

### Presentation.

There are few men connected with the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association—in fact, we may say there are none—who have deserved so much from its members for his untiring labors in connection with its organization and sustentation than Mr. Robert McKnight of Owen Sound. Although Mr. McKnight's experience as a bee-keeper has not been of many years standing, he has, nevertheless, been the leading spirit of the Bee-Keepers' Association ever since its formation, and has filled some very important positions in connection with it. He has been a writer of some merit in connection with the *Canadian Farmer*, in which Journal he had charge of the department of apiculture. He has filled the office of



ROBERT MCKNIGHT, OWEN SOUND.

Sec. Treasurer of the O.B.K.A. with much credit to himself and advantage to the association, and was appointed one of the commissioners at the Colinderies, where the magnificent display of honey was due in a great measure to his efforts.

We are consequently glad to know that Mr. McKnight's services have at length been recognized by the association in the presentation to him of a valuable gold watch, not so much on

account of its intrinsic value, but merely as a token of the estimation in which he is held both personally and professionally by the members of that body. It bears the following appropriate inscription: "Presented to Robert McKnight, Esq., by the Ontario Bee-Keepers' Association in appreciation of efficient services rendered to the association." We trust Mr. McKnight may live long, as he says, "to wear with pride and pleasure this expression of the good will of a society of men with whom it has been my good fortune to act in harmony ever since our association has been organized."

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