

In October 1821, he was married to Sarah, daughter of Mr. Clarke, of Windsor. This highly accomplished and excellent woman died in April 1823. In June 1824, Mr. Sprott was married to Charlotte, daughter of Mr. Leslie, of Shelburne, and was again left a widower in July 1825. At that time he was at Sheet Harbour, where he had been preaching every day for a week, and had just celebrated the Lord's Supper. When he finished, an express arrived from Halifax, informing him of his wife's dangerous illness. He at once mounted his horse, and rode on in the darkness, through the uninhabited forest and wilderness. At midnight he made a brief halt at Musquodoboit, and then pushed on, with the same horse, for fifty miles further, but ere he reached the city, his "inexpressibly beloved" wife was in her grave. In September 1825, he was admitted to the pastoral charge of Musquodoboit, when Messrs. Graham, Waddell, and Blackwood took part in the induction services. In May 1826, he sailed for Scotland, and in August was married to Jane, daughter of Mr. Charles Neilson, Wigtownshire, who was a helpmeet to him indeed, and he returned with her to his field of labour in October. For nearly twenty-eight years he devoted his whole strength to the duties of his charge, including the Eastern Shore, which he visited several times yearly, and to the people of which he was greatly attached. His labours were uninterrupted save by two "pilgrimages of affection" to his native land in 1834 and in 1844. During all this period the work prospered greatly in his hands, but in 1849, some division having arisen among the people, he resigned his charge. He was then on the verge of seventy, but he found "idleness very inconvenient," and for many years afterwards he preached wherever his services were most needed, as among the labourers employed in the con-