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"INSTEAD OF THY FATHERS SHALL BE THY CHILDREN."

Died at the West River, on the 18th day of January last, Mr. Robert Stewart, in the 94th year of his age. During his long life he adorned the gospel by the consistency of his deportment, and his latter end was peace. But we notice the event, chiefly from the fact, that he was the last survivor of the communicants, at the first dispensation of the Lord's Supper in the County of Pictou. Dr. McGregor, the first minister of Pictou, arrived here in the year 1786, but the ordinance was not observed till the second year after. The spot chosen for the purpose was on the Middle River, a little above the head of the tide, as he himself describes it, "a beautiful green on the left bank of the river, sheltered by a lofty wood and winding bank." The place may be seen from the bridge at Archibald's, a little farther down the river, but the river for some years has been gradually cutting away the interval, until it now flows over the spot on which the tables were spread, from which the first worshippers partook of the sacred feast.—Here the Supper was observed annually during the nine tedious years, in which the Dr. laboured without an associate in the ministry, and there are those still living who can tell of the hal- lowed scenes they there enjoyed; but of those who partook at the first communion, all have now finished their earthly course. Many of them we trust are now before the throne—wearing their immortal crowns and waving their palms of victory. O that we could

hope that all were so employed—that now that they have passed from earth, they have been united in a purer and holier communion, and have "sat down with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of our father."

As illustrating the truth at the head of this article it may be mentioned, that on the first Sabbath of February last, the Lord's Supper was dispensed for the first time in Salem Church (within the bounds of which congregation is the spot, where the ordinance was first observed) by the Rev. George Patterson, a grandson of Dr. McGregor, and also of one of his elders. In his address after the communion, the young minister referred back to that dispensation of the ordinance; and adverting to the fact, that the last of the first band of communicants had just passed away, directed the congregation to the practical improvement to be made of the circumstances.—We subjoin the substance of his remarks.

"Behold the transitory nature of human life. "Man cometh forth like a flower and is cut down, he fleeth also as a shadow and continueth not." "Surely all flesh is grass." "One generation passeth away and another generation cometh." Yes, "All that generation are gathered to their fathers. They, the members, their elders and their minister lie together in the silent tomb. What has been their history we cannot in every instance tell, but we know that whatever it may have been, they are now all dead. As we glance over their names, we are reminded of the Records of the Antidiluvian Patri-