

heartly congratulations to you, Sir John and Lady Tomes, upon the attainment of this, the fiftieth anniversary of your wedding day.

This event, though in some sense a private one, seems to afford an opportunity which we gladly seize—for expressing in a manner more personal than would be appropriate to any more public occasion, our recognition of your life-work and mutual devotion.

The singleness of purpose with which this object (nearest to the hearts of all of us) has been pursued—whether it be the scientific, the social, or the political advancement of our professional interests—has called forth this expression of regard and esteem, which, it has been thought, could take no form more in accord with your well-known feelings, than that of a personal gift to your devoted helpmate, and the foundation of a Scholarship or Prize Essay, to be awarded triennially to members of our profession, for original work in any direction of scientific inquiry.

This, it is hoped and believed, will commemorate in rising and future generations, the appreciation by us, your contemporaries, of your life-work in the educational reform of your profession, and inspire in them something of the same spirit of high aspiration and self-denial, which have characterized your long and honorable career. We express our earnest hope that you may both be long spared to enjoy your well-earned rest, in the assurance of the warmest good wishes of your many friends.

Sir John Tomes : Sir Edwin Saunders and Gentlemen,—Words will fail to express in fitting terms our acknowledgment of the kind and generous feelings which have prompted your visit and offers, in commemoration of the fiftieth anniversary of our wedding day, offers of gifts that will hand down the name to generations yet to come, by distinctive rewards to future workers in the cause of dental science. Encouragement, if not a necessity, is a great help to the young while gaining the needful equipments for the battle of life. And approval of the results of the fought-out battle is very grateful to the old, cheering the coming time, whether measured by months or years. For the approval you have so kindly expressed at the present time, and provided for in time to come, we offer our most sincere and heartfelt thanks. I do not stand alone ; I have worked with many workers, whose devotion to professional progress taken in the widest sense of the term, is recorded in the minutes of the Odontological Society and of the British Dental Association. You have selected me from amongst them for the reception of honors, in which they must also take a share. There is one, however, whose name will not be found in any record ; yet she, in willingly waiving her claim to what might have been my hours of leisure, has contributed to the results you have set forth in such flattering terms. No one feels more strongly than Lady Tomes that those who have lived by the practice of a