

# The Conversazione & Exhibition at the Guildhall

The Corporation of the City of London asked The Post Office to co-operate in arranging a Conversazione & Exhibition at the Guildhall from 16th to 19th May 1890. A fully equipped Post Office was established in the Great Hall where "in order to illustrate the postal system in operation at the present day, public business of all kinds will be transacted". All the correspondence from the 49 letter boxes in the EC district was dealt with at the Guildhall and 190000 letters were stamped, sorted and despatched.

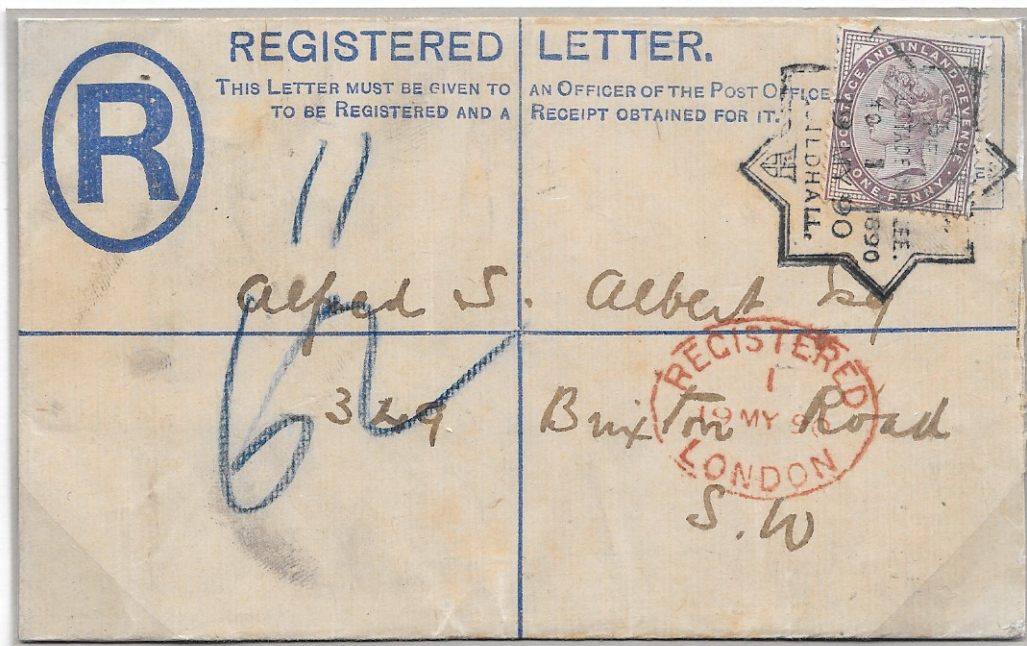


The first ever decorative handstamp was used at the Exhibition in the shape of an octagonal star. Proof strike with changeable date slug (code 12) in red on Guildhall laid paper. Type S3 (Bauschke)



1883 10/- ultramarine on white paper  
Wm. Anchor, Perf 14  
with 1890 Guildhall cancellation.

One of five recorded examples



Registered Cover from the last day with the Jubilee metal handstamp.  
One of only thirty eight items registered at the Exhibition.