

writer of many articles of high philatelic merit. Dr. Kalckhoff's well-known work on "Reprints" is one of the standard books on that subject, and by his thorough treatment of them he would alone have earned his title to the honour conferred. As President of the Berlin Philatelic Club, Dr. Kalckhoff has, moreover, also rendered great services to German Philately, and we are confident that the grant of the Lindenberg Medal to him will be warmly appreciated throughout all stamp circles of Germany. Dr. Kalckhoff's numerous friends in this country, among whom the writer is glad to acclaim himself, most cordially congratulate him upon the receipt of an honour that he has assuredly earned by his conscientious and valuable labours on behalf of Philately.

NEW PHILATELIC JOURNALS.

WE are glad to note the increasing growth of Philately, as evidenced in the appearance of two new journals devoted to the pursuit. The *Australian Stamp Journal* hails from Sydney, New South Wales, and is published by Messrs. J. H. Smyth, Limited, of 50 Castlereagh Street, Sydney, the well-known dealers. There is plenty of room for more Australian philatelic journalism, and we hope and predict success for our new contemporary. The *Philatelic Gazette* is a journal "published monthly in the interests of stamp collectors" by the Philatelic Publishing Company, 99 Nassau Street, New York, under the editorship of Mr. W. Randall. This journal has the co-operation of a number of the leading American collectors, and, judging by the first four numbers, is destined to occupy an important position in the annals of American philatelic literature, and bids fair to represent that intellectual side of transatlantic Philately that has of late years hidden its light under the proverbial bushel. We cordially wish the success to the *Philatelic Gazette* that its initial numbers so fully deserve.

THE CATALOGUE OF THE PHILATELIC LIBRARY OF THE EARL OF CRAWFORD, K.T.

WE are glad to be able to announce that this work is now in the press and will shortly be published. We extract the following interesting announcement from the prospectus issued by the Philatelic Literature Society, and we are assured that those who purchase this valuable book will be amply rewarded. This portion of the famous BIBLIOTHECA LINDESIANA is by far the most extensive collection extant of the literature relating to postage stamps, stamp collecting and kindred subjects, and for all practical purposes may be considered as complete. Its formation has occupied its owner for a number of years, and its arrangement, collating and cataloguing have been the assiduous care of Mr. E. D. BACON, President of the PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY, and the leading authority in the world on philatelic literature. It is by special permission dedicated to HIS MAJESTY THE KING, Patron of the ROYAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY. The Catalogue has been compiled in great detail, and from its extensive scope it can fairly claim to be a complete bibliography of Philately. The original edition is intended for private distribution only, but Lord CRAWFORD has most

generously allowed a further edition to be printed off, and published by the PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY, so as to make the work available to all students and collectors of philatelic literature, and the Society has undertaken to issue a limited number of copies, the object being to circulate a work of supreme importance, which would otherwise be unobtainable. The initial cost of a work of this kind is so great that its publication would be almost impossible through the ordinary channels, but Lord CRAWFORD'S munificent gift enables the Society to place before collectors an invaluable work of reference, at a price quite incommensurate either with its intrinsic value or its actual cost of production.

The scope of this great catalogue is immense. Every handbook, pamphlet, periodical, catalogue and price-list, whether important or not, relating to stamps and stamp collecting, posts and postal service, and all cognate subjects, comes within its purview, and the Catalogue, besides listing the works contained in the Library also indicates the known omissions. The fullest possible bibliographical details are given as to edition, collating, illustrations, etc., the particulars being often furnished in extensive notes to each entry, and the addition of subject entries for all monographs renders the work especially useful. As a whole the volume will rank as one of the finest contributions to bibliography ever issued.

Only 300 copies will be printed, of which 200 are offered for sale, and the price will be Two Guineas net.

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Reviews.

MESSRS. STANLEY GIBBONS CATALOGUE, PART I.*



ALTHOUGH nearly two years have elapsed since the previous edition of this work, so excellent has proved the Catalogue that but very slight modifications have been required in the present instance. In point of fact the interest lies principally in the revision of prices which in many cases of the older colonial issues has led to considerable augmentation of the medium stamps, while the earlier series of the King's Heads have also required upward quotations. Although the stamps of the older and rarer issues in most cases seem to be correctly priced, says the "Introduction," extra fine copies always command much higher prices, so that practically the 1911 British Colonial Catalogue represents a general stiffening of prices.

The only point of novelty lies in the British Guiana list, where the issue of 1855 will be found divided into major and minor varieties, the latter being collated under sub-lettering and in smaller type with a judicious footnote explaining further possibilities of subdivision. We welcome this as "the

* *Stanley Gibbons Priced Catalogue of Stamps of the British Empire*; 1911. 391 Strand, London, W.C.