'PENNY' and the 'X' obliterating the original value varies in each horizontal row being, in millimeters, 13.5, 14.25, 13.5, 13.5, 14.25, 14.25, 14.25, 12.75, 14.25 and 12.75 respectively. The official explanation for the dot above and to the right of the left 'X' is that it was inserted to prevent forgery. A number of broken or damaged letters may be found in the later settings and a few in the first setting but none are of any special significance. According to the late John J. Bushell of Bermuda the printing was done from linotype slugs and not loose type which explains why there were so few varieties."

(Contributed by Mr. M. H. Ludington)

### **BRITISH GUIANA**

"In response to Mr. Howe's enquiry (Bulletin No. 16, p. 7) I can make the following amendments from examples in my collection:

**BERBICE RAILWAY.** I have this mark on S.G.253 dated 13 DEC 1907 which is 10 months earlier.

The normal type consists of name at top, B. GUIANA at the bottom and date in three lines in the middle.

EAST COAST RAILWAY. In a similar type to the one listed above I have a T.P.O. E.C. RAILWAY dated 16 SEP 1899 which is 2 months earlier."

(Contributed by Mr. T. Foster.)

### **BRITISH GUIANA**

"I observe in Bulletin No. 16 that Mr. F. G. Howe asks for early dates of these T.P.O's and on reference to my collection I find I have the following:

Demerara Railway	18.10.1884
East Coast Railway	20. 6.1899
Essequibo Steamer	25.10.1881
Massaruni Steamer	2.12.1892
West Coast Railway	18.11.1903

Regarding 'North West Str.' I have found this to be very scarce and only possess one example dated May, 26th 1898."

(Contributed by Mr. W. A. Townsend)

### **BRITISH GUIANA**

"I have a cover bearing a handstruck 'Paramaribo 20.9.1866' addressed to London and obviously sent via Georgetown, British Guiana. It bears a 24 cent B. Guiana stamp cancelled 'A03' and is backstamped 'Georgetown' 22.9.1866 and 'London' 15.10.1866. The Dutch Postal Museum knows of no Anglo-Dutch convention for the forwarding of mail from Dutch Guiana to England via British Guiana. Dutch Guiana had no adhesives and my problem is who paid for and affixed the British Guiana stamp. Can any member offer an explanation or record a similar cover?"

(Contributed by Mr. F. G. Howe)

### **JAMAICA**

#### **Gibraltar Camp P.O.**

Further to my note in Bulletin No. 12, p. 8, I would like to clarify the point that the occupants were evacuated from The Rock of Gibraltar at the beginning of the War, not from the Camp in Jamaica. This evacuation probably led to the naming of the Camp. Further information has now come to light that the internees of the Internment Camp together with the guards and the guards' families sailed for Hamburg in February or March 1947. The internees disembarked at Hamburg, and the guards and their families returned to the Rock of Gibraltar as by that

time the evacuation period was over, and they could return to their homes. This emptied the Camp in Jamaica, and the Post Office probably closed at that time.

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### **JAMAICA—Continued**

Since writing the original notes I have obtained a cover from an inmate of the Camp addressed to a person in Scotland. This bears a circular mark 35mm in diameter with the words 'Gibraltar' at the top and 'Camp' at the bottom, on the front in black. It appears to be another type of Unit mark, as the stamp is cancelled in Kingston 15 May 1942. Whilst the majority of Service mail was handed in at Cross Roads P.O., some was taken direct to the Kingston G.P.O.

(Contributed by Mr. W. H. H. Crow)

### **ST. CHRISTOPHER**

#### **Early Postmarks**

The earliest recorded mark is type PC,\* used as a receiving mark on a letter sent out from this colony in 1746. Unfortunately the original of this mark bore a bad blemish, but apparently it is the only one known. It is 31mm. long, with serified letters 4½mm. high.

Of the Type PD there are at least eight varieties, mostly in serified capitals, although in Types PD 3 and 4 the letters, other than the initial letters, are in lower case type. It will be noticed that the position of the apostrophe seems to have caused some difficulty to the makers of these handstamps! Details of the varieties of Type PD are given in the following table. Where only one example has been recorded the precise date is given: where more examples have been seen just the year (or years) is given.

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\* Throughout these notes I have used the notation adopted by Robson Lowe.

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## Type PD:-

Sub-type	Length (mm)	Height of Letters (mm)	Date
1	34	4½	16.11.1779
2	31	4½	1789-90
2a	30	5	21.9.1790
3	24	4½	17.7.1793
4	23	4½	1795
5	29	5½	1793-96
6	33½	7	1794-97
6a	33½	7	1796
7	39	5½	1798-99

No. 6a differs from No. 6 in just one detail; the "T" in 'ST.' is replaced by a dot. When I had seen only one specimen of this I rather inclined to the view that it might have been due to underinking of the handstamp (although the remainder of the impression was very distinct. Since then, however, Dr. Urwick has shown me a specimen from his collection which exactly corresponds with my own. It would seem, therefore, that 6a is a different handstamp or else a damaged state of No. 6. Personally having examined both specimens very carefully, I have come to the conclusion that it is a separate mark.

This raises in my mind the problem of where and how these handstamps were produced. Type PD was used in several Colonies, and I should have thought that they were probably all made in metal to a specific pattern in England. If the handstamp were lost or damaged it might have been replaced by one made locally, possibly being cut from a wood block. Such a theory would perhaps account for the numerous variations produced in St. Kitts, but would hardly explain the peculiar set up of Type PD 1. It would be most interesting to hear of other theories, or established facts about these early postmarks.

The earliest dated mark (Type PF) I have recorded is for 1799. Variations in this mark have been noted up till 1805, and the main features of these are noted below.

## Type PF:-

Sub-type	Length (mm)	Height of Letters (mm)	Date
1	34½	5	22.5.1799
1a	34	5	13.6.1800
2	30	4½	7.5.1803
3	31½	4	1802-05

The only real difference between Nos. 1 and 1a is that in the former only the last two figures of the year are given; in No. 1a, as well as in Nos. 2 and 3, the year is in full. The last example I have seen of PF3 is dated 2 Aug. 1805."

To be concluded.

(Contributed by Mr. L. E. Britnor)

## ST. LUCIA

"I have a cover dated May 6th 1904 from Castries, St. Lucia addressed to Grenada and also bearing the Crown Circle 'Paid at St. Lucia'. It is backstamped on arrival at Grenada (St. Georges) - May 10 1904 and also written on the envelope are the words - 'Per R.M.S. 6/5/04.' I shall be glad if any member can give the reason for the use of the Crown Circle in this instance."

(Contributed by Mr. H. H. Rossington)

## TOBAGO

"I am very interested in the TOBAGO SHIP LETTER mark mentioned in 'Handstruck Stamps of the British Empire' (Robson Lowe) giving the date 1841, Type SC. Some time ago Mr Lowe told me that he obtained his information from the P.O. Record Book in 1928 and that he had seen one on piece. I have been shown a 1d. Trinidad of 1911 with part of this mark and understand that one exists used on a 1937 Coronation stamp which proves that it was still in existence at that time. I would particularly like to ascertain details of its earliest use especially in the pre-adhesive era. Does any member possess, or know of, any early covers or pieces with this mark?"

(Contributed by Mr. A. E. Beach.)

## TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

"According to records at the G.P.O. a single line 'TOO LATE FOR BAG' handstamp was sent out to Tobago on 27th February 1882. It measures about 48½mm overall, the letters being 4mm high. At the same time there were also sent another single line handstamp 'MISSENT TO TOBAGO' approximately 47½mm long with letters 4mm high and a 20mm diameter TOBAGO circular date stamp. I shall be most interested to know if any member possesses examples of these strikes. I have in my collection an entire dated 1872 used in Trinidad with a boxed single line TOO LATE FOR BAG but I have been unable to trace this at the G.P.O. Perhaps someone else has been more successful or has further information about it?"

(Contributed by Mr. J. B. Marriott)

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appointed as a sort of "clearing house" for research by members in that country. Discussion had taken place as to how the material which had been collected so far and in the future should be put to the best use and whilst brief notes on specific queries can be disseminated in the Bulletin - which will always be welcome by the Editor - the Committee considered the Bulletin could hardly be regarded as a suitable medium for publishing the fuller information which it was the long term aim to attempt. It was also considered that it could not be too soon to establish a Publications Fund in order to finance the publication of more voluminous information which cannot be included in the restricted space available in the Bulletin. It was felt that it would be useful if a sum could be set aside from income each year and donations invited over and above subscriptions. Mr G. W. Groves proposed that an initial sum of £25 be transferred from the balance of £126 standing to the credit of the Circle's account as at 31st December, 1957, to a Publications Fund. Mr B. E. Johnson seconded the motion which was carried *nem con*. It was further suggested from the chair that it should be left to the discretion of the Hon. Treasurer how best to invest this sum. As on former occasions a number of pages were passed round which led to many interesting discussions and the following items taken at random will afford some idea of the material exhibited:

Mr. B. B. Benwell: Postal history of Barbados: a most interesting selection of early pre-adhesives included one dated 31st December 1795 addressed to Demerara, British Guiana: the straight line 'BARBADOES Dec. 1. 1800.' in two lines. The single line 'BARBADOES' dated 1804 and examples of the Crowned Circle marking. Mr. L. E. Britnor: A fine selection of St. Kitts pre-adhesives commencing with the ST' KITT'S (large caps) of 1790. (NOTE: These are the subject of an article on page 20 of this issue of the Bulletin.) Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown: Bermuda; the 'ST. G.' cancellation on a letter to Scotland bearing 6d. rate. Mr. E. S. Forshaw: British Guiana; a used 1c. black on magenta of 1852, S.G.9, and examples of other rarer 1c. values. Two examples of the scarce 20mm. double circle of postmark with the three very fine lines at each side of the work 'GEORGETOWN' eliminated. T.P.O.'s via the Demerara railway; The Demerara railway has the distinction of being the first railway to be built on the continent of South America - opened on 3rd November 1848. Mr. W. Jones: Barbados; a representation by diagrams of the peculiar wheel adopted by Perkins, Bacon & Co. for producing their pin-perforations for the stamps of Barbados and Trinidad together with a selection of Barbados first issues. Mr. J. B. Marriott: Trinidad; S.G.56, mint, an example showing the top perfs. virtually clean-cut and black marks especially where pins did not punch through illustrating where greased paper had passed through the pins. Also the second recorded copy of the 6d. perf. 11½-12 compound with 11 with perf. 11 at both sides, S.G.63b. Lt. Col. F. S. J. Norris: a study of the Bermuda 1d. Q.V. suggesting a 'repair' in the area of the Queen's eye occurring on the lower left pane of the sheet of 240, stamp No. 58. Mr. G. A. Osborn: Bermuda combination covers. There was no air mail in Bermuda before June 1937 so that letters were posted bearing two stamps, one being the Bermuda stamp to prepay normal postage and the other being the U.S.A. air mail stamp carrying the onward journey from New York by air. Each stamp was cancelled by its parent country. Mr. M. Steward: Leeward Islands; K.G. VI plate flaws. Several interesting features occurring on the lower values particularly on the ½d.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chairman who in turn expressed the appreciation of all to the Hon. Secretary of the Royal Philatelic Society for kindly placing the meeting room at our disposal. Close on fifty members and guests attended the Dinner which followed at Lord's Tavern, St.

John's Wood Road, N.W.1. Mr. J. B. Marriott, Vice-President, was in the chair and after an excellent meal Mr K. F. Chapman, Editor of "Stamp Collecting" eloquently proposed the toast to our Circle and wished it continued success in the future to which Mr. Marriott responded in appreciative terms. The toast to the guests was proposed by Miss Rose Titford in her inimitable style. Mr E. W. Stokes (President of the Association of Essex Philatelic Societies) in his reply stressed how philately results in the making of many friends and he knew he was voicing the thoughts of all the guests when he said that it was a most enjoyable evening.

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

As will be observed elsewhere, our President was unfortunately unable to attend at our Fourth Anniversary Meeting. I am glad to say that he is gradually recovering from his illness, and I am sure all members will wish him a speedy recovery to normal health. In accordance with the wish expressed in his letter which was reproduced in the January Bulletin that a Chairman be appointed, I am glad to announce that Cdr. G. Bridgmore Brown has accepted the Committee's invitation to fill that office. As many of us know, Cdr. Bridgmore Brown has the activities of our Circle very much at heart and will carry out his duties as Chairman with the utmost enthusiasm. Following my remarks in Bulletins Nos. 14 and 15, I would like to take this opportunity of thanking the 55 members who kindly arranged for payment to be made by Bankers Order. Unhappily, however, it has been necessary to send out over 60 reminders, and in accordance with the Committee's policy to carry no 'dead wood ' where payment is still outstanding on June 1st the names of the members concerned will be deleted from the register. Occasionally I receive expressions of appreciation of our efforts to further the study of the stamps and postal history of the B.W.I. Group, and the following extracts from letters received from two of our overseas members are very encouraging:

'Thank you for the enjoyment my membership in the Circle has afforded me ...

'May I take this opportunity to say that I believe your quarterly bulletin is one of the finest philatelic publications of B.W.I. phases of stamp collecting I have ever seen. Each one contains a wealth of information that would be practically unobtainable from any other source. . . '

All being well, I hope to attend the 40th Philatelic Congress of Great Britain which, as many members will know, takes place at Folkestone from 27th to 30th May. It will be noted on page 15 that the Circle is not taking part in the Exhibition on this occasion, but will be holding our usual meeting, and I do urge all members who hope to attend to bring along some of their interesting pages to pass round.

P. T. S.

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INCOME			EXPENDITURE		
1956			1957		
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
18	9	6	48	16	1
74	19	5	90	5	0
11	13	6	20	13	0
67	5	0	121	10	0
10	0	0	2	0	0
26	17	0	32	19	5
11	12	5	9	8	11
3	6	3	28	11	8
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### SALES CIRCUIT

Sales	263	8	5		
				Payments to Members	233 7 9
				Insurance	2 11 0
				Stationery	1 2 5
				Postage float	2 0 0
				Bank Charges	4 0 0
				Transfer to Circle Accounts (Commissions on sales)	15 0 0
				Cash at Bank being surplus for year	5 7 3
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I have examined the above Statement of Accounts and certify it to be correct and in accordance with the Books and Vouchers produced to me.  
A.J. BRANSTON, Hon. Auditor.  
February, 1957

P. T. SAUNDERS, Hon. Treasurer  
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