

OLDHURST and WOODHURST.—Testimonial. — On Wednesday last, the interesting ceremony of presenting a testimonial to the Rev. J. W. S. Rugeley, took place at Woodhurst in the National Schoolroom. The testimonial consisted of a handsome silver salver, beautifully chased bearing the following inscription :—

“ Presented to
The Rev. J. W. S. RUGELEY,
By the Parishioners of Oldhurst and Woodhurst,
As a mark of their esteem.”

It was accompanied by the following address :—

Rev. Sir,—It is with the greatest pleasure that we, the parishioners of Oldhurst and Woodhurst, present you with a testimony of our respect and love. We trust you will value it, not for its intrinsic worth, but as bearing with it an expression of our affection.

It is not often that there is a connection of thirty years duration between a clergyman and parish which is not terminated by death or by removal. For thirty years, however, you have ministered here. For that period, without a Sunday's intermission, you have been in your place in Church, teaching, warning, comforting us in your sermons, and leading our devotions. Out of Church, you have visited, guided, helped in every way in your power everyone who has needed your help. You have conducted the correspondence of many, you have represented the needs of many to those who could help them, and you have gained the love of many—the respect of all. It is a subject of deep regret that such faithful and long service should not have been rewarded by preferment. But as you have determined to rest after so long a service, we must submit and only wish that the rest of this life may be passed in honor, in health, and in repose, and that if we are not to converse so often as heretofore upon earth, you may meet many of those to whom you have ministered, in the courts of heaven.

We beg to remain,
Your affectionate and respectful friends,
The PARISHIONERS of OLDHURST & WOODHURST.