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## THE CENTENARY OF THE PHILATELIC COLLECTIONS

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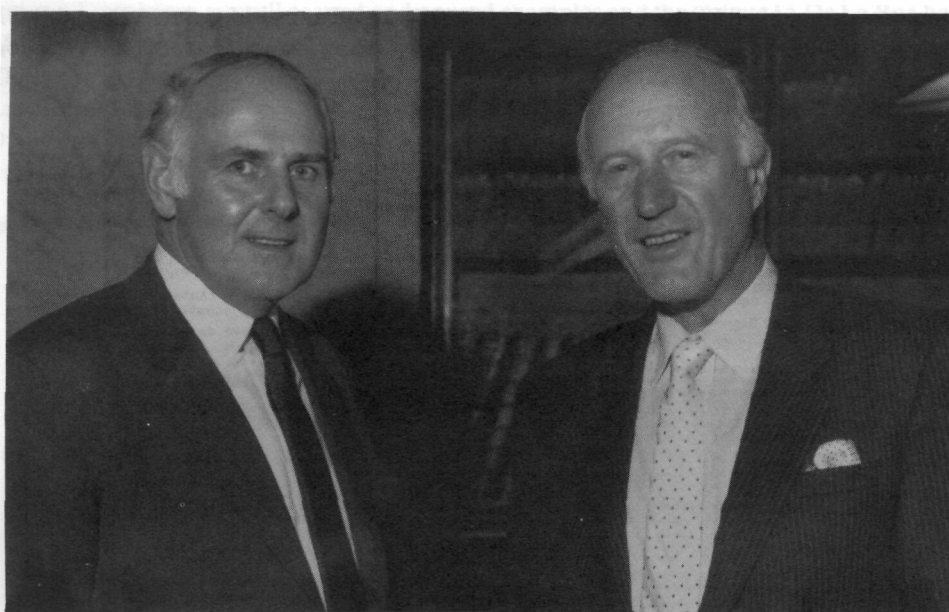
On 2 October 1991, The British Library held a reception, partly sponsored by the Crown Agents, to celebrate the centenary of the formation of the Philatelic Collections.

The British Library is the custodian of over thirty philatelic collections, which form one of the greatest philatelic holdings anywhere in the world. The first collection bequeathed was the truly outstanding one established by Thomas Keay Tapling and presented on his death in 1891. Tapling was only 35 when he died but his collection was one of the best ever formed.

As part of the celebration of this historic landmark for the British Library, a limited revised edition has been published, jointly with The Printer's Stone Ltd, of Box 30, Fishkill, New York 12524, of the *Catalogue of the Crawford Library of Philatelic Literature at the British Library*. This reprint is of particular importance for two reasons. Firstly, it combines the original 1911 bibliography completed by Sir Edward Bacon with the 1926 Supplement and the 1938 Addenda, the last mentioned having originally appeared in THE LONDON PHILATELIST in March 1938. Secondly, the master copy used for this production is Sir Edward's personal copy, which is annotated (and corrected) in his hand, with shelfmarks added. The revised work consists of a 550-page hardbound folio Catalogue, which can be obtained from the British Library Publications Sales Unit, Boston Spa, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS23 7BQ, for £115 postpaid (or from The Printer's Stone Ltd at \$225 postpaid).

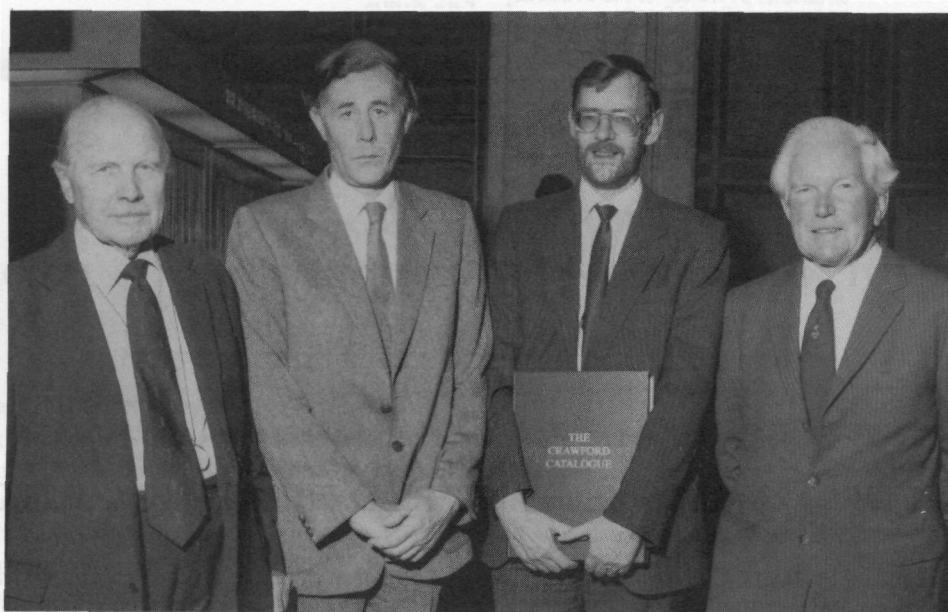


Figure 1: Commander Michael Saunders-Watson (Chairman, British Library) presents Francis Kiddle, FRPSL (Honorary Librarian of the Royal) with a copy of the Crawford Catalogue.



*Figure 2: Mr P.F. Berry (left, Managing Director, the Crown Agents), who is a member of the Tapling family, with Commander Michael Saunders-Watson (Chairman, British Library).*

This Society's association with the BL's Philatelic Collections, whose curator is now David R. Beech, FRPSL, has been long, indeed dating back to 1891 through the will of Thomas Tapling. It was thus with great pleasure that Francis Kiddle, FRPSL, our Honorary Librarian, received on behalf of the Society a specially inscribed copy of the *Crawford Catalogue* from the British Library Chairman, Commander Michael Saunders-Watson.



*Figure 3: (from L to R) H.W. Harrison, A.D. Burnett, F.E. Kiddle and P. Langmead at the Centenary Reception.*

The occasion was also marked by the presentation of the Library's Panizzi Medal to A.D. and R.G. Burnett, Peter Langmead, OBE, FRPSL, and H.W.P. Harrison, who have given or made available Collections to the British Library.

## PART I.

## SEPARATE WORKS.

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| 879(4)              | <b>ABINGTON AND WELLINGS.</b> Price list and catalogue of foreign and colonial postage stamps, post cards, etc., for sale by A. and W. Bristol, [1874]. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 7 in. 8 pp. Paper wrapper. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 51 (4).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>AFGHANISTAN.</b> MERTEN (r.) <i>Afghanistan seine Post und seine Postwerthzeichen.</i> Wien, 1879.                                                                                                                                                                                             |         |
| 857(2)              | <b>ADAMS (HENRY GARDINER)</b> Ocean penny postage. "Send the letter, uncle John." By H. G. A. [? London, ? 1847]. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 7½ in. (4) pp., printed on one side only. * * This is a proof copy with corrections and variations of the poem, which afterwards had a wide circulation. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 58 (2).                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | — — — <i>La Poste et les timbres-poste de l'Afghanistan.</i> Newilly, 1881.                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | 804(7)  |
| 1816<br>[rest long] | — — — Send the letters, uncle John. By H. G. A. [Published in "Mercantile Miscellanies".] [? New York, 1847]. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 8½ in. p. 687. Bound up in volume lettered "Mercantile Miscellanies—Postal Notices".                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>AGUIRRE MERCADO (RAFAEL)</b> <i>Estudio de la filatelia de Chile.</i> Por R. A. M. Oquendo, Chile, 1905. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 7½ in. 80 pp. + (1) p. Coloured paper wrapper. * * There are two separate pages numbered "50". <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 76 (7).                                        |         |
|                     | — — — See GILPIN (o.) [Advertisement sheet giving an illustration of the so-called "Peace envelopes" and particulars of "Peace issues" by H. G. Adams and "Peace reading-book".] [? 1847]. 8 <sup>o</sup> .                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>AKHURST (E. L.)</b> Price list of foreign and American postage stamps, for sale by E. L. A. Utica, N. Y., [1865]. Fol. 11½ in. 1 leaf. * * Printed list with columns for prices to be filled in by hand. The copy in the library is unpriced. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 56 (25).                  | 844(25) |
| 892(8)              | <b>ADAMS (LEWIS S.)</b> Stamp directory. Published by L. S. A., George F. Goodall. Detroit, Wis., 1872. 4 <sup>o</sup> . 9½ in. (3) pp. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 27 (8).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>AKHYUKA (N.)</b> No. 1. <i>Kuzozor Mapoz: azx Kazozomli.</i> . . . [Katalogh Mirak dlya Kollektzi.] . . . Odesca, [Odesza], 1891. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 7½ in. 30 + (3) pp. Printed on coloured paper. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 108 (1).                                                              | 861(1)  |
| 806(5)              | <b>ADAMS (WILLIAM B.)</b> Third edition. Catalogue Canadian revenue stamps. Toronto, 1901. 16 <sup>o</sup> . 6½ in. 16 pp. + (1) p. Coloured paper wrapper. <i>Mis. St. Pamph.</i> 58 (5).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>ALAMO CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY.</b> See SAN ANTONIO (ALAMO CITY PHILATELIC SOCIETY).                                                                                                                                                                                                            |         |
| 428                 | <b>ADENAW (JULIUS)</b> A Complete catalogue of the revenue stamps of the United States, including all private and state issues, and giving all minor varieties, together with the actual market value of every stamp. By J. A. New York, The Scott Stamp and Coin Co., Ltd., [1894]. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 10 in. 74 + (2) pp. * * Reprinted, with prices added and other alterations, from the "American journal of philately" for 1892 and 1893.                                                                                                       | <b>ALBRECHT AND CO. (L. F.)</b> Complete catalogue of all postage stamps and envelopes of the United States, including all Governmental issues and local stamps of the Confederate States . . . August, 1892. 48 <sup>o</sup> . 4½ in. 22 pp. Bound along the top so as to open like a note book. | 156     |
| 436                 | <b>ADMINISTRATION.</b> The Administration of the Post Office, from the introduction of Mr. Rowland Hill's plan of penny postage up to the present time, grounded on Parliamentary documents, and the evidence taken before the Select Committee on postage at the conclusion of the last session of Parliament. To which are added the last Returns to the House of Commons. London, J. Hatchard and Son, 1844. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 8½ in. 218 pp. "errata" (2) pp. * * A copy of this work is included in the collection of Mr. W. V. Morton. "Wmms". | — — — March, 1895. New York, 1895. 48 <sup>o</sup> . 4½ in. 22 pp. Bound along the top so as to open like a note book.                                                                                                                                                                            | 157     |
|                     | <b>ADRESSE.</b> Adresse-Verzeichnisse der Briefmarken-Handler und Sammler. See MERTEN (o.).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | — — — January, 1896. New York, Derby, Conn., [printed], 1896. 16 <sup>o</sup> . 6½ in. (4) pp. + pp. 2-22, printed on one side of the paper only.                                                                                                                                                 | 158     |
|                     | <b>AFGHANISTAN.</b> MASSON (D. F.) and JONES (S. G.) The Postage stamps of Afghanistan. Madras and Birmingham, 1908.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | — — — Our Catalogue. The Standard American catalogue of all postal issues of the entire world. Together with the revenue stamps of the United States and Canada. . . . New York, 1891. 8 <sup>o</sup> . 6½ in. (8) + 202 pp.                                                                      | 160     |
|                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | — — — Complete catalogue of the postage stamps of British North America and the West Indies . . . May, 1895. New York, 1895. 16 <sup>o</sup> . 4½ in. (4) pp. + pp. 2-21, printed on one side of the paper only.                                                                                  | 153     |
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*Sample page from Revised Edition of the Crawford Catalogue  
(Reduced)*

## BRITISH LIBRARY RECEIVES LANGMEAD PHILATELIC COLLECTION

The British Library Philatelic Collections has received as a donation in lieu of tax the Peter Langmead collection of Private and Post Office Telegraph Stamps of Great Britain and Ireland 1854-1881. This outstanding collection includes issues made by the 13 private telegraph companies from 1854 until nationalisation in 1870. Post Office issues, which lasted from 1876 to 1881, are comprehensively covered by essays, proofs, colour trials,