

An Old Time Sermon.

Sermon preached by the Rev. Robert Addison, the first minister of St. Mark's, Niagara. The first page was torn and somewhat defaced, so that there is a slight break. The time must have been shortly after the close of the war of 1812-14.

1 Peter, 4th, 8th. "And above all things have fervent charity among yourselves, for charity shall cover the multitude of sins."

The heavenly report of these words can be construed in no other light than x x x on the minds of the benevolent a due and laudable impression. The object I wish to present to you my friends in my discourse is to x x x x

but this is not applicable in the present instance and though I would not wish to throw out any observations to give even a coloring of encouragement to idleness, still I would not wish on the contrary by any cold remarks to hold back the hand already stretched forth, and I may say participating in the christian like feeling of the heart to relieve the necessitous, though the object should be unworthy of bounty. This would not detract from our virtue. If we err let us err on the side of mercy and leave the justice and judgment to Heaven. Allow me then my friends to present to your view the objects I advocate and such objects as are advocated by our blessed Lord, *the Fatherless and the Widow*, such is the plain pitiable tale, it requires not the power or force of eloquence to lighten its misery, on you whose hearts are sensibly alive to the distress of your fellow creatures, who know best how to believe and administer to their comforts. These poor people have a strong claim; I thought they were strangers, far from their country and home, when I say strangers I mean not immediate-