

THE AMERICAN MATHEMATICAL SOCIETY

on its
FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY
greet's with particular affection
and esteem the man in whose mind
its organization first took shape

THOMAS SCOTT FISKE

Various members of the Society have shared its purposes, problems, and achievements from its earliest days to the present, none more vitally than he. As Secretary, Editor, and President, as well as in other offices of responsibility, he has supplemented initiative with long-continued service and devotion.

A half century is a common measure of man's personal

experience and of the history of the race. It is not too long to be compassed by the life of an individual; it is not too short to be significant in the life of an institution. In fifty years the American Mathematical Society has witnessed and in no small measure helped to bring about an unprecedented extension of mathematical research, which seems destined in its own sphere to mark this as one of the great ages in the growth of human understanding. The Society would like to believe that its Founder may be justly proud of its accomplishments, as it takes pride in his and addresses to him this testimony of grateful regard as with him it sets its face toward the future.

For the Council, by order of the Society

R. L. Moore

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