

Bone, then, on behalf of the young friends, presented an address to Mrs. Sanderson, with a beautiful porcelain tea set and flowers in vases, in acknowledgement of her very valuable labours in the Rugby Sunday School. On Mrs. Sanderson's brief but suitable acknowledgement of all this, a beautiful copy of Cobbin's Domestic Bible, was presented to her by the Teachers. After appropriate observations from the Chairman and the Pastor, as well as the interspersing of the engagements with "the service of song," this most pleasant evening at Rugby, was concluded

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**Scotland.—A Novel Wedding Party.**—The Rev. W. Hay, the worthy pastor of the Scotland and Kelvin Churches, was the recipient of a pleasant little surprise on the evening of the 1st ult. The confidential agent of a certain bridal party ("*brille*," we should spell it,) called on him a day or two before, to learn if he would be at home on the evening in question, whispering to him that "a certain party would require his services." Of course, the natural conclusion was, that a wedding was on the tapis. And as no minister ever had grace enough to refuse such an appeal, other engagements were accommodated to the altered circumstances of the case. This appointment having leaked out, many enquiries were made as to who were the happy couple; but none could conjecture. The evening revealed it, however: for just as Mr. Hay was looking for the expected bride and bridegroom, horses and carriages began to arrive from all directions, filled with the good people of his charge, and laden with the good things of this life. The "surprise" was complete. A little explanation, however, and the pastor resigned himself and his dwelling to the fate (and the *fête*) that had been prepared for him. A very pleasant evening was spent in social converse, and when the party retired, they left behind them a "fee" of about \$70.

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**Fergus.**—The anniversary services of the Church Opening were held on the 18th and 19th December. On the former day (Sabbath), two Sermons were preaching by the Rev. J. A. R. Dickson of London, to excellent congregations. A tea-meeting was held on the following evening, in the large Drill Shed of the Village, when, instead of the usual random speeches, a lecture was delivered by Mr. Dickson, to a delighted audience of about 350, on "Christian Life in the Nineteenth Century." Proceeds from all the services about \$90, to go towards the debt on the Church building.

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**Garafraxa First Church.**—This Church had about \$200 of debt remaining on the building. A second subscription was circulated in November, by which \$144 were promised. On the evening of 20th December, a meeting was held in the Church, at which Rev. J. A. R. Dickson, preached; after the sermon, a collection of over \$12, was taken up; a new subscription was called for, and in a few minutes the whole balance was promised in a pleasant, spirited competition. "Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with perfect heart, they offered willingly to the Lord." "And all the Congregation blessed the Lord God of their Fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped the Lord."—1 Ch. xxix, 9, 20.

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**Waterloo.—Worthy of Imitation.**—The Rev. H. J. Colwell, of Waterloo, Q., writes us, while forwarding several new subscriptions: "Our church here has taken action in reference to the magazine, and, I presume, others will yet subscribe for it. We have passed a resolution in reference to it, which is as follows: '*Resolved*, That as the *Canadian Independent* represents and advocates our principles, we pledge ourselves, as members of this church, to do