

lated for exemption from the "ornamental duties" of the office. During two years of his Mayoralty, his duties were thoroughly and efficiently performed, but only on one occasion was he to be seen wearing the gold chain of office. With this retiring tendency, he pictured the happiness he promised himself in his old age in a quiet life among his family and intimate friends, and in the enjoyment of books and rural pursuits. It is an open secret that, in accepting his present position, he sacrificed his inclinations and his plans for his declining years to what he thought was his duty, and his friends think he will seize the earliest honourable opportunity for returning to them. It is to be hoped that the burden of his three score and ten years and the labours of his present responsible and arduous position will not shorten the latter years of a long and useful life, and deprive him of a well-earned and tranquil retirement from work and anxiety.

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