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LETTER FROM THE EDITORIAL OFFICE OF THE JOURNAL OF THE AAVSO
Dear Fellow-Member of the I. A. U.:

I am sure you are familiar with the work of the AAVSO in collecting and publishing observations of variable stars, primarily by amateurs. I have been pleased to act as editor of its Journal for the past nine years.

This year, the organization celebrated its 75th anniversary by holding a three-day symposium on variable star astronomy. The proceedings of this stimulating meeting will include historical and scientific review papers and contributed papers by professionals and amateurs, and it will be published this winter as an extra-large issue of the Journal of the AAVSO. (See partial program on Page 2). It will be sent to all members and regular subscribers as a part of their subscription.

In order to publish this extraordinary volume, we must raise an additional \$10,000. I know you value this sort of publication and I feel sure you will want to subscribe. For a contribution of \$30, you will receive a postage-paid copy of the anniversary issue and have the opportunity to receive an informative package describing the AAVSO, for \$50 or more, you will also receive the subsequent year's two issues.

As a professional, I feel that we all benefit from the work of the AAVSO, and I hope you will take this opportunity to encourage this dedicated and remarkable organization.

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Sincerely,

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