

ery mark of respect and affection which they exhibited, and that his highest aim was their present and eternal happiness. After singing a psalm appropriate to the occasion he implored the divine blessing on the assembled friends, and for the general prosperity of the Church.

It is scarcely necessary to add that the occasion was one of very deep interest as every face present seemed lit up by a happy and generous soul within, showing that the giver is equally blest with the receiver. Will it not be a happy period in the history of congregations when such parties will be held at least twice per annum, at the house of christian ministers?

Parrsboro', April 5th, 1858.—*Com.*

PRESENTATION TO REV. JOHN I. BAXTER, OF ONSLOW, NOVA SCOTIA. —On Friday the 7th May, a committee of the session and congregation of Onslow and Beaver Brook, accompanied by about one hundred of their brethren and sisters, waited upon their pastor at his Manse, and, in the name of the congregation, presented him with a handsome horse, carriage, and harness, accompanied with the following address:—

TO THE REV. JOHN I. BAXTER.

Rev. and Dear Sir,—A quarter of a century has now elapsed since the connexion was formed between you and us as pastor and people. During that period much has transpired incident to the flight of time, and perhaps as little to disturb harmony and good-will amongst us as falls to the lot of any in similar circumstances. Many who joyfully hailed your settlement here, after enjoying your faithful ministrations for a time, have been called, we hope, to the church triumphant. Permit us, Revd. Sir, who are still on our pilgrimage to say, that we have not been indifferent spectators of the laborious services, in which you are almost continuously engaged in one section or another of your extended congregation. In proof of which, and in order to lighten your labour as much as possible, and at the same time give token of our interest in your welfare and success, we beg your acceptance of a good horse and carriage and harness, which we have provided, at a cost of sixty pounds, for your special service.

Accept also our best wishes for the temporal and eternal welfare of Mrs Baxter and family.

And now Revd. Sir, our united prayer is that your useful life may be long spared to the church, to your family and to the world, and when at last called to give an account of your stewardship, that you may hear the Judge of all say to you, "Well done good and faithful servant. Thou hast been faithful in a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things, enter into the joy of thy Lord."

In behalf of the church.

JOHN DICKSON,	} <i>Committee.</i>
D. E. CUTTEN,	
T. B. CHISHOLM,	
J. C. BLAIR,	
WM. DICKSON,	
SOLOMON RUDE,	
JOHN ALEXANDER,	

Onslow, 7th May, 1858.

To which Mr Baxter made the following reply.

To Messrs. J. Dickson, D. E. Cutten, J. C. Blair, T. B. Chisholm, Wm. Dickson, S. Rude, and J. Alexander. and the congregation whom you represent.

My Dear Friends,—I receive your address and present with mingled feelings of satisfaction and humiliation:—of satisfaction because of the friendly sentiments expressed in the address, and of the valuable, suitable and seasonable present with which it is accompanied—of humiliation because that all these things naturally remind me of my numerous imperfections and deficiencies of duty.—"By the grace of God," however as Paul says, "I am what I am." And having laboured here as you say for a quarter of a century, I hope it has not been altogether in vain. Of the 141 subscribers to the call forming the connection between us of pastor and people, only a few remain in the land of the living; and of the 55 original church members (now increased to 235) only 15 remain to witness the interesting proceedings of this day.

There is indeed in this large and extended congregation ample room for more pastoral labour than I have been able to accomplish; your present therefore is the more acceptable, as it consists of a locomotive power which will enable me to visit with comfort the various and scattered sections of the congregation.

It affords me additional satisfaction that you take an interest in the present and future welfare of my faithful "Help Meet" and companion, and of our family, thereby signifying that they have