



### **Presentation to Rev. C. McDonald Hobley**

The Rev. C. McDonald Hobley, who is leaving the parish, was on Monday evening presented by the congregation of St. Phillip's Church with a gold watch and chain and a cross pendant. The inscription inside the watch was:- "To the Rev. C. McDonald Hobley, with love and esteem of his people in Stratton St. Margaret, 3rd July 1911."

Mr. William Harris, speaking on behalf of those present, expressed deep regret at the loss which the worshippers at St. Phillip's Church and the parishioners generally were sustaining in the departure of Mr. Hobley. They felt that they were losing a most able, zealous and conscientious curate, and regretted extremely the loss which they would sustain by his departure. They desired to wish him God-speed in his new sphere of work. Mrs. Browning, who had been indefatigable in collecting the funds, made the presentation. Mr. Hobley, in acknowledging the present, expressed his thanks to all who had so generously contributed. He also thanked one and all who had so kindly assisted him in the work of the Church during the time he had been amongst them. He was afraid that probably he had not visited them so often as he would have wished, but his hands had been full of the work of the parish that he had not really had the time. He could never thank enough those who had helped him in his work, and although they had many failures yet some good had been done, not by him, but by the prayers of those present. He had come a stranger amongst them, but he felt that he did not leave them like that. In conclusion the Rev. gentleman said that he did not feel that he was saying good-bye to them, but only "Au revoir."

Patrol leader Moulden, of the Stratton Troop of Boy Scouts, then stepped forward and presented Mr. Hobley with a handsome walking-stick from patrol leaders of the troop, of which that gentleman was Scoutmaster. Mr. Hobley expressed his hearty thanks.

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