

RINGMORE RECTOR'S JUBILEE

INTERESTING PRESENTATION

Rev. F.C. Hingeston-Randolph has been rector of Ringmore for fifty years. He was appointed on June 16th, 1860, and Thursday, the 16th, was observed as a general holiday in the village. At a celebration of the Holy Communion the Rector was the celebrant, assisted by his son, Rev. Herbert C. Hingeston-Randolph. The village band headed a procession, which proceeded to the rectory lawn. Here many presentations were made - On behalf of the Church, Mr. K.E. Peck handed the rector an address, containing the names of nearly ninety subscribers, together with three frontals, a small red frontal for the Lady Chapel, and a white dossal. A brass plate is to be erected in commemoration of the jubilee. Miss Potter, for the Sunday school, presented the rector with an oak cross for the altar of the Lady Chapel. Rev. Herbert C. Hingeston-Randolph, on behalf of the family, gave his father an oak cross for the use of the church. The Rector, in acknowledging the gifts, said he had received handsome brass flower vases from Miss Carrie Ash and Miss Giles. After tea a service was held in the church, the preacher being Rev. T.F. Baultbee, vicar of Southtawton, formerly rural dean of Woodleigh. The organist was Rev. C.H. Hingeston-Randolph.

The Rector feelingly acknowledged the presentations. He could not tell them, he said, how gratified and how greatly touched he was by all their kindness. They had won his affections and they had always kept them. If he might say so without any charge of boasting being brought against him, he had always done the best he could for the people of the parish. (Hear, Hear) Mr. Peck knew, perhaps better than anyone else, how eager he had always been during the time he was there to help and benefit them in many ways - how eager he had always been to promote the interests of the people of the parish. He need not say that the illuminated address would be of the

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greatest value to him. He would keep it where he could often see it, and he would treasure it as it deserved to be treasured. It came to him from the hands of an old friend whose departure from the work in that place had been a personal grief to him. But they saw Mr. Peck manifested his goodwill towards them by coming all the way from Plymouth to meet them and to take a conspicuous part in what he could not help calling an interesting occasion (Hear, hear). The illuminated address contained the names of those who had gladly and cheerfully contributed to the presents, which had been made - he had been going to say to him - and in one sense that would be true. But the presents had really been made to the Church of God, whose minister he was in that village and had so long been. He could not accept, however well meant, any mere personal gift, and yet in a sense it was for, as he was still the parson of the parish - still the person of the parish on behalf of God's church - everything of that sort was personal in that sense, and in a very real degree. He thanked them all, and said he owed Mr. Peck a deep debt of gratitude. The Rector also announced that he had received for the use of the Church two very handsome brass flower vases from Miss Carrie Ash and Miss Giles.