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Semi-centennial Greetings, Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft.

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Semi-centennial Jubilee Meeting A. O. U., Washington, D. C.

The Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft presents to the American Ornithologists' Union its warmest congratulations on the celebration of the fiftieth year of its existence. Ornithologists of Germany have followed with great satisfaction the unexampled rapid development of ornithology in America since the founding of the A. O. U. The time has long since passed in which great national societies can pursue their own ways unconcerned with one another. Whoever follows the literature knows that it is often the complexity of changing investigations which accelerates progress. It is certain that this international exchange of knowledge in ornithology has gained in importance as our knowledge interwoven with natural development strives to progress from knowledge to comprehension and from details to generalities. The ornithologists of America in their investigations published in 'The Auk' have influenced the ornithologists of Germany toward the end of the last century with their views determining the character of geographic variation, and we owe to them the blessing of trinomial nomenclature. Thus have the names of two of the most worthy pioneers of this movement, Professor Spencer Fullerton Baird and Dr. J. A. Allen found their place in the list of Honorary Members of the D. O. G. formerly occupied by George Ord and John Cassin. In recent times it is certain that we have learned much from American contributions in the realms of ecology, experimental biology and the knowledge of behavior.

It will always be an honor to the Deutsche Ornithologische Gesellschaft, as the oldest ornithological union in the world, to remain in most friendly competition with her great American sister, to whom we wish great success in all time to come.

(Signed) DR. O. HEINROTH,
President.

ERWIN STRESEMAN,
General Secretary.

Wilson Ornithological Club.

(Telegram.)

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Dr. T. S. Palmer,

Secretary, American Ornithologists' Union.

Greetings from the membership of the Wilson Ornithological Club to the American Ornithologists' Union. Congratulations upon your fiftieth meeting and a sincere wish that your Semi-centennial Convention be a milestone of new success and achievement.

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Secretary, Wilson Ornithological Club