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My dear Sir,

I am greatly obliged to you for your full explanation. If the system you describe worked with automatic accuracy, there would be no possibility of criticism. The form you enclose is that which I received in May last: this was the first occasion on which I had seen it, although my subscription for 1898 appears to have been there a year and a half overdue.

I still think that it would be highly desirable to attend - say to the notice of the first meeting for



each year - a reminder that subscriptions are due. And I am more than ever convinced of the desirability of some formal receipt being given to members when their subscriptions are paid: this is the practice in every other society of whose workings I know anything. Your view that "the receipt of the Journal practically constitutes a receipt for the payment" would not, I fear, have been accepted by the Treasurer if I had put it forward in May last as a reason for declining to pay anything for 1899.

May I add that it has

been with the very greatest reluctance that I have raised this question at all? I have only done so because other members have represented to me strongly the desirability of doing so. And I cannot help feeling that it is very ungracious to give you so much personal trouble about what is, after all, a petty detail.

I have pleasure in enclosing a small contribution towards the Antarctic Exploration Fund,

Yours faithfully
Geo. Hardmeyer