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HALF A CENTURY WITH PROBABILITY THEORY: SOME PERSONAL RECOLLECTIONS

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We deeply appreciate Professor Cramér's gracious interest in presenting these personal recollections of the development of probability during the half-century, 1920-70. Professor Cramér has had a tremendous influence upon the development of both probability and statistics. His 1946 text alone, *Mathematical Methods of Statistics* [24], has so greatly influenced the studies and research of many during the past 30 years. During 1947-49, he served as Associate Editor of *Ann. Math. Statist.*, the forerunner of this journal. He also served as a Council member of the IMS in 1953-56 and the Rietz Lecturer of the IMS in 1953.—RP

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