

but the foregoing are the most prominent. We think the judgment of the insurance community will be the same as ours, that Mr. Standen's appointment would be preferred to that of any other. The highest testimonials have been submitted to Sir Leonard Tilley by Mr. Standen including several from Canadian Companies, Hon. John A. McCall superintendent of Insurance of New York and others, which fully endorse our opinion that this gentleman is in every respect well qualified for the position.

PRESENTATION TO PROFESSOR J. B. CHERRIMAN.

In our last issue we had only time on going to press to wish Professor Cherriman, the late Superintendent of Insurance for the Dominion, "Farewell," in a short paragraph; but one who has been before the public so long, and whose duties have been so arduous, of course should not have been and was not allowed to leave Canada without some acknowledgment from the insurance companies. On the 23rd of July, Mr. Cherriman, by previous invitation, met the Fire and Life representatives at the rooms of the Canadian Underwriters' Association, in Waddell's building, Montreal, and received an exceedingly handsome Illuminated Address in a Frame of black and gold, signed by the chief representatives of the companies. The Frame was a facsimile of that presented to the Marquis of Lorne, and the Address, which was illuminated by Messrs. Cox & Co., was greatly admired by all who saw it.

There was a large attendance at the meeting, and Mr. G. F. C. Smith, of the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Company, having been voted into the chair by acclamation, read letters and telegrams of regret for non-attendance of the managers of the Canada Life, Confederation Life, Standard Life, Aetna Life, Travellers, Western, Lancashire, London and Lancashire, etc., who, owing to the short notice sent them and from other causes, were unable to attend.

The chairman then, in his usual happy vein, presented the Address to Mr. Cherriman, touching upon the salient points of the latter's administration, and stating how pleasant it was to deal with one like Mr. Cherriman, who while acting with firmness could at the same time be courteous and gentle in manner.—And in conclusion, Mr. Smith pointed out how symbolical the frame was which held the address, the bright gold and colors illustrating the delight with which the companies handed him this token of regard and esteem and the black border the sincere regret at losing him from their midst.

Mr. Thomas Davidson, Managing-Director of the "North British and Mercantile," followed in a brief and appropriate speech, in which he stated how he for his part had believed when the Department was first inaugurated it was all *wrong*, and how glad he was to admit now that it was all *right*, this transformation being due in a great measure to the ability and tact of Mr. Cherriman.

Mr. R. Macaulay, Managing-Director of the Sun Life, united most heartily in the expression of regret at Mr. Cherriman's resignation of office, and spoke of his relations with the Life Companies generally which had always been most satisfactory.

Mr. Gale, of the Equitable Life, would have liked to have spoken, but an attack of asthma was too much for him, so he left the American Companies in the hands of

Mr. David Burke, of the New York Life, who in a brief speech, cordially endorsed all that had been said about Mr. Cherriman and heartily joined in good wishes for his future health and happiness.

Mr. M. H. Gault, M.P., of the Royal, also bore testimony to the uniform courtesy with which Mr. Cherriman had discharged the duties of his office.

Professor Cherriman in replying said all that he could say, which was saying a good deal.—Of course he commenced by observing how impossible it was for him to express all he felt upon such an occasion, and equally of course he then put his feelings into language both eloquent and precise. He was glad to find he had made so many friends, and also pleased that his efforts to carry out his duties fairly and impartially had met with such kind and hearty appreciation. He was sure that no sound insurance company had ever had cause for complaint respecting the inspection of their accounts, while he believed the public generally had benefited materially by the establishment of the insurance department. As to the management of that department full powers had been given to him and on him rested the entire responsibility, so that it was all the more gratifying to learn that he carried away with him nought but respect and esteem. He cordially thanked all the companies for the very handsome address they had presented to him jointly which would never cease to remind him of each one of those whose signatures were attached, and he concluded by wishing them all good-bye.

A light, very light, luncheon brought the meeting to a close, but those assembled had souls above luncheons and while no champagne could drown the "real pain" of parting with Mr. Cherriman there is no doubt that gentleman carried away from Canada the good will of all the licensed insurance companies in the Dominion.

We in this paper have on one or two occasions felt foul of the Insurance Department but it gave us great pleasure to bear testimony to Mr. Cherriman's personal qualifications which were "sans reproche."

ADDRESS AND SIGNATURES.

To J. B. Cherriman, Esq., M.A., F.I.A., F.R.S.C., etc., Superintendent of Insurance, Ottawa:

DEAR SIR,—We, the representatives of the Fire and Life insurance companies doing business in the Dominion, have learned with deep regret of your determination to resign the office of Superintendent of Insurance, and we desire to place on record an expression of the high estimation in which you are held by us. The office you occupy is one which presents peculiar difficulties, and demands rare qualifications of character and judgment, and we have pleasure in testifying most cordially to the honorable, efficient and highly satisfactory manner in which you have filled it. Your well-known abilities as an actuary and the uniformly impartial and courteous manner in which you have acted towards the officers of the several companies have always commanded our fullest confidence and respect.

We regret very much indeed that the pleasant relations which have existed between us for so many years will soon be severed, the more so, in that your resignation should in any measure have been influenced by the unfavorable state of your health. We cordially unite in wishing that there may yet be in store for you many years of health and happiness.

Wood & Evans, agents, Aetna Ins. Co. and Hartford Ins. Co.
T. H. Christmas, mgr., Aetna Life Ins. Co.
William H. Orr, man. and atty., Aetna Life Ins. Co.
J. Flynn, chief agent, Agl. Ins. Co., Watertown, N.Y.