

nection with organized work, and has already established himself as a Knight of the Legion of Honor for the Master, Christ Jesus, in our Province. Hence, Mr. Redditt, it gives me the greatest pleasure indeed, to give to you the badge which I have worn, trusting that you will find the same pleasure in wearing it that I have had. (Applause.)

The choir sang, "Blest be the tie that Binds."

The PRESIDENT (continuing)—I hope they will assist you as you have me, and I will now go to the Sunday School senate of ex-Presidents. Let me tell you a little incident that transpired down South. An ex-President was going down to visit a member in the South, and on the train that went northward there was a porter who was known for his urbanity to strangers and was a great favorite, so a friend thought he would introduce the ex-President to the porter, and he said to him, "Mr. porter, this is ex-President so and so, and this is ex-congressman so and so, and this is ex-senator so and so, and this is ex-honorable so and so," and the porter turning to the gentlemen, said, "I am very happy to meet all you extinguished gentlemen." (Applause.)

The Rev. Mr. REDDITT—There is no place on the programme for the using up of the minutes that are so happily allotted to others. I have just this to say, the position in which this Convention has placed me, I accept in the name of the Master, whose we are and whom we serve. It came to me with the greatest surprise; if it had been possible to have avoided or evaded, I would have done so. It has been my privilege for twenty-three years to attend nearly all the Provincial Conventions that have been held; it has been my privilege during a pastorate of nearly twenty-five years, with the exception of three, to spend the greater portion of the time in the Sunday School. I have looked upon the Sunday School as the Klondyke of the Church. I determined some years ago that I could not possibly attain to any great proficiency in all departments of the church, and I tried to know something about them, but I would seek to do my best for that which commended itself most to my mind and heart, and so I am with you in this Sunday School work. It would have been most agreeable to me to have remained right there amidst the rank and file. It has pleased you to see otherwise. If God spares me a year I shall follow my illustrious brother to a senator's bench.

Just one other word, if you please. I shall seek to do my best; that may be poor enough, but that is the most an angel can do. I ask your co-operation. We are going to pass this year as never before in our history as an Association, from one century to another. My heart's desire and my earnest prayer is, that our consecration of wealth, and worth of mind and heart, should be so thorough that when we come to the 31st of December, this Association will pass over, with the great army of God, into the twentieth century without any indebtedness. That is my great desire. That the year may be one of wonderful prosperity; that you may be enlarged in all your

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