

RICHARD SYLVESTER ASSURED OF THE COMMUNITY'S ESTEEM

Reception to the Popular Chief of Police at Hotel Barton Attended by More Than a Thousand People.

Presentation of Gold Watch, Badge, and Baton Accompanied With Speeches Expressing Appreciation of His Work.

From long association the names of Major Richard Sylvester and the Metropolitan Police seem synonymous. When one is mentioned the other is thought of. This is the reason why 1,000 citizens, distinguished and representative of the District, filled the Barton Hotel, last evening, to greet their Chief of Police, who is entering upon his twentieth year of service with the department.

With a warm grasp of the hand, a few words of good will, and several gifts of esteem, the gay crowd expressed the approval of Washington and the keen approval of the introduction toward the guest of honor. For nearly two hours the line of citizens filed past Major Sylvester. Even before this formal part of the reception was over, a halt was called to allow time for the presentation of the gifts.

The reception was sufficient proof in itself that a spontaneous response had been made to the suggestion of a tribute to Major Sylvester. The Business Men's Association was there. So was the Board of Trade and other organizations interested in the welfare of the District.

Presentation of the Gifts.

With the arrival of Major Sylvester at 8 o'clock, the reception began, the guest of honor taking position between Chairman James L. Norris and Secretary Harry Bulky, of the reception committee, who made the introductions. Before 10 o'clock the presentation of the gifts took place. These were a gold watch, a rosewood baton and a gold police badge. The inscription on each was as follows:

PRESENTED TO RICHARD SYLVESTER, MAJOR AND SUPERINTENDENT OF METROPOLITAN POLICE, BY THE CITIZENS OF THE D. C., MAY 25, 1903.

In turning these tokens over to the guest of honor, Mr. Norris said in part: "It is the pleasure and the privilege of the citizens of the District of Columbia to assemble here and collectively give evidence of their full appreciation of the manner in which the Police Department of this city is conducted."

"To you belongs the credit of the truth of its deserved reputation, and the citizens of the District of Columbia honor themselves in honoring the man who has thus wrought for them the good. As for the simple word 'duty,' you are an exemplar. You have wrought and fashioned the best disciplined and the most efficient police force in this country, and of your work we cannot speak in moderation."

"There is not a citizen in this assembly, or in this District tonight, but that feels that his property and the lives of his loved ones at home are perfectly safe-guarded as long as you march at the head of your courteous and intelligent brigade of blue-coated peace guardians. In one respect you have made this city the worst place on earth—in that for crooks and evil doers. They shun this city as a plague spot, and the hatred they have for you is the best compliment that they can bestow."

"You have mastered the science of criminology, and to you that science owes several important discoveries, among which is the bureau of criminal identification."

Major Sylvester's Response.

With a few witty remarks Major Sylvester accepted the present. He said in part: "An honored member of your committee, when he informed me of the honor you would do me on this occasion, said: 'What we will do to you on May 25 will be a plenty.' I am now convinced of the force and eloquence of his remarks. Hundreds of you have extended to me tonight the hand of sincere friendship and good will. You have assured me of your hearty co-operation in my work. The head of the Police Department must earn the respect and have the good will of the citizens, if he would accomplish good work and make his department a successful one. I am deeply grateful to you for these evidences of your esteem."

"When I assumed the superintendency of the Police Department, I was not a stranger to its needs. I had worked with it for many years. I have endeavored to make it a first-class organization. There is no such thing as a first-class police department. But I claim that we have here an efficient organization, an organization without scandal. If Congress will do for us what we would have it do, we will have a department second to none in the country, or the world."

A grotesque gift. Still another gift was presented to the guest of honor last evening. The event was not down on the official program and thus when Frederick B. Keefer, secretary of the Jackson Democratic Association, handed the chairman a badge of tin foil for the major, the affair for a moment was marked by a transition from the sublime to the ridiculous.

An address was made by Lieut. John Kenney, of the Police Department, who spoke of the high regard in which the superintendent is held by his subordinates. He also reviewed the career of Major Sylvester, and called attention to the beneficial changes brought about under his administration. Before the formal exercises began, a

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buffet supper was served to the guests. The Barton was tastefully decorated with flowers and potted plants.

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