

My Dear Love, may the Lord Jesus bless you under this severe trial and comfort you with the consolations of the gospel is the desire of

Your affectionate Husband,

PETER GORDON.

According to the expectation expressed in this letter he set out on the Monday following to return home. On the following day he reached the house of Mr. Duncan McCallum, Covehead, in a state of great weakness. In fact, the hand of death was already upon him. He now felt it himself, and, after getting into the house, desired that Mrs. Gordon should be sent for, but instantly added, "But its too late," and expired, we believe, immediately after, at all events that same night. His remains were removed to St. Peter's, where they were interred close beside the pulpit of the old Church, amid the heartfelt regrets of the people, whose affections he had gained by his self-denying labours, pleasing manners and unaffected kindness of heart. Though Mr Gordon's ministry was but short, yet we have reason to believe that his labours were not in vain. He deserves to be held in remembrance as the first settled Presbyterian minister of Prince Edward Island, as well as on account of his labours, in consequence of which he obtained the title of "the Apostle" of that island. There being no stone on the island suited for monuments, a young man of the congregation, who felt a deep reverence for his memory, erected one of wood at the back of the pulpit, on which he painted a metrical inscription, of which, however, the poetry was excelled by its piety and affection. The old Church, however, has been removed, and a new monument of stone erected. We visited the spot a year or two ago, and though we have seen many neglected graveyards in this country, yet we have seen none which, under all the circumstances, is in so shameful a condition as this one. Not only were the fences down, but nearly the whole was thickly overgrown with trees, some of them several inches in diameter. We, however, found Mr. Gordon's grave, at the head of which was a plain freestone slab, with the following inscription:—

S A C R E D

To the memory of the Rev. PETER GORDON, who died on the second day of April, 1809, in the 34th year of his age, and 3rd of his ministry. His labours were short, but it is hoped they were not in vain. He was esteemed while he lived, and, after the lapse of 30 years, his memory is still dear to the survivors of his charge.

THIS STONE
was erected in the year 1840.

NOTICES OF BOOKS.

NARRATIVE OF EVENTS ISSUING IN THE INSTITUTION OF THE FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND IN SEPARATION FROM THE STATE. By the Rev. Andrew King, A. M., S. T. P. Presbyterian College, Lower Provinces of British North America. Halifax: James Barnes. 1861.

This is a brief, calm, clear outline of the great movement in Scotland which culminated in the Disruption of 1843. It was written in 1843 and delivered in Glasgow as one of a Course of Lectures on the Disruption. We earnestly recommend it to all who wish to have clear views with regard to the relative position of the Scottish Churches and the causes that led to the last great division in the Established Church. The Lecture contains 32 pages and is sold