

SOUTH GEORGETOWN—PRESENTATION.

At a general meeting, on July 5th, in the Church of South Georgetown, the congregation presented, by the hands of their pastor, the Rev. J. C. Muir, to Mr. John Glen, as a testimonial of their sense of his valuable services in the management of their library, a handsomely bound copy of Brown's Family Bible with a suitable inscription.

CONGREGATION OF THORAH.

Presentation.—A few days ago, some of the friends of the Rev. David Watson waited on that gentleman for the purpose of presenting him with a substantial token of their regard and esteem in the shape of a handsome buggy.

Mr. Neil McDougall, Beaverton, presented the testimonial in a neat and appropriate speech, in which he expressed how highly Mr. Watson's unceasing efforts and untiring zeal for the public good were universally appreciated; whether viewed in the various important but arduous duties appertaining to his sacred office, or as Superintendent of Education, congratulated him on the high position as minister of his congregation he had deservedly earned for himself, and expressed a hope that the relationship that subsisted between them might long continue and prove a blessing to both pastor and people.

Mr. Watson made a suitable reply, thanking his friends for the kindness they had shown him, and expressing the deep feeling of gratitude with which he received so valuable a mark of their respect.

GODERICH SABBATH SCHOOL EXCURSION.

The congregation of St. Andrew's Church got up an excursion for the Sabbath School Scholars on the 17th August. The party, consisting of the scholars, members of the congregation and others friendly, started from Goderich about 9 o'clock, A. M., per Buffalo and Lake Huron Railway, for Stratford. It was a most delightful morning, and as pleasing to see the assembling of the party. On arriving at Stratford, the party, numbering upwards of 300, and occupying 5 cars, was met at the station by the Rev. Wm. Miller, accompanied by his Sabbath School scholars, members of his congregation and others, numbering upwards of 200. A pleasant grove, west of St. Andrew's Church, was chosen for a *pic-nic*, where tables were erected with a copious supply of tea, coffee and other requisites. After a few introductory remarks by the Rev. Alexander McKid, which were reciprocated in a most friendly manner by the Rev. W. Miller, and grace being said, the parties partook of a repast. They afterwards started for a stroll through the town, with which the strangers seemed to be very much gratified. The juvenile portion of both parties was in a short time

upon the most familiar terms with each other. Their joy was too bright to last, for at 3 o'clock, P. M., they were seen winding their way to the station, no doubt sorry to part, but consoling each other that the day was not far distant when they would meet again. The strangers thanked their Stratford friends most cordially for the hearty welcome they had given them. After a hearty adieu on both sides the strangers took their seats in the cars, in which they streamed away like a skimming swallow for their happy homes on the shores of the Western Lake.

CONGREGATION OF WESTMINSTER.

To the Editor of the Presbyterian.

MR. EDITOR,—Permit me through the medium of *The Presbyterian* to give those of your readers who feel an interest in our Zion an outline of how the good cause is progressing in Westminster, taking it for granted that you are already aware that until of late there was neither Church nor Minister of our denomination in this Township, although there were some thirty families who never joined themselves to any other Church, always looking forward (with some faint hope) to the time when they would be able to build a church and get a stated Minister among them. Still their fewness of number and pecuniary circumstances would hardly warrant them in making the attempt. At last they called a meeting for mutual consideration, and, the case being fully discussed, they resolved to give a call to a Minister and appoint a Committee to build a Church, and, through the aid of a kind Providence who has so far blessed their feeble efforts, this has been accomplished.

The Church, which is built of brick with stone foundation, is thirty by forty, total cost £850 cy.,—and I would just say for the benefit of others who may be similarly circumstanced, at the time the work was commenced £12 10s. cy. of this sum was not in the hands of the Committee; but they resolved to proceed and appeal to their friends for assistance, and this has been kindly seconded. The congregation turned out and hauled sixty-five thousand bricks and ten cords of stone during winter, a distance of twelve miles. In the spring of 1856 the building was commenced and finished in the beginning of July of the same year, when the half of the amount was paid by the congregation, and, as we were to have a year to pay the other half, we resolved to visit the different congregations to the East of us for assistance. Consequently a member of the building Committee visited Dundas, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, King, Vaughan, Guelph, Galt, &c., and he would take this opportunity of returning his sincerest thanks to Ministers and others in these above named places for their liberal assistance and kind co-operation in the good cause; but more

especially would he mention his warm reception from the friends of the Church in King and Vaughan, which he shall not soon forget. He was enabled to return home with £64 cy., exclusive of expenses. Also an appeal was made to the Colonial Committee of the Mother Church, which was handsomely responded to by the noble offer of £100 stg., providing thereby the Church would be cleared of debt. Therefore the sum required was borrowed by the Committee, and now we have all the satisfaction to see an increasing and interesting congregation assembling on the Sabbath to worship God according to the dictates of their own conscience.

In the morning at ten o'clock there is a Gaelic class conducted by our esteemed friend and teacher, Mr. Donald Strachan, well attended, and after Divine service at three o'clock the Sabbath School commences, having an average attendance of 60 scholars and about 20 adults.

Your obedient servant,

A Member of the Building Committee.
Westminster, 28th May, 1858.

[We regret that by an oversight the above has been so long on hand.—*Ed.*]

CHAIR OF NATURAL HISTORY AND CHEMISTRY IN QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

Sometime since our readers were informed that Dr. Lawson, of Edinburgh, had been appointed to fill the above chair in Queen's College. We have now great pleasure in extracting from *The Edinburgh Advertiser*, of 6th inst., the following notice of a testimonial which was presented to him on the eve of his departure.

In Dr. Lawson our College has secured the services of an eminent and useful Professor, of one who will not only reflect credit on the University but also be an acquisition to the cause of Science in this Province.

Dr. Lawson is an elder of the Church of Scotland.

TESTIMONIAL TO DR. GEORGE LAWSON.

From the Edinburgh Advertiser, Aug. 6.

Dr. George Lawson being about to proceed to America to occupy the chair of Chemistry and Natural History in Queen's College, Kingston, Canada, it occurred to some of his friends that the occasion was a suitable one for presenting him with a testimonial of their esteem, and more particularly for recording their sense of the valuable services which he had rendered to the Royal, the Royal Physical, the Horticultural, the Botanical and the Arboricultural Societies, and other public institutions in Edinburgh. A subscription was accordingly set on foot, and upwards of one hundred parties put their names upon the list. Among the subscribers may be numbered:—General Sir T. M. Brisbane, General Sir James Russel, Sir W. Gibson-Craig, Bart., Sir Walter C. Trevelyan, Bart., Sir W. Jardine, Bart., Professors Christison, Trail, Goodsir, G. Wilson, Wyville, Thompson and Balfour: Dr. Greville, Mr. G. Patton, advocate, Mr. David Smith, W. S., Mr. T. Sprot, W. S., Dr. Sellar, &c., &c.