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In Honor

OF THE FAITHFUL SERVICE OF A TRUE MAN, WHO FOR MANY YEARS
HAS ADORNED THE TRUST REPOSED IN HIM BY EVERY QUALITY
WHICH SHOULD DISTINGUISH THE PUBLIC SERVICE
AND EVERY GRACE OF CHARACTER WHICH
CAN ATTACH HIM TO HIS ASSOCIATES.



CORRESPONDENCE.

BOSTON, Feb. 17, 1883.

STEPHEN N. GIFFORD, Esq. :

Dear Sir,—In recognition of your long and valuable service to the Commonwealth as Clerk of the Massachusetts Senate, and also, and not less, in the exercise of those feelings of earnest friendship and regard which so many years of delightful personal intercourse have engendered, the undersigned, a committee for that purpose, tender to you, on behalf of themselves and their associates,—members of the Senate for the last twenty-five years,—a complimentary dinner, to be given, if agreeable to you, at the United States Hotel, in Boston, March 10, at five o'clock P.M.

Will you please inform us whether the time will suit your convenience, and oblige,

Very respectfully and cordially yours,

ROBERT R. BISHOP,
JOSEPH BENNETT,
GEO. G. CROCKER,
ANDREW C. STONE,
FRANCIS W. ROCKWELL, } *Committee.*

BOSTON, Feb. 26, 1882.

GENTLEMEN,—Your note of the 17th inst. is received; and, in reply, I assure you that I am deeply grateful for your very kind expressions of regard for myself personally, and for the generous estimation of my services during my long official connection with the Senate. I deem myself most fortunate to have an opportunity to greet once more the friends of past years, and I gladly accept the invitation so kindly extended to meet you and them at the time and place named in your note.

Yours very truly,

S. N. GIFFORD.

Hon. ROBERT R. BISHOP and others.



DINNER.

In response to the invitation of the Committee of Arrangements, over two hundred members of the Senate, from 1858 to 1882 inclusive, and including members from each Senate during that period, sat down to the dinner in honor of the veteran Clerk. Hon. WILLIAM CLAFLIN, the senior living President of the Senate during that period in the country, presided.

After the company had assembled in the dining-hall, the President invited Rev. Edmund Dowse, of Sherborn, Chaplain of the Senate, to invoke the divine blessing, which he did as follows :—

INVOCATION BY REV. EDMUND DOWSE.

Almighty God, we thank thee for this suspension of business, of burdens and cares, for a season of rational and healthful recreation. We thank thee that so large a number who have been associated together in public life have convened on this occasion to renew acquaintance, to strengthen friendships, and more especially to testify their respect and esteem for him who, for a quarter of a century annually, they have chosen to make a record of their legislative acts ; and, while we gratefully acknowledge thee, in view of his long, faithful, and successful service, we desire to commend him to thy Fatherly care in the future, asking that thou wilt grant him length of days, a competence of worldly good, all merited honors, and a final approval of thee.

Grant that thy servants may go away from this occasion refreshed for the duties of life, and that we may ever remain loyal to the interests of the State, of our country, of the