

learning, godliness, faithfulness, and diligence ; and we humbly pray the Father of spirits to increase the number of such burning and shining lights among you, and to return all the labor of love which you have shown to this afflicted church and kingdom a thousandfold into your bosoms." Samuel Rutherford survived the Restoration but a year, and barely escaped martyrdom. Summoned before the council, when at the point of death, " I have got a summons already," he answered, " before a Superior Judge, and I behove to answer it first." It was voted he should not die in the college (St. Andrew's); Lord Burleigh remarked : " You cannot vote him out of heaven." The commissioner third in order was Robert Baillie, Professor of Divinity at Glasgow, afterwards Principal, best known, however, like Rutherford, by his letters, though letters of a very different sort, to which we are chiefly indebted for our information about the assembly. " One of the pleasantest letter gossips that ever talked on paper," as one truly and well describes him. The youngest of the ministerial brethren from Scotland was George Gillespie, who was also the youngest member of the assembly, being only thirty years of age when he entered it. Baillie breaks into enthusiasm when writing of him : " Mr. George, however, I had a good opinion of his gifts, yet I profess he has much deceived me. Of a truth, there is no man whose parts in a public dispute I do so admire. He has studied so accurately all the points ever yet come to our assembly, he has gotten so ready, so assured, so solid, a way of public debating, that however there be in the assembly diverse very excellent men, yet, in my poor judgment, there is not one who speaks more rationally and to the point than that brave youth has done ever ; so that his absence would be prejudicial to our whole cause, and unpleasant to all here that wishes it well." In the light of this testimony, and of his published works, we may hold there is probably some truth in two at least of the interesting traditions regarding Gillespie's appearances among the divines, notwithstanding some critical difficulties felt by Dr. Mitchell, the latest and best historian of the Westminster Assembly. On arriving in London, it is said, Gillespie went straight to the assembly, and stood behind the crowd, while Goodwin was pleading the cause of Independency. Henderson noticed him, and pressed him to reply. In vain he tried to escape ; he was obliged to come forward in his travelling boots ;