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Henry A Chapman

whose likeness we present is a man past fifty but is still, as he expresses it "one of the boys."

In March 1897 he began publishing that popular paper called "The Perforator."

Mr. Chapman is a member of twelve philatelic societies, being no. 222 in the D.P.A. in which he has taken more than ordinary interest. He caters to Canadian Philatelists by publishing five letters from different parts of our Dominion, besides other matters pertaining to the Queen's domain.

The Nov. no. contains illustrated sketches of Miss Amy Swift and J. W. Stowell of the Stowell Printery. This no. is a special no. commemorating Mr. Chapman's marriage which occurred 30 years ago. It contains a family group of himself, wife and son. The latter being his junior partner.

In Sept. "The Perforator" began giving illustrated sketches of lady philatelists and Mr. C. says it has done much to benefit his journal. Since then he has increased the size from 8 to 16 pages and cover.

This half-tone was especially engraved for the Pennsylvania Philatelist and was used in no other paper except ours.

Mr. Chapman is a great friend of the boys and says he would sooner have a correspondent of 17 than a dry, satirical old foggy, and believes in encouraging the boys in stamp collecting all he can.

F.I.W.

Boy's Own Philatelic Association.

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The application blanks are now ready and I will be glad if all stamp collectors (especially juniors and beginners) would send for some and fill them out. Our society was organized to advance the cause of Philately, especially among beginners and we want every philatelist young and old to co-operate with us and work to this end. The initiation fee is 10c. yearly dues 15c. You get:—

The Official Organ free; The use of the Library; A means by which you can sell your duplicates and buy other stamps for your collection; The privilege of attending the annual convention, which is indeed a grand privilege; and anything you want or would like to know about your stamps or anything philatelic, you can learn from the Supt. of the Information Bureau. Send for application blanks to W. A. Lydiatt, Sec'y pro-tem
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