

Pages 314, 388 (³⁶), *My Old Schoolmaster.*

John Fraser, of Newfield House, Johnstone, was something of an ideal teacher, for, besides the instruction furnished, he could both inspire pupils and develop latent talent. He was an effective elocutionist and musician, as were the members of his family. As such, he gave entertainments in Britain, much as Kennedy did at a later date. He began an American tour, appearing in New York, Albany, and Boston, where, in August, 1852, the star of his troupe, a favorite daughter, Jeanie, contracted a cold, which resulted in death the following February, at Lanark, Ont. This stopped the tour. Fraser retired, half broken-hearted, to Johnstone. He died 3rd March, 1879, aged 85.

Page 320 (³⁷), Will Steel.

Will Steel was a warlock (wizard) notorious in the west of Scotland.

Page 336 (³⁸), *My Grandfather and His Bible.*

An old Haweis Bible (the "Haw' Bible" of the poem) is, along with a grandfather's clock, one of the heirlooms of the poet's family in Orangeville—a ponderous volume, larger than the 1623 folio Shakspear. It is a leather-bound book of 672 pages, measuring 10 by 18 inches, with notes, engravings and atlas of sacred geography, published at Edinburgh in 1825, and in regular use by the poet's grandfather, Alexander Sutherland. It is named "Haw'" from its compiler, Rev. Thos. Haweis, LL.B., M.D., rector of Aldwinkle, Northamptonshire, in 1765.

Page 346 (³⁹), *The Sempill Lords.*

The estate of Castle Sempill, in Lochwinnoch parish, when seen from the heights around, is one of the most beautiful and picturesque in Scotland. Acquired by Col. Wm. McDowall in 1727, he demolished Castleton, one of the ancient castles of the Sempills, and built a modern residence on the site.

Page 346 (⁴⁰), "these lordly halls."

The Peil, once a fortress of great strength, built by Lord Sempill in 1560, is now a complete ruin.

Page 346 (⁴¹), Eliotstoun.

Eliotstoun, the most ancient residence of the Sempills, built in 1280, with massive walls and arched fastnesses, is rapidly falling to decay.

Page 346 (⁴²), "that warrior lord."

Lord Sempill was with Regent Murray at the engagement at Langside. (See note 9 above.) For valor, achievements and counsel he was called "The Great Lord Sempill."