

PRESENTATION TO MR. J. H. SCOTT.

It would add much to the sum of human happiness if some of the kindly and generous appreciation expressed towards the dead, were manifested to the living whose deserts it would recognize. It would especially encourage young men were they to see a life of merit bring its palm of reward before being too late to be received by the winner. Mr. James Henry Scott, general manager and secretary of the Gresham Life Office, London, has been honored by a testimonial of a character which is all the more gratifying from its rarity. No special event inspired this presentation, it was a spontaneous demonstration of the high esteem entertained for him by the "Field Forces of the Society" of which he is chief executive officer.

The Gresham is indeed fortunate in having a Chief who inspires such enthusiastic loyalty amongst those under his command. It is also fortunate in possessing a staff of workers who so frankly, and so generously, testified to the business ability and social worth of their superior officer.

THE CHRONICLE extends its heartiest congratulations to Mr. Scott on the presentation narrated below, sincerely hoping it may serve to mitigate the trials of business, and be a source of very pleasant reflections for as many years as he may desire.

On 19th May last, Mr. James Henry Scott, the General Manager and Secretary of the Gresham Life Office, was presented with a valuable testimonial from the officers and branch managers of the Society. The presentation was made in the board-room of the Gresham, at St. Mildred's House, London, by Mr. Alex. Lawson, the assistant secretary, in the presence of the London staff and some of the principal home and foreign branch managers. Mr. Lawson said: We are here this afternoon to do honor to our much esteemed general manager and secretary, Mr. Scott. I have been asked to make a presentation to him on behalf of the officers and branch managers of the Society, and I don't think I can do better than read to you their open letter to him, the terms of which have been inscribed in this album. To

James H. Scott, Esq.,
General Manager and Secretary,
Gresham Life Assurance Society, Ltd.,
St. Mildred's House, London, E.C.

DEAR SIR,—The gentlemen whose names are inscribed in this album, and who have the privilege of being more directly associated with you in that sphere of the Society's operations which comprise the organisation of its branches and the production of its new business (home, foreign and colonial), desire to express to you by some slight record which shall be simple, yet lasting, the deep feelings of esteem and of admiration which they continue to cherish for the sterling qualities that have not only endeared you to them, but have secured for you the high and responsible position you now occupy. You have won their esteem by your business ability, and their friendship by your unfailing cordiality; and it is their earnest hope that you may be long spared to hold the prominent place you now occupy as their chief officer, and the no less prominent place you fill in the heart of every signatory of this address.

This testimonial is accompanied by a presentation of

silver plate, together with a present personal to Mrs. Scott, which the subscribers beg of you to accept, and which they sincerely hope you may have health and happiness to enjoy. With every good wish they remain,

Dear Sir, Your obedient servants,
ALEX. LAWSON, G. STUART SMITH,
EDWIN JUSTICAN. W. GRANT,
A. McC. ROPP, JOHN SIBERRY.

LONDON, 10th May, 1896.

The names of the subscribers are as follows: T. Aitken, Glasgow; J. Alguer, Madrid; G. Alguer, Barcelona; E. P. Bartlett, Nottingham; A. McC. Ropp, Vienna; S. Feld, Budapesth; C. Feld, jun., Budapesth; J. C. Goulding, Cardiff; W. Grant, London; G. F. Hawkes, Bristol; H. Hunwick, Tunbridge; M. Judel, Amsterdam; J. Justican, London; W. G. Kirby, London; L. C. Krak, Amsterdam; R. Howard Krause, Vienna; A. Lawson, London; M. J. Lavallin, Cork; A. Le Son, Paris; Cav. C. M. Mazzini, Florence; A. Milne, Aberdeen; R. G. Moffett, Belfast; O. A. Nissen, Copenhagen; Sir Francis Osborne, Bart., London; A. V. Perrin, Brussels; G. Piestrasanta, Florence; R. Plochmann, Hamburg; A. W. G. Pritchard, Plymouth; R. Rankine, Cape Town; J. Reid, Manchester; R. W. Richards, Liverpool; I. J. Rooney, Sunderland; W. Roxburg, Edinburgh; W. Schreiber, Mannheim; J. Siberry, Dublin; G. S. Smith, London; A. C. Pharall Smith, London; C. W. Souter, Sheffield; W. F. Stratford, Norwich; S. Wertheimer, Nuremburg; C. H. Whittell, Ipswich.

The gentlemen whose names I have read to you have endorsed, by their own hand, the kindly sentiments expressed, and I am sure that those sentiments are shared by the staff equally with those who have had the pleasure of subscribing. When the idea of this testimonial was first mooted, it was received with the utmost enthusiasm and heartiness, and our difficulty has been to confine it within the scope of the original intention, viz., a testimony to Mr. Scott from the Field Forces of the Society—its first line of offence and defence. We all like to enjoy the esteem of our fellows—appreciation is the spice of life—and it must, I am sure, be a source of special gratification to Mr. Scott to know that he is loyally supported by organisers and producers, from whose ranks he has himself risen by conspicuous ability. The presentation, I am happy to say, includes Mrs. Scott, whom to know is to regard and respect, and whose goodness of heart and well known hospitality are pleasurably known to many of us. I am proud, Sir, to be the medium of conveying from the officers and branch managers these gifts to you; a silver salver, a silver tea and coffee service, a dining-room clock, a silver cigar box, and to Mrs. Scott a diamond bracelet.

Mr. Scott, who was loudly cheered, said: In thanking you on behalf of Mrs. Scott and myself, for this magnificent testimonial, I can hardly find words to express my gratification and thanks for the compliment you have so graciously paid me. What I have done to earn such an expression of goodwill and kindness on your part, I am at a loss to know, but it would be hypocrisy to pretend that I am none the less grateful for what is the most pleasant surprise which has ever befallen me. During the seven-and-a-half years that I