

President's Report

My compliments to our Hon Secretary who has given us a syllabus that has encouraged a good attendance of members over the session and kept us coming on a regular basis. We have seen material that helps make us aware of at least a part of the huge range of collecting topics that we could pursue, some of which are possible with very little cash outlay. And we have also seen some great rarities, with the kind of explanation that helps us to appreciate them.

It has been good to see some new exhibitors from among our members: the participation evenings like "K" Night are a good starting point for getting the confidence to display something of our collections, be they our main interests or fascinating sidelines. If I may give a particular instance, a presentation which taught me a lot was Harry's display of Hyderabad. I found it absolutely fascinating. And there have been many other intriguing displays and part displays over the year.

The morning meetings, gathered round a set of tables, have allowed several people, who cannot attend in an evening, to enjoy active membership or informal association with the Society. For those newer to collecting or who have returned to collecting, the morning meeting is a forum where we can share knowledge, buy and sell stamps, and of course let people see some of our other material.

I have enjoyed my two extra years in the chair and am glad to see the Society in good heart.

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