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D.C.M. FOR SERGT. H. B. RAYMOND.—Mr. G. Raymond, of the Town Clerk's Office, has received a letter from his brother, Sergt. H. B. ("Nibby") Raymond, of the Royal Field Artillery, intimating that he has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal for gallantry in the field. With characteristic modesty (he is, as a matter of fact, one of the most unassuming of good fellows), "Nibby" writes to his brother in this wise: "You will be glad to hear that my name appeared in the New Year Honours List under the D.C.M. I do not remember having done anything of note—merely doing my duty, which was my object when I enlisted; but I have the knowledge that my efforts have been rewarded." At the Town Council meeting on Wednesday, the Mayor cordially congratulated Mr. Raymond on the distinction conferred on his brother. For some years "Nibby" was a clerk in the office of Messrs. Hatten, Winnett and Hatten, and prior to the war was in a solicitor's office at Bournemouth.

PRESENTATION TO REV. W. G. WICKHAM