

The event excited great interest through the Island. On the day appointed, (20th July,) the whole country round poured forth a stream of carriages and horsemen, in some places all the carriages and horses in the settlement being put in requisition. A number living at a distance had arrived in Princetown the day previous, and from an early hour in the day, crowds were to be seen gathering from every direction. Tea had been set out in the upper and lower stories of the Mechanic's Institute, and in an arbor adjoining, as well as in another building near. Tables had been spread for 450 guests, and these were filled four times, and part of them five times. It was believed that many were present who did not partake of the good things, provided in such abundance by the people of Princetown. It was calculated that there must have been 3000 persons present.— They were from all parts of the Island, some having come all the way from Cascaepique on the west, and from Belfast on the east.— They were of all denominations of professing christians. Even a number of Roman Catholics were present.

After tea the company met in the open air. After religious exercises addresses were presented to Dr. Keir from the congregation of Princetown and the Presbytery of P. E. Island, to which he made suitable replies. The audience was then addressed by several ministers present, when several votes of thanks were passed, the doxology was sung, and the congregation was dismissed with the Apostolic benediction, when the vast crowds quietly separated, all seemingly gratified with what they had witnessed. The proceeds of the Tea meeting amounting to £112, were handed over to Dr. Keir as an expression of good will.

#### XIV. LAST DAYS, DEATH AND BURIAL.

At the time of his Jubilee, Dr. Keir appeared in his usual health. A pensive thoughtfulness, deeper than usual, appeared to rest upon him, but it seemed only appropriate to the tender recollections of the past, and those views of the solemn responsibilities of his ministry, which the occasion would naturally suggest. But there was nothing to indicate, that his health was worse than it had been for years, or that it might not be his Master's will to continue him in active service for some years to come. He continued to discharge the duties of his pastorate till the time for the opening of the Seminary. But it was remarked that for some time before his death, his pulpit ministrations were marked by more than usual earnestness. He seemed to feel, more and more deeply the value of the soul, the shortness