

victorious general or the triumphant admiral, both of whom would have been received with similar acclaim. The Temple with its brilliant display of electricity, its bright carpeting and its plentiful exhibition of bunting, both inside and out, presented a spectacle that will ever remain in the memories of those privileged to see it, who were all too few; for, had the committee who planned the affair but seen the turn the simply-planned welcome was to take, they would surely have made greater arrangements for the accommodation of the enormous crowds that thronged every available place, every nook and corner of the handsomest building devoted to the uses of philanthropy and protection of the distressed on this continent, if not in the world.

THE RECEPTION.

And with their waving plumes the belted Knights presented a brilliant spectacle. With Colonel-Commander C. A. Stone at their head, they marched and executed the necessary movements with a precision and an ease that bespoke pride in themselves and in their Order, as well as careful drilling by intelligent officers. No veterans of the army could have done better or presented a more noble sight. With difficulty the Supreme Chief, attended by Dr. Millman, the Supreme Physician of the Order, and Bro. E. A. Stevenson, H.C.R., of Chicago, threaded his way through the crowd and ascended to the sixth floor of the twelve-story building, where is situated the neatest and prettiest hall, of its size, in America. The officers of the evening had wisely kept the aisles clear, and consequently, once inside the doors, there was no more crowding and pushing, and the Doctor and his staff were able to make their entry under the crossed swords of the plumed escort who lined each side of the passage-way with becoming dignity. Both the Union Jack and Stars and Stripes were carried by the company, and their folds were allowed to mingle as the Doctor passed under them. The big audience then rose *en masse* and cheered and shouted with a heartiness that must have made the heart of the Supreme Chief Ranger bound and his ears tingle. What wonder that the gloriously benevolent smile that bespeaks the noble character of the man was wider, more beaming, more cheering and inspiring to look upon than ever! No patriarch of old, no martial hero of the present returning to his people, had greater cause for contentment, had greater cause, indeed, for self-satisfaction, were it possible for Dr. Oronhyatekha to feel that way, instead of being, like all true men of great and lofty mind, o'erwilling to award the utmost measure of praise and credit to others, a characteristic that showed itself in a marked degree in the delightful yet simple speech that he made in response to the welcoming address of the working staff of the Order.

Whatever there may have been on the outside, there was no confusion nor excessive crowding on the inside. There all things were well ordered, and an extensive programme was put through with a promptness and regularity that were truly surprising, considering the stirring tumult of the occasion. Although the programme of entertainment, in which that clever cartoonist and bright humorist, Mr. J. W. Bengough, took a leading part with Miss Maud Gordon, Mrs. Mima Lund-Reburn, Miss Dora L. MacMurtry, Mr. J. W. MacMurtry, Miss Kate A. Beatty and Mrs. John A. McGillivray, was a long and exceptionally pleasing

one, the audience by their applause and joyful greetings made it apparent all the way through that it was the Supreme Chief Ranger that they came forth to honor and intended to honor. Ranged on the platform on each side of the capable and imposing chairman, Major John A. McGillivray, Q.C., Supreme Secretary, were many of the leading lights of the Order, including, besides the Supreme Chief himself, the Rev. W. J. McCaughan, P.H.C.R., A. E. Stevenson, H.C.R.; T. Millman, M.D., S. Physician; H. A. Backus, H.C.R.; J. C. Morgan, H.V.C.R.; E. S. Cummer, P.S.S.; D. Albert Rose, M.D.; C. R. Fitzgerald, S.A.; W. B. Saunders, H.C.R.; Col. N. F. Paterson, Alex. Fraser, Daniel Rose, Major F. F. Manley, E. J. Hearn, H.C.; W. B. Greer, S.A.; P. N. Breton, D.S.C.R.; L. H. Luke, C.R.F.; James Casey, G. L. Wilson, Jas. Harper, W. W. Dunlop, W. J. MacMurtry, Col. Commanding C. A. Stone, R.F.; and G. A. Harper, A.S.C.R., the last mentioned of whom was the efficient manager of the interior arrangements.

THE ADDRESSES.

When the excitement consequent upon the entrance of the Chief had subsided, Major McGillivray, in a few eloquent words that gained in weight by their judicious aggregate brevity, called upon the Rev. W. J. McCaughan to read the address of welcome from the city courts. Mr. McCaughan, although in pulpit and on platform usually full of soul-awakening electricity, on this occasion took his tip from the chairman, and without ado fell to the reading of the address, which, after the manner of all things else in this excellently-devised and admirably-executed function, was a model in expression and comprehensiveness. Briefly, it welcomed the Supreme Chief Ranger back to health and home, and then spoke of the achievements of the Order under his guidance. It referred to the fact that during the three-and-a-half months Dr. Oronhyatekha had been away 12,308 applications for membership had been passed upon and accepted, and that the surplus had increased during that period by the wonderful sum of \$175,389.36, notwithstanding that the Supreme Court in the same time had disbursed benefits amounting to no less than \$400,448.43. It next mentioned that in the 17 years that had elapsed since the reorganization took place under the Doctor, the princely sum of \$5,596,294.06 had been expended in benefits, and that, after all the expenses had been met, a glorious surplus of \$2,786,564.11, equal to the resources of a well-ordered kingdom, remained wherewith to meet any sudden or unexpected strain in the future. Passing reference having been made to the institution of a magnificently large new court in Toronto and to the splendid progress of the Order in Europe, as testified to by Bro. Lawless, who had inspected the courts abroad, the address concluded by commenting upon the concord that existed between the United States and Great Britain, and bidding the Supreme Chief Ranger a cordial welcome home.

When Mr. McCaughan read the passage referring to Anglo-Saxon unity, there was loud and unanimous applause.

At the conclusion of the reading, Mr. McCaughan presented the address to Dr. Oronhyatekha with the words: "I beg to present this address, engrossed and illuminated, and to add my own welcome also on your safe return."

Bro. L. Herbert Luke followed with an excel-