

MALTA PHILATELIC EXHIBITION IN 1901

under the patronage of
H.E. Gen: Sir F.W. Grenfell G.C.B., G.C.M.G.
Governor of Malta

In the year 1901 on the occasion of the visit to Malta of Their Royal Highnesses The Duke and Duchess of Cornwall and York — now their Majesties King George V and Queen Mary, the Malta Society of Arts, Manufacture and Commerce, organized an Exhibition under the patronage of H.E. General, Sir Francis W. Grenfell G.C.B., G.C.M.G.

One of the divisions of this Exhibition was reserved for local philately, in which many collectors exhibited their collections and specialities. There were especially two collections which were greatly admired. Their owners were, Mr. Camilleri who was awarded first prize for his famous general collection, and Mr. Charles A. Micallef, who was awarded a diploma for his special collection of Malta Stamps. It was very curious to see this Malta collection complete up to the 26th May 1901 with every issue, variety, error, etc. Among the specialities it contained we especially noticed:—

1871 $\frac{1}{2}$ d yellow buff — Wmk Inverted.

1885 4d brown — Block of 2 Imperforated.

1886 5s rose — Block of 3 Wmk Inverted.

1899 5d vermilion — Wmk Reversed.

A registration envelope franked with a pair 1885 4d brown Imperforated.

Since the year 1901 no other philatelic exhibition took place in Malta; a thing which is anxiously awaited by all local philatelists.

We are sure that a similar Exhibition will be a great success, and that a marked progress will be noticed since that of 15 years ago, for, during this period the number of Philatelists in Malta has steadily increased.

The Malta Stamp Society and our Philatelic Journal which is yet in its infancy, but which we hope will steadily grow, are instances of the progress which Philately in Malta, has made during the last few years.

We hope that we shall soon hear of some organization for this much desired Exhibition which will be beneficial to all at large. It will bring the Collectors of the Island more in touch with one another, old collectors will find an opportunity to show their fine collections, young ones to see, learn and emulate, and several who are indifferent and some who even despise Stamp Collecting, will see what an interesting hobby it is, and probably will become stamp-collectors themselves.

The Editors.

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