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Gentlemen:

Being advised by a source that is apparently reliable, and which indeed has proved to be reliable on other occasions, that on April 4 the Southern California Section of the American Chemical Society will celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of its founding, there is nothing left for me to do than accept that announcement as a fact, though I must admit that I am a bit suspicious. It does not seem possible that this can be the case, and I wonder how many in the section will admit being charter members. I have saved the personnel of the section some embarrassment by refraining from consulting the list of old-timers recently appearing in the News Edition, but perhaps some of their fellows may not be so kind and may display on this occasion a list of those whom they knew when the century was but a decade old. Of course there are some old patriarchs around, fellows like Morgan and Schmidt, but I had always regarded their dignity and pose as elder statesmen to be indicative of wisdom early acquired and frequently applied rather than mere maturity.

On several occasions I have been the guest of the Southern California Section. The section has even heard me speak, and it still survives. I have always been so hospitably received, so thoroughly entertained, and often instructed, that I feel very much at home among the members. Some of those who have passed on were good friends of mine, and one cannot forget them, even on an occasion of this sort.

Well, there are many years of useful work ahead, and I feel confident that the section itself only feels that it has begun a service that may become diversified in many directions as we journey along.

Sincerely yours,


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