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GENERAL.

SOME REMINISCENCES OF SCOTTISH LIFE.

IN this country, and at the present day, every thing, in all conditions of life, goes on with such a rush, that one's thoughts can but rarely revert to the past. The present occupies the attention so fully that there is but little time to turn to the bye gone, or to think of the changes which have taken place in the course of the years that have passed over our heads. Sometimes, however, and perhaps all the more as advancing years tend to withdraw us gradually from the whirl of passing events, we are led to look backwards, and to contrast the present with the past. And it has occurred to me that some sketches of the past and of the changes, which years have gradually brought about, might not be without interest to a younger generation. It would take too much time, and it might be uninteresting to the reader to enter into all the changes which might be thought of. For the present at any rate, I would simply refer to a few of those which present themselves to my mind.

Great changes have taken place in regard to the mode of living, and the manners and customs of the people generally,