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EDITORIAL.

THIS number completes our fifth volume
and five years is a tolerably respectable
age for any philatelic journal. We may,
therefore, reasonably be jubilant on hav-
ing attained such a mature age and
thanking our readers for their support, which
we hope they will continue, we wish them the
Compliments of the Season.

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At this season of the year when all normally
constituted people feel generous and even the
meanest among us are apt "to pat youngsters
on the head and talk to them vaguely about
sixpences" we venture to issue an
The Fiscal Exhibition. appeal to fiscal philatelists on
behalf of the approaching Exhibi-
tion. We understand that the
rank and file of fiscal philatelists
have not yet responded very heartily to the
request of the Fiscal Philatelic Society for
donations towards the expenses of the Exhibi-
tion and we now ask especially each one to
contribute his mite. Perhaps many feel some
timidity in venturing to offer a small donation
but we can assure such that contributions of a
few shillings from each one will soon be sufficient
to meet the estimated cost, as nearly one half
of the sum required has already been promised.
The success of the Exhibition and the value of
the prizes will entirely depend upon the financial
support and if only each member of the Fiscal
Philatelic Society would contribute something
the expenses would be adequately met.

We hope, too, that fiscal collectors will not
be diffident with regard to exhibiting. Every
member of the Fiscal Philatelic Society ought
certainly to show something and there is no
excuse for not doing so, as it will cost them
nothing except the expenditure of a little time
and trouble in arranging their exhibit, while
there is every prospect of winning at least a
diploma. For non-members the cost of 5/- for
exhibiting is purely nominal and as for that sum
they can exhibit in all classes, we hope that
many will come forward.

We have very much pleasure in highly
recommending the "Stamp Collectors' Annual,"
edited by Percy C. Bishop and published by
C. Nissen & Co., a copy of which
has been sent to us for review.
The Stamp Collectors' Annual. This second issue of the annual
(for 1905) is a great improvement
on the one which was published
last year and contains a number

of interesting papers. Among these we would
especially mention "Notes on the Stamps of
Victoria," by W. H. Terry; "The Telegraph
Stamps of Great Britain" by C. Nissen; "A
short Dictionary of philately," by P. C. Bishop;
"Postal fiscals of the United Kingdom," by C.
Nissen; "The story of a philatelic year: being
a review of the philatelic press for 1903-1904,"
by P. C. Bishop. We are particularly glad to
see that fiscals are not ignored, for besides the
article by Mr. Nissen in the postal fiscals of
Great Britain, we find "A Recruit" waxes
enthusiastic over the "Joys of Revenue Stamp
Collecting." The "Recruit" has tackled the
revenue stamps of Great Britain as a start and
naturally has soon found that many of them are
by no means easy to get but a big show of these
can be got together at small expense and we
doubt if a beginner of fiscal collecting could
make a better selection as a commencement.

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We have received a small book on "*The
Postage Stamps of Great Britain.*" By F. J. Melville"
which is designed "as a facile and straight-"
"forward guide for the young collector of the"
"stamps of Great Britain. To meet his needs,"
"all the niceties of ultra-"
Postage Stamps of Great Britain. "specialism have been"
"omitted, while a short"
"bibliography of the sub-"
"ject is added for those who desire to continue"
"the study of this interesting branch of philate-"
"ly." The work is excellently illustrated and
appears to us adequate for the purpose intended.
As an appendix is reproduced the paper by
H.R.H. the Prince of Wales on King Edward's
stamps from the London Philatelist though from
the book itself at first sight it seems as if H.R.
H had written it especially for Mr. Melville's
book!

BOARD OF TRADE OFFICIALS.

The 1d and 4d. King's head postage stamps
have been recently seen perforated with "Crown
and B.T." and cancelled on 1st November 1904.
Are these stamps still in use or is the stock in
hand being used up? Rather high prices are
being asked for them, which may be right if the
stamps are obsolete but too high if they are in
current use. The following is a list of the
stamps known perforated in this manner "Crown
and B.T." we should be glad to see any not
mentioned.

1880. 2½. rose
1881. 1d., lilac
1884. 2d., lilac; 5d., green
1887. (Queen) ½d., 1½d., 2d., 2½d., 3d., 4d.,
5d., 6d.
1902. (King) 1d., 1½d., 2d., 4d., 9d.