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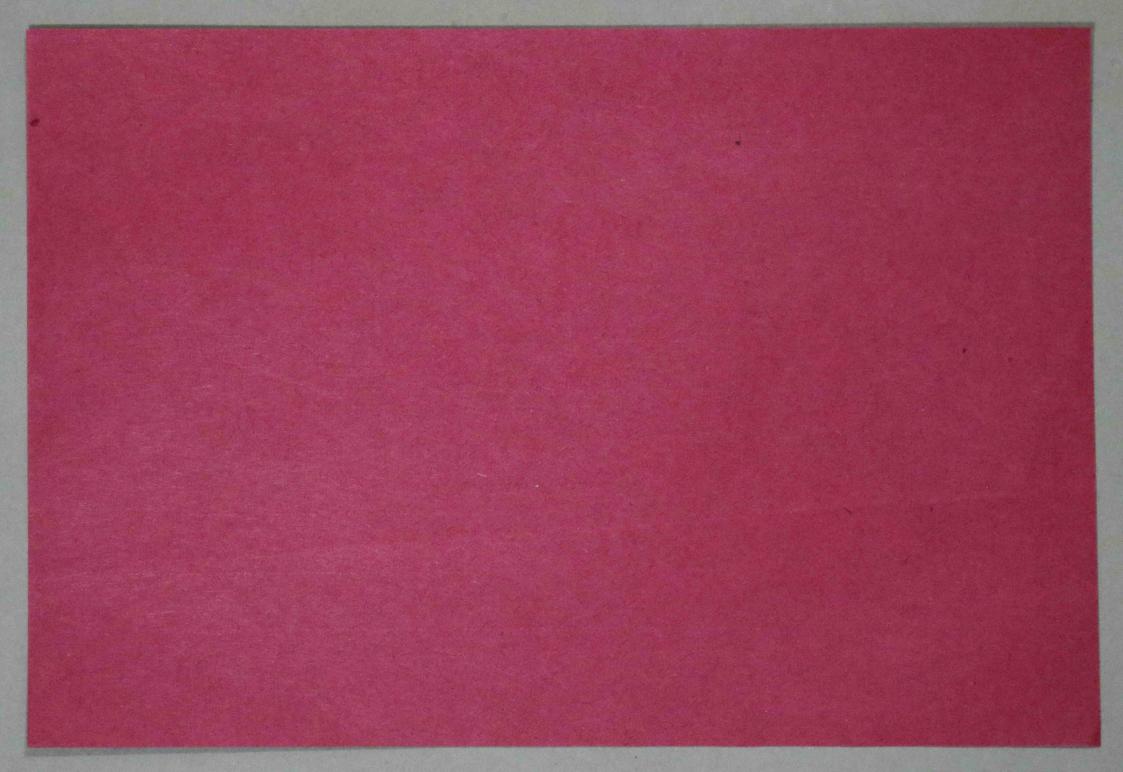
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EDITORIAL

THE Philatelic Exhibition held at Manchester on the 18th, 19th, and 20th February, under the auspices of the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society, was one of the most successful gatherings of the kind ever held in this country. As a non-competitive exhibition we do not think it has ever been equalled, for a magnificent array of stamps was on view, and philatelists attended in their thousands. The value of the exhibits was between £30,000 and £40,000, and up to the morning of the exhibition about 22,000 tickets had been disposed of.

The work of engineering such a big affair has kept our Manchester friends busy during the last twelve months, and the result has more than justified their strenuous labours. We heartily congratulate the Manchester Junior Philatelic Society on the success of the exhibition, and add a special word of commendation to Mr. I. J. Bernstein (President), Mr. J. R. M. Albrecht (Hon. Secretary), Mr. D. A. Berry, Mr. J. J. Darlow, and Mr. J. S. Higgins, jun., to whose indefatigable efforts most of the success was due.

The exhibition was opened by the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Alderman Holt), in the presence of a crowded audience, which

included a large number of well-known philatelists from all parts of the country.

At the same time the first Philatelic Congress ever held in this country took place. Delegates were sent from all the chief societies, and though a considerable portion of the proceedings led to nothing definite, the effect of discussion of the different subjects cannot be said to be abortive. At any rate, the gathering together of so many philatelists of widely different experience and opinions at this inaugural National Congress is greatly to the credit of the Manchester Juniors, and the ice having now been broken, similar gatherings will probably be an important annual philatelic feature.

The working post-office, which was installed by special permission of the Postmaster-General during the exhibition, was a novel feature that excited much interest. The special postmark which was used in connection with this temporary post-office will form an interesting souvenir of Manchester's second Philatelic Exhibition and first Congress. We understand some thousands of missives were posted on each of the three days, and that the stampers were kept hard at work with the exhibition postmark.



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THE POSTAGE STAMPS OF ZULULAND

By BERTRAM W. H. POOLE

I.—Introduction

ZULULAND is a territory in north-eastern Natal, separated from it by the Tugela River. With Amatongaland it was administered as a protectorate from 1887, and in 1897 was incorporated with Natal. Including Amatongaland and the Ingwavuma district, it covers an area of 10,461 square miles, and has a population of about 190,000, of whom only 1300 are whites. St. Lucia Lagoon and Bay gives it communication with the sea. Its coast lands are unhealthy, but the interior affords some of the finest pasture land in South Africa.

The Zulus, or Ama-zulus, from whom the country gets its name, are a Bantu people whose original domain lay between the Tugela River and Lake St. Lucia, but early in the nineteenth century was extended by conquest over Natal, the late Boer States, Southern Rhodesia, and Gazaland, and at some points even beyond the Zambesi to Nyasaland and Lake Tanganyika. With the kindred Ama-Xosas, commonly called Kaffirs, they form the Zulu-Kaffir division of the southern Bantu family. Zulus, Xosas, Galekas, Gaikas, Tembos, and all the other kaffirs are essentially one people, with common physical and mental characters, speech, religion, usages and traditions.

The history of the territory is one of almost continual bloodshed, and it well merits its cognomen of "the land of misfortune" bestowed on it by Lady Florence Dixie. Its people get their name from a legendary chief, Zulu, ancestor of Dingiswayo, who founded the Zulu state about the close of the eighteenth century. The ruthless military system introduced by him was further developed by his successor,

Chaka, during whose reign (1800-1828) the Zulu power was firmly established, and the Zulu name became a terror to all the surrounding peoples. The system was first shaken by collision with the Boer pioneers in 1834-8, when Chaka's successor, Dingaan, was overthrown in Natal, and his great captain, Umzilikatsi, driven from the Transvaal across the Limpopo to Matabeleland. The Zulu power was, however, by no means broken by these reverses, and in the seventies it was considered such a menace to Natal that Sir Bartle Frere, then High Commissioner for South Africa, embarked on a war against Cetywayo, the last of Dingiswayo's dynasty. After many blunders and many stirring examples of British bravery, Cetywayo was finally defeated and deposed in 1879, and the Zulus asked to be taken under British protection. Instead, the country was apportioned between thirteen chiefs, and mutual rivalry and jealousy soon led to all sorts of troubles. Again Britain was asked to intervene, but the Boers stepped in, took sides, and sliced off a large portion of Zululand territory to add to their own republic. The remainder was on May 19th, 1887, annexed to the British Empire, but after being separately administered for eleven years, it was handed to Natal, and now forms a part of that Colony. In 1893 there was trouble with Umzilikatsi's successor, Lobengula, until he was defeated by the English, and in 1896 the capture and deposition of the Zulu chief Gungunyana by the Portuguese in Gazaland extinguished the last remnant of the old Zulu military power. In 1906 there was a revival of Zulu unrest which had to be put down by armed force.

II.—THE FIRST ISSUE

The Proclamation of the annexation of Zululand was dated 17th May, 1887, and was signed by General A. E. Havelock, the then Governor of Natal. It ran as follows:—

"Now, therefore, I do hereby proclaim, and make known, that from and after the nineteenth day of May next, the whole of

Zululand, including the territory known as the Zulu Reserve Territory, but excluding the territory known as the New Republic, and bounded as follows:—On the south and south-west by the Colony of Natal; on the west and north-west by the New Republic; on the north by Amatongaland; and on the east by the Indian Ocean, shall be and shall be taken to be a British possession under the name of Zululand."

It was nearly twelve months after the formal annexation of the territory that provision was made for the issue of special stamps for Zululand.

The Natal Government Gazette for May 15th, 1883, contained a proclamation stating that the postal agreement entered into by Sir A. E. Havelock, Governor of Natal, with the Resident Commissioner of Zululand, had come into force on the first of that month. It was stated that (1) All letters, etc., posted in Natal and addressed to places in Zululand, shall be prepaid by postage stamps issued by the Government of Natal; and (2) All letters, etc., posted in Zululand and addressed to places in Natal, shall be prepaid by postage stamps issued by the Government of Zululand. Other clauses related to the postal charges on letters, etc., addressed to places in South Africa outside Natal and Zululand, or to the United Kingdom or So far as places in South Africa were foreign countries. concerned, postage was paid in Zululand stamps, and the revenue accruing from their sale was credited to that territory; but on mail matter sent to the United Kingdom or elsewhere by sea, postage was, I presume, also paid by means of Zululand stamps, but the whole credit of this had to be given to the Government of Natal.

The Zululand postal service was inaugurated on May 1st, 1888, as stated in the above agreement, and on that date postage stamps were issued, these consisting of the then current stamps of Great Britain surcharged with the word "ZULULAND." The values first issued were 1d., 2d., 3d., 4d., 6d.; the $\frac{1}{2}d.$ was added in November, and other values in 1891, 1892, and 1893, until the complete set in use was as follows:-

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4d.	green and brown		" May 1888
	lilac and ultramarin	e	" March 1893
6d.	purple on red		" May 1888
9d.	purple and blue		" April 1892
	green		" April 1892
5/-	carmine		" April 1892

The above dates of issue are given on the authority of the Royal Philatelic Society's valuable work, "Africa: Part III.," which contains the only important article on the stamps of Zululand hitherto published.







The surcharge consists of the word "ZULULAND" in sansserifs capitals, and was applied in London by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., Ltd. The word measures 16 mm. in length and the letters are $2\frac{3}{4}$ mm. high. The overprint was adjusted, as







will be seen from our illustrations, in such a manner as not to cover the value in each case.

Before proceeding further it will, perhaps, be as well to note the sizes of the sheets of the different values in an unsurcharged state. The $\frac{1}{2}d$., 1d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{2}d$., 3d., 5d., 6d. and 1s. stamps were in sheets of 240, divided into two panes of 120 each (ten horizontal rows of 12), arranged one above the other.







The 4d. and 9d. stamps were in sheets of 80, divided into four panes of 20 each (four horizontal rows of 5), arranged two and two. The 5s. stamp was printed in sheets of 112, divided into two panes of 56 each (seven horizontal rows of 8), arranged one above the other.

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would be welcome relates to the manner in which the overprint was applied. Was a whole sheet surcharged at a time or not? There is nothing in "Africa: Part III." to show how many stamps were overprinted at a time, nor can I find any notes relating to this in any of the philatelic journals.

The surcharge, as stated above, was applied by Messrs. De La Rue and Co., and, as is usual with the work of this firm, it is so well done that there are no varieties of any importance.

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In fact, the only one I have seen is of a very minor character consisting of a flaw on the inner portion of the "D" at the base. I have seen it on the 2d. and 5d., but it probably exists on all values—at any rate, on all in the same sized sheets, *i.e.* the $\frac{1}{2}d$., 1d., 2d., $2\frac{1}{2}d$., 3d., 5d., 6d. and 1s.

The 2d. value is known with inverted surcharge, the error being exceedingly scarce. The first notice I can find of a properly authenticated specimen appears in the Monthly Journal for June 1903, as follows: "We are shown a copy of the 2d, of 1888 with the surcharge inverted, and although we are, as a rule, sceptical on the subject of abnormal varieties of comparatively simple overprints, we believe this to be perfectly genuine. The stamp is on the entire original envelope, which it seems to have helped to frank from Rorke's Drift to The envelope bears a 4d. London, E.C., in November 1888. stamp of the same issue, with surcharge normal, by the side of the 2d.; both stamps are postmarked 'RORKES DRIFT-NATAL—6.11.88,' and the postmarks overlap, so that portions of each appear upon each stamp. There is also the postmark of the 'G.P.O.—NATAL—E NO. 9.88' on the envelope, and there are two London postmarks dated 'No 30 88.' There seems to be no room for doubt as to the genuine nature of the surcharge, which has been carefully measured and examined, though it is curious that such a variety should have remained so long unknown to collectors."

There are no official records available as to the actual number of stamps overprinted, though in *Morley's Philatelic Journal* for March 1900, an account is given of the total number of each value sold from figures supplied by the late Commissoner of Stamps in Zululand, viz.:—

$\frac{1}{2}d$. vermilion		268,224
1d. lilac		459,776
2d. green and carmine		31,987
$2\frac{1}{2}d$. purple on blue.		28,544
3d. purple on yellow		11,949



4d. green and brown		20,250
5d. lilac and ultramarine		6,428
6d. purple on red .		11,405
9d. purple and blue.		3,701
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The following is a synopsis of the varieties, the prices being those at which our publisher can supply the stamps:—

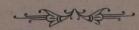
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3d. purple on yellow		4	6	4	6
4d. green and brown		2	6	2	6
5d. lilac and ultramarine		12	0	12	0
6d. purple on red .		10	0	8	0
9d. purple and blue		15	0	13	6
1s. green		12	6	10	0
5s. carmine		65	0		

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THINGS WORTH KNOWING

BY THE EDITOR

LIX.—THE CHOICE OF AN ALBUM

EVERY collector who takes pride in his collection will agree that the proper housing of his treasures is a matter to which the most careful and serious consideration should be devoted.

Unfortunately so many collectors grudge spending the necessary amount to procure a good album. They seem to imagine that any sort of a book will do to mount their stamps in, and that the less money expended in that direction the better, for it will leave a larger amount to be spent in the acquisition of new specimens. Surely this is a most mistaken policy, for if one takes any pride whatever in one's collection, the stamps should be mounted in a suitable album, and so arranged that their charms may be displayed to the best possible advantage. Half the pleasure and interest attaching to a collection is lost if the stamps are placed in a commonplace cheap-looking book—even the most beautiful stamps lose some of their charms if mounted in an unsuitable receptacle—so that the choosing of a well-made and well-compiled album is a matter of very real importance.

The problem, therefore, that is bound to confront every collector at some time or other is, "Which is the best album for my individual requirements?"

The matter offers little difficulty to the specialist, for he either thinks it worth while to have special albums made to meet his particular tastes, or he utilises one or other of the admirable makes of interchangeable albums now on the market.

To the general collector, however, the problem is one that calls for a good deal of consideration, and where there are so many excellent albums to choose from, it is a by no means easy task to select the one most suitable for his personal require-Take the case of the average collector. When he is first bitten with the desire to become a philatelist, he probably sticks his stamps in the first blank book that comes to hand, or invests a shilling or two in the purchase of a cheap album. Being yet but a very inexperienced beginner, he sticks his stamps in anyhow, as he has no knowledge of any sort of philatelic arrangement. In the course of time our collecting friend becomes more expert, and the day arrives when he becomes dissatisfied with his primitive style of album, and it occurs to him that he must invest in a larger and more suitable one. This is really an important and critical stage in his collecting career, for on his choice his future methods of collecting will largely depend. It is thus highly important that he should use great care and deliberation in choosing the best album he can obtain, after having first decided on what lines he proposes to collect in future.

As we stated before, there are many excellent albums to choose from, and though, fundamentally, it is a case of "every one to his taste," it may be helpful to have other opinions on the subject. Roughly speaking stamp albums may be divided into three main classes, viz.:—

(a) Printed albums in which the collector is left to arrange his stamps anyhow.

(b) Printed albums with the spaces numbered and arranged, so that the stamps can be placed in their correct order.

(c) Blank albums.

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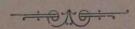
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Next month we shall endeavour to point out the chief merits and most glaring defects in these different sorts of albums.

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STAMPS OF THE MOMENT—Bulgaria

BY BERTRAM W. H. POOLE

I.—INTRODUCTION

In the present troublous times in the Balkan Peninsula, Bulgaria, by asserting its independence and throwing off the yoke of Turkey's suzerainty in direct defiance of the terms of the Treaty of Berlin, occupies a leading place in what the newspapers call "the public eye," and its postal issues are thus essentially "stamps of the moment." But, apart from any topical interest, the stamps of Bulgaria offer a practically unexplored field to the studious philatelist, though they abound in interesting varieties as I shall endeavour to show in the following article.

Bulgaria is bounded on the north by Roumania, from which it is separated by the Danube; on the west by Servia and Macedonia; on the east by the Black Sea; and on the south by the Turkish province of Adrianople. The country is hilly, and the climate is characterised by short, hot, rainless summers; short, dry winters; rainy springs and autumns, and extreme

variations in temperature.

The country is divided into two main divisions, viz.: North Bulgaria with an area of 24,237 square miles, and South Bulgaria (formerly known as Eastern Roumelia) with an area of 12,706 square miles. The population numbers over four millions, of which about three-quarters are Bulgarians proper, the others, in numerical order, comprising Turks, Gipsies, Roumanians, Greeks, Jews, Tartars, Armenians, Germans, Austrians, Albanians, Russians, Czechs, Servians, Italians, etc. The state religion is the Greek Orthodox (professed by 75 per

cent. of the inhabitants), but there is absolute religious toleration.

The earliest inhabitants of this part of the world (Mesia) were Thracians. At what time the first settlements of Slavs were made in the Balkan Peninsula has not been ascertained, but, according to Drinov and others, they can be traced as early as the third and fourth centuries A.D. They were subjugated in the seventh century by a horde of Ugro-Finnish conquerors, from whom they took the name of Bulgarians. These Bulgarians came from the banks of the Volga, and the ruins of their capital, Bolgari, still remain there. In the beginning of the ninth century we find Krum reigning, against whom the Greek emperor, Nicephorus, undertook three expeditions, in the last of which he was killed (811). His skull, chased with gold, became a drinking-cup at the Bulgarian banquets. The Bulgarians accepted Christianity in the time of Boris or Bogoris, who was baptised under the name of Michael in 864.

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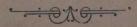
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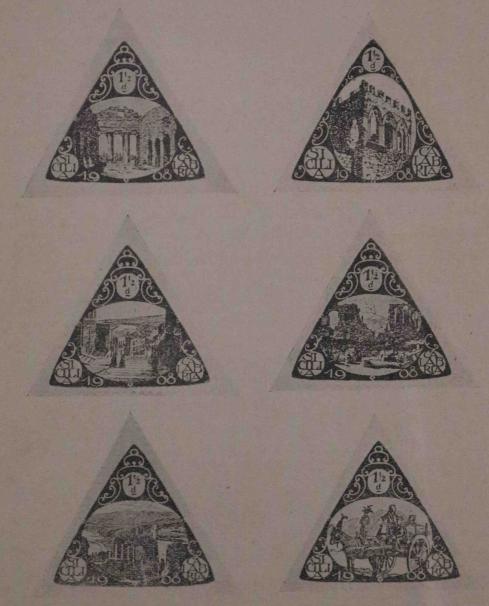
The most flourishing time of the Bulgarian Empire was the reign of Simeon (893–927). He had been educated at Constantinople, and was a patron of letters; he also defeated the Byzantines in war, twice capturing Adrianople. We have, however, many instances of his cruelty recorded in the chronicles. In the time of Peter (927–968), Bulgaria was divided into Eastern and Western. In 1018 the first Bulgarian Empire was brought to an end by the Byzantine sovereign Basil II., but it was revived under the brothers Peter and Asen in 1186. In 1211 began the great persecution of the religious sect known as the Bogomiles. From 1218–41 John Asen II. ruled, and Bulgaria again enjoyed prosperity. In 1353 the Turks came into Europe, and the whole peninsula gradually fell under their yoke, Bulgaria's turn coming in 1393.

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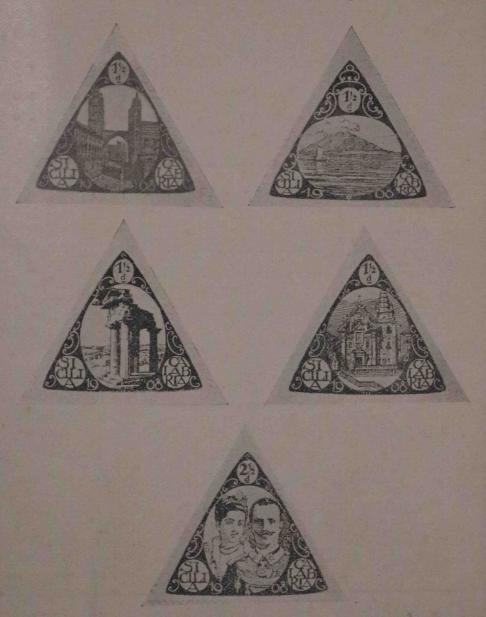
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