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FAREWELL ADDRESS TO LORD WILLIAM BERESFORD.

The assistants of the Military Secretary's office waited upon Colonel Lord William Beresford on Tuesday at noon in order to present him with a farewell address accompanied by a handsome silver inkstand of sporting design. The address was as follows:—

My Lord,—On the eve of your departure from India after a service of eighteen years, we, who have served under your orders during your twelve years' tenure of the office of Military Secretary to three successive Viceroys, wish to express to you our deep regret at the termination of a connection, which has lasted so long and been to us one of unalloyed happiness. Your public career has been so distinguished and successful, that any mention of it here would be superfluous; but we beg to say that we have all read with the sincerest pleasure in the *Gazette* of the 1st January the acknowledgment and appreciation of the Government of India of your eminent services by the bestowal upon you of a K. C. I. E., and earnestly hope that many higher honours may follow it. We feel certain that your great abilities, energy, and infinite capacity for work mark you out for a brilliant future; and none will watch that career with greater interest than we who owe so much to you.

It is with reference to your relations with us that we would more particularly speak. We have invariably received the utmost courtesy and consideration at your hands, making service under you a positive pleasure. You have interested yourself in our welfare ungrudgingly and forwarded by every means in your power the interests of each, often at the cost of considerable inconvenience and trouble to yourself. So great has been our faith in your kindness of heart that we have never hesitated to appeal to you in our difficulties, feeling sure of your assistance. Even to our faults your justice has been tempered by mercy, thus endearing yourself to us all. Your memory, be assured, will live in our hearts long after your departure from these shores to a well earned repose among those nearest and dearest to you in your native land, which may well be proud of such a son.

Before concluding, we would ask your acceptance of this silver inkstand and photograph, as a small token of our affectionate esteem and gratitude for your many kindnesses, and hope they will sometimes recall to your remembrance those whose paths through life, humble though they be, you have lightened by your kind help and sympathy. We feel that in parting with you we are losing such a staunch friend and good master as it is the lot of but few to possess. And in bidding you good-bye we pray from the bottom of our hearts that God may bless and prosper you till the cup of your joy is full to overflowing.

His Lordship in reply thanked them sincerely for the kind wishes expressed in their address. All that he had been able to do in that office had