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Institutions are often but the projected shadows of the men and women who created them. So it is with this Association. We are but priests and votaries tending the altar-fires lit by those before us who built the temple. This is the story of the temple-builders—and the temple they built. Your fellow-members have paused in their busy lives, turning their backs on mounting tasks, to record for you that story—before it has been forgotten. Whether you acknowledge the debt or not, you will forever be their debtors. As your special Editor, I have used the traditional blue-pencil lightly and reluctantly so that the personalities of the contributors might shine through their writing, for they are vital individuals in the living history of our Association. For the most part, I have confined myself to the function of an editorial valet busily straightening a tie here and smoothing a lapel there. If your critical eye vainly seeking perfection among your equally-mortal colleagues detects a random seam which is not straight or a vagrant slip which shows, place the blame where it belongs—upon your willing but all-too-human servant. If you find much of real merit and value in the following pages—as I confidently expect, and earnestly hope, you will—credit in considerable measure belongs to your Golden Jubilee Committee which planned the issue, indicated the topics, and chose the contributors. If, perchance, in a warm and benevolent mood of kindly tolerance for your fellow-man, you should find here only an occasion for praise, shed it lavishly upon those hardy yeomen, your contributors, who accepted their assignments without flinching and performed their tasks as good craftsmen without murmuring or delay.

With the shy but bright-eyed expectancy of a little child laying a labor of love before a much-loved parent, your Committee and the contributors present to you your Golden Jubilee Issue at the hands of one who also, quite appropriately, this year celebrates *his* fiftieth birthday.

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