

SERMON.

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark well her bulwarks, consider her palaces, that ye may tell it to the generations following. For this God is our God for ever and ever." Psalm, XLVII, v. 12, 13, 14.

Scotchmen and sons of Scotchmen,—Members of St. Andrew's Society.

By the kind providence of God we are once more permitted to assemble in the house of prayer, to think of the loving kindness of God in the midst of his holy temple; to present at the throne of grace our humble expressions of gratitude, for the many mercies we have received; to acknowledge, with devout reverence, that gracious Being to be our God and the giver of all our blessings—civil and sacred—who was known and acknowledged by our fathers to be their God and Guide unto death.

When last I had the privilege of addressing you on our anniversary day—accommodating the language of the text to our national peculiarities—we proposed to survey the towers, the bulwarks, and palaces of our Fatherland; or, in other words, to consider the intellectual might; the moral habits and religious sentiments of the Scottish people. If, in illustration, we lingered on these topics with something of national pride—surely pardonable on such a day as this—our object in doing so, was not to inflate your minds with vanity, but to inspire you with the noble ambition, to reflect on your personal conduct and character the virtues that constitute the glory of Scotland, so that "ye may tell it to the generations following;" that individually you may present to posterity such a picture of true greatness, security and beauty, as will fire their spirits with the noble resolution of following in the steps of their illustrious forefathers.

To this part of our subject we shall now address ourselves,—and, here let me remark, that this duty divides itself into two great branches, both of which demand consideration:

First—That you may tell to posterity by what means these noble structures have been raised.