



Non-Conformist News

Alvediston

Presentations to Methodist Minister

The June quarterly meeting of the Shaftesbury Primitive Methodist circuit was held at Alvediston on Wednesday week. A large attendance of officials and a happy spirit made the meeting very enjoyable.

After the business had been despatched the meeting was entertained to tea by Circuit Steward (Mr T Sims) and his wife. At the tea table a pleasant surprise was sprung on the Superintendent Minister (Rev H J Goodman) and his wife, when Mr Sims, after some kindly references to the work of Mr Goldman, while he had been their minister, during the last five years, asked him to accept from the members of the circuit and a number of friends a gold watch and chain as a token of the esteem and confidence in which the subscribers held him; also a cheque and an album with the names of the friends who had contributed to the presentation. Mrs Goodman was presented by Mrs Woods with a beautiful leather handbag and silk umbrella.

The Rev H J Goodman, in rising to return thanks for the gifts, was received with much applause, and said he was the most surprised person in the room. He would value the gifts not alone for their worth, but as a proof of the appreciation of very many friends of the services he had tried to render during his ministry of years among them. He had tried to be and do his best, and would take away with him many precious memories of fine friendships, and some things accomplished.

Mrs Goodman also expressed her thanks for the beautiful gifts that she had received, and assured the givers of her gratitude, all the more real because during her stay on the circuit, she had been unable to do a great deal toward helping her husband.

The happy gathering came to an end with many good wishes for Mr and Mrs Goodman in their new sphere of work in Southampton, to which they shortly remove.

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