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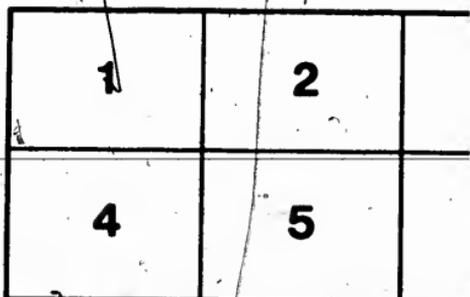
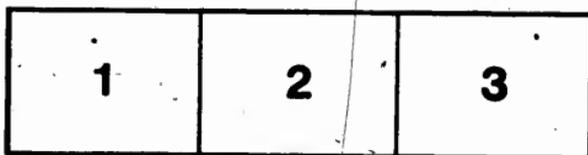
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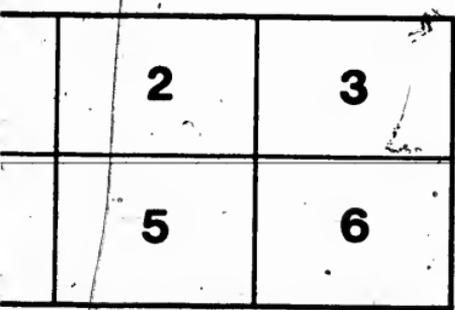
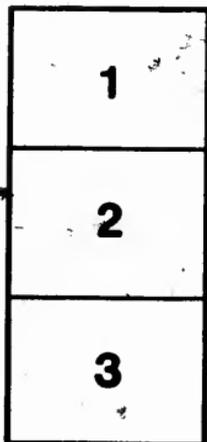
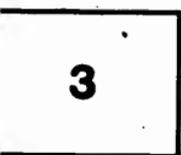
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OF THE LATE

MR. JOHN M'GLASHAN,

OF THE

TOWNSHIP OF PELHAM,

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ON THE ELEVENTH DAY OF APRIL, 1845.

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FUNERAL SERMON
OF
MR. JOHN McGLASHAN.

Text.—"Your fathers—where are they? and the prophets—do they live for ever?"—*Zachariah, chap. 1, ver. 6.*

"The fashion of this world passeth away," and the inhabitants of it are also passing away: Is it not so? The aged and honored father, whose departure has called us to sympathise with an afflicted and mourning family, is taken from us; from our society; from the embraces of his family; from the community, where he often cheered and instructed the social circle; and is now numbered with the fathers who have long slept in death. To him, no doubt, it is a pleasant sleep. Saints sleep in Jesus, and are blest; angels watch around their dust, because there will be a resurrection day. Then their bodies will awake and arise, however long, as we measure time, they may rest in the grave. "Then shall we see the saints" *arise* "in their own glorious forms."

Mr. JOHN McGLASHAN, whose death is the occasion of these solemnities, was born in Perthshire, Scotland, about the year 1762 or 3. At that place, and in the neighborhood, he lived until he was about thirty-three years of age; and then he emigrated to

America, in 1795—fifty years ago this current year. He has seen the improvements of half a century, in Western Canada. He has seen the beginnings of the settlements, and the advance of population, civilization and science: he has seen the progress of cultivation and the arts; and here he has seen wars, and contests, and victory. With intrepidity and ingenuousness, he has endured the newness of the country, its hardships and its toils: he has enjoyed its prosperity and its elevation. He breathed the spirit of Liberty, and loved the original purity of the British Constitution; but was always indignant at any encroachment on human rights. He understood well and appreciated the laws and powers of the social compact, in its relation to human governments.

Early in life, and before he came to America, he made a public profession of his faith in the Redeemer of lost men, in the Presbyterian Church; and maintained his standing in the Church, with exemplary virtue and firmness, until the closing scene of life. He loved the Bible, and his mind was deeply embued with its sacred wisdom. He loved the Church of God, and always spoke with interest, and with great warmth and elevated feelings, on its advancement and prosperity. There are few men of his standing in life, so well read in the doctrines and duties of the gospel, as he was. He could speak with great clearness and intelligence, on the important and intricate points of revealed truth. It was his delight to converse on these subjects; and when he did so, one could not help feeling the power of the gospel, and the wisdom of God in it, to make men wise unto salvation, through faith in Christ Jesus.

I have often felt the fire of a gospel truth kindle, while I sat and listened to the simplicity and clearness of his illustrations of the economy of Redemption; and I am now delighted to recollect the glow and vigor of his mind, when he was speaking on subjects connected with the Church, its doctrines and its duties. This language speaks the sentiments of the whole community of his acquaintance, and demands the acquiescence of the Church and the world, of the high and the low, the man of business and the man of letters. But he was retiring: of all men; he said and did the least to be seen and known of the world. But the world did know him; and in knowing him, it knew an honest man, imbued with the highest sense of integrity and honor.

And now, are not such virtues worthy of imitation? They are of the highest value to this world. Let such qualities expand the bosom of the population of the *whole* world; then wars and fightings would cease, and peace and good will to man would be established in the earth. Such considerations teach this family, and this community, what they have lost, in the death of this *father*. But these virtues can be restored by imitation; then, as you value them, so let them survive the dead, and become immortal in the generations that follow.

Perhaps the theme is too delicate and trying for the further contemplation of the surviving partner of the deceased; but you, dear Madam, have a right to profit by examples; and the recollection of such eminence may tend to keep alive its worth, and stimulate you onward in your Christian course. All that can

be done by man, is to remind you of duty and privileges, that you may recollect and imitate living virtues and living religion, once eminent in a husband, and to remind you, that time is short. We trust you already know where to go for consolation, in this trying hour! "Jesus Christ is the way, the truth and the life," and he now invites you to him, by this be-reavement. "He is the door: if any man enter in, he shall find pasture"—the living bread, that shall endure unto eternal life. Let the soul, then, lean on Christ, feed on Christ, and be entirely formed into his own likeness, that it may dwell with him for ever, when this world is passed away.

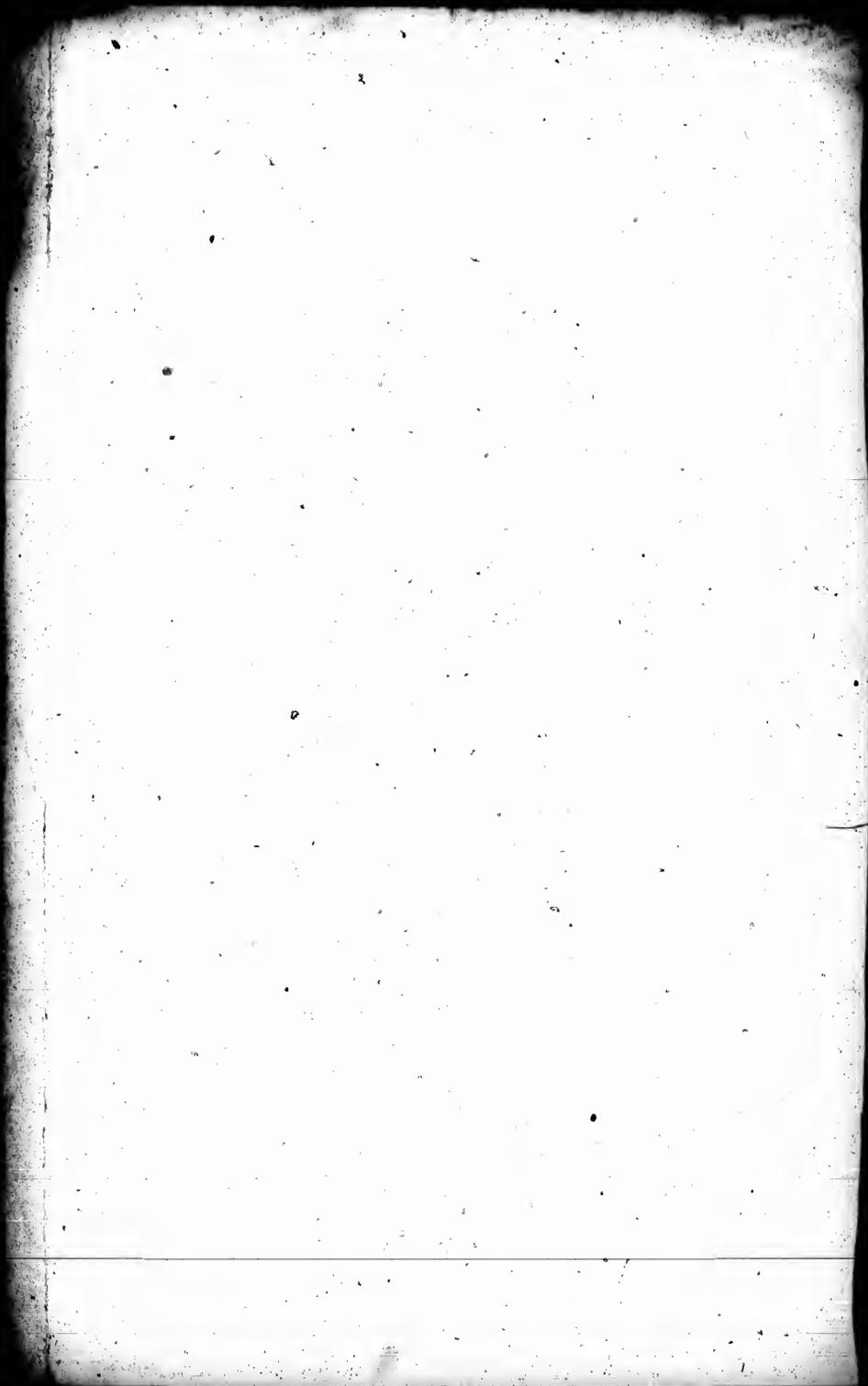
The children of this deceased father, too, might excuse me from urging any further considerations, to impress on them the solemnities and instructions of this occasion. But nothing should be lost. Has it not yet occurred to your minds, that you are *fatherless*? No doubt it has. The thought is full of instruction and solemnity. Fathers do not live here for ever! You are, most of you, fathers and mothers; but you will not live here for ever! A father speaks to you and tells you, that he did not live here for ever: he speaks from the other world, and his language is, "*be ye also ready,*" for you cannot live here for ever!

This is admonitory. We say, then, here are virtues of a high order, for your imitation. Shall I urge upon you to display these virtues, in a still higher and more elevated form? After generations should improve upon the examples of men who have gone before them; for none of these are perfect: none have arisen to the standard. "Be ye followers of

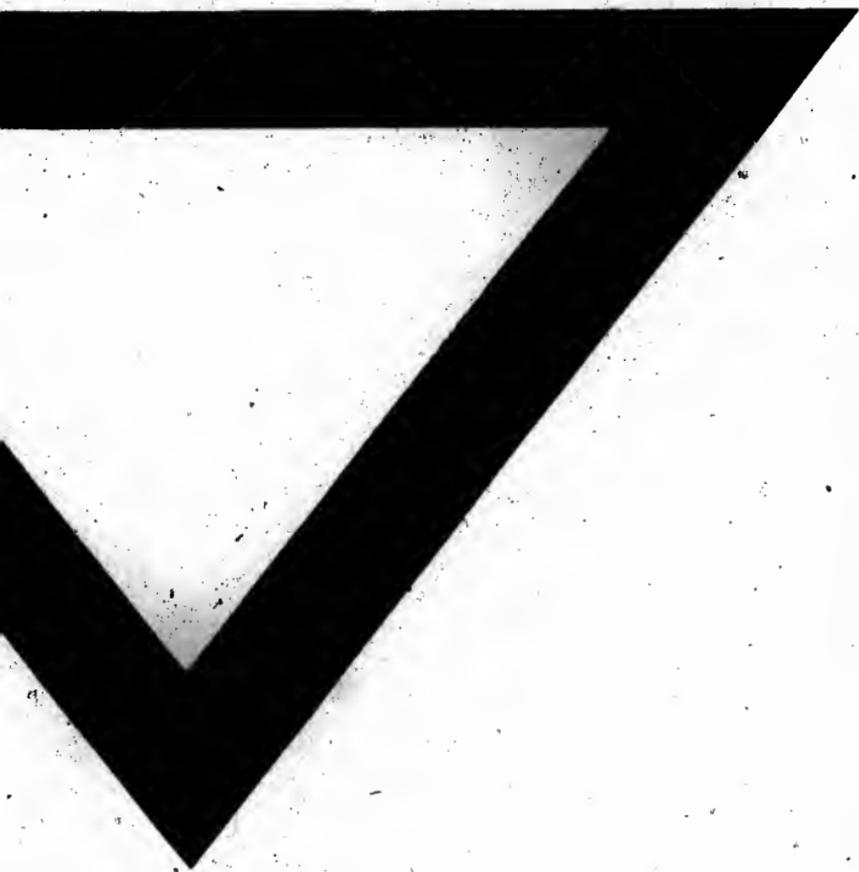
Christ, as the dear children of God." You have those among you,* whose calling it is to instruct, console, and comfort the afflicted. As occasion may permit, you will, with interest and profit, listen to their monitions, and to their counsels: they will bear you, and an aged mother, now left to the care and support of children, on the arms of faith and affection, to Him who has promised to be a God to the fatherless and the widow.

To Him, the only wise God, and to his grace, you are now affectionately commended, by one who sympathises and mourns with you, in this afflictive Providence.

* Mr. McGlashan had two sons, who are Ministers of the gospel.









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