

A Message from the President of the American Pomological Society

The American Pomological Society is now 118 years old. Such durability indicates that it has performed and is performing a useful service for its members and for the fruit world. It has had many noteworthy presidents, starting with Marshall P. Wilder, who guided its destiny for the first 30 years. The list of succeeding presidents reads like a Pomological Who's Who.

The success of the Society in recent years is in no small measure due to its publication, *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest*, to the members who have contributed to it, and to the editors who have guided publication policy, particularly to the present editor, Dr. George M. Kessler, who has discharged his duties with distinction over the past 11 years.

The Society has a very stable membership of more than 600 from 23 different countries. However there are many people on this continent unaware of the Society, who I'm sure would be glad to be members if approached. It should be easy to sign up a new member, because we have so much to offer—(1) *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* plus a fruit trade journal—all for only \$4.00; (2) we have wide ranging and interesting subject matter coverage in our *Digest*; (3) and there are so many potential members among fruit growers and professional horticulturists. We are enclosing an application form with this issue for signing up a new member.

We also hope that every member who has a worthwhile contribution for *Fruit Varieties and Horticultural Digest* (even a short note) will send it to our editor. Topics from orchardists and skilled amateurs are as wel-

come as from professionals. While material on varieties and fruit breeding is our special interest, other pomological subjects lend interest and variety to our publication.

The Society is now preparing two important volumes for publication, namely, *American Apple Varieties*, and *History of North American Pomology*. These will be most interesting and valuable references, and we hope that every member will wish to procure copies.

Allow me to extend my best wishes and those of the other officers of the Society to all the membership, to thank the members for their loyal support, and to invite any suggestions they may wish to offer for the improvement of the American Pomological Society.

D. V. Fisher, President



Fig. 1. Dr. Donald V. Fisher, the current president of the American Pomological Society, is Head of the Pomology Section of the Agricultural Research Station, B. C., Canada.