

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN PLATT, M.P., AT OLDHAM.—On Saturday a tea-party was held in the Co-operative Hall, King-street, Oldham, for the purpose of making a presentation to Mr. John Platt, one of the members for Oldham. Mr. George Wilson occupied the chair.—The Chairman in opening the proceedings said that meeting was not so much for a political purpose: the object was to do honour to one of their foremost citizens, whose conduct during a long series of years had been such as to win the admiration and esteem of all right-thinking men." (Hear, hear.) They were familiar with the circumstances leading to the present movement. "Some two or three years ago, and more particularly since the last general election, Mr. Platt was subjected to considerable misrepresentation and calumny by a portion of his fellow-townsmen who did not approve of his political views. The majority of the inhabitants, therefore, sought the present opportunity of publicly expressing their confidence in Mr. Platt, who they considered had been unjustly abused.—Mr. Samuel Buckley then presented an address to Mr. Platt, which was written in a handsomely-bound book containing the names of the persons who had signed it. "In the address a description was given of the public acts of Mr. Platt, and they were fully approved as having been in all instances for the benefit of the town of Oldham. It was sought to show in the present form the great respect entertained for Mr. Platt's high character as a public man, and the indignation felt against those people in the town who had assailed him with so much rancour. It had been agreed that £200, which, after deducting expenses, was the amount of the subscriptions in hand, should be invested in a trust in the names of two trustees, to be named by Mr. Platt, and the interest devoted for two annual prizes to be given to the two most successful students at the Government examination in connection with science and art in Oldham, such prizes to be called "The Platt token of respect prizes." (Applause.) The address had been signed by 8,000 persons. Mr. Platt, who met with a warm reception, in responding, said he felt sure the meeting would believe him when he said that that was the proudest moment of his life. He then reviewed his career in Oldham during the last thirty years, remarking that he could claim that he had been enabled, from his position, to carry to a successful conclusion many of the works that Oldham now enjoyed. He looked back with a feeling of gratification upon his efforts to obtain for Oldham the charter of incorporation as a borough." In conclusion, he expressed his appreciation of the kindly feeling evinced towards him, and his gratitude at receiving so magnificent a present from 8,000 of his fellow-townpeople.—Resolutions were passed thanking the committee and the chairman for their services, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the singing of the National Anthem.

BREAKFAST.—EPPS'S COCOA.—GRATEFUL AND COMFORTING.—The very agreeable character of this preparation has rendered it a general favourite. Made simply with boiling water or milk. Each packet is labelled—JAMES EPPS & Co., Homoeopathic Chemists, London. Also, makers of Epps's Cassia, a very thin evening beverage.—ADVT.