

hub of all the continents. And so we wish him happiness, and his family. We shall be ever watching him, and his days of joy and success shall be ours as well.

Mr. Lucius Tuttle, President of the Boston and Maine Railway, also responded, in an especially pleasant little speech, which owing to the late hour, he had to cut short. His remarks were greeted with loud applause.

Sir William Van Horne, in a few well chosen words, spoke of the pleasure it gave him to be able to help in the honor being done Mr. Seargeant.

Mr. McBride followed with a toast to the ladies. It was enthusiastically received and as enthusiastically drunk.

Before the company dispersed Mr. Seargeant arose and, in a few words, proposed the health of the Chairman, Sir Alex. Lacoste. It was drunk amid much applause, and the gathering broke up to the strains of the national anthem.

One of the pleasantest parts of the evening was a choice programme of music that was carried out by Gruenwald's orchestra. Miss Ella Walker and Mr. T. Smith also rendered several songs. Miss Walker sang in good voice, and both her songs and Mr. Smith's were very much enjoyed.

Letters of regret were received, and read, from Messrs. Chas. M. Hays, St. Louis; Albert Fink, Louisville; Sir John Curling, Hon. John Costigan, Sir Frank Smith, Hon. Geo. Foster, Sir Chas. H. Tupper, Hon. A. R. Dickey, Hon. Dr. Montague, Hon. J. A. Chapleau, Hon. Geo. Kirkpatrick, Hon. Wilfrid Laurier, Sir Richard Cartwright, Hon. L. O. Taillon, Sir Casimir Gzowski, Col. E. C. Smith, St. Alban's; Hon. B. B. Smalley, Sir Chas. Tupper, Bart., and a number of others.

Some of these letters contain the strongest expressions of respect as well for Mr. Seargeant's personal character and social qualities as for the high ability and excellent principles which he had always shewn in the discharge of his official duties.

MR. GEORGE R. BLANCHARD, chief commissioner of the Central Traffic Association, Chicago, wrote as follows:

"I believe your worthy guest honored me with the first call he made upon an American railway officer when he came to the States to assume official relations with the great pro-