

“But looking back on these six years we can discern forces at work much more important than administrative efficiency and reform. The spirit of the administration has been admirable. Most public departments desire nothing more than to be left alone. In the Department itself Sir Charles Stewart Wilson has inspired zeal and confidence. He has a great capacity for work himself, and for getting work out of others, he knows what he wants and how to get it; and he has been a good friend to the willing, but a determined foe to the slack and the inefficient. It is a misfortune that India should lose the services of this able official when he is still in the prime of life, but if any man has earned his retirement it is he.”

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*THE PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE ROYAL  
PHILATELIC SOCIETY.*

**W**E are desired by the Council of the Royal Philatelic Society to urgently call the attention of all Fellows to Rule 44 of the Memorandum of Association of the Society, which is as follows:—

“No member shall publish or communicate, to any person for publication, any notice of any paper read before a meeting of the Society, or any report of any meeting, or any matter connected with the proceedings of the Society in general meeting. Any breach of the provisions of this Article by a member shall be deemed to be a matter affecting his character within the meaning of Article 19.”

There have been lately grievous instances of the failure on the part of some Fellow or Fellows to observe this rule, and the Council will not hesitate to enforce the severest penalty if the offence is repeated. The Council of the Royal Philatelic Society earnestly request all Fellows to remember that, except through the organ of the Society, *The London Philatelist*, no information of any sort is to be sent either to the public or the philatelic Press. The Council trust, alike for the honour and welfare of the Society, that this salutary rule will not again be infringed.

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*THE LATE EARL OF CRAWFORD.*

**I**N common with many people it appears that Lord Crawford had an aversion to his portraiture by photography. We are, however—thanks to the courtesy of the present Earl—enabled to present to our readers a comparatively recent photograph of our late esteemed President. This was taken by a personal friend, and we have to express to that gentleman our appreciation of his kindness in allowing our use of his portrait for reproduction. A number of unauthorized and incorrect statements have been made in the newspapers as to the ultimate disposal of Lord Crawford's philatelic possessions. We are in a position to state that no definite announcement can as yet be made as to Lord Crawford's collections of the stamps of the United States and Great Britain.

With regard to the Philatelic Library, we are desired to correct the erroneous statement that only a portion thereof has been bequeathed to the

nation. Not only has the entire Library been donated to the British Museum, but the books have all been removed to that Institution, where happily they will, for all time, constitute a valuable reference library of Philatelic Literature.

## New Issues.

### NOTES OF NEW, AND VARIATIONS OF CURRENT, ISSUES.

(Varieties of Obsolete Stamps, and Discoveries, will be found under "Philatelic Notes.")

*We do not profess to chronicle everything, but, with the kind help of correspondents, are desirous that all the important novelties may be included. Speculative stamps—i.e. those not really required for postal purposes—will be considered on their merits.*

*Members of the Royal Philatelic Society, and other readers generally, are invited to co-operate with us in making the columns as interesting as possible. Our foreign readers can especially help us in this direction, by sending copies of any official documents relative to changes in the current issues, or early intimation of any new issue, accompanied, when possible, by a specimen; such information will be duly credited to the correspondent, and, if desired, the specimen promptly returned.*  
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#### BRITISH EMPIRE.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH.—The 2d., 3d., 5d., 6d., 1s., and 2s. values of the Kangaroo set have been issued, and copies are to hand from Messrs. Whitfield King and Co.

##### Adhesives.

2d., grey, wmk. Crown and A; perf. 11½ × 12.			
3d., sage-green	"	"	"
5d., light brown	"	"	"
6d., ultramarine	"	"	"
1s., blue-green	"	"	"
2s., brown	"	"	"

BAHAMAS.—We read in the *Monthly Journal* that the 4d. stamp of the Georgian set, like the 6d. and 1s. stamps, has had its colour changed to red on yellow.

BRITISH HONDURAS.—We have seen a set of nine stamps of the Georgian type printed from the new De La Rue "Postage Revenue," key-plate, with the large head, like the new Grenada stamps.

The values of the 1 c., 2 c., 5 c., \$1, and \$2 are in colour on white labels at each side at top, and in the remainder, with the exception of the \$5, which has the value in black on red, the values appear on solid coloured labels.

##### Adhesives.

1 c., green, multiple, ordinary; perf. 14.
2 c., red " " "
5 c., blue " " "
10 c., dull purple and yellow-green; multiple, chalky; perf. 14.
25 c., black on green; multiple, chalky; perf. 14.
50 c., purple and blue on blue; multiple, chalky; perf. 14.
\$1, grey and red, multiple, chalky; perf. 14.
\$2, green and purple " "
\$5, purple and black on red, multiple, chalky; perf. 14.

BRITISH LEVANT.—*The Bazaar* states that the 1s. Somerset House print has been surcharged 5 piastres.

##### Adhesive.

5 piastres on 1s., Great Britain, Somerset House print.

INDIA.—We have seen the 1 rupee value of the Georgian set, which was delivered by the printers end of February.

##### Adhesive.

1 rupee, green and brown, large size.

*Kishengarh*.—We have received a curiously produced provisional stamp of 2 annas. The sheet consists of twenty stamps in four rows of five; each row is *tête-bêche* in respect to that immediately above or below it. The process used is lithography, and the stone is made up of ten transfers twice applied from what appears to be a half-tone process block. The stamps are divided by lines of rouletting gauging about 9½.

*Lithographed on thin wove paper. Rouletted 9½. 2 a., deep violet.*

##### Monthly Journal.

*Soruth*.—Two provisionals have appeared surcharged "3 pies" and "1 anna" with native inscription to match.

*On yellowish wove paper.*

3 p. on 1 a., emerald.

*On white laid paper.*

1 a. on 4 a., carmine.

##### Monthly Journal.