

NATIONAL ORGANIZATION OF PHILATELISTS.

THE subject of effecting a union of stamp collectors that shall embrace every collector throughout the land who may desire to become a member of such an organization is, at the present time, receiving considerable attention from collectors generally. With the idea of promoting this movement the Chicago Stamp Collectors' Union take this method of presenting a few of the reasons advanced, at its last meeting, in favor of a National Philatelic Society:

First.—"In union there is strength," and in the matter of stamp collecting it will be found that the old adage holds just as good as ever it did in another cause.

Second.—A national organization will give Philatelists a national recognition as a large and ever increasing class who recognize in the postage stamp an object worthy their attention and study; and such recognition will have a tendency to add recruits to our ranks, as well as to strengthen those already in.

Third.—It will bring forth much valuable information that is now withheld, by promoting a more friendly intercourse between collectors, and permitting a freer interchange of ideas and opinions.

Fourth.—It will be able to cope with and hold in check the dealers in counterfeit stamps, who are now the pests of collectors.

Fifth.—It will enable collectors, by combining, to purchase their stamps at a considerably lower rate than they now can, while at the same time it will greatly aid in the exchange of duplicates.

Sixth.—While England and the continental countries have well organized societies, the Philatelists of this great land are without any sort of national organization to guide and direct them. If for no other reason than that our fellow-collectors across the water are so successfully organized and we dislike to be outdone in such matters, should we not at this time make an earnest effort to effect a *National Philatelic Organization*?

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The C. S. C. U. will be glad to hear from any Philatelists who, after reading the above, feel sufficient interest in the subject to aid in the establishment of such a union. It is to be hoped that all the advocates of stamp collection, whose attention may have been drawn toward this appeal, will send in their names to the committee, thereby giving it the assistance that fellowship implies, and helping it to ascertain the number of collectors there are who possess enough interest in Philately to assist in placing it, in this country, on as high a plane as it occupies abroad.

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