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HI FELLAS — HERE WE ARE AGAIN WITH ANOTHER YEAR BOOK!

This time it's an anniversary number marking our twenty-fifth edition. The club has been in operation for thirty-six years now, twenty-five of which this book has been going to press. Both club and book were started by our life-long friend and benefactor, Harold S. Latham, who has since risen to top rank in the publishing profession. His personal interest in us still continues, and he has given the prize for our annual story contest. To him we dedicate this issue of our year book.

Mr. Latham's literary career began long before the first year book in 1914. In 1910 he wrote the first play presented by the P. B. C.: "The Little Rebel." He also wrote the next club play: "The Great Game." In 1912 he celebrated the hundredth anniversary of the battle of Lake Erie by writing "The Perry Boys" which won great popularity for our young actors. This was followed by "The Making of Larry" and "The Thirteenth Domino." all published by Samuel French, Inc.

Mr. Latham is also author of three books for boys: "Jimmy Quigg, Office Boy." "Marty Lends a Hand." and "Under Orders." portraying characters of the early club members, to some of whom the books are dedicated. You can find them in the Kearny Library.

Space does not permit us to give a complete history of Mr. Latham's professional career, or of his many philanthropic and religious activities. He is a successful amateur photographer and lecturer. He has traveled from coast to coast and over most of Europe finding



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authors whose books have been published by the Macmillan Co. of which he is Vice-President. He has discovered many best sellers including "Gone with the Wind." But we think his biggest accomplishment was the founding of the P. B. C. which has given hundreds of boys a better start in life!

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