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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we stand on the threshold of our twelfth year, we should pause, if only for a brief moment, and, from the vantage point we have reached, look out over our horizon with a clear mind and an open heart.

Behind us is eleven years of steadfast growth, encouraging almost beyond expression. Each of the years, as we see them pass in review, had contributions which made the next one a better one.

About us, to the right and to the left, is the present. It is the today which was the tomorrow of the past eleven years, and the future toward which the work of those years was ever reaching. It will be the yesterday of all the years to come. In it is every advantage we need to do our work, and every opportunity for which we could hope. Fortified by our inheritance of the experiences and work of our predecessors, we have only to seek out these advantages and opportunities, grasp them, use them, and finally make them our own.

Ahead of us is the future. It contains our hopes and ideals. It is the tomorrow of our today. In it is the realization of those things for which we plan and work.

In the past much has been accomplished. There have been, perhaps, some things some of us may have criticized; some things some of us did not like. But these things as well as the others have added to the growth of our society. We learn by experience. We are not perfect. We do make mistakes. But we profit by these human failings. From them criteria are developed by which our successors may avoid the pitfalls of the past. It is our sympathetic understanding of such things that makes the world a better place in which to live, and makes us better citizens of the world.

In the present there is much to be done. As your newly elected president of the American Society of Women Accountants I humbly assume my duties, fully cognizant of the vastness of the work of this office. I promise to serve you to the best of my ability, and to try to bring you that understanding which I mentioned. I will strive to uphold the principles of our society, and to always consider the interest of every member as an individual personality, rather than as part of a group, in any actions I may be obliged to take. At all times I will endeavor to be open-minded, persevering, honest, fair and sincere in my dealings in and for the society. It is my earnest hope that every member will cooperate with me this year in making it one which we can proudly add to the past, and pass on as a useful heritage to the future.



## ASWA

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