

to be the resort of tourists and literary pilgrims. And Guthrie had not yet appeared on the scene to clothe the naked, and feed the hungry, and draw crowds of peers and peasants to listen to his enchantment, and make some of them to greet. But Dr. Chalmers was there in full-orbed fame, as Professor of Divinity in the University, and as a preacher unapproached in his day, of whom Jeffrey says that "he buried his adversaries under the fragments of burning mountains." The irrepressible 'Christopher North' occupied the chair of Moral Philosophy; Pillans of Humanity; Dunbar of Greek, and the silver-tongued Sir William Hamilton, of History. Dr. Candlish of the massive head, powerful in speech and of boundless enthusiasm, had lately succeeded the illustrious Dr. Andrew Thomson in St. George's Church; Dr. John Lee was minister of the "Old High"; Dr. William Cunningham, of overpowering logic, was in the College Church; Dr. David Dickson and John Paul in old St. Cuthbert's; Dr. Robert Gordon, one of the most eloquent man of his day was one of the ministers of the High Church; Dr. James Begg who came to be known as the greatest debater in the General Assembly was the minister of the adjoining parish of Liberton.

We worshipped in St. Bernard's Church, a modest edifice near our boarding-house, recently erected in what was called the second new Town a magnificent extension of the new Town in a northerly direction. The minister of St. Bernard's at that time was the Rev. James Macfarlane of venerable aspect who read his discourses very clearly. Once I remember he lost the place in his manuscript and failing to find it, he turned back the leaves and commenced *de novo*. His assistant was Rev. William Dunn afterwards of Cardross and my brother-in-law. St. Bernard's has since been served by some noted ministers, among whom were "A. K. H. B." who became famous as a voluminous writer and incumbent of St. Andrew's Parish Church; Dr. J. McMurtrie, convener of the Foreign Mission Committee; and Dr. George Mathieson, the blind minister and one of the most brilliant preachers and penmen of his day. The only modern churches of the period in Edinburgh of any note were St. George's in Charlotte Square, St. Stephen's in Stock-