

WILLIAM J. PREWETT

IN the first days of February American chess lost one of its most enthusiastic proponents of correspondence chess, in the passing of William J. (Bill) Prewett of Auburn, California. In a long and extremely active chess career, Bill Prewett served the Correspondence Chess League in almost every official capacity, serving many times upon its Board of Directors. Ever an exponent of correspondence chess, he held over the years a consistent and astounding record for the number of games in progress at one time—yet never failed to give each of his many opponents a cheery word of greeting upon the countless number of postcards that he mailed almost daily.

His cheerful words of greeting will be missed when the mailman passes by the door—those friendly words that this writer remembers from some twenty years ago when last he played Bill Prewett by mail. To his family go the sincerest sympathy of all correspondence players of America, for one could not play chess by mail and not know Bill—nor know him without friendship and respect.

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