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FINANCIAL STATEMENT For year 1/9/60 to 1/9/61_

<u>Income</u>	£	s	d	<u>Expenditure</u>	£	s	d
Cash in hand 1/9/60				Duplicating costs.			
including £11 : 10: 0d				Paper & ink.	12	8	8
Advanced subs.	15	12	2	Stencils.	1	15	6
Subs, for 1960-61	4	5		Postage on News-Letter	4	6	4
Income from other				Secretary's expenses	1	15	6
sources	4	3	2	Surplus	3	14	4
	24	0	4		24	0	4
Advance subs received	8	16	8	Total cash in hand.	12	11	0

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Group started the year 1960-61 with a surplus of £4-2-2d and with the hope that this would increase to enable us to invest in a rotary duplicator eventually. However, a glance at the figures above will show that this has not happened. It has, in fact, decreased, despite the income we received from other sources; i.e, profit on exchange, certain donations, and sale of back pages.

It will also be noted that the cost of producing the bulletin (£18-10-6) exceeded the years subscriptions (£15-15-0). This was partly due to illness necessitating a particular issue to be produced commercially, and partly due to increased costs. We hope eventually to recoup some of the difference by the sale of back pages to future members, but even so it is evident that we are barely solvent. Without the various Officers keeping costs to a minimum, and on occasions digging into their own pockets, our total income would have been even more inadequate.

It is obvious, therefore, that we must now consider an increase in subscription rates to a level where, not only will we be able to operate within our income, but will have sufficient funds left over to ensure that the Group can progress.

An increase to 7/6d a year would allow us to keep going at the present level with a little surplus to put aside for a rotary duplicator etc., whilst 10/- would permit an increase in bulletin size.

WHAT DO YOU THINK? A questionnaire is enclosed. Please complete and return it to the Secretary as soon as possible so that it can be discussed at the London meeting.

Whilst we are on the subject may we make a further plea for those outstanding subscriptions? Have a look for the red cross on the front page which will show that yours is overdue and please do not wait for a personal reminder from the Secretary.

REPORT ON LIBRARY.

Since its inception the library service has proved quite popular and number of items have been borrowed.

With the aid of Mr Peedo the Librarian has managed to cover most of the articles with a stiff card which should help to keep them in a reasonable state of repair.

Perfin literature of any sort would be most welcome, either on loan for copying, or for placing directly in the Library. Please send any such material to the Librarian who will also be happy to consider any suggestions for improving the service.

LATEST ACQUISITION : Stanley Gibbons Monthly - April 1961
containing article, "New Zealand's Most
Neglected 'Official' Stamp".

REPORT ON EXCHANGE

The Exchange Packet is progressing fairly well with a total of 22 buying members on the list.

A profit of £1-15-0d was paid into club funds in August, most of which came from the sale of stamps donated to the Group, and to date the Exchange has proved to be self supporting.

It cannot, however, be assumed that this happy state of affairs will continue indefinitely, indeed the time must come when with present prices ruling the Exchange will get bogged down with common stamps that no one wants.

Unless members as a whole are prepared to pay more for the older and rarer perfins (anything up to a 1/- each or more) we will not continue to receive the necessary support to fulfill a useful function.

See attached Questionnaire.

WANTED

1. Correspondance with members interested in Japanese or Chinese perfins. Mr A Beahr
2. Information on a perfin design which appears to be a mailed fist holding a lantern. the postmark is London,W.C, but the issue was not stated, Mr J Nelson
3. Information on, a/ G.B. perfins used on foreign stamps and vice versa.
b/ Perfins on postal, stationary.

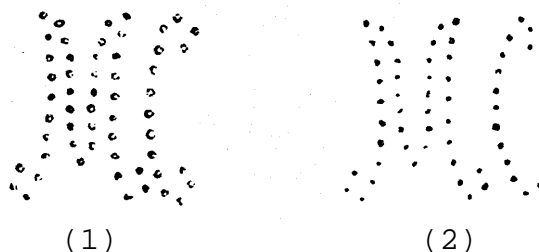
Would members write to Miss M.E. Thornton
with respect to these? Later, when all

M C Perfin Cancellation.

The perfin comprising the letters MC in a fancy type were used by the Mayor's and City of London Court which is held in The Guildhall, London, E.C.2. It is known in two types, as illustrated below, and was used to cancel stamps in the Guildhall-Justice Room to show that the stamped document had been officially dealt with.

The only stamps found with this perfin are the special ones which are printed for and issued by the Corporation of the City of London. These are all blue in colour, perf. $11\frac{1}{4}$ or $12\frac{1}{2}$ and the design, size 29 x 32 mm, shows the City Arms below the words Mayor's Court. The value is shown by means of a black surcharge in various forms towards the base of the stamp.

The perfin was abandoned some time before 1956 in favour of a rubber-stamp Cancellation.



Type 1. Height 24 mm. 41 and 15 large holes.

Found on values SIX PENCE and 1/0

Type 2. Height $23\frac{1}{2}$ mm. 41 and 14 small holes.

Found on values 1/0, 2/0, 3/0, 4/0, 4s 6d, 9/6

If anyone has any additional information would they please write to Mr. Carr.

LONDON MEETING.

The meeting has been arranged for Saturday, 18th November at 3pm in a room over The Crown & Sugar Loaf

is close to Mansion House Underground Station and there is a bombed-site car park close by. Please let Mr. Carr know if you will be able to attend and also bring perfins for display. It is hoped to have the auction lots on view. Refreshments will be available.

OUR FIRST POSTAL AUCTION.

Have, you sent in your lots for the auction? If not, please send them to Chris J. T. Carr to arrive by 15th November so that they may be included in the auction catalogue which will be issued with the Nov/Dec. News-sheet. For full details please refer to the July/Aug. issue.