

D. P. A. Membership Contest.

In order to greatly increase the membership of the Dominion Philatelic Association, I have decided to offer a number of prizes to the persons securing the largest number of members before September 1st, 1897, as follows:

- 1st PRIZE.—Half column advertisement in "Philatelic Advocate," 3 times. value \$4 05.
- 2nd PRIZE.—Foreign Stamps, catalogue value of (a good lot), \$4.00.
- 3rd PRIZE.—One inch advertisement in "Philatelic Advocate," 3 times, value \$1.35.
- 4th PRIZE.—One inch advertisement in "Halifax Philatelic Magazine," 3 times. value 75 cents

The premiums have been kindly donated by the publishers of the papers in which the advertisements are offered, and I offer the stamps myself, and can assure the winner that they will be highly satisfactory

Only members of the Association can compete. If you are not a member, and wish to compete, send in your application and it will be counted as one for you.

The Secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams, will keep a strict account of all applications sent in, and prizes will be awarded according to his decision.

Application blanks may be obtained from the Secretary, Mr. A. H. Adams, Whithy, Ont., the Editor of this paper, or the undersigned.

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LITERARY NOTES.

ALWAYS on time, the *Philatelic Advocate* for May arrived in Halifax on the 7th of the month, again establishing a record.

THE *International Philatelist* has changed hands, having passed into the hands of a new publisher, who vies with Mr. Beardsley in being "established in 1885." We trust 1905 will find him still established.

THE *Home Worker*, and the *Evergreen State Philatelist*, are two papers that one may always look for early in the month. They are always on time, and always interesting.

THE new *Detroit Philatelist* makes a fine opening display. The well known Kessler, jr., is at the helm, with Mr. Randall, of the old *Kaleidoscope*, and Miss Swift as associates. Under such distinguished auspices, we expect much.

THE *Ontario Philatelist* was a welcome visitor this month, for we had mourned it as departed. No February number was issued, and the number before us is dated March-April, and closes the first volume. Mr. Beatty will now doubtless take a "fresh hlot," and we hope to have the pleasure of seeing it regularly during the coming summer.

THE *Perforator* is a new one to us. It is a live paper published at Hartford, Conn., by H. A. Chapman, and is in its third number. Glad to see you, brother.

WE learn with regret that no more numbers of the *Canadian Philatelic Magazine* will be issued. This is to be regretted, as it was by far the oldest stamp paper in Canada.