

forty-two years, the preceptor and scholar met in London, and renewed an intimacy so profitable to one and so honourable to both. They attended the meetings of the British Association at Birmingham, and saw much of each other during the Bishop's short stay in England. Often did Mr. Wilkie, then at the height of his fame, declare that he owed everything to his reverend teacher, since but for his interference, he might have remained in obscurity.

Commodore Barclay, afterwards so unfortunate on Lake Erie, was another pupil. He was a youth of great promise, and his Lordship has often said, that he possessed qualities which fitted him to be another Nelson, had the way opened up for such a consummation.

While at St. Andrews, the Rev. James Brown, one of the acting Professors of the University, a gentleman of great scientific attainments, and of conversational powers seldom equalled, evinced great regard for Mr. Strachan, and after his advancement to the chair of Natural Philosophy in the University of Glasgow, proposed to his young friend, in whose capacity and acquirements he must have had great confidence, to become his assistant, and in his absence, which from infirm health was not unfrequent, to discharge his duties in the lecture room. Difficulties, it is said, originating in high quarters, intervened to prevent this arrangement when nearly completed. Dr. Brown was induced to retire on a pension. The disappointment attending this result must have been very great to one of such an ardent temperament, to whom a career of honourable usefulness had been opened, and whose ambition must have been naturally and keenly aroused. Then it