

UNWIN BROTHERS LIMITED

UNWIN/BROS           8,11,11,4,11/11,10,8,9  
Cat. No-146,       (sideways) 3½mm.

Jacob Unwin established the beginnings of The Gresham Press in 1826. A telephone directory for 1885 gives the location as Little Bridge Street, Ludgate Hill, London, E.C.

Incorporated on July 1st 1901, the directors saw fit to engage their interests in most aspects of the printing industry. This is borne out by the fact that by 1910 the Company is listed as old style, modern, and music type printers; stereotypers; lithographers; engravers; bookbinders; account book manufacturers; general and export stationers.

The proud possessors of five prize medals, the Gresham Press was located at 27, Pilgrim Street, Ludgate Hill, and at 15, Queen Victoria Street. They also had the St. Martha Printing Works at Woking in Surrey.

By the 1920's the well-known Press was at 6, West Harding Street, London, E.C.4.

A check in directories of the 1960's gives a London, W.C.1. address.

Issues Reported

Queen Victoria 1880-1 1½d.  
                                  1d. lilac  
                                  Jubilee 2d. vermilion  
                                  1½d.  
                                  ½d. blue-green

Postmarks are known from 22nd November 1897. Woking & Guildford.

Other perfins are known used by this concern:

Cat. No.21     UB           8,11           4,4½mm.  
Cat. No.25.1  UB/L<sup>D</sup>       8,11/6,6     4½mm.  
Cat. No.26.1  U.B/L<sup>D</sup>     10,15/7,8   4½mm.

NOTE: An excellent illustration of UNWIN/BROS is shown on page 20 of John Nelson's book (Fig. 47)

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