

CHALMERS' SERMONS.

SERMONS PREACHED IN THE TRON CHURCH, GLASGOW, BY
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BEFORE we proceed to analyse these Sermons, which have been only published a few months, it may gratify our readers to communicate some information respecting the author, now so justly celebrated in the Christian world.

This distinguished Divine is the son of a respectable merchant of East Anstruther, a small town in Fifeshire, at which place he received the first rudiments of his education, and made such progress as rendered him at a very early age qualified to be entered a student at the University of St. Andrews. In this Seminary, he applied himself with great diligence to his studies, and made proficiency above many of his equals in classical as well as in mathematical knowledge. In the latter, his attainments were rapid and extensive; insomuch, that when a very young man, he was deemed sufficiently qualified to teach the mathematical classes, in the room of Professor Vilant, who, from age and other infirmities, had for a long time employed an assistant.

At the Divinity College, he was distinguished for the excellence of his different exercises, and noticed as possessing a vein of strong and original thinking; but these intellectual endowments, which have since acquired so great celebrity, were surpassed by the modesty and sweetness of his disposition. The amiable qualities of his heart procured for him the love and affection of his fellow-students, and though he surpassed the greater number in his literary and theological attainments, so much did they esteem his able, generous, and disinterested character, that they never entertained the smallest envy. It is with much delight that the writer recollects, after the lapse of twenty years, his intimacy with this excellent person, and the many profitable and agreeable hours passed with him in St. Andrews. In bearing testimony to his merit, he associates in his mind the proofs of affection and kindness, which have passed between them, and which not only give a freshness to every recollection, but keep alive the friendship of former days.

Soon after leaving College, he was appointed to the Parish of Kilmeny, about ten or twelve miles distant from St. An-