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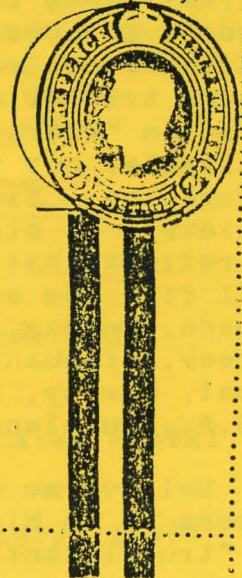
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E D I T O R I A L

"P.S." having reached its 14th issue, an outline of editorial thinking seems timely.

From the start, almost 7 years ago, I have surveyed the journals of several other philatelic societies. Some are stodgy, some are frothy; some seem to have been written by editor alone. These all amount to pitfalls. Then again, sheets stapled at the top left corner are fine for a newsletter, but a journal needs to be in booklet form - with as many members as possible contributing to its contents. Smartness can easily become a fad - a pretty packing around trivial contents legitimately raises the question "Where's the beef?"! Illustrations too are desirable, but they should be practical, not just decorative. Finally, we are not a one-country society - we claim to cover the World. "P.S." tries to reflect that: look back through its issues and you will find the subjects include Australia, Belgium, Canada, Danzig, France, Germany, G.B., India, Japan, Jersey, Lithuania, Isle of Man, Mexico, Nigeria, Nepal, Norway, Russia, Sierra Leone, South Africa, U.S.A., Zululand...and so forth!

Believe me when I echo the words of the rustic actors in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" by saying that my "true intent is all for your delight".

Peter van Gelder

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES

In this new feature the leading books relating to postal stationery, and of any publication date, will be listed country by country. Members with specialist knowledge of a country or countries are invited to send in their lists for possible future publication. In drawing up the list that follows I have had the advantage of consulting David Padgham, President of the India Study Circle.

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1. INDIA

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QUERY CORNER

Gorringe's Unusual Window Envelope

The following query has come from Bill Meredith:-
I am seeking information about my Frederick Gorringe window envelope front (see illustration). The odd feature is the letter-press stamp. I know nothing more than can be seen, having got the item in an auction lot some years ago. I hope to find someone with a whole such envelope (particularly if it is for sale).

McLean's Lettercard

Another G.B. topic on which Bill Meredith seeks information is as follows:-
In "The Evolution of British Stamped Post Cards & Letter Cards" (by H. Dagnall) there is on page 174 a photograph of a James McLean reply lettercard with embossed 2½d stamp. The explanation of how this odd item of postal stationery came to exist is given in the book, which also mentions the insistence of the Post Office that the stamp should be placed so as to cover completely the printed datestamp circle so as to avoid any misunderstanding as to whether the stamp had been used. Mr Dagnall's photograph shows the stamp in, presumably, the correct position to comply with Post Office instructions.

I have separately bought two of these lettercards. My first purchase (illustrated here) shows the stamp about ½" out of alignment to the right, and revealing a large part of the datestamp circle on the left. This is exactly what the P.O. instructions were intended to avoid. My second purchase has the stamp more in line with the instructions but still shows a vertical variation from the stamp position shown in Mr Dagnall's illustration.

I should like to find out how many of these lettercards remain in existence, and whether any of them have misplaced stamps - also whether used examples are known.

In case of Non-Delivery
Return to
FREDERICK GORRINGE Ltd.,
Buckingham Palace Road,
LONDON, S.W. 1.



Goringe envelope (see p.4)

Parker's Burslem Brewery proxy
card (see p.6)

PARKER'S BURSLEM BREWERY LIMITED.

PROXY

I/WE, the undersigned, a member of Parker's Burslem Brewery Limited, hereby appoint Captain GEOFFREY WILLIAM DOBSON, of "Heydon House", Stoke-on-Trent, or failing him JOHN TOMKINSON KENT, of "The Grange", Stockton Brook, Stoke-on-Trent, or failing him SIR COLIN LLEWELLYN BULLOCK, of 9 The Boltons, South Kensington, London, S.W.10, all members of the Company as my/our proxy to vote on my/our behalf at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the 14th day of September, 1948, and at any adjournment thereof.

As witness my/our hand(s) this _____ day of _____ 1948.

Signature _____
FULL NAME(S) in which Stock is Registered.
Please use Block Letters.

Resolution
For _____
Against _____

Holding £ _____

Please indicate with a X in the space above how you wish your votes to be cast. Should this card be returned signed but without specific direction(s) your votes will be counted in favour of the Resolution(s).

This Proxy must be deposited at the Registered Office of the Company not later than 12-15 p.m. on Monday, 13th September, 1948.
In case of a Corporation this Proxy should be under its Common Seal, or under the hand of one of its Directors.

T O P I C S

POSTAL STATIONERY PROXY CARDS

This topic was first raised in the February 1998 Editorial, which was followed by two articles in the October 1998 journal. Several other members responded, including Peter O'Keefe, as follows:-

"I have a couple of these proxy cards, each KGVI 1d red imprinted stamp on the address side (Huggins type L24), and either an oval 1d orange revenue embossed stamp (London Metropolitan Co. Ltd) or a red Huggins type L24 (Alvis Ltd.) on the message side.

"I also have a post card issued by Parkers Burslem Brewery Ltd. which - although strictly not postal stationery - is unusual in having a 1d pale red adhesive front & back; the 'form of proxy' message is printed OVER the adhesive stamp (see illustration). Maybe the company did not order enough embossed cards, and so needed a few more, or perhaps they had only a few shareholders and did not feel justified in applying for (or have time to obtain) printings of the orange revenue stamp. This item is dated 1948.

"I also have KGV ½d cards for London Necropolis and the Anglo-South American Bank Ltd. each with 1d orange revenue impressions (dated November 1936 & January 1936 respectively). My earliest card of this type is for the British South Africa Co. with an imprinted KGV ½d Downey head - the revenue stamp is dated December 1914. I have yet to see a p.s. proxy card dated earlier than 1914."

Another response has come from Adrian Parker:-

"I find the earliest of these cards in my collection bears a KGV ½d ¾-face letterpress stamp and relates to a meeting of Camp Bird Co. on 28th November 1918. My latest example with an impressed revenue stamp bears a KGVI 1d carmine embossed stamp and relates to a meeting of Timothy Whites & Taylors on 29th July 1947. However, forms of proxy con-

Reporting on the activities of the Society over the past 12 months

Welcome to the new style Newsletter with a thank you to those members who have written in with their queries and comments. You will notice that Tony Chilton, our Auctioneer has produced **TWO** auction lists. The Postal Auction (closing date 10th August 1999) is printed on coloured paper. Please use the coloured bid form for bids for the postal auction. The main auction will be held at our meeting in October, if you are bidding by post for the main auction please put your bids on the white bid form.

We have held two meetings in London since the last Newsletter:

AGM HELD ON 26th SEPTEMBER 1998.

Eleven members were present, apologies were received from Sam Barkley, Maurice Brown, Michael Smith, Iain Stevenson and David Taylor Smith. The minutes of the previous meeting were included in Newsletter No. 4 which had been circulated to all members.

Matters arising were dealt with under item 9 (Chairman's Report).

Secretary's Report. Due to illness, the Secretary was unable to be at the meeting, his report was read out by the Chairman. Membership stands at 210 which includes 67 from abroad. The proportion of members from the UK had shown a large increase. Displays at the last two meetings had been of a high standard, however attendance at these meetings was low.

Treasurer's Report. Copies of the audited accounts for the year ending 31st August 1998 were circulated to members at the meeting. The Treasurer reported that the balance in the accounts was substantial and healthy, and on the basis of this, and with the substantial income from the Auctions, thanks to the fine work of Tony Chilton, there was no

requirement to increase the subscriptions for this coming year. In addition to interest earned a further £250 had been transferred from the Cheque Account to the Investment Account during the year.

The adoption of the accounts was proposed by Colin Baker and seconded by John Barker.

Editor and Librarian's Report. The October edition of the Journal had 13 features and contained 32 pages including 2 pages of adverts; the February edition had 14 features and also contained 32 pages with 1³/₄ pages of advertising. The **Library** had recently acquired 11 new books and several journals and articles, many of which had kindly been donated. An up to date Library list will be drawn up next year.

Auctioneer's Report. This appeared in Issue No. 11 of the Journal. The Auction is well supported and contains a good range of material.

Newsletter Editor's Report. The Newsletter continues to keep members informed of meetings and other Society events and fills a gap between the February and October Editions of the Journal.

Chairman's Report. At the previous AGM the Chairman had announced his intention to stand down, however as no formal nominations for a replacement had been received, he agreed to stand for one further year. The Chairman reflected on the increasing costs of our current meeting rooms at the YWCA and suggested that the Society should try the British Philatelic Centre. Besides being cheaper, the facilities for displays were considerably better.

Election of Officers. The Officers elected for 1997/8 had agreed to stand for re-election. There being no other nominations, the existing Officers were re-elected. These are:

Chairman.	Dr A Huggins.	Editor.	Mr P van Gelder.
Secretary.	Mr D Taylor Smith.	Newsletter Editor.	Mr J Barker.
Treasurer.	Mr S Barkley.	Publicity Officer.	Mr C Baker.
Auctioneer.	Mr A Chilton.	ABPS Representative.	Mr M Smith.
Committee member.	Mr I Stevenson.	Hon Auditor.	Mr I Hunter ACMA.

Programme for 1999. There would be two meetings in London, In April the meeting would be for displays, whereas in October there would be the AGM, Auction and a display. In July members would have the opportunity to meet up at Midpex which is to be held in Coventry on Saturday July 3rd.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 12.35pm.

The remainder of the meeting was devoted to the Auction.

MEETING HELD ON 13th APRIL 1999.

15 Members attended the meeting which was held at the British Philatelic Centre. It was generally agreed that the provision for displays was excellent and the Centre was easy to get to. The Philatelic Centre is close to Farringdon Underground Station with frequent connections to the main line rail terminals. It is hoped to use this venue in future in an effort to attract more members to our meetings.

Our Chairman, Alan Huggins, gave a two part talk and display. The first part looked at the Origins of British Postal Stationery. This internationally acclaimed collection was a pleasure to see. Starting with the embossed revenue stamps which had been used to stamp documents for many years prior to the introduction of postal stationery, and proofs of geometric patterns used for security printing, the display led on with fine examples of the 1838 embossed letter sheets of the Sydney Town Post and GB Parliamentary envelopes of 1840. The Mulready envelopes and letter sheets did not prove to be very popular with the public, it had originally been thought that these would have been more popular than the adhesive labels (stamps). The letter sheets did however lend themselves to the enterprising practice of carrying adverts to partially defray their cost, so providing a means of "subsidised" post for the user. Alan showed several examples of the Mulreadies including some with additional adhesives for items with enclosures sent at the 4d rate.

The 1d pink embossed envelopes and letter sheets illustrated the development of the concerns over security of printing, initially by means of "silk" threads contained within the paper, and later by means of date plugs in line with their use in revenue stamps. It was difficult to see how the latter could have prevented forgery. The difficulty of accurately reproducing the embossing die was the main deterrent to forgery.

Response to the demands from commerce for more flexibility in the choice of stationery items was initially addressed by the production of different sizes and colour of envelopes, and from 21st October 1865 by the provision of stamping to order facilities whereby individual firms could have paper embossed with impressions of the appropriate stamps from which they could produce envelopes to their own requirements.

The second part of Alan's display looked at Foreign Rate Postcards. The first such card was issued in 1875 with a penny farthing stamp. This conformed to the General Postal Union regulation for the foreign post card rate to be 50% of the letter rate. Alan showed several essays for cards and reply cards and explained the various rates and changes in these during the latter part of the nineteenth century and the early twentieth century. Altogether an excellent talk and display which we were privileged to see.

In the afternoon session, eight members gave displays covering a wide range of topics. Great Britain featured in half of these and included "advertising" Rings on stationery, 2d blue envelopes, Edward VII stationery, Aerogrammes and Airgraphs including NAAFI forms, PoW cards and forces letter sheets. The remaining displays featured a study of the wrappers of British Guiana, some recent illustrated postage paid markings from South Africa, British Occupation of the Orange Free State, and Pneumatic mail postal stationery from France, Germany Austria and Czechoslovakia.

The displays prompted some interesting discussion and gave members an opportunity to raise questions. This was a most enjoyable meeting and a good opportunity to chat to other members.

MIDPEX SATURDAY 3rd JULY 1999.

Over 60 'Special Interest' Societies will be represented at this biennial event. Each Society has been allocated six frames to display some of the collecting interests of their members. Once again the Postal Stationery Society has been allocated a table where members will be most welcome. Besides the displays from our own members there will be other displays of postal stationery amongst those of the other specialist societies. In particular the Spanish Main Society and its Chilean and Central American Study Group will be including two frames devoted to postal stationery. At the previous Midpex, over half of the participating societies included postal stationery items in their displays with nine societies devoting complete frames to postal stationery. In addition to the society tables and displays there will be 40 dealers covering all aspects of collecting including some who deal mainly in postal stationery. If any member could spare an hour to lend a hand on the Society table please let me know, your help will be much appreciated.

Midpex will be held at the Midlands Sports Centre for the Disabled, Cromwell lane, Tile Hill, Coventry. This is situated immediately opposite Tile Hill Railway Station which is served by frequent trains from both Coventry and Birmingham. These trains stop at Birmingham International Station which services Birmingham Airport. Any member wanting further details please contact me on 0121 744 2580

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Saturday 16th October 1999 and will commence with the **Annual General Meeting**. This will be held at the British Philatelic Centre, 107, Charterhouse Street, London EC1M 6PT starting at **11.00am**. A map showing the location of the Centre was included on page 10 of the February issue (No 13) of the Journal.

Items for inclusion on the agenda of the AGM must be received by the Secretary not later than 31st August 1999. As reported elsewhere in the Newsletter, neither the Chairman nor the Publicity Officer will be seeking re-election for their posts at the AGM.

In line with items 3 & 4 of our constitution: "*An election will be held at the Annual General Meeting to elect Officers and Committee to serve for the next 12 months. Members may put forward for election to the Committee any member in good standing with the Society, having given 30 days notice to the Honorary Secretary of their intention, and having sought and been granted the permission of the nominee, to allow their name to go forward.*" All members of the Committee shall be residents of the United Kingdom. If you have any nominations or would be interested in serving on the Committee, please inform the Secretary.

Following the AGM members will have the opportunity to examine the Auction lots. At 1.00pm there will be two displays of postal stationery with accompanying talks.

The Auction comprises of over 450 lots and will start at 2.00pm. Please note that postal bids must be with the Auctioneer by Monday 11th October.

A Note From The Retiring Publicity Officer:

For the past six years I have served as the Society's Publicity officer and I would like to think that in that time I have helped to increase the membership of our Society to over 200. My career is not in publishing and I have realised recently that my ideas, press notices and general publicity material has become stale, repeating the same old thing every few months. So it is time for me to pass over the publicity pen to someone else with fresh ideas and new ways of putting them across. However, I am not leaving the Society far from it. I still want to help it grow and perhaps contribute towards reaching the 300 membership level in the future. So if I can assist in any way to achieve that goal, I will do so.

Colin Baker.

OPAL (Oriental Philatelic Association of London) **Fiftieth Anniversary**. We have received a letter from Bill Robertson, President of OPAL informing us of two parallel events in November: The 4th International Symposium on Ottoman & Turkish Philately and an Exhibition of Material relevant to the OPAL field of study. The intention is to give philatelists an opportunity to display material relevant to the OPAL area of interest (Balkans and Middle East). He is particularly interested in displays which do not qualify for 'official' exhibitions because they are too small, they contain non-approved material such as press cuttings, or have too much explanatory information etc. Any member who would be interested in displaying 1,2 or 3 frames of relevant material on a non competitive basis should contact Bill by phone/fax on +44 (0)131 445 1405 or by E-mail bill@edit515.demon.co.uk

Aims of the Postal Stationery Society.

These are given in item 2 of our Constitution: "*...to further the study of all areas of Postal Stationery and to encourage new collectors. It also aims to develop the collecting of Postal Stationery into a more regularly accepted branch of philately.*" I would like to dwell on these for the remainder of the Newsletter.

Postal Stationery Society Publications.

...to further the study of all areas of Postal Stationery and to encourage new collectors

Thanks to the work of our Editor and to the contributions from our members, we will be producing three editions of the Journal in 1999. The Journal is the main means of communication with the membership and therefore the Editor is keen to receive articles for publication as well as letters and queries. Please refer to the Editorial in the February issue of the Journal (No. 13) for details.

The Society has now got off the ground with publications in addition to the Journal. The first publication is a reprint of **Victor Marsh's "Great Britain: Abnormal Embossed Postage Stamps of King Edward VII & King George V."** This has some additional notes and illustrations

provided by Peter van Gelder. It is available for £1-70 (£2-00 if you live outside the U.K.). Please send your remittance direct to Peter whose address is inside the front cover of this Journal.

All members should have received the first in, hopefully, a long and continuing series of **Monographs** to be published by our Society :-
GREAT BRITAIN: Victorian Private Printed Stationery Impressed with Embossed Stamps. By Colin Baker.

This is an excellent introduction to these attractive items and will provide a useful reference and catalyst for anyone with an interest in this area. Even those of us whose collecting interests lie elsewhere will find it stimulating. I hope that this is the first of many such monographs and I would like to reinforce the sentiments in Colin's letter by encouraging any members who feel that they could write on their particular areas of study. Why not share your knowledge and researches with other members of the Society? We would like to have as wide a range of subjects as possible.

Postal Stationery Displays at Local Societies.

...to develop the collecting of Postal Stationery into a more regularly accepted branch of philately

On page 16 you will find a note about Postal Stationery displays at Local Societies. It is at this level that we are finding an increasing awareness of Postal Stationery and its potential for inclusion in the more traditional stamp collection and display. This applies not only to country based collections but also to those of a thematic nature. Postal stationery items provide attractive additions to collections whatever their nature.

If your Local Society is having a talk and display on Postal Stationery, or if you are giving a Postal Stationery display to a Society please let us know.

Is Postal Stationery becoming a more regularly accepted branch of philately outside the U.K?

John Barker, Newsletter Editor.

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tinued to be issued on p.s. cards, and I have them from 1956 onwards WITHOUT the revenue stamp. In addition to the two I have just mentioned, I have the following p.s. proxy cards with revenue stamp.

	Meeting	Letters
With GV ½d side face letterpress stamp -		
Dunlop	11/2/21	KW
Bukit Mertajam Rubber Co.	31/7/35	MP
Ebbw Vale Steel Iron & Coal Co.	6/12/35	MR
With GV ½d embossed stamp -		
United States Debenture Corp.	17/12/24	KE
Alliance Investment Co.	14/5/25	KE
Consolidated Gold Fields of S. Africa	26/11/25	KE
With GV 1d embossed stamp -		
Yataderia Rubber & Tea Co.	6/5/26	KE
With GVI 1d carmine letterpress stamp -		
Unicos Property Corp.	28/12/44	MV
Lever Brothers & Unilever	13/2/46	MR"

Editor's note - Both the above members state they have never seen a USED example - for the only used example so far reported to "P.S.", please see issue no.12, p.15. The following cards, reported by Don Hermann, are unused & have Huggins CS71 stamps.

	Meeting	Letters
Lever Brothers & Unilever	12/10/45	MU
London Necropolis Co. Ltd.	5/1/49	MV
London Necropolis Co. Ltd,	5/1/49	MR

DESK

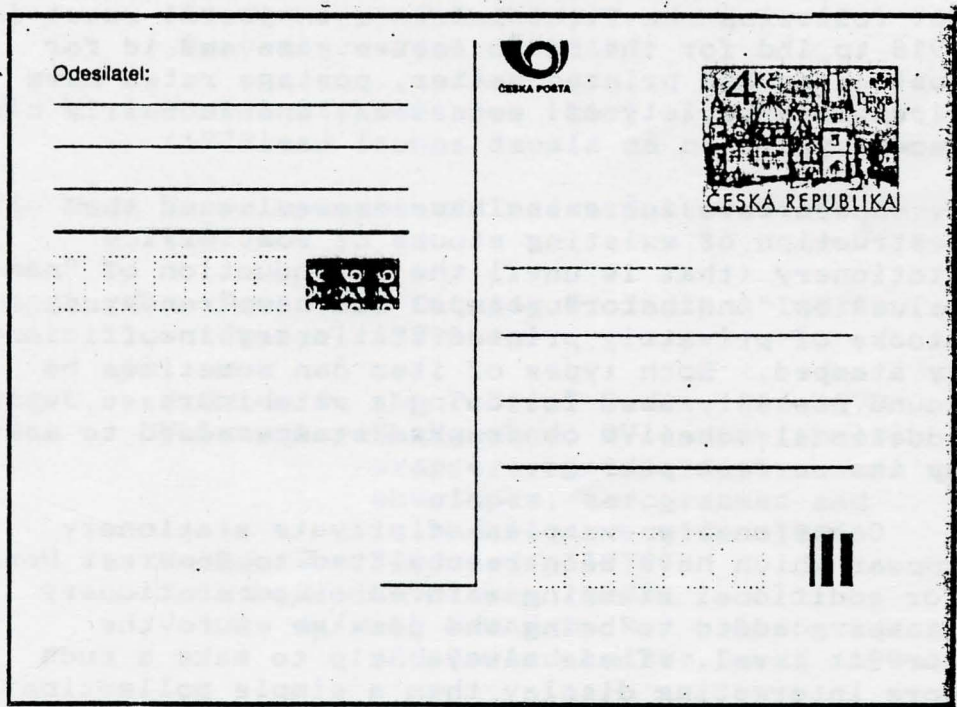
The Society's library has now acquired a Higgins & Gage "World Postal Stationery Catalog". Members wishing to borrow should write to the Librarian stating which countries' pages they would like to see (with a suggested limit of 3 countries).

Surely one of the very best ways of spreading the word about postal stationery (& our Society) is by giving "p.s. only" talks/displays to local philatelic societies. So who is doing this key work? John Norton has been active in this, showing "G.B. Postal Stationery" to Bognor & District Stamp Club in November last. He showed about 200 pages of Victorian & Edwardian issues, starting with Mulreadies and including specimen, official and advertising items. Colin Baker is almost becoming an itinerant preacher, showing "G.B. Victorian Postal Stationery" at 3 different venues early this year, including the societies at Warminster and Basingstoke. Then in January 2000 he is booked for Swindon Philatelic Society - on the very same evening as a certain Peter van Gelder is due to entertain Hastings & East Sussex Philatelic Society with "The Secret World of Postal Stationery"!

Interesting information has reached me from John Beard about a postal card issued by the Czech Republic on 4th January 1999. The card's unusual feature is that it bears an anti-counterfeiting device, for apparently the counterfeiting of p.s. to defraud the Post Office has recently been rife in that country. Earlier security devices proved to be ineffective, so the new feature on this card is a hologram. This can be seen left of centre on the card illustrated here. It shows the posthorn logo of the Czech P.O. But apparently moving the card to & fro in sideways motion changes the posthorns into flying pigeons!

Back in 1977 Andrew Whitworth published a listing of G.B. registered envelopes & newspaper wrappers. Now in February 1999 he has brought matters up to date with a 31-page booklet called "G.B. Postal Stationery Price List of Registered Envelopes and Newswrappers". It includes coverage of the Channel Islands, Isle of Man and overprints for overseas use. With its listing of issues from the Victorian start through to 1998, this booklet should prove very useful to collectors of the stationery it covers. Members can obtain a free copy by sending an A5-sized stamped self-addressed envelope (or the appropriate number of IRCs) to: A.A. Whitworth, 1 Prizet House, Helsington, Kendal, Cumbria.

Czech card with security device



ARTICLE

TALES OF G.B. STATIONERY (no.5)

by Colin Baker

Additional Stamps to Cover Increased Postal Rates

The basic inland letter rate of 1d remained unchanged from its introduction in 1840 until 1918, when the economic effects of the First World War caused the first increase in postage rates for nearly 80 years. In contrast, during this period there were many reductions for a whole range of Post Office services, including of course the introduction of the ½d post card and printed paper rates. But following the first increase in postal rates in 1918 to 1½d for the basic letter rate and 1d for post cards and printed matter, postage rates have risen on a variety of occasions, and in fairly recent years on an almost annual basis.

These rate increases have necessitated the destruction of existing stocks of Post Office stationery (that is until the introduction of "non-value" or "indicator" stamps) and have rendered stocks of privately printed stationery insufficiently stamped. Both types of item can sometimes be found postally used following a rate increase, with additional adhesive or franked stamps added to make up the correct postage.

Occasionally examples of private stationery appear which have been resubmitted to Somerset House for additional stamping with embossed stationery stamps - added to bring the postage up to the correct level. These always help to make a much more interesting display than a simple collection of singly stamped envelopes.

However, not all double or multiple stampings fall into this category, and the date of use and die

availability need to be checked to make sure the extra stamp was added for a rate increase and not for any other purpose. For example, Somerset House did not always have the correct dies for the emergency stamp values, particularly at the start of a reign; and it was necessary to impress two or even three stamps to give the correct value on some private stationery. In these cases it was the general rule at Somerset House to print the lowest value stamp at the top right of an item with increasingly higher values to the left, though this custom was not always followed. So a genuine rate increase stamp would oppose this "high value to the left" rule, having the higher value stamp at the top right.

Once again anyone collecting these covers should be careful. Philatelists have always been keen to have a multitude of stamps on cover, and there are many philatelically inspired multiple stamped covers about. However, commercial firms used postal stationery as a convenience (as well as a security method to prevent theft & fraud) and were not interested in flooding the market with contrived covers. Needless to say, genuinely used commercial covers which have been stamped to bring them in line with the correct postal rates are not common, but they are well worth looking out for. (*See illustrations*)

NATIONAL BIBLIOGRAPHIES (continued from p.3)

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BEAUCONSFIELD
WAKEFIELD
BUCKS
6.1
5 FEB 41

PATENT
Castrol

MOTOR
BUCKS
6.1
5 FEB 41

REDUCES CYLINDER WEAR

ONE PENNY
THREE PENCE

If undelivered please return to C·C·Wakefield & Co·Ltd·West Ridge·Knotty Green·Beaconsfield·Bucks

BASIC LETTER RATE INCREASED TO 2½d, 1/5/40

INTRODUCTION OF 2nd CLASS POST & RATE INCREASE FROM 3d TO 4d FOR POST CARDS, 16/9/68



PRINTED MATTER
Can't tour
Filey
to lively resorts

POSTAGE POSTAGE

193 284139 T A CL-A

Have a break...
have a KitKat

MESSRS.G.L.C.& E.M.MELLOR.
T/A. DOBSONS,
116 VICTORIA ROAD,
SCARBOROUGH,
YORKSHIRE.

The Rowntree Representative
hopes to call on 24 JAN 1969