

born in the colonies that the bill had been introduced. The inhabitants of the colonies were as much British subjects of her Majesty as their Lordships, and were accustomed to refer in terms of affection to their Motherland. Those not connected with the colonies could not appreciate the intensity of feeling that prevailed there on this subject, and he was sure that he might rely on the support of those noble Lords who had the privilege of representing her Majesty in the great self-governing colonies. He had received telegrams from the Premiers of most of the Australian and South African colonies endorsing the bill in the strongest way. By the gracious permission of the Sovereign he had the privilege of being a member of that House, and, coming directly from the colonies, he could say that every colonist regarded himself as an Englishman, just as if he had been born in the United Kingdom. This measure affected very gravely many colonists, and he hoped that on this occasion the House would send a message of goodwill that would be greatly appreciated throughout the colonies by giving a second reading to this measure (cheers).

The announcement of the vote: yeas, 129; nays, 46; a majority of 83, was received with cheers. The correspondent adds "after the vote was taken, Lord Strathcona was warmly congratulated on his success."

Of course, a great difference of opinion still exists upon this serious question, and we do not regard the success of any such measure as being assured.

PRESENTATION TO Mr. W. P. CLIREHUGH.

On Thursday evening, the 7th inst, Mr. W. P. Clirehugh, the Manager of the London & Lancashire Life Assurance Company, was entertained at a dinner given in his honour by the officials of the Company, at the Holborn Restaurant, Mr. G. V. Mannering, the Assistant Secretary, occupying the Chair, and Mr. Hopkins, the Assistant Actuary, the Vice Chair. On the right hand of the Chairman, Mr. Clirehugh, the guest of the evening, was seated; and on his left, Mr. Hal Brown, the Canadian Manager. There were likewise present, Mr. Shillitoe, one of the Chief Medical Officers of the Company, the following Branch Managers:—Mr. Corkill, (Manchester); Mr. G. H. Foster, (Bristol); Mr. McWean, (Liverpool); Mr. Aitken, (Glasgow); Mr. G. C. Forster, (Leeds); Mr. Stewart, (Newcastle); Mr. Sloan, (Birmingham); Mr. Morton, (Belfast); Mr. Rhys Davies, (Merthyr); and Messrs. Sindall, Dent, Dyke, Kestin and Wrenn, of the Head Office staff, together with Mr. Connell of the West End Branch, and Mr. Stamford V. Clirehugh, of Manchester, as a guest.

After the usual loyal toast, the Chairman stated that he felt it a great privilege to be placed in the position he occupied that evening, and to be the spokesman, not only of those present, but likewise of the numerous officials connected with the company both in this country and abroad, who, although unable to be present, yet many of them, he was sure, were with them in spirit. They were present for the purpose of doing honour to their respected chief, Mr. Clirehugh, who he thought occupied the unique position of having been the founder of the company and its distin-

guished Manager for a period of 36 years. In its early history, he safely guided the London & Lancashire through the shoals and quicksands of youth, following a line of policy which soon enabled the company to outstrip many of its competitors in the race for business, until to-day it is well up with those Life Insurance Institutions which occupy a front rank. Mr. Mannering referred to his long and pleasant business association with Mr. Clirehugh extending over a period of 32 years, and he felt deeply indebted to him, not only for many acts of kindness, but likewise for the help that he had at all times afforded him, and he had pleasure in bearing testimony to his invariable kindness and courtesy. The suggested testimonial had been taken up most heartily and spontaneously by all, and he was exceedingly pleased to be able, on behalf of the Officers and Staff at home and abroad, to present Mr. Clirehugh with a gold repeating watch and chain with match box attached, as a mark of affectionate regard, great respect, and high esteem. He also presented him with a beautifully illuminated album containing a short address and the names of all the contributors.

Telegrams of congratulation and letters from representatives abroad were read.

Mr. Mannering then proposed Mr. Clirehugh's health with best wishes for the future, trusting that he might enjoy health and strength, and that he might long be spared to direct the affairs of the company with which he had been so long and honourably connected.

Mr. Clirehugh, in rising to reply, said that he appreciated very highly what his friend Mr. Mannering said in proposing his health, and regarded it as a great honour in being the guest of those present, and thanked Mr. Mannering for the kind but too flattering terms he had used. When a day or two ago he had received an invitation to be the guest of this evening he had no idea that he was to be the recipient of such a costly and beautiful testimonial, which he accepted with sincere pleasure and appreciated very highly the great honour done to him. This pleasure was greatly increased by the presence of his friend, Mr. B. Hal Brown, who is on a visit from Canada to this country, and who has charge of the most important branch of the company. The Canadian Board of Directors who advised Mr. Brown, with Lord Strathcona as Chairman, were able financiers and influential business-men.

He had, as Mr. Mannering stated, been associated with the company for a long period. The position attained was due to the cordial support he had received from Mr. Mannering, Mr. Hopkins and other officials together with the branch Managers, who have materially assisted in placing the company in its present position of success, and he trusted that all would continue to be associated for many years yet, and that through their united efforts the company would attain a still higher position.

Mr. Clirehugh then proposed the Colonial Branches of the company, coupling the same with the name of the Canadian Manager.

Mr. Hal Brown, in returning thanks, stated how gratified he had been with his visit to this country, and acknowledged the great kindness and hospitality he had received. He was also pleased to have an opportunity of conveying to Mr. Clirehugh the good wishes of the leading representatives in Canada, on this interesting occasion. They felt that Mr. Clirehugh possesses in an especial degree a kindness of spirit, a business energy and a sound broad policy, that com-