

Selections.

The Golden Wedding of Sir John and Lady Tomes.

Towards the end of last year, as most of our readers may be aware, it was decided at a representative gathering of the profession, to present to Sir John and Lady Tomes a suitable offering on the occasion of their golden wedding. A committee was appointed, and it was decided to bring the subject under the notice of those connected with the various scientific and other societies connected with dentistry.

A meeting of the subscribers to the presentation fund was subsequently held on February 3, at 40 Leicester Square, the chair on the occasion being occupied by Sir Edwin Saunders. This gathering, after hearing the statements of the Hon. Treasurer and Secretaries, unanimously decided that the most opportune way of celebrating the event would be, the foundation of a scholarship for original research in dentistry and its allied branches. It was at the same time decided to prepare an illuminated address enclosed in an album, expressing the honor and esteem in which both Sir John and Lady Tomes were held by all, the names and addresses of the subscribers to the wedding gift to be also inserted in the album, together with the names of the ladies who had contributed to the purchase of a special gift to Lady Tomes in shape of a handsome silver-gilt inkstand.

A representative deputation was appointed to wait upon Sir John and Lady Tomes on the day preceding their golden wedding day, and accordingly on St. Valentine's Day, February 14, the following journeyed to Upwood Gorse, Caterham: Sir Edwin Saunders, Messrs. T. Arnold Rogers, S. J. Hutchinson, G. Brunton, G. A. Ibbetson, J. Smith Turner, F. Canton, Walter Campbell, W. F. Forsyth, J. H. Mummery, A. J. Woodhouse, S. Lee Rymer, J.P., E. Trimmer (Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons), W. H. Woodruff, W. B. Paterson.

Sir John and Lady Tomes, in the presence of relatives and friends, having cordially received and welcomed the deputation, Mr. Thomas Arnold Rogers addressed the assembly, and said:

As Chairman of the Committee, but who has never taken the chair, nor indeed performed any of the duties of the chairman—unless perhaps occasionally to make himself disagreeable—I beg permission to say a very few words of regret for my inability to fulfil those duties. At the moment of summoning the first meeting, I was overtaken by illness which has incapacitated me from taking any active part. But I have the satisfaction of knowing that the work has been done much better without me than it would have been with me. Mr. Hutchinson immediately came to