

**Presentation.**—We were shown, the other day, by our friend, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, a very handsome English Patent (Gold Watch, valued about \$75, which he informed us (in a profound secret, of course) was a highly appreciated parting token of the kind regards of Mrs. Bauld, senr. Mr. Thompson is justly well pleased with this proof of the esteem in which he is held by one to whom he is well known; and, coming on the eve of his departure for the wide mission field of the great Pacific region, will be a pleasant reminder of the fact that kind wishes follow him from our Acadian capital to the new sphere to which he has been called.

**The Late James Marshall.**—We regret to record the sudden death of Mr. Marshall, an elder of the Kirk-Session of St. Andrew's, Halifax. He was born at Dartmouth on the 12th of May, 1822, and was baptized on the 11th of June of the same year, in St. Matthew's Church, by Rev. Archibald Gray. During his boyhood he continued to reside in Dartmouth, and at the age of 17 he removed to Halifax to serve his apprenticeship. This he completed in the ordinary term of five years, and entered upon his life-work immediately thereafter. He showed in early life a disposition "to follow after holiness," and, notwithstanding the many temptations thrown in his way, he grew up a dutiful son to a widowed mother whom God cast upon him, and who was cared and provided for by him till her death, at the full old age of 81.

He was a true son of the Church of Scotland, and he manifested his love for the venerable walls of Zion by entering in early life into her communion, and by accepting with faith and prayer the appointment to the ranks of her Eldership, the duties of which office he discharged to the end of his life. He died on the 9th of May, 1870, at the almost mature age of 48.

On the Sunday following, the minister of St. Andrew's reminded the congregation of the loss sustained in Mr. Marshall's removal, in the following terms:—After urging on his people the duty of being ready to "magnify Christ, whether by life or by death," he went on to speak of the character of him so lately removed from their midst. He said: "It is the duty of those left behind to copy the many excellencies of character as seen in the life of Him whom to-day we miss from his accustomed pew, and whose loss we mourn: (1), As the head of his household, he shows you all a good example. On this point I shall say but little, for I know that I am treading upon sacred ground. There is a veil in the private life of the home like that which hung in the Temple of old, and beyond that we dare not look. But there is a life outside of that, which as a church we profess to own, and over which we profess to watch. In this sphere it can be said of him, without reserve, 'He ruled well his own house.' His family, as they grew up to years of discretion, followed the example of the father, and entered the communion of the church. And I always felt, in going out and in across his threshold, that the air of peace was ever found within. (2), As a member of the congregation, we can profit largely from his good example. He was regular and punctual in his pew. Though his dwelling was one of the most distant from the church, he was never late, and a slight cloud in the sky did not keep him away from the services of the sanctuary. His attachment to his church was consistent; he loved the house of prayer. That attachment was showed more by *work* than by *word*. He, feeling the power of grace within himself, wished to communicate that to others, and put his talents to use in the service of the church as a Sunday School teacher; and I ask any of his old scholars who join us in sorrowing for his early departure, don't you feel to-day, as perhaps you never did before, the force of that short sentence, 'He, being dead, yet speaketh?' In the capacity of a communicant, the congregation and church have never had occasion to blush for him. In this, as in so many other respects, let those who remain be blessed by his good and consistent example. (3), As an Elder. He realized the honour of the office,