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THE LATE REV. THOMAS TROTTER.

We could only mention in our last the death of the Rev. Thomas Trotter of Antigonish. Although for the last four years he has been in some measure laid aside from public labor, yet the place which he occupied in our church, his superior talents, and the extent of his acquirements, render it due that he should not be allowed to pass from our midst, without some more lengthened tribute to his memory. He was a native of Berwickshire, born about the year 1781. Of his early years and youthful studies we know almost nothing. But we know that after passing through the usual course of study at the university of Edinburgh, he prosecuted for a time the study of medicine; but ultimately relinquished that pursuit for the work of the ministry, although the medical knowledge thus acquired was afterward useful to him in this country. Brought up in the Burgher branch of the Secession, he devoted himself to the work of the ministry, studied under Dr Lawson of Selkirk, and a Professor of Theology to that Synod. With most of those who studied under him, he retained through life a high veneration

for his preceptor, and also a fond recollection of the scenes at Selkirk, where the Hall met, and where at the time of his attendance, a number who have since occupied a prominent place in the church, Marshall of Kirkintilloch, Balmer of Berwick, Thompson of Coldstream and Brown of Edinburgh, were fellow students.

On his completing his Theological course, (or rather, if our memory serves us right, a year previous,) he was licensed by the Presbytery of Berwick, to preach the everlasting gospel, about the year 1805 or 6, so that his ministry extended over a period of well nigh fifty years. He was soon after settled at Johnshaven, on the sea coast of Fife, where he continued to labor till the year 1818. This congregation was always small, and by the universal stagnation of business, which followed the close of the last great continental war, was still more weakened. One of the means adopted to replenish their finances was the having a third sermon, at which a collection was taken, and at which a number of persons belonging to the Established Church attended, and by their contributions aided in swelling their funds. He found af-