

accounts of the revival in Ireland how the people who are under the gracious influence abandon their drinking habits.

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Yours respectfully,
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CHATHAM.

A Soiree was held on the evening of Tuesday, the 15th of November, in the Town-hall, in connection with the U. P. Congregation here. The meeting, which was one of the largest and most respectable ever known to assemble in Chatham, on any similar occasion, was held for the purpose of presenting the Rev. William Walker, the Pastor of the Congregation, with a small but satisfactory token of his people's affection, and of their appreciation of his ministerial labours. On the platform were seated the Rev. Mr. McColl, of the Free Church, Chatham; the Rev. Mr. Rennie, of the Church of Scotland, Chatham; the Rev. John Jennings, D.D., Toronto; the Rev. William Ormiston, A.M., Hamilton; the Rev. A. W. Waddell, U. P. Church, Harwich; the Rev. William Walker, Pastor of the Congregation; and others, belonging to the town. Dr. Rolls, of Chatham, occupied the Chair.

After tea and coffee had been served, and the inharmonious sound of empty cups and saucers had died away, the Chairman rose, and stated the more immediate object of the meeting. They were assembled, he said, to offer their respects to the Rev. Mr. Walker, and he was glad to see the estimation in which the rev. gentleman was held by the public at large. All denominations in the town were represented in the Hall that evening, and he believed they all concurred in the general object before them. He wished them to understand that he shared in the general feeling of respect, and, without further remark, he would present the Rev. Mr. Walker with a purse. He would also present the leader of the choir, Mr. Cleeve, with a number of volumes of Note Books, the offering of the Congregation.

The Chairman having resumed his seat, Mr. Walker rose to respond. He made some very feeling allusions to his present position, and wished to thank the assembly, from his inmost soul, for this token of their affection; but especially he would thank the author of all blessings for any real success he might have had among the people of his charge. He was still an unprofitable servant; he had only done what it was his duty to do; and he would still labour, if God should be pleased to spare him for their good, "as those that must give an account."

Mr. Cleeve then rose, and thanked the Congregation for their acceptable offering, and hoped the assembly would not demand a speech from him. The choir, under the leadership of Mr. Cleeve, then performed.

The Rev. Mr. Waddell was then called on to address the assembly. He rose and said, that he would now address them in a few words of consolation. He meant thereby, that the large and respectable assembly now before him, might console themselves with the persuasion, that he was not going to make a speech on that occasion. There were reasons, some apparent, some invisible, why he should not detain them long. He was the *first* called on, and the night was already far spent. Besides, there were gentlemen here from a distance, whom he was glad to see, and whom they were just as glad to hear; and he had a good mind to stand aside, and allow the "lions" to appear at once; but lest he should be accused of indifference, he would beg leave to say, that he most heartily congratulated Mr. Walker on the pledge he had just received of his people's love and esteem. He concluded by repeating a Welsh parable, intended to show the facility and advantages of Christian co-operation.

The Rev. John Jennings, D.D., was then called on to address the meeting. The speaker began his address by some touching allusions to names and places which had become familiar to him when he visited that locality more than twenty years ago. These days furnished to him some very pleasing recollections. He then pro-