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HANDSOME GIFT FROM EDINBURGH AND MIDLOTHIAN SOUTERS.

MEDALLION FOR STANDARD-BEARER.

Writing to Mr Pollok, the Town Clerk, Mr Robt. Sword, secretary to the Edinburgh and Midlothian Souters, says that at a meeting held in the Oddfellows Hall on Wednesday night, it was resolved to send a medallion in gold to the Standard-Bearer as a memento of the occasion, and as an additional inducement to young Souters to strive after the position of Standard-Bearer at the Common-Riding. The medallion will have the Burgh Arms stamped on one side, and the Standard-Bearer's name with the date engraved on the other side. A committee was formed to carry through the project, and it is intended to send out a replica every year. The Edinburgh Souters are to be heartily congratulated on hitting upon such an original idea. It will certainly help to increase the keenness of the competition for the much coveted post, and will afford a beautiful and tangible memento of a memorable time. Provost Allan, who accepted the offer at the Town Council meeting on Monday, said the communication from the Edinburgh and Midlothian Souters was one they were very pleased to have, and the Council very cordially accepted the offer.

COMMON-RIDING ANTICIPATIONS. — A fortnight—and the "Nicht afore the morn!" We are getting on. Next Thursday it will be a week off, and the Thursday after that will be 1r. Time is rushing on, and if we don't bestir ourselves the great event will be here and past before we quite realise it. There are evidences, however, that the spirit of enthusiasm is again burning brightly. The several Standard-Bearers are busy these fine evenings rehearsing the casting of the colours, while the Corporations are putting the final touches to their arrangements. The youthful Souters are getting into tune for the march down the Green, as anyone whose fortune it was to return to Selkirk with the last train on Saturday night will testify. From every other compartment the strains of the Common-Riding songs floated out into the night air, and many an old jack-daw, rudely awakened from her slumbers, looked over her nest in mild astonishment at the phenomenon of such lively sounds issuing from a dull and soulless train. Mr R. W. Dickson, the secretary of the Colonial Society, has received a communication from Mr R. Sword, secy. of the Midlothian Souters' Association, suggesting that the medallion they are providing for the Standard-Bearer be presented at the Colonial Society's meeting, and stating that if this proposal was agreed to by the Colonial Committee, Mr William Anderson, architect, Edinburgh, would make the presentation. Needless to say, the Committee are likely to be enthusiastic in agreeing to such an interesting ceremony taking place, and we know that Mr William Anderson, than whom there is no more loyal and true-hearted Souther living, will do full justice to the occasion.