

also addressed the pupils, at some length; and concluded by giving them a holiday, in honor of the occasion.

— VICTORIA COLLEGE will remain at Cobourg. At a full meeting of the College Board it was resolved to accept the offer of land made by the town to Cobourg.

PRESENTATION TO REV. WM. ORMISTON, M. A.
(Abridged from the *Globe*.)

The Rev. Wm. Ormiston, who filled, for the last four years, the office of Second Master in the Provincial Normal School in this city, but who has lately been inducted as Pastor of the United Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, was presented, on Thursday afternoon last, with a very valuable gold watch and costly service of plate. The presentation was made in Dr. Taylor's Church. It was intended to be a lasting memento of the esteem and affection of all those who, during his incumbency, have been the objects of his instruction and solicitude. The watch, a very beautiful one—costing with its appendages £75—and the various pieces of silver plate—all very chaste and elegant—bear suitable inscriptions, and make a testimonial of which the worthy recipient has good cause to feel proud. Mr. MURRAY, who had formerly been a student under Mr. Ormiston's care, occupied the chair. Mr. CHESNUT being called upon, read a very complimentary address—the students standing during the time. Mr. ORMISTON, after a few introductory remarks, read the following reply.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

It would be the height of affectation on my part, even were it possible, to attempt the concealment of my feelings on the present auspicious occasion. My emotions are deep and varied, but all of the most pleasurable kind.

I need not say how much I am pleased, and how greatly I am gratified, or that I feel myself highly honoured. But I must be allowed to say that the address you have just read is couched in terms far too complimentary, and the gift you have presented, far too costly. I cordially and gratefully, however, receive them as palpable evidence of a fact which I have never had reason to call in question—that I live in the hearts and memories of those whom I have had the privilege and pleasure to instruct.

It need not, my young friends, these glowing words or this splendid gift, with its peculiarly grateful and appropriate inscription, to assure me of your kindest regard and heartfelt esteem. Months of delightful mutual intercourse in the class-room with all, and years of occasional communion with many of you, have engraven that pleasant assurance upon the tablets of my heart, in characters more indelible and enduring than even those upon that plate of gold.

A teacher from my youth, it is impossible for me now to estimate how greatly I am indebted to the generous confidence, warm sympathies, and deep affection of my pupils, for any attainments I may have been able to acquire, or any skill in communicating them to others, I may be supposed to possess.

The consciousness of enjoying the esteem of a numerous class of noble-minded youth, has ever proved to me a strong incentive to earnest and indefatigable effort to make myself worthy of it. In this institution, as well as elsewhere, the work of the class-room has always been a labour of love. Its toils have not unfrequently been lightened, and brightened too, by witnessing the rapid progress and creditable proficiency of many an eager learner, while the beaming countenance, the glistening eye and the kindly smile have always been my glad reward.

In your address, you make allusion to a circumstance which suggests the proudest thoughts of my life—that, young as I am, my pupils are to be found in every section of our rising country. This fact deepens my interest as well as extends my influence in the land I love. I may be pardoned if I state that, while in the discharge of various duties connected with the moral or intellectual interests of the people, I have visited every county of our widely extended province.

I have scarcely, if ever, addressed an audience, whether from the pulpit or the platform, in which there were not one or more of my former pupils, and in every case, so far as known to me, my personal and warmly attached friends. Their volunteered companionship has enlivened the tedium of many a long journey, whilst the courtesies and amenities of their hospitable homes, have oft beguiled the loneliness of the traveller.

The four years which I have spent in connection with the Normal School have been years of delightful labour, and very pleasant social intercourse: and on leaving it I may be permitted simply to acknowledge the uniform courtesy and unvarying kindness of all connected with the institution. Especially may I refer to the urbanity and personal kindness of the Chief

Superintendent, Dr. Ryerson, the true friend of every teacher, and one of my earliest and best benefactors, under whose able tuition I prosecuted my college studies, and towards whom I cherish, to day, feelings of affectionate gratitude, akin to those you have so touchingly expressed towards myself. Long may he live, efficiently to discharge the onerous and important duties he has hitherto so satisfactorily, so successfully and so honorably performed. Well may he rest assured, that his honours will be as lasting as his position is high, and his influence extensive—for already has his name become a household word in the remotest rural districts of our land.

To Mr. Robertson, my co-labourer, a parting tribute is as justly merited, as it is cheerfully and heartily paid. During the entire period we have been associated as teachers, frequent and intimate as our intercourse has necessarily been, nothing has occurred to damp for an hour the joys of social fellowship, or interrupt the perfect harmony of official relationship. The better I have known him, I esteem him the more.

Nor is it out of place here to bear testimony to the high character which each successive class of students, in common with yourselves, has borne, for amiability of manners, docility of disposition, earnestness of application, and general progress. It cannot but be a pleasure, as it is an honour to any man to be the instructor of such a class. And allow me to bespeak for my successor in office, Mr. Barron, ex-Principal of U. C. C., a gentleman of education and experience, the same kindly welcome, the same generous confidence, and the same thoughtful forbearance you have ever shown towards me, and he need ask no more.

Most heartily, my dear young friends, do I reciprocate all your good wishes, and in Mrs. Ormiston's name, and that of her infant son, thank you for your kind allusion to them. It will be a pleasure hereafter, to her as well as to me, to indulge the pleasing reminiscences which these handsome presents cannot fail ever to recall. And should the Great Disposer of all events be pleased to spare my boy, proudly shall I place in his hands, as a token of his father's affection for him, and a memento of your affection for his father, this splendid watch.

Allow me, again, from my heart to thank you for this elegant and very acceptable present, enhanced beyond all computation as it is, in the heart's estimation, by the affectionate inscriptions which it bears. I thank you, too, for the allusion it contains to the sphere of my future labours—peculiarly grateful to me is it, that the past and the future should here be united.

In conclusion I would earnestly and affectionately commend you to the guardianship of "Him who keepeth Israel." Taught by him who teaches savingly and to profit, may your lives be seasons of prolonged usefulness; your death, scenes of triumphant joyfulness, and your abiding home in the House of many mansions, which your Saviour has gone to prepare.

To each of the dear youths now before me I would severally address the words of the Aaronical benediction:—"The Lord bless thee and keep thee. The Lord make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee. The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace."

DR. RYERSON was then requested to address the audience, which he did in nearly the following terms:—

MR. CHAIRMAN AND FRIENDS,—

The present is to me an occasion of great pleasure and extreme pain. No testimony of respect and affection can be presented to my friend Mr. Ormiston, without affording me pleasure; and the more valuable and impressive is a testimonial of respect and affection to him, the greater is my satisfaction in witnessing it. The strongest language in the eloquent and beautiful address we have heard read to Mr. Ormiston, does not exceed my estimate of his virtues, talents and attainments, nor my affection to him for the amiable qualities of his heart, and the noble career of his life. None but the noblest qualities of a man and instructor could call forth the sentiments and feelings embodied in the address of the young persons who have been under Mr. Ormiston's tuition, and none but the same qualities could suggest the language and sentiments of his reply. From my regard for Mr. Ormiston and my intimate connexion with him, I feel that any testimonial presented to him is a personal kindness to myself. Such was my opinion of Mr. Ormiston's character, abilities and qualifications, while he was a student and tutor in Victoria College, that, after my tour and acquaintance with schools and teachers and professors in Europe, and the passing of the Act of our Legislature, early in 1846, providing for the establishment of the Normal School, and before the removal of the Education Office to Toronto, or the appointment of the Provincial Board of Education, I proposed to Mr. Ormiston to nominate him as the first master in our Normal School, on its becoming established. At that time, however, his convictions and views were directed to the sacred office, but from that time forward I availed