

THE PREFACE TO THE CATALOGUE

abbreviations "*Mis. St. Pamph.*," or "*Mis. St. Jour.*," after an entry signifies that the work is bound up in the series of volumes labelled "Miscellaneous Stamp Pamphlets," or "Miscellaneous Stamp Journals," whichever it may be.

Part I. contains all separate works published to the end of 1908, except in the case of auction catalogues, the list of which is only completed to the end of 1906. Part II. includes all periodicals issued to the end of 1906, but those journals which were in progress at that period and have since become defunct, are completed to the end of their careers.

The compilation of the chronological lists of philatelic journals given in Appendix A. has presented a good deal of difficulty in determining which merited inclusion

and which did not. A reference to Part II. of the catalogue shows that there is a large class of journals that may be called semi-philatelic, but in some instances these contain more philatelic matter than others that have a purely philatelic title. The rule that has been followed is to include all journals with philatelic titles, all those that have any connection with philately designated in the sub-titles and such others in which the contents are solely or principally philatelic.

The Appendix B. includes particulars of all the early bibliographical notices of a philatelic nature, and such later works and articles as I have personally found most useful in my researches.

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