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Work For Our Societies.

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You all know what a vast number of stamp societies we have; Terrible isn't it! Come right down to facts and you will truthfully say it is astounding. Associations, Societies, Leagues, Unions, all said to be for the advancement of Philately. Are they? Most of them are busy doing nothing! Petty political dissensions warp themselves about the vitals of our Associations and work their ruin.

This can and must be stopped. There is work for the associations to do. **IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE!**

United effort upon the part of all stamp societies can bring about great reforms in postal arrangements. Canada has probably the best postal system in the World, at least it is excelled by none. But our friends to the south of us are not so blessed. Time was when they were head and shoulders above us in this respect but

that was several years ago. They're not "in it" now. But they should be and I hold that the Philatelic Associations can bring about such an accomplishment. If all the members of the innumerable stamp societies, which live and flourish in the land of the eagle, were to sign a mammoth petition to Congress for instance, one to have the registration fee reduced from 8 to 5 cents would it not have a good effect? It would at least cause discussion. Starting discussion is touching the electric button. Good is sure to follow. If our societies were to take up work of this kind they would be letting their light shine. Non-philatelists would learn to respect and admire the men who would bring about reforms like these. This would benefit philately in every particular.

Let us make up our minds to stamp out any superfluous political demonstrations in our associations, crush them while they are growing and prosperity will be the reward.