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Dear Friends,

With the Christmas festivities now over, and having eaten far too much, it will be the usual struggle over the next few weeks to lose that excessive weight gained, and of course to return to the more serious business of finding those elusive items from Nepal.

In November I had the honour of showing my collection to the India Study Circle in London, and it was nice to see so many of our U.K. members at the meeting, and I am now able to put a few faces to the names on our member list.

Some of our new members have asked for an up-to-date listing of members, but unfortunately I did not retain the original duplicating copy, so if you will bear with me for a while, I will produce another one during the next few months.

New members who have joined since the last newsletter are as follows:-

| Mr. F. Duerden | - | U.K. | Mr. P. Roake - U.K. | |
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| Mr. N. Dhroove | - | India | Mr. R. Saunders - U.K. | |
| Mr. Bibhash Gupta | | India | Mr. L. Zelasko - U.S.A. | |
| Mr. A. Kaplan | | U.S.A. | Mr. M. Zolno - U.S.A. | |

Mr. Peter Roake will supply new issues of Nepal, so anyone interested in this service, please write to him at the following address: -

11, Winifred Road, Hampton Hill, Hampton, Middlesex, England TW 12 1 AL

Photographs for Sale

Dr. Wolfgang Hellrigl has assembled twenty-four of the best photographs he has (e.g. Kings, Prime Ministers, Pictures of the Residency, Railway opening, Prince of Wales in Mepal, Royal Scals etc.) and is prepared to produce reproductions of these to members. They are in black and white about postcard size. Price: \$ 10 for 12 post paid. The address to write to:-

> Badlweg 4, 39057, Eppan (B.2) Italy

The Native Postmarks of Nepal by Wolfgang Hellrigl & Colin Hepper

Yes, after three years of research we have finally made it. If everything runs smoothly at the printers the book will be on the market by April. This we feel will be a standard textbook on the subject and contains 780 illustrations of postmarks and covers. All postmarks are translated and cover the whole range from the early 1879 types up to those in use today. Additional features are, Registration marks and labels, forgeries, a complete list of Post Offices (over 600). This will be printed on fine quality 90g. art paper with hard cover.

Members will be receiving further information and order forms at the appropriate time. Retail price will be £9.50 plus postage and packing U.K. **X.** 16 plus postage and packing Overseas

HAS ANYONE SEEN A POSTCARD LIKE THIS?

Recently I found time to check my early postcards against those listed by Higgins and Gage in their Postal Stationery catalogue, and found one not recorded by them. The details are as follows:-

| Horse | - type 2 | Size of Card 110 x 82 mms. and the outer frameline projects |
|----------|---------------|--|
| Stamp Di | e - type 3 | beyond the corners |
| Words in | heading - 6 | |
| Vowel | - Erect | Top |
| Text | - Туре А | |
| Ornament | - Second type | Bottom |

The final difference is an outstanding error in that the vowel which is normally over the second two letters in the words in the heading is over the first two:

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Error on this card.

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So, would you all get out those early postcards and see if we can find any more of this type, or is this the only one so far?

Now for some of those members' queries from Newsletter No. 1. For information on the various revenue issues and their uses I would refer you to the book 'A Guide to the Specialization in Nepal Philately' by Mac Ricketts and Frank Vignola which has a chapter on revenues and documentaries. This book has just had a second printing and can be purchased from: -

George Alevizos P.O. Box 5159, Santa Monica California 90405, U.S.A. Price \$4.00

Now for the postal rates - I have received quite a lot of information so far on rates both internally and Overseas, and I think that I probably have a fairly comprehensive list. However I will wait a little longer to see if any further information turns up, and list them off in the next newsletter.

You are doing very well so far with sending in information - keep it up and we should be able to get the next newsletter out by April.

Colin Hepper