

Mr. Watson, in a feeling speech, thanked the donors, on behalf of himself and Mrs. Watson, for the handsome gifts, and the kind attachment evinced by the congregation, not only on that occasion, but ever since his induction to the charge, over twenty years ago. He said it was his earnest wish to live and die amongst them. Well filled baskets were produced, and a sumptuous repast spread, to which all did ample justice. Prof. Blackie, who was present by invitation of the visitors, sprang a mine of joyful mirth by his pleasantries.—The Misses Watson presided at the piano, and played Scottish airs, carrying those with silvery locks back to the scenes of their youth, when they danced "Tullochgorum" in the gowany glens of their native land. The buggy presented to Mr. Watson is a beautiful piece of workmanship, and is from the carriage factory of D. Conboy, Uxbridge. The harness was made by J. J. Glover, Beaverton.

BAYFIELD,—On Monday, 3rd ulto., a deputation of the Scotch Church, Bayfield, paid a visit to their minister, the Rev. Mr. Moffat. Miss Wilson, of Stanley, read an address on behalf of the ladies, thanking Mr. Moffat for his defence of the "Church of their Fathers," and his disinterested exertions to promote the welfare of the Scotch congregations of Bayfield and Varna, requesting him to accept an elegantly wrought plaid scarf which they had made for him as a token of their appreciation of his services. Mr. Moffat expressed himself highly gratified by such sentiments of the esteem of the ladies of his congregation, and by the very handsome gift they had presented to him, and assured them that he had no greater pleasure on earth than to defend the "Church of their Fathers," and promote in particular the cause and welfare of the Scotch Churches of Bayfield and Varna.

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We have received a copy of a pamphlet, published at the office of the Huron *Expositor*, Scaforth, Ont., entitled, "Persecution of the Scotch Church." It is written with vigour, occasionally with rather too much, and we would suggest to the author the propriety of refraining from political references, as no Church can ever prosper which allies itself with political parties, or interferes, as a Church, with political or party questions. The most unfair character of the Union Acts is clearly pointed out, and the clause which keeps up perpetual doubt and distraction in congregations which still remain faithful to their Church is very forcibly painted. "It provides for the continual filling up of the Union ranks at the expense of the Kirk, and the continual pulling down of the Kirk without the possibility of restoration. It provides that in all times coming Scotch Church people shall be in dread of its consequences, that if, by any means, fair or foul, Unionism steals into a Scotch congregation, and Union sympathisers at length outnumber the true Scotch members, they can still hand over such Scotch Church to the Union; but no such provision exists in favour of the Kirk, of allowing a Union congregation to vote itself back again to the Church of Scotland." Other clauses are taken up, and the very disgraceful scenes enacted by the seceders are touched upon with severity.

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