

## Jubilee Presentation to Walter Hazell, Esq.



THE firm of Hazell, Watson & Viney, Ltd., was *en fête* on Saturday, December 31, 1892, the occasion being a jubilee presentation to Mr. Walter Hazell (managing director) from the whole of the firm's staff. The Memorial Hall, Farringdon-street, London, was the scene of the gathering, and at half-past nine the festivities led off with a reception in the handsome library of that building, followed by a well-provided tea in the great hall, at which some seven hundred sat down; after which important function an adjournment again took place to the library, where, after an overture on the piano by Miss Violet Viney, the meeting settled down to speech-making and mutual congratulation.



WALTER HAZELL, ESQ.

Supporting Mr. Watson in the chair, there were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. Viney, Messrs. Howard, Ernest, and Ralph Hazell, Mr. and Mrs. H. Jowett, Mr. J. Crowle Smith, Messrs. Lewis, Deane, Corbin, Dodds, Marples, Ward, and Palmer, Mrs. Watson, and the Misses Watson and Viney.

The chairman briefly referred to the object of the meeting and called upon Mr. Viney to make a statement, in which some of the most salient features of the firm's history were referred to, and the fact that its unanimity of purpose and kindly forbearance when difficulties arose, was largely due to the principles of justice and fairness which Mr. Hazell had at all times brought to bear upon the management of the concern.

Mr. Viney, on behalf of Mr. Hazell's fellow directors and the respective managers of the different branches of the business, then presented an elegant clock to Mr. Hazell.

Mr. Henry Jowett, manager of the Aylesbury Works, on behalf of the united staff, presented a beautifully illuminated address and a magnificent and elegantly appointed writing table to Mr. Hazell.

Mr. Houghton (manager of the Kirby-street Works) and Mr. Attwell (manager of the Long Acre Works) tendered expressions of congratulation from those employed in their respective departments.

Mr. Deane (S. W. Partridge & Co.), on behalf of one of the earliest customers of the firm, and Mr. Corbin, also congratulated Mr. Hazell on attaining his jubilee.

A song followed, "The Flight of Ages," admirably rendered by Miss Lizzie Jones, and then, amid vociferous applause, Mr. W. Hazell rose to respond, and stated that the firm of Hazell, Watson & Viney, Ltd., now employ 1,150 on its staff, and in expressing the unanimity and good hearty work that was displayed in all departments, quoted the well-known words of John Halifax, "Well, I am only a tanner, but a capital tanner I mean to be."

After referring to the handsome presentation and kindly wishes that had been expressed, he proceeded to draw a comparison between the condition of printers thirty years ago and their condition to-day. Wages had increased, hours had decreased, which happy result, continued the speaker, was partly due to the beneficent action of trade unions and partly to other economic causes. In addition, the cost of living is much less, and although house rents were perhaps about the same, local travelling was much less, and everything as regards the worker shows a marked increase in the comfort of the people, and still the tendency was towards shorter hours, and he for one would always welcome such tendency.

Mr. Hazell then referred to the various social and other combinations which existed within the firm, such as profit sharing, libraries, clubs of various kinds, allotments at Aylesbury, etc., etc., all of which were working most satisfactorily.

In conclusion, Mr. Hazell declared that he looked forward to a time when the relative conditions of capital and labour would be more and more harmonious, and when a millionaire would be an impossibility, and no employer would dare to call his employée "a hand."

An excellent programme of music, songs, and recitations was then gone through, and this interesting gathering was brought to a conclusion by the singing of "Auld Lang Syne" by the entire strength of the company.

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