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FROM THE SECRETARY

As we have had no volunteer for the crucial task of Editor, I have had to produce the bulletin with the invaluable help of Keith Moore. BUT I CANNOT CONTINUE TO DO THIS. My other Society duties, my garden and of course my work already fill my time. It is very undesirable to have one member doing three jobs.

Perhaps we must consider splitting up the Editor's task. While not ideal this would certainly lessen the load on individuals. As I see it we could have a team of four:-

Editor with overall responsibility: would collect copy from, for example Peter Day re auctions, Brian Birch re abstracts and Basil Tomkins re Catalogue pages: would write the "general" pages including new members, changes of address, deaths and resignations, members activities etc. He would post these to

Typist would prepare stencils from this material and send them to

Duplicator would run off 200 copies from each stencil and send them to

Despatchor would collate thow into bulletins, stick labels on envelopes, insert bulletins and applicable other matter such as membership cards etc then mail - not as easy as it sounds because of the differing postal rates.

I estimate that the extra cost (due to mailing pages to despatcher) would be £30 to £35 a year or less if personal collection could be arranged.

There are obvious drawbacks to this arrangement - for instance co-ordination at holiday times. But I believe it could work. Any volunteers for this? The Editor should be an "older" member with as much experience as possible in the perfin world.

SHEFFIELD MEETING

The Sheffield meeting was attended by some fifteen members. This exceeded my hopes and it was gratifying to see "new" faces who have hitherto been merely names on a list. Many facets of perfins were discussed, much interesting material was shown and quite a lot changed hands. These meetings are entirely informal but provide an opportunity for members to air their views. Our far-flung membership makes it quite impossible to have anything like an A.G.M. so that this opportunity of

discovering members' ideas is very useful.

The success of the meeting is perhaps best shown by the offer of two attenders to hold similar meetings in their homes, The proposed meetings are

Autumn 1982 D.N. Scott in Birmingham

Spring 1983 P.J. Butcher in Cheadle

D.J. Muggleton has also offered to hold one in Cambridge on a date to be agreed. If you are interested in any of these please contact the member concerned (NOT the Secretary), Addresses are in the new membership list included in this copy of the bulletin.

RON BOWMAN'S COLLECTION

As most members know Ron had a very good collection with especially comprehensive sections on railway and local government perfin. These are well written up and it would be a pity to split them up. His widow wishes to dispose of them and it is proposed that they be sold as single items. We hope to invite offers for them, probably through the Auction, after we have had the opportunity of examining them so that they can be properly described. His general collection will probably be sold in a similar way split into suitable lots.

PERFIN EXCHANGE

A French non-member is willing to exchange two British Perfins for one French. Please write direct to

M. R. Dedecker

This is as usual an individual venture and the Society cannot be responsible for any misunderstandings etc.

NEW MEMBERS

We extend a hearty welcome to the following new members

F.J. Lardner-Coles

R.E. Parker

S.A. Selby

Mrs M.G. Wincote

This brings us up to our limit of 175 members and we have a waiting list of seven (at the time of writing - applications are coming in thick and fast).

RESIGNATIONS

One resignation from G L. Clinch

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

D.J. Muggleton is now at

ARTICLES BY MEMBERS

The article by Mr Ellis on the GWR perfins was prompted by Mary Thornton's recent comments. It is to be hoped that this will inspire other members to do likewise.

THE LATE K. RYMER YOUNG

John Nelson writes.-

I knew Keith Rymer Young through my work long before I met him. He was a barrister and for some years District Probate Registrar at Liverpool, his signature appearing on all grants of representation issuing from that Registry. He was a founder member of the G.B. Perfin Study Group and was one of those present at the historic first meeting of the Group held at the "Swan & Sugar Loaf" in the City of London on 18th November 1961, by which time he was living in retirement in Eastbourne.

Although possessing a number of other philatelic interests, including collections of Borneo, precancels and overprinted receipts, Keith's main pursuit was perfins which he collected in exceptional quality and quantity. He was in fact the purchaser several years ago of the Hugh Vallancey collection, the whereabouts of which had until then been the subject of intense speculation.

He was perhaps the innovator of the system of mounting a collection on plain postcards on which he traced the perfin design and recorded all available information. As he once said this necessitated the purchase from time to time of another filing cabinet but rather less often than he would have required a new album.

Keith's great love was the establishment of new identities about which he wrote countless letters to commercial firms and organisations and always seemed to evoke a helpful reply. No member of the Society can have been more consistent and accurate in the information which he passed on to be included in catalogues and lists of identities.

In 1975 Keith was by unanimous vote elected President of the Society to succeed Charles Jennings, but he was by then becoming very frail and with the onset of respiratory complications he was obliged to relinquish the Presidency after three years in office. His health continued to fail and despite considerable courage and resilience he died on the 8th April 1982. It was a privilege for me to be able to represent the Society at his cremation service the following week.

Keith leaves a widow and family to whom the sincere sympathy of the Society has been expressed.

J.S.N.

Secretary's note I agree with everything John says with the exception of the founding date of the Study Group which I believe was 1957.

PERFIN PRICES

Dr Conrad Graham -_Philatelic Literature Auction No 8 Feb 1982		
Lot 456 Catalogue of Official Perfins (G.B.),, 1967		
pp 16		£5.50
Lot 776 Perfins from Czechoslovakia, Maxa, 1972 pp 58		£5.00
Lot 832 Railroad Perfins of U.S. & Canada, Harris 1966,		
pp 60		£8.00
Lot 883 Perfins of the Middle East, Tilles, pp16, loose		£3.00
The Auctions Tell You, P. Ibbotson, Philatelic Mag, Nov 1981		
Stanley Gibbons Auctions		
South Australia 1905-09 £1 blue perf 12½, o.g., block of 4		
perfinned "SA"		£280
Phillips		
Australia 1915-28 £2 perfinned "OS" m		£140
Western Auctions		
Australia 1915-29 10/- aniline pink, misplaced Roo,		
perfinned "OS" u		£31
Harry Hayes Philatelic Literature Auction No 74 Jan 1981		
Lot 9986 The POKO issues of the Netherlands; Bauder, 1974	unsold	
Lot 216 KG V appr 1000 perfins		£19
Lot 217 QE II appr 1000 perfins		£8
Lot 218 KG V & KE VIII 800 perfins		£12
Lot 412 Canadian Stamps with perforated initials, 1955, pp32		£4
Lot 413 Canada; Kaple Leaves check list of OHMS stamps		
ca 1947 pp8		£5
Lot 487 Perfins of Hungary; Magyar Philatelic Soc pp50		£3
Lot 560 Perfins of the Middle East, Tilles, 1975, pp16		£4
The Auctions Tell You, P. Ibbotson, Philatelic Mag. Dec 1981		
Bournemouth Stamp Auctions		
G.B. unused QV ½d orange p.s. envelope with SAVORY &		
MOORE advertising ring		£18
G.B. 1870 pink pos. envelope showing PARKINS & GOTTO		
advertising ring		£25
Stanley Gibbons Auctions		
Australia 1924 1½d perfinned OS/NSW o.g. block of 6		£14
Harmers of London		
South Australia 1905-11 1d scarlet in pane 60 perfinned		
"SA" wmk inverted_		£22

A. G. P. Ellis

A recent article by Ewart Sanders in "Stamps" inspired me to take a closer look at my copies of the GWR perfin on penny reds. I was interested to find what appear to be two variations of 435.2. They may be "old hat" to more experienced collectors, in particular to railway specialists, but I thought that there may be others like me to whom they would be new and therefore of interest.

Perfin 435.1 appears to have been used on the earlier plate numbers only, the first copy I have being on 102 and the latest on 136. 435.2 seems to have been used for an extended period, as my copies range from 117 to 210. There is a gap between 124 and 151 but this is probably due to the limited number of stamps I hold rather than to a cessation of use. Despite the fact that a number of machines may have been in use, the pattern is fairly consistent throughout the period, though there is what appears to be fractional pin displacement in some copies.

The first possible variety appears, in fact, roughly during the gap mentioned above, it has a wider space between the bottom two holes in the centre of the W than is the case in the catalogue illustration. I only have three copies on plates 130, 143 and 153.

The second is similar but with a wider spacing still and I have copies on plates 104, 106 and 116 plus two others with plate numbers that are not too clear but are most likely from the same period.. In both varieties the pin holes are rather smaller than in the normal 435.2, those in the second one being the most noticeably so. One copy of the second variety has a missing pin at the top of the R and this may have been the cause of the limited use of this pattern.

The plate numbers, while giving some indication of the period of use, are not as much use as might be expected as many of the plates remained in use for a number of years. This is shown by the fact that my earliest GWR perfin is on plate 102 which was first put to press on 16th April 1866, i.e. four years or so before Sloper's machines came on the market. It is certain that the Great Western Railway was one of the earliest users of perfins.

Note by the Secretary . Mr Ellis tells me that he wrote this as the result of Mary Thornton's comments in a recent bulletin. He sent photos of the varieties, but I am at a loss to know how to reproduce these. If anyone would like a copy I will send one (s.a.e. please!).

I hope this will spur other members to send in similar notes.

Membership List March 1982

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Burrows P C
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Butler J G
Butt A W

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Classey D S

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Fountain C

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Franklin R

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Geach D H
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Gossage R E
Gough M C

Hackett L P
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Hamilton B G
Hammond A D
Hands R D

Harp M
Harris A J
Hempsall M
Hewitt F W H

Hewlett M R

Hewson J E
Hoover S W
Horwood F
Houtris D
Husband R R

Ince R J

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Jones P J

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Lush H.J

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Regnier C H
Reid J F

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Stering-Krugheim Dipl Ing
Stockton P S

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Stirales A
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Tomasson G D
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Venables T
Voller L P
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Wassell L L
Welch M O
Werner M

Whitehead E L
Williams E N
Woodward-Clarke R L

Wornum R E
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Wright Miss N K
Wylie R D

Young K Rymer

NEW IDENTITIES RECEIVED

327.1	<u>From Mr. R. J. McKee.</u> H.H/ & Co	12,12/14,8,6	4½	III	Henry Head & Co Ltd, Cornhill, London.
350B	JHA/ & Co	7,12,10/12,8,6	4½	III	John H. Austin & Co, London. EC.
163.2	M&Co/L	15,14,8,4/7	5½	III	Markt & Co (London) Ltd London EC1.
20A	O/BC	8/11,7	4½		Ossett Borough Council Yorkshire.
476.2	SM	11,13	5½		Simkin Marshall Ltd, London EC 4.
291.1	WG	12,9	4½		3. Williams & Glynns Bank Ltd.
246.1	<u>From Mr. J. L. Purcell.</u> AG	8,9	4½		3.A. Garniere & Co Ltd. London.
441	E/S&S	10/10,14,10	5	III	Edwd Stillwell & Son, London.
99.1	G/ & Co	10/12,8,6	4½	IIIa	2. Glynn & Co. Old Bond St London.
36.1	HB	10,11	4½		2. Borough of Hampstead.
130.4	W&Co	16/14,8,4	4½	III	Geo. W. Wheatley & Co. London W.
101.1b	<u>Dr. R. Powell.</u> PCL	10,8,7 (13mm wide)	5		Price's Patent Candle Co, Ltd. London S.W.
391.5	<u>From Mr. A.F. Smith.</u> PR/L	10,11/7	4½		Peter Robinson Ltd, Regent St, London W.
256	R.H./ & W	12,12/14,16	4½	III	Ravencroft, Hills & Woodward. London WC.
79	S.B.L.	10,15,7	4½		School Board of London
<u>Confirmations.</u>					
46	HBC	12,14,8	5		Hackney Boro' Council.
581	S.P./C.	11,10/8	5½		Boro' of St Pancras.

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<u>From Mr A F Smith</u>					
581A	SPC/L	13,11,8/7	4½		S.P.Catterson, Globe Lamp Wks. London S.E.
<u>From Mr David Scott.</u>					
539.1	WML/S&C	14,15,7/10,12,8	4½	IIIa	W.McLaren Sons & Co, Glasgow.
322A	WGP	14,10,10	4½		W.G. Pratt & Co Ltd, Mark Lane. London EC3
100	JB&/SONS	7,13,13/11,10,13,11	4½	III	John Barran & Sons Leeds.
671.1A	B&S/L	13,12,10/7	4½	IIIa	Buckley & Sons. Leeds.
Identity Confirmed.					
485.3	S&/McD	13,14/17,6,12	5½	III	Stewart & Macdonalds, Glasgow & Leeds.
Correction					
95	T&C/L	Should be Thorneloe & Clarkson, Leicester.			
<u>From Mr Enschede.</u>					
493.5	JL/&Co	7,7/14,8,4	4½	III	Jeremiah Lyon & Co Ltd, London.
<u>From Mrs M. R. Smith.</u>					
721.3	ST/C	9,10/10	5½		Standard Telephones & Cables Ltd. London WC2
72	PB/Ld	10,14/7,6	5/4½		Pim Brothers Ltd, Dublin.
487.4	R&S/M	11,13,11/15	6½	III	Ryland & Sons Ltd, Manchester
451A	G&S	10,12,10	4½	IIIa	Grainger & Smith Ltd, Dudley.
681.4	JS	7,10	5½		James Snook & Co Ltd, Nottingham
817.2	S&W/Ld	11,12,13/7,7	4½	IIIa	Sunderland & Wilton Ltd Leeds.
444A.1	DS/&Co	11,10/12,8,6	4½	IIIa	David Selanders & Co Glasgow.
356.1	WH/CoL	16,12/8,4,7	4½		W M Hollins & Co Ltd, Mansfield
Correction.					
36.3	HB	Should read HB/.	12.13/1		Hollington Bros, London E
<u>From Mr R.J. McKee</u>					
474	AR&Co	10,11/14,8,4	5	III	A. Runge & Co. London EC
111.3	BC	11,7	4½		Burton Baker & Co Ltd Leatherhead, Surrey
155.1	B&Co./L	15,14,10,6/8	4	III	Baxendale & Co Ltd, Liverpool.
855	CW/SL	8,13/10,7	4½		Charles Wright & Son Ltd Wirksworth.