

by, a little legend. I had no taste for either Geometry or Logarithms, but my friend, Andrew Irvine, was excellent at both; and it commonly happened, yea seems to have been understood in those days, that the skill and attainments of one, became the "common good of all."

Irvine and I were intimate, but he did not go with me to the Divinity Hall. He went to the Church of England, as did John Wightman, our Hall Librarian, and Thomas Sword, one of our cleverest lads. Of all these I have long lost sight. If they are still within the land of the living, little doubt exists in my mind that they will be found in the ranks of the "broad church" brigade. Nevertheless, I would give much for a sight of any one of them now, and I can assure them that I would waive controversy for "the time being." Mr. Irvine has, I think published a volume of sermons, which I am sure will be able and logical. May I hope that the *sal evangelicum* is diffused through their pages as largely as it is in the volume of my loved and lamented Episcopal friend Thomas Bissland.

Saturday was always a play day in College, and we enjoyed it in excursions to Arthur's Seat, to Craig-Millar Castle, or to the Hermitage of Braid; but to those who preferred scenes in the interior of the city, the Parliament House offered an agreeable lounge, for besides the "living throng" of barristers and officials moving to and fro in the "Outer House," we were privileged occasionally with an ascent to the gallery of the "Inner," where the whole "fifteen" were seated together in solemn conclave on knotty points. The President, Sir Ilay Campbell, of Succoth, was a profound but common sense lawyer, always dignified, and universally respected; but in those days of Tory ascendancy, his associates were sometimes men who owed their places more to political and family interest than to legal talent. The Hon. Henry Erskine, brother of the Earl of Buchan, and of the Lord Chancellor of England, was never elevated to the bench, but he was a very successful pleader, and a wag of the high-