

TABLET FOR J. E. GILBERT.

Broadway Association Makes Award to Builder of 1,776 Broadway.

A bronze tablet was presented by the Broadway Association yesterday noon to Joseph E. Gilbert, builder and owner of the new twenty-five-story office building at 1,776 Broadway, northeast corner of Fifty-seventh Street. The tablet, "in appreciation of his progressive civic pride in a greater Broadway," was presented to Mr. Gilbert on behalf of the association by Louis Wiley, Business Manager of The Times.

Bronze "Liberty Bells" are a feature of the interior decoration of the structure, and murals in the main lobby on the ground floor depict incidents of the Colonial period and the days of Washington. George and Edward Blum were the architects.

Mr. Gilbert occupies the two upper floors of the building, the lower for his business office and top floor for living quarters. He said he felt inclined to retire from active building operations hereafter, leaving his son to continue construction work.

Mr. Wiley told of Mr. Gilbert's achievements after a beginning as a telegraph operator. General Giuseppe Garibaldi, grandson of the Italian patriot and a resident of this country for the past thirty years, paid a tribute to Mr. Gilbert's personal qualities. Other speakers were Frank D. Waterman, President of the fountain pen company, Clifton D. Jackson of John Wanamaker's, and J. Clydesdale Cushman of Cushman & Wakefield, Inc., renting and managing agents of the building.

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