

## THE OXFORD UNION SOCIETY 1d. POSTAGE STAMP.

### A NEW DISCOVERY.

**M**ESSRS Herbert James and Co., of 43 Eastcheap, have shown us the 1d., lilac postage stamp (16 pearls) overprinted on the back "O.U.S." in lilac (the colour of the stamp). The surcharge reads downwards between narrow wavy lines. This is a very interesting discovery as the variety previously known to us has the surcharge in red. The discovery was made by Mr G. C. Warden while examining a very large number of English stamps. This surcharge ceased in October, 1882 and the 1d., lilac, with red surcharge, is extremely scarce so that this newly discovered variety, with lilac surcharge, must be a very rare stamp.

## MOSQUITO RESERVATION.

BY LIONEL M. HOMBURGER.

**T**HE stamp chronicled in the Journal for May, 1903, is a member of an issue of 1891. The stamps of this issue are circular in form and four in number, all printed in black on blue paper, viz. 5c., 10c., 50c., and \$1. The last mentioned value is very rare, only two copies being known to me, the 50c. is also scarce while the 10c. is the most common variety. I have fortunately obtained a specimen of the 10 cents on the original receipt. This relates to the delivery of 25 cases of wines, spirits, &c. costing \$10.50. The stamp is cancelled Oct. 13th, 1892, the words "Recd. payment" being written across the receipt. In 1893 the Mosquito Reserve was absorbed into Nicaragua. Telegraph stamps of Nicaragua were in use surcharged "Mosquito Reservation."

## THE "CONSULTATION FEE" STAMP, GUILDHALL.

BY D. THOMSON.

**G**iven the various issues of Municipal stamps now current, that of the City of London is quite distinct in design and color from those in use elsewhere. Besides the "Justice Room" issue of stamps used at the Mansion House, there exists a stamp in use at the Guildhall only, for a purpose which cannot strictly be said to be legal work. The stamp is large rectangular, printed in black and perforated: the design consists of the arms of the City of London surmounted by a crest, at the top a fancy label containing "Consultation Fee, Guildhall," and at the bottom "Half-a-Crown." Before the existing Royal Courts were built, the



Common Law Judges used to hold Sittings every term at the Guildhall for the trial of Commercial actions: the Counsel and Solicitors engaged found it necessary occasionally to have consultations together, and for this purpose they required the use of a room: a room was always available, and could be secured on application to the proper Official, and the amount to be paid for the use of the room was 2/6, a formal receipt for which was given with one of these stamps affixed to it. It will thus be seen, that the "Consultation Fee" was merely an amount paid to the Guildhall Authorities for the hire of a room. The plate from which the stamp was printed, was it appears a costly one; the authorities have never recouped themselves for the outlay as few of the stamps were ever used, they are seldom used now, and are not sold to the public as the authorities "cannot assent to the disposal of the stamps in any way other than that for which they are specifically issued."

## THE FISCAL PHILATELIC SOCIETY.

**M**EETING held Thursday, April 7th, 1904. Present—Mr. Schwabacher (chair). Messrs. Fulcher, Marsh, Morley, Thompson, Thomson, South and Kay.

A. C. Roussel (Canada) was duly elected a member. Two applications for membership were declined by the Committee.

Mr Morley showed many interesting fiscals, including Ceylon receipt, 1d., no wmk., perf. 13, —Great Britain, Foreign Bill, small 6d. lilac, imperf., —£1 purple, perf. 12½, and several unchronicled Indians.

The fiscals of Berne were discussed and catalogued.

Received for the library, with thanks,—“Die Stempelmarke” (Feb. 1904), “New Zealand Philatelist” (Jan. 1904), “Revista S. F. Argentina” (Dec. 1903).

From the March packet of the Home Exchange Section, upwards of £22 was sold from a total circulated value of £94. The April contribution to the Continental Section amounted to 1077 francs nett. Members will oblige by sending sheets more regularly, and selections from continental members for circulation in the Home Section, are particularly requested.

Applications for Rules and information respecting the Society should be addressed to the Hon. Secretary,

A. B. Kay, 2, Haarlem Mansions,  
West Kensington, London, W.

## TELEGRAPH CHRONICLE.

**Colombia.** Our publisher has discovered some unrecorded varieties.

1896-1900? Type 150 of the Catalogue.

50c., black on yellow. Imp.

Also similar to Type 151 but with Arms smaller and lettering much larger.

1 peso, green on green. Imperf.

1901. The 10c., brown on buff and 20c., blue on blue (Type chronicled in Jan. 1902) roughly pin perf.