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At Home and Abroad.

By PHILATEL.

Imperforate B.S.A. Stamps.

I HEAR from Mr. F. H. Ansell, of Johannesburg, that the partly-imperforate varieties of the 1d. rose British South Africa (No. 60 in both Gibbons and Bright) are possibly not so scarce as was at first supposed. Mr. Ansell declares that he knows of three complete sheets of 240 stamps; that he has seen the stamps both "imperf. vertically" and "imperf. horizontally," and that a block of 28 was recently offered in Johannesburg at £3.

The kindly Austrian Government!

I TAKE the following paragraph from the "Evening Telegraph and Post," of Dundee:—

The Postal Administration of Austria has just taken a somewhat unusual step, which will doubtless be much appreciated by philatelists. It has opened at Vienna a special bureau for the benefit of stamp collectors, where amateurs or professional dealers may obtain specimens of every type of stamp, postcard, &c., in use in Austria, the Levant, and the Isle of Crete, either new or obliterated as desired, and at the ruling price of the day.

Awfully sweet of the Postal Administration of Austria, isn't it?

In Defence of Brunei.

"TRUTH" closes its series of comments on various Colonial postal abuses by publishing a letter from Mr. H. L. Ewen, wherein that gentleman takes up the cudgels on behalf of Brunei, and controverts most of the points of "Truth's" attack. Mr. Labouchere, however, remains unconvinced, and as he makes it particularly clear that no further correspondence is invited, it must be assumed that "Truth" is tired of its brief philatelic boom and is off on the track of other scandals.

The Bath Philatelic Society.

I REJOICE to hear that the Bath Philatelic Society is still in existence. It has been so remarkably quiet about its proceedings that I long since feared the worst; for these are the days of hustling societies, whose doings are fully and frequently reported. I gather that Mr. C. J. Preater, the Hon. Secretary, is now arranging for the publication of the annual report of the Bath Philatelic Society, which of course is fairly substantial proof that that Society is still among the actualities of the philatelic world. I wish it long life and activity—also a little more publicity!

Australian Punctured Officials.

ADDITIONS TO THE LIST.

TO the list of Australian Punctured Officials given on page 180 of the last volume of the *Fortnightly*, the following additions are made by the "Australian Philatelist":—

NEW SOUTH WALES.

O.S.

- 10 holes in S, 8d. wmk. Cr. and N.S.W.
- 8 " " 9d. on 10d. and 10d. wmk. Cr. and N.S.W.
- 8 " " 2s. 6d. wmk. Cr. and A.

O.S.N.S.W.

- 1s. wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., 7 holes to second S (one needle broken).
- 6d. perf. 12x11, wmk. Cr. and A.
- 2s. 6d. perf. 12x11½, wmk. Cr. and A.
- 10d., 1s., and 2s. 6d., on Victoria paper.

G.R.

- 1d. wmk. Cr. and N.S.W., punctured sideways.
- 1d. " " doubled punctures, both inverted.
- 1d. " " pair punctured tete-beche.
- 3d. " " punctures inverted.

QUEENSLAND.

- Large O.S., 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., and 6d.
- " " with S reversed, 2d.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

O.S.

- 8d. and 10d. thin postage, wmk. Cr. and S.A.
- 2s. 6d. thick postage, wmk. Cr. and S.A.
- 6d. " " Cr. and A.

S.A.

- 9d. thick postage, wmk. Cr. and S.A.
- Twice, ½d. and 2d.
- Inverted, 4d. thin postage, perf. 12½, and perf. 11½ three sides by 12½.

WEST AUSTRALIA.

O.S.

- 3d., 4d. and 9d., wmk. Cr. and A., perf. 11.
- 9d., wmk., Cr. and A sideways, perf. 11.

W.A.

- Twice, 4d. wmk. V and Cr.