

to refuse him a place among the eminent ministers of Ross-shire, and that the account, which I have given of him, might be accepted as a specimen of how they lived and laboured, I would not have ventured to append the memoir of my father. It required no labour to collect information regarding him, and it was therefore easier to construct a memoir of him, than of any other of the fathers. But it would be dishonest to pretend, that it was not my love to him, as my own father, which thrust into print the materials that lay in my memory. At the same time, the impulse of that love I would certainly have repressed, if I thought the position I claimed for him, would not be conceded by all.