

To Lieut.-General Sir Francis J. Davies,  
K.C.B., K.C.M.G., K.C.V.O., G.O.C., Scottish Command,  
on receiving Honorary Membership from  
The Lodge of Edinburgh, (Mary's Chapel) No. 1.

14th December 1920.

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The Lodge of Edinburgh greets her latest link,  
A Link in the great chain which, through three hundred years  
Has bound in brotherhood all those of whom we think,  
When yet another honoured Brother's name appears.

A King and many Dukes and Earls have signed your roll,  
Lords great and small, Divines and Legal Worthies too  
But none we honour more than those who had as goal  
Our country's honour - Soldier-Mason, we mean you!

We work to win our leisure hours and only fight  
To live in peace. What greater work for man, indeed,  
Than suffer hardship, that the work may have respite  
From blinding misery and grief by war decreed?

Brother Sir Francis Davies, you have fought and won  
Where Freedom bled and Duty cried on foreign field,  
Secure though oft in danger; for your work was done  
In that same spirit which our Master great revealed.

And so you come to Mary's Chapel. It is well.

For we give place to none when Honour merits its reward.  
We're proud to call you Brother and successors tell  
Of how you honour gained with trowel as well as sword.

One last thought none. You represent King George's power,  
And - paradox it may be - you too represent  
The humblest of the Sons whom Scotland in the hour  
Of Britain's urgent need to battle gladly sent.

Fit Representative of Highest in the Land  
And humblest, you with them our Lodge's honour share.  
God bless the King! God bless the humble here band!  
God bless you, grant that you your honours long may wear.

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