

principles of the Church be prepared and published in a convenient form for use and distribution. This overture was adopted and ordered to be transmitted, and Mr. Hamilton was appointed to support it at the Synod. The Committee appointed to receive returns from Sessions upon the remit from Synod respecting a Book of Psalms and Hymns, reported that fourteen Sessions had made returns. One Session gave no decision, two recommended that no action should be taken, four approved of the introduction of the book, and seven are opposed to its introduction. The Presbytery agreed to recommend that the Synod postpone the consideration of the subject, respecting the introduction of this book for public worship in the Church, for another year.

The Presbytery adjourned to meet at Stratford on Tuesday, sixth day of July next, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

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Correspondence:

PRESENTATIONS.

DEAR SIR,—A strong feeling of attachment between a pastor and his flock is, in my opinion, exceedingly necessary to his comfort, and their profit. It is at once a means and an evidence of his efficiency. There are no ties so strong and so enduring as those which spring up between a minister, who has won souls to Christ, and those who, by his means, have found the Saviour. They will ever think of and remember him with feelings of gratitude and joy.

It is therefore very natural and very proper that they should show their gratitude and obligations by suitable tokens, which frequently take the shape of substantial presentations. These again, tend to bind them more and more closely in heavenly bonds.

But is it necessary that *EVERY* presentation should be published in the RECORD? Should we blow a trumpet every time a good thing is done or given? We would by no means summarily condemn the practice of publishing some or many of these interesting events; but it does seem to the writer and many others, that there is by far too much of this thing, and there is some danger that the presentations themselves may be prompted by motives not the purest, when there is almost a certainty of their appearing in the press. If the parties heard the remarks very often made over some notices of presentations, they would not covet the notoriety.

Of course if you, Mr. Editor, should decline to put such articles into type, it would be a grievance, specially to those who wish that the whole world should know their good deeds; but it might not be amiss to give a hint that some of them might, with advantage, be abbreviated, and perhaps made beautifully less to the end.

When we read some of these pieces of good news, it seems as if *THAT* congregation, and *THAT* minister, were quite *singular* in their well-doing and prosperity, while possibly the neighbours could tell more if they were fond of printer's ink.

I know a certain minister who has received large presentations from his flock every year, and sometimes two or three in one summer. But I never saw it mentioned in the RECORD. Perhaps that pastor may be set down, in the estimate of the Church, as unsuccessful compared with his neighbour who did once get a present, and the public heard all about it. One thing more, Mr. Editor;—I think it very injudicious to publish, in addition