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The Twenty-fifth Anniversary

THE close of business March 3, 1920, marked the end of the first quarter century in the life of Haskins & Sells. March 4, 1895, saw its inception.

On the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary, it is perhaps fitting that we should pause and reflect and record some of the firm's history in this number of the BULLETIN.

The span of twenty-five years has been marked by many changes. Much history has been made. The country has passed through periods both of elevation and depression. The whole economic aspect has been changed by the Great War. Ideas, relations, outlook, have all been transmuted by the fierce fires of the gigantic struggle. Altogether, however, the span has been marked by progress.

The profession of accountancy has not failed to keep pace with the general forward movement. In 1895, not a single state had recognized the profession. Today, only two states have failed to pass laws accrediting the public accountant. His duties and responsibilities have increased both in number and scope. Education has come to be generally recognized as a prerequisite of his calling.

The firm of Haskins & Sells, from its humble beginning at No. 2 Nassau Street, New York, has grown into an organization international in its activities. An executive office and twenty practice offices, all occupying about thirty-three thousand feet of floor

space, are now required to give the necessary attention to clients. The members of the firm number fifteen. There are twenty-six managers and assistant managers. The staff is comprised of four hundred and forty-two accountants, who are carefully selected and as carefully instructed and trained in the firm's traditions, ideals and technique. There are one hundred and forty-two secretarial, clerical and other employes. The total is six hundred and twenty-five.

Whatever measure of success this may be adjudged is due to cooperative devotion to the tenets of the profession. To serve the public skillfully, faithfully, and with satisfaction in matters of accounting has been the ambition of the firm.

To acknowledge no failures would be lacking in conscience and foolhardy. Mistakes there have been and some painful. But mistakes are human and are forgiven if they are not the result of wrong motives.

It is therefore pleasant to look back over the period and regard the consideration with which our friends and clients have received our efforts to serve them. It is stimulating to realize what their confidence has meant. It makes us wish for its continuance in the future.

If the occasion of a twenty-fifth anniversary is an appropriate time for resolutions, we are prompted to take this occasion to dedicate our best efforts to greater service in the years to come.