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**Philatelic Friends:**

We wish to bring to your notice the fact that a society has been organized for the particular benefit of beginners and the much abused boy-collector. Any collector, young or old, advanced in the knowledge of philately or ignorant we cordially invite into our ranks, but as I have said, the main object of our Association is to help the beginner and bring the neglected young collector a thorough knowledge of the science of philately than has heretofore been his lot. Many of this class may read this report. Any enquirers will be cheerfully answered and applications sent those requesting same if you write the Sec'y. The dues have been placed as low as possible so as not to inconvenience the poorest collector. Those who

think they have yet much to learn of philately and the "wee bits" and would like to increase their collection in a systematic way should join. If you "know it all" why join and teach others. The benefits to be derived from membership are almost too numerous to mention but for the sake of the doubting one we will mention a few. Perhaps the first and foremost is the increased interest in philately and your collection. Your membership in the B. O. P. A. will bring you by correspondence with other members and in other ways. So the experienced say and they ought to know. Try it and see.

Then the Exchange and Sales Department affords a means whereby you can systematically exchange or sell your duplicates. Full explanation of this department appears in this number.

We already have a large number of papers in 'The Library, a full list of which will shortly appear in the Official Organ. Members can procure any volume in the Library on payment of postage.

The Advertising and Subscription Department enables members to place ads. in and subscribe for any philatelic paper at 5 per cent below published rates.

The Information Bureau furnishes members with any philatelic information desired free of charge.

Members receive the Official Organ, monthly free of charge. The above would cost you otherwise more than membership fee.

The society meets once a year in convention and anyone who has ever attended a philatelic