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"If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its cunning." — PSALM CXXXVII. 5.

THE LADIES OF THE COVENANT.

To the Editor of the Monthly Record :

REV. AND DEAR SIR,—Having some time since given you a sketch of the life of Lady Culross, one of the faithful and persecuted nobility in the troublous times of James the Sixth of Scotland, I will now furnish your numerous readers with a brief history of "LILIAS DUNBAR," a woman in humble life, yet possessed, as many in her station are, of true nobility of character.

During the persecutions in Scotland, of the seventeenth century, the adherents of the Presbyterian Church, though more numerous in the South and West, were also spreading over the Northern Counties. Even so far North as Morayshire, and in some of the neighboring Shires, not a few of them were to be found. And let us remember that they were not only attached to the Church, but to its Great Head and Founder, Jesus Christ, the Lord Almighty, for whom and for whose cause they were willing and ready to suffer, and submit to loss of property, and, if necessary, to exile and the Martyr's death!

The Gospel had been preached in the North with great success by the ministers Bruce, Dickson, Hog, McGilligen, Ross and others, who had been ejected from their charges and banished thither on account of their open and determined opposition to the introduction of rites and ceremonies in which their consciences would not allow them to be participants. These noble men preached publicly, fearless of danger, and rejoicing at having many evident tokens

of the Divine blessing, in numerous conversions of precious and immortal souls.

Among the avowed friends of the persecuted cause of Non-conformity in Morayshire and its vicinity were several ladies of high rank and of great piety, such as Lady Campbell, Lady Duffus, Lady Kilarock, Lady Muirtown, Lady Innes and others. The subject of this sketch, though respectably connected, was of much humbler rank than the above, having been, for twelve years before her marriage, a domestic in the family of Lord Duffus at Elgin; yet she was in no way inferior to any of them in her enlightened and resolute adherence to Presbyterian principles.

Lilias Dunbar was the only daughter of Mr. Dunbar of Boggs, by his wife Christian Campbell, and was born about the year 1657, and, not long after, she had the misfortune of losing both her parents by death. For some time she lived in the house of Sir Hugh Campbell, and was there taught (as well as in the family of Lady Duffus) a great reverence for Divine things. She was highly favored with a religious education in these two pious families; but it was not until she reached her seventeenth year, when she became dangerously ill of small-pox, that she resolved to be on the Lord's side: her conscience having been fully awakened as to her spiritual condition, she vowed that if God in His Providence should be pleased to restore her to health, she would faithfully serve Him. She gradually recovered, and from that time until her death she led such a consistent and devoted life that all took knowledge of her that she lived very near to Jesus.

Under the faithful sermons of some of the