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PRESENTATION TO W. B. SIMPSON, ESQ., BROCKVILLE, C. W.

The service in St. Peter's Church was of unusual interest last Christmas Eve. It was the first occasion on which the new organ was used in Divine Service, and the chants and Christmas carol sung by the Sunday School children, had a most pleasing devotional effect. The organ we may state is a splendid instrument, built by Mr. Warren of Montreal at a cost of \$1,400, and reflects much credit on the builder. After the evening service the Rev. Dr. Lewis addressed the children, and reminded them of the meaning of the services in which they had been engaged, and then requested them to adjourn to the School-house, where the congregation had provided an entertainment for them. Accordingly the children, to the number of two hundred, proceeded from the Church to the School house, and partook of coffee and cakes liberally supplied to them by the kindness of the members of the Church. When sufficient time had been given for this part of the proceedings, W. B. Simpson, Esq., Superintendent of the Sunday School, rose and said that as he was about to leave Brockville he was anxious to address the children, in whose welfare he had for so long a time taken a deep interest. Accordingly he addressed the pupils in a very affectionate manner, and concluded by saying that he intended to give every child present a parting gift, to remind all of their Sunday School Superintendent. Mr. Simpson then distributed his presents to the delighted children, and we think all appreciated his kindness and liberality. At this stage of the proceedings, the Rev. Dr. Lewis was handed by the Mayor, W. Fitzsimmons, Esq., a beautiful Church Service, which he presented to Mr. Simpson on behalf of the children. The book contained on its title page the following inscription: "Presented to W. B. Simpson Esq., by the Sunday School children of St. Peter's Church, Brockville, as a small token of their appreciation of his services as Superintendent of the Sunday School for ten years. Christmas, 1859."

The Rev. Dr. Lewis presented the volume in a speech in which he thanked Mr. Simpson, not only on behalf of the children, but also, of the congregation, and remarked that he was only doing right to recognize the merits of Mr. Simpson, who had not only had time and ability to devote to the interests of the school, but also what was more rare in these days, the wish to do his part in promoting the religious education of the rising generation. He then asked for three cheers for Mr. Simpson, which were given with a hearty good will, and the dismissal hymn having been sung, the large assembly was dismissed with the benediction. We wish Mr. Simpson every happiness in his new sphere as Collector in Kingston, in which city another of those gentlemen (Robt. Wingate, Esq.,) to whom the Sunday School is under obligations, has, we regret to hear, lately removed.—*Brockville Monitor.*

Among the articles offered for sale at the late Bazaar, held by the ladies of the congregation of St. Peter's Church, a Crayon drawing by Mr. F. Lock, artist of this town, was the *chef-d'œuvre*. The Picture was entitled "Christmas Eve," and represented the exterior of St. Peter's Church. The effect of the Moonlight, and the Church itself lit up for Divine Service, was exceedingly fine. The thanks of the congregation are due to Mr. Lock for this very liberal donation, which attests alike his generosity and skill as an artist. The picture was sold to forty five members of the church, who subscribed \$2.50 each, to purchase it as a Christmas present for their Pastor, the Rev. Dr. Lewis.—*Ibid.*

PRESENTATION.

On Christmas eve, the Rev. James A. Preston, M.A., Incumbent of Stirling, was presented with a handsome surplice, by the ladies of his congregation. At midnight, a Christmas hymn was sung at the door of his residence, by several members of the church, after which, a large basket of provisions and other articles for domestic use, (in weight about 150 lbs.) was carried into the house and unloaded. The value of the contents of the basket may be estimated at *thirty dollars*.—After singing hymns, appropriate to the holy season, the parishioners departed, with the cordial thanks of their clergyman for their kind and considerate present.

On Wednesday, 28th ult., (Innocents day,) after Divine Service at 7 o'clock p.m., Mr. Preston took occasion to thank the parishioners for their valuable and useful presents, and stated, that however valuable these things were in themselves, they were much more appreciated by him, on account of the quiet and unostentatious manner in which they were presented, as up to the time of receiving them, he had no idea that such an agreeable surprise awaited him. Such considerate kindness and thoughtfulness on the part of the people toward their minister, is well worthy of imitation.—*Com.*

The Incumbent of Stirling begs to acknowledge with many thanks the receipt of *silk stole* with a note, of which the following is a copy. The real name of the donor was not sent.

JANUARY, 1860.

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having learned from a friend that the ladies of your congregation at Stirling presented you, at Christmas, with a valuable *surplice*, I would, as a small *thank offering*, beg you to accept a *silk stole*, as an appropriate accompaniment to the present above mentioned. Wishing you God speed in your missionary labours,

I remain,

Rev. and dear Sir,

Yours sincerely,

A FRIEND TO MISSIONARIES.

The Rev. J. A. Preston, M.A., Stirling.

Rev. J. Smithurst requests that letters and papers intended for him, may be addressed to Clifford Post Office, Minto.

MOUNT FOREST CHURCH.

The subscribers in Toronto and Hamilton, and other places, towards the erection of the above Church, will be gratified to learn that it is now open for Divine Service. It is a neat comfortable building and was very much needed, as the school house was far too small for the congregation. It was opened on the 18th December. The Missionary the Rev. Mr. Houston, and the Rev. Mr. Smithurst, were present, the latter gentleman preached in the morning and the former in the evening. The Church was well filled and the singing very good for a new choir.

NOTICE.

The annual meeting of the Niagara District Branch of the Church Society, will (D.V.,) be held in St. George's Church, St. Catharines, on Tuesday, March 6th. Meeting of Committee at 12 o'clock; evening meeting at 7 p.m. The several Parochial Branches are requested to send in their reports on or before March 1st.

CHAS. LEXCESTER INGLES,
Sec. N. D. B. C. S.

Drummondville, Jan. 12, 1860.

COLLECTIONS UP TO JAN. 12TH, 1860.

Collections appointed to be taken up in the several churches, chapels and missionary stations in the Diocese of Toronto, in the month of October, in behalf of the Widows and Orphans' Fund of the Church Society.

Previously announced	\$808.51
Christ's Church, Bradford.....	72
Trinity Church.....	1.78

Per Rev. J. Fletcher.....	2.50
Cartwright, per Churchwarden	5.00
St. James's, Carleton Place	4.95
St. John's, Lanark.....	2.59
St. George's, Ramsay.....	2.47

Per Rev. E. H. M. Baker	10.01
Goulbourne	1.50
Huntley	2.50

Per Rev. J. Godfrey.....	4.00
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123 Collections, amounting to..... 825.02

SUSTENTATION FUND.

Collections appointed by order of the Lord Bishop of Toronto to be taken up in the several churches, chapels, and missionary stations, in the Diocese of Toronto, on November third, being Thanksgiving Day.

Previously announced.....	\$1330.11
St. George's, Georgina, additional, per Churchwarden	1.00