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## Robert Moffatt, D.D.

SCOTLAND has given to the church of Christ some of her best men—men who have fought with distinguished bravery in the foremost ranks of the soldiers of the Cross. Of this number, Robert Moffatt was one. He was born at Ormiston, in Haddingtonshire, or East Lothian, in 1795. Though this was his birth-place, he spent the greater part of his youthful days at Carron Shore, near Falkirk, where his father held an appointment in the Customs. When but a lad he was induced to try sea life; but one trial was sufficient, and he returned to school. On leaving school he was apprenticed as a "Scotch Gardener." His parents were Godly people. It was the mother, however, who took most pains in imparting instruction to the lad of a positively religious nature. Like the mother of Timothy, and tens of thousands of Christian mothers since

her day, this excellent woman had set her heart upon his knowing from a child the Holy Scriptures, believing that they were able to make him wise unto salvation, through faith which is in Christ Jesus. She used to talk to him about the progress of the Gospel; and as the labours and hardships of the Moravian Brethren, in Greenland, were at that time exciting much interest, she endeavoured to inform the child's mind and fire his heart with the story of their adventurous mission.

When but a youth, he left Scotland to take a position as gardener in Cheshire, in England, and it was while there the circumstances occurred which led to his consecration to the missionary cause. One calm summer's evening he was walking along the road, a placard caught his eye. Two lines arrested his attention; they were, "London Missionary Society," and "Rev. Wm. Roby, of Manchester." These two



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lines changed, and henceforth governed, his whole