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The National Class at Stampex this year had only eight entries—rather disappointing, even though the standard of those exhibits

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Alan Huggins in the March issue of the G.B. Journal in which he questions future philatelic developments. In the philatelic classes (National and General Competitive) there were about forty-five entries, while in the Postal History Class (which includes G.B.

exhibits) there were about seventy-five entries. No doubt we shall see a 'National Postal History Class' in the not too distant future.

12 Personally, I would like to see different classes for different types of collection (e.g. 'One-Country', 'Local Postal History', 'Single-issue studies', 'Research collections' and so on).

To return to Stampex, the special awards given to G.B. entries were as follows: The Post Office Trophy was won by Mr. E. A. B.

Mattsson for a study of the first plate of the line-engraved penny of 1840. The Phillips Great Britain Trophy went to Mr. P. T. Scott for ship letter handstamps 1763-1942. Mr. A. J. Walker won the National Postal Museum Medal for his Machin f.s.d. definitives.

— M.J.

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