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“WILLIAM SOMMERVILLE,

“MINISTER OF THE GOSPEL.

“BORN JULY 1, 1800. DIED SEPT. 28, 1878.”

SUCH is the modest inscription upon a neat granite monument in a corner of a churchyard in West Cornwallis. The man whose memory it is designed to perpetuate is one who has wielded an influence, the lines of which may be plainly traced on the Religious, Ecclesiastical, Educational and Social charts, not only of Western Nova Scotia, but of the whole Province.

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