

**St. John's, MONTREAL.—PRESENTATION.—**Messrs. James Wardlaw & David Frazer, on behalf of a number of friends and well wishers belonging to St. Andrew's Church, Montreal, lately waited on the Rev. Charles A. Doudiet, at the Manse, and presented him with a valuable testimonial, in the shape of a well filled purse, and other articles to the value of about \$400. This presentation, we need hardly say, not only does credit to the generous donors but is also a great encouragement to the recipient, coming as it does from a congregation second to none in wealth and intelligence.

May God supply also, all the need of each one of those generous friends according to his riches in glory, by Christ Jesus.

**DUNDEE, PRESENTATION.—**A parcel containing a very beautiful gold watch was handed by Captain John Rankin on the Steamer Salaberry to Mr. Ross when on his way to a recent meeting of the Montreal Presbytery with the following note:—

DEAR MR. ROSS.—The Captain will hand you the enclosed, which please accept as a small token of love and good feeling from your congregation and friends. Hoping you will be long spared to wear our little gift, with kind regards.

Believe me, Yours truly.

M. BAKER.

Mr. Ross, after sermon on thanksgiving day, before a large congregation, embraced that as his first fitting opportunity of conveying his thanks for the valuable gift they had lately bestowed upon him, although he said it was not a matter that he could well refer to on a Sabbath, but as this was a day of thanksgiving, it behoved him to give his thanks. This he did in earnest terms.

We are glad to learn that there is a prospect of the new church being opened shortly, free of debt. The church presents a beautiful appearance and is highly creditable to the congregation and to the pastor, by whom, we believe, it was designed.

**WOLFE ISLAND, PRESENTATION.—**The Rev. George Porteous on the eve of his removal from Wolfe Island, where he has laboured for ten years, was waited upon by a deputation, who on behalf of the Congregation presented him with an address expressing their love and affection for him and their appreciation of his unwearied labours amongst them and prayed for the future welfare of himself and Mrs. Porteous. The address signed by Azel Cook, James Horn, David Cramand, George Michen, Robert Stokes, and Daniel Cock, was accompanied by a handsome gold watch. Mr. Porteous in reply acknowledged the great kindness of his flock, and trusted that his ministration amongst them had not been in vain. It was a great satisfaction to him to know that he left them free from the embarrassment of debt, and with a good church and comfortable manse, and hoped that before long a faithful labourer would be sent them, who would reap a bounteous harvest.

**ROSLIN, PRESENTATION.—**On the evening of the 6th October, a deputation representing the congregation of Roslin, and others, waited on the Rev. James M. Gray, and presented him with an address expressive of their high appreciation of his ministerial labours and of his unremitting zeal in the furtherance of their spiritual welfare. The address was further enhanced by the accompaniment of a well filled purse. It is gratifying to chronicle such indices of mutual confidence between a pastor and his flock; they are alike creditable to the donors and the recipient.

**BOLSOVER, PRESENTATION.—**The Rev. D. Watson, M.A., minister of St. Andrew's Church, Thorah, was agreeably surprised by a deputation from the congregation at Bolsover and Kirkfield, who presented him with a purse containing \$100, together with an address, signed by Messrs. John McTaggart and J. McRae, expressive of the warm attachment of the members of the congregation, and of the love and gratitude to him for his continued labours on their behalf.

The Rev. gentleman accepted kindly of the presentation and made a suitable reply.

**THE BISHOP OF ARGYLL ON THE LAY QUESTION.—**In consequence of the decision come to at the Episcopal Synod held in Edinburgh last week, adverse to the admission of laymen to seats in the Courts of that Church, the Bishop of Argyll and the Isles (Dr. Ewing) has addressed a letter to Dr. Eden, Primus of the Scotch Episcopal Church, in which he expresses his regret at the decision, which was arrived at by a majority of only one vote and which decision would have been very different had he been aware that the question was to come before the Synod. He holds, however, that so great a matter cannot be thus settled, and that what the Church especially wants and requires is an increase of lay zeal. The Bishops "must not seek to be lords over God's heritage."

**AN OLD PREDICTION FULFILLED.—**The following prediction (said to have been written in the 15th century) is interesting just now, as circumstances point to the approach of its fulfilment. In 1453 the Turks took Constantinople. The prediction is as follows:—

In twice two hundred years the Bear  
The Crescent will assail;  
But if the Bull and Cock unite  
The Bear will not prevail.  
But mark, in twice ten years again,  
Let Islam know and fear—  
The Cross shall stand, the Crescent wane,  
Dissolve, and disappear.

The first four lines are now matters of history. Russia assailed Turkey; England and France united, and Russia failed. Will the last four lines be accomplished soon? Things are tending that way.

A curious case has been before the United Presbyterian Presbytery of Edinburgh. The Rev. F. Ferguson, of Dalkeith, is charged with teaching that the passage in I Peter, iii., 19,