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THIS is a worthwhile occasion. Twenty-five years ago the North Carolina Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi made its appearance at this university. The chapter was installed on the evening of May 6, 1920, under the national presidency of Professor C. E. McClung.²

This anniversary occasion is enhanced and made especially appropriate by the fact that during the present year the University of North Carolina is in

the process of celebrating its sesquicentennial. During this period of one hundred and fifty years the university has cause to rejoice in the scientific accomplishments and trends which it has given by thought through research to the nation and areas beyond the seas.

A review of the Scientific Bibliography³ of the university since 1795, prepared some years ago by Mrs. C. Dale Beers, of the Department of Botany, impresses one with the sincere interest which instructors at this institution have had in gaining understanding of a scientific order, of the physical difficulties which must have beset such investigations and the will within

¹ An address on the occasion of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the founding of the North Carolina Chapter of the Society of the Sigma Xi, June 7, 1945.

² Wm. deB. MacNider, "Sigma Xi. Half-Century Record and History 1886-1936." North Carolina Chapter, p. 716. Free Press Interstate Printing Corporation, Burlington, Vermont.

³ Alma Holland (Mrs. C. Dale Beers), *Jour. Elisha Mitchell Scientific Society*, 50: 303, 1934.

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