THE OTHER SUPPLEMENTS TO THE JOURNAL AND THE PUBLICATIONS OF THE PHILATELIC LITERATURE SOCIETY
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My articles (Bhuwalka 2018a, 2018b) on the advertisement supplements to The Journal of The Philatelic Literature Society (JPLS) saw better-than-usual response; this has motivated me to write this piece on the other supplements that were periodically issued with JPLS as well as the publications of, and pertaining to, The Philatelic Literature Society (Society).

For ease of understanding, the various works are being categorised as follows:

1. Supplements to JPLS
2. Other ‘Short’ publications of the Society
3. Publications of the Society
4. Cumulative Index to JPLS

SUPPLEMENTS TO JPLS

Six supplements to JPLS were issued over its 11-year existence. Their bibliography is contained in this section.

#1 - Index to Philatelists’ Supplement to “The Bazaar”
Issue Number: Vol. I No. 4 (October 1908)

In early 1908, Herbert E. Weston compiled an index to the Philatelists’ Supplement to “The Bazaar” (Weston, 1908); it was circulated to members later that year.

The work is staple bound and consists of eight numbered pages of which seven are printed. An insert in the October issue’s advertisement supplement gives the print run as 150 and the price for additional copies as 2/6 or two shillings and six pence.

#2 - Index to Bulletin de la Société Française de Timbrologie
Issue Number: Vol. II No. 3 (July 1909)

In his article (published in two parts) on the publications of the Société Française de Timbrologie, Smith (1909b) mentions that no index was published for Vol. IV (1887-1896) and goes on to give a list of contents of this volume. Later a copy of the Index was reprinted from the April issue and sent to members as a Supplement to the July issue (Peplow 1909).

The work was printed on a thin large paper in a ‘3/3’ tête-bêche position and then folded; hence it can be said to consist of eight unnumbered pages with six printed. While the print run is not known, it is likely to be 100.
#3 - Supplementary Index to The Stamp-Collector's Magazine (Vol. I)
Issue Number: Vol. II No. 4 (October 1909)

B. T. K. Smith penned an article (again published in two parts) on the philatelic publications of the pioneering dealer brothers, Alfred and Stafford Smith. One of the publications covered is The Stamp-Collector's Magazine. Since the original index to Vol. I is very incomplete, Smith (1909d) compiled a supplementary index of countries referred to therein.

The work is self-bound and consists of four unnumbered pages with two printed. While the print run is not known, it is likely to be 100.

#4 – Title page and Index to La Gazette des Timbres (Vol. IV)
Issue Number: Vol. V No. 1 (January 1912)

In his article on the publications of Pierre Mahé, Smith (1912) mentions that no title page or index was issued for Vol. IV of this journal and that this omission is being rectified as was done in the case of Bulletin de la Société Française de Timbrologie. The supplement follows as a consequence.

The work is self-bound and consists of four unnumbered printed pages. The print run is of 100 copies.

#5 – Title page and Index to The Post Office (Vol. IX)
Issue Number: Vol. V No. 1 (July 1912)

Hiram E. Deats, the great American bibliophile and philatelist, made available to the Society the reminder of an index (including the title page) to Vol. IX (the final) of The Post Office, which he had compiled and published in December 1900. It is not clear from a perusal of JPLS with which issue it was sent out but King-Farlow (1948) asserts that it was Vol. V No. 1.

The work is self-bound and consists of four unnumbered pages of which two are printed.
**#6 - Index to The Quaker City Philatelist**

Vol. XI No. 3-4 (July - October 1918)

W. R. Ricketts, another famous American bibliophile and philatelist, compiled and Deats privately printed an index to *The Quaker City Philatelist Volumes I – IX* in 1917. Deats supplied a sufficient number of copies to each member of the Society and this was sent out with the last issue of the journal.

The work is staple bound in grey oversized card covers (not in the style of the Society’s publications). It consists of 20 numbered printed pages. 225 copies were printed of which 100 were issued as a supplement to JPLS.

**OTHER 'SHORT' PUBLICATIONS**

The Society also sent out with the JPLS, and sometimes separately, ‘short’ publications; the word ‘short’ is used here to distinguish from the publications in book form, which are discussed in the next section.

**#1 - Statutes and List of Members of the Society**

Issue Number: Vol. I No. 4 (October 1908)

This is a self-bound four-page unnumbered work with three printed pages. The first page consists the list of office bearers and members while the second and third contain the statues. The list of members enumerates to 13 philatelic societies and 41 individuals. The office bearers are shown as E. D. Bacon as President, B. T. K. Smith as Vice-President, and F. J. Peplow as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; others in the Council are L. W. Fulcher, Herbert Clark, Herbert F. Johnson, and Fred. J. Melville. The statues contain seven articles.
#2 - A Check List of Philatelic Publications in the English Language for the year 1909
Issue Number: Vol. III No. 4 (October 1910)

W. R. Ricketts had compiled the said checklist for publication in the *Stamp Collector* of September 1910. Through the courtesy of its publisher, this issue of the magazine, which contained that portion of the check list containing the periodicals of Great Britain and Colonies, was sent out to members with this issue of JPLS.

#3 - Statutes, List of Members, Publications of the Society
Issue Number: Vol. V No. 3 (July 1912)

A new impression of the work similar to the one published in 1908 was issued to members and for general circulation. While one cannot glean from JPLS the issue number, King-Farlow (1948) has it as Vol. V No. 3.

#4 - Portrait of the late Earl of Crawford
Issue Number: Vol. VI No. 2 (April 1913)

The Earl, James Ludovic Lindsay, had passed away on 31st January that year. In memorium, a portrait of the Earl was circulated with this issue. As per Smith (1913b) it was reproduced from an enlargement made from a photographic group that was taken by an amateur just four years earlier. The portrait had not appeared in print before and it was thought that members of the Society would prefer having a likeness of this kind to one that had appeared in the press earlier. Further, it was suggested that the portrait should form and be bound as a frontispiece to that year's volume.

#5 - Statutes, List of Members, Publications of the Society
Issue Number: Vol. IX No. 3 or 4 (July or October 1916)

An announcement in Vol. IX No. 2 (April 1916) of JPLS mentions that a new edition of the statues is in the press and will be issued after the Annual General Meeting. It is not clear which issue of JPLS this was sent out with but it has to be either of the later two issues of that year.

The issued booklet is center sew-bound in oversized grey card covers and handmade paper; in the same style as JPLS. It consists of 16 pages, of which 14 are numbered. The statues are as it were in 1908. The list of members shows 11 philatelic societies and 53 individuals. A section on office bearers shows B. T. K. Smith as President, L. W. Fulcher as Vice-President, and F. J. Peplow as the Honorary Secretary and Treasurer; others in the Council are C. W. Care, Herbert Clark, Herbert F. Johnson, and Fred. J. Melville. Further one page illustrates two medals received by the Society in 1913 for the Crawford Catalogue, one
from *Exposition Philatelic Internationale, Paris* and the other from *International Philatelic Exhibition, New York.*

### #6 - Portrait of P. J. Anderson

**Issue Number:** Vol. XI No. 3-4 (July - October 1916)

Published in the final three issues of JPLS, Anderson (1918a, 1918b, and 1918c) contains reminiscences of his stamp and literature collecting from late 1861 (making him one of the first such collector) to 1868, extracts from a diary begun by him in 1869 till 1879, and extracts from letters written to Mr. J. K. Tiffany in 1876. As a means to honour him for his most interesting and valuable contributions made to JPLS, a portrait of Anderson was issued with the intent to form a frontispiece to the year's volume (Peplow 1918).

### PUBLICATIONS OF THE SOCIETY

Three of the greatest works in philatelic bibliography and published by the Society are described below.

#### #1 - Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of the Earl of Crawford (1911) and its Supplement (1926)

Surely this work by Edward D. Bacon needs no introduction being the pinnacle of philatelic bibliographical greatness. The catalogue of philatelic literature commissioned by the Earl was to form a volume of the catalogue of his general library and printed in the same style as the other volumes of the series. Lord Crawford gave his permission to Bacon to make any arrangements for printing and publication of further copies of the work; in turn Bacon offered this opportunity to the Society, which was readily accepted (Bacon 1909).

The Society advertised the work to consist of 470 pages, sized 14 by 10½ inches, and printed on double columns on specially made paper. It was bound in grey card covers similar in style to JPLS. 300 copies of this book were printed of which 100 were reserved for members.

In 1926 the Society published Bacon's Supplement to the Catalogue (Bacon 1926) containing corrections and new additions. It was issued in grey card covers in the style of the main catalogue and was an edition of 200 copies.

#### #2 - Early English Philatelic Literature by P. J. Anderson and B. T. K. Smith (1912)

This magnificent work was initially serialized in Vol. IV Nos. 1 to 4 (January to October 1911) of JPLS. In early 1912, the Council decided to reissue the work in book form (Smith 1912b) for members only. It was published in July 1912 with the whole of the text been revised, a copious index added, together with the addition of 32 collotype plates.
As per Smith (1913a), 125 copies were printed of which 20 were given to Mr. Anderson and 5 to Mr. Smith. However an earlier notice (Smith 1912) and the book itself mentions that it is a run of 120 copies. The book was bound in grey card covers and printed on handmade paper in the style of JPLS though in a smaller format (9 by 5½ inches).

#3 - Index-Volume to Alfred Smith & Son’s Monthly Circular (1875-1910)

The index to this important magazine was compiled by Bertram Tapscott Knight Smith, Alfred Smith’s son. Smith was of course the editor of JPLS as well as the Monthly Circular at this point in time. It was circulated to members only in September 1915. It was advertised to contain 36 pages (10½ by 8¼ inches) and limited to a print run of 120 copies.

**CUMULATIVE INDEX to JPLS**

In 1948, R. King-Farlow, the then Honorary Librarian of The Royal Philatelic Society, London (RPSL), authored a Cumulative Index to the 11 volumes of JPLS. While RPSL is shown as its publisher, Birch (2018) says that King-Farlow produced and paid for the printing and binding, donating all of the copies to the RPSL to be sold for its funds.

The work is bound with sewn signatures and wrapped in quarter cloth and boards. It contains 40 pages with 38 printed pages. It is an edition of 75 copies only. As can be seen from the adjoining picture, all copies have the erroneous number XVIII struck off and the correct number XI scribed by hand.

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**Notes**

1 Many of these supplements and ‘short’ publications are rare and missing from many complete runs of JPLS. Hence I believe that an article that describes them all in one place is warranted.

2 While this work was not published by the Society, it is being covered here for the sake of completeness.

3 Herbert Edgar Weston’s trade name was Victor Marsh. See note no. 13 of Bhuwalka (2018a).
4 The Philatelist’s Supplement to “The Bazaar” was issued at intervals during the season. Seven volumes came out between 1895 and 1900 (sometimes twice a year), each comprising between two and seven issues. Incidentally an index to Vol. V was originally given in Vol. VI.

5 The Stamp-Collector’s Magazine (SCM) is the second magazine in the world devoted to stamp collecting. To give some perspective of how early this is, at the time, the word “philately” did not exist! Georges Herpin proposed “Philatélie” in the 15 November 1864 issue of Le Collectionneur de Timbres-Postes, almost a couple of years after the first number of SCM came out in February 1863.

6 The Quaker City Philatelist was a monthly journal published by The Quaker City Philatelic Publishing Co. Ltd., Philadelphia, over 103 issues from January 1886 to July 1894.

7 While strictly not a ‘short’ publication of the Society, it was a philatelic work that was circulated to members and hence I have included it in this section.

8 The three parts were subsequently privately printed for the author as a pamphlet of 47 pages. It is bound in the same style as most of the other Society publications i.e. oversize grey card covers and handmade paper. It was issued in print run of 30 copies only and hence is exceptionally rare. It includes a copy of Anderson’s portrait.


10 The pages in the Catalogue are not numbered; each column is. Hence the work consists of (x introductory pages + 924 columns) i.e. 472 printed pages.

11 For more details see note nos. six and seven of Bhuwalka (2018a).

12 While the Society’s activities ceased after the last issue of JPLS, an attempt was made in 1922 to revive it and lead to the publication of the Supplement to the Crawford Catalogue. The Society was finally dissolved in 1929 when the balance of the funds in hand, £118, was divided equally and presented to the Royal Philatelic Society, London and the Junior Philatelic Society, for use in maintaining and improving their respective libraries. After copies of the Crawford Catalogue and its supplement had been presented to libraries across the world, the remaining stock of publications was handed over to the Royal for sale or presentation (King-Farlow 1948, Negus 1991).

13 The two catalogues combined attempt to describe every philatelic work ever published, whether contained in the Earl’s library or not. The time period covered is to the end of 1906 for Part I (Separate Works) and to the end of 1906 for Part II (Periodicals). In the supplement, Bacon (1926) laments that he was not able to update the bibliography up to the present year and all that he could do was to update the information on such periodicals that were current at the end of 1906 but had ceased publication thereafter to their final issue.

14 To complete the picture it is worth mentioning that a work titled Addenda to the “Supplement to the Catalogue of the Philatelic Library of The Earl of Crawford, K.T.” was published by the Royal Philatelic Society, London as a supplement to the London Philatelist of March 1938. It contains corrections and additions to the Catalogue. It consists of eight printed pages and is staple bound.

15 I would prefer to place reliance on the former number of 125, which is mentioned almost a year after the work was printed and is likely to be the correct one. Note that many of the existing copies are unnumbered (Birch 2018, 650) because the book was never put on sale and copies printed exceeded the then number of members.

16 I would like to correct my earlier assertion conveyed in note no. 8 of Bhuwalka (2018a). I now believe that the editorship of JPLS alternated between F. J. Peplow and B. T. K. Smith.

17 The Stamp-Collector’s Monthly saw its last issue come out in December 1874. Alfred Smith and Co. thereafter started publishing Alfred Smith and Co.’s Monthly Circular from January 1875; it was renamed as Alfred Smith and Son’s Monthly Circular from the January 1894 issue.

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