

remains to Princetown for interment. On the day following his death, (Thursday 23rd September,) they were conveyed to Pictou, being followed that distance by the students at the Hall. There they were placed on board the steamer *Westmorland*. What followed we shall give in the words of Rev. R. S. Patterson:

"On Thursday, the 23rd of September, I first learned of the alarming illness of Dr. Keir. On Friday one of the Elders of the Princetown congregation, called at my house and informed me of his death, and that he was on his way to Summerside, where his remains were expected by the steamer *Westmorland* that day. I accompanied the Elder to Summerside, on approaching which place I perceived a larger than usual number of persons collected there. On coming near, I recognized many members of the congregation of Princetown, who had come to meet the remains of their deceased pastor, and accompany them to his late residence. Deep sorrow was depicted upon every countenance, and among the first words which I heard from many lips were these: "O, we have sustained a great loss! There were many persons, however, from other places, as well as from Princetown. All seemed to vie with one another in testifying their respect for the deceased.

"At about four o'clock the steamer was seen in the distance and rapidly neared the wharf, her colors being half-mast high. A greater crowd of persons were assembled at the landing, than had ever been seen upon any previous arrival of the boat. The remains being landed and placed in a suitable vehicle, the procession moved slowly toward Princetown. Sixty-two carriages, containing persons belonging to his congregation, followed the remains of Dr. Keir from Summerside to his late residence, which was very remarkable, considering that the intelligence of his decease had reached Princetown, only on the previous night. As the procession moved towards Princetown, groups of persons were to be seen along the road in various places, indicating the intense interest everywhere felt in regard to the deceased. It was sometime after dark before we arrived at the late residence of Dr. Keir. Previous to the introduction of the remains into the house, I entered for the purpose of endeavouring to administer suitable consolation to the bereaved family. I found a large company of persons, chiefly females, present who had come to await the arrival of the procession. It was evident from their countenances that they felt that they had sustained a severe bereavement. The remains were brought into the house, and on the following morning, Saturday, the coffin was uncovered, and the bereaved family had the melancholy satisfaction of looking upon the countenance, now pale in death, of the once affectionate husband and revered and kind father, and the congregation, of their lamented pastor. No provision had been made for sermon on the following Sabbath. The funeral was appointed to take place on Monday ensuing at two o'clock.

"On Monday I proceeded to Princetown, whence I had returned home on Saturday. A large number of persons had assembled to the funeral, how many we have no means of exactly knowing. Besides many from the neighboring settlements, scarcely any in the congregation was absent, that could possibly be present. Not a few Roman Catholics, also, attended the funeral. The services were commenced by singing a part of the 39th Psalm, which was given out by the Rev. Isaac Murray, who also read the 15th Chapter of 1st Corinthians. I then offered up prayer. The people having taken some refreshment, prayer was again offered up, in a very impressive manner, by the Rev. Alex. Sutherland, of the Free Church, who had kindly come from a considerable distance to be present upon the occasion. The remains were then conveyed to the resting place in the church-yard, and there deposited. As I had been appointed by the Presbytery to supply the pulpit at Princetown, on the following Sabbath, I endeavored to improve the solemn event by a sermon from Matthew xxiv; 45, 46. "Who then is a faithful and wise servant, whom the Lord hath appointed ruler over his house to give them meat in due season; Blessed is that servant, whom his Lord when he cometh shall find so doing."