NATIONAL ORGANIZATION
OF
PHILATELISTS.

The subject of effecting a union of stamp collectors that shall embrace
every collector throughout the land who may desire to become a mem-
ber of such an organization is, at the present time, receiving consider-
able attention from collectors generally. With the idea of promoting this
movement the Chicago Stamp Collectors’ Union take this method of pre-
senting a few of the reasons advanced, at its last meeting, in favor of a
National Philatelic Society:

First.—“In union there is strength,” and in the matter of stamp col-
lecting it will be found that the old adage holds just as good as ever it did
in another cause.

Second.—A national organization will give Philatelists a national
recognition as a large and ever increasing class who recognize in the pos-
tage stamp an object worthy their attention and study; and such recogni-
tion will have a tendency to add recruits to our ranks, as well as to
strengthen those already in.

Third.—It will bring forth much valuable information that is now with-
held, by promoting a more friendly intercourse between collectors, and
permitting a freer interchange of ideas and opinions.

Fourth.—It will be able to cope with and hold in check the dealers in
counterfeit stamps, who are now the pests of collectors.

Fifth.—It will enable collectors, by combining, to purchase their stamps
at a considerably lower rate than they now can, while at the same time it
will greatly aid in the exchange of duplicates.

Sixth.—While England and the continental countries have well organ-
ized societies, the Philatelists of this great land are without any sort of
national organization to guide and direct them. If for no other reason
than that our fellow-collectors across the water are so successfully organi-
ized and we dislike to be outdone in such matters, should we not at this
time make an earnest effort to effect a National Philatelic Organization?

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The C. S. C. U. will be glad to hear from any Philatelists who, after
reading the above, feel sufficient interest in the subject to aid in the estab-
lishment of such a union. It is to be hoped that all the advocates of stamp
collection, whose attention may have been drawn toward this appeal, will
send in their names to the committee, thereby giving it the assistance that
fellowship implies, and helping it to ascertain the number of collectors
there are who possess enough interest in Philately to assist in placing it, in
this country, on as high a plane as it occupies abroad.

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