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WE BOW,

In this number, our first appearance, to our friends of the philatelic *culte* all over the world, and declare the intent of our publication.

Our object is to bring together in friendly intercourse those who "never or hardly ever" can interchange ideas across the great space, and yet who have often much to say, not to one but to many who are engaged in a congenial pursuit.

Not alone is this the object of our publication.

Commerce, which for its civilising purposes has thrown webs of telegraphic wires around the globe, made iron highways across continents and through Alpine barriers, threaded the high seas with mail steamers and organized by the common-sense action of several countries a Postal Union, is guided in all this by one main purpose the *rapprochement* of peoples and the intimacy of communication which makes friendship and profit the peaceable result of a conquest of natural difficulties.

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over the world, a cheapening of postal and telegraphic intercourse and a facilitation of trade relations which will make more profit by removing the friction that now checks much of mercantile exchange.

Elsewhere will be found at length our views on the great future value for Commerce of this Postal Union, now a mere child of the hopes of statesman-like postal authorities, but destined to produce in the future great and useful changes and to inherit the honor of making peaceful revolutions of the greatest magnitude.

To assist the movement of the Postal Union in its great civilising and peaceful work we devote all the suggestion and discussion, all the criticism that our correspondents can give us in aid of our own effort, certain that the postal authorities will weigh carefully any arguments, no matter how obscure a source this journal may be.

And for this reason we ask all our readers to give us their views, their complaints and their commendations of any working of postal systems which may come under their notice.

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