

remarkable ability. Mr. Gloag of the mathematic class was a terror to evil-doers. He thought little of shying his heavy ebony ruler at a delinquent's head. Flogging was then one of the fine arts. If a boy entered the class-room after the door had been closed, he walked right up to the master's desk, held out his hand, received the regulation number of looffies, and burying his stinging fingers in the depths of his pant's pocket, took his place in the class. For more heinous offences Mr. G. would strip off his coat in order that he might the more freely indulge in the pleasure of soundly thrashing some unfortunate culprit.

Among the eminent laymen at this time in Edinburgh were Sir David Brewster, the experimental philosopher; Dr. John Abercrombie who stood high in the medical profession; Dr. John Lizars, equally famous in surgery, and Sir James Young Simpson, the first to employ anæsthetics in obstetric practice; Francis Jeffrey the Lord advocate, the founder of the 'Edinburgh Review' and the most trenchant writer of the period.

This story is told of Lord Jeffrey: Coming home from a convivial bout in the sma' hours of the morning no sae fou, but just a wee drappie in his ee' he experienced some difficulty in locating his own home. Finally meeting a policeman he asked him if he could direct him to Lord Jeffrey's home. "Y're Lord Jeffrey himsel," replied the policeman. "I know that" said his Lordship, but I want to know where he lives"!

Lord Henry Cockburn, the solicitor general, and Hugh Miller the geologist—best known to us now by his autobiography—"My Schools and Schoolmasters." Adam Black, the original publisher of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*; William and Robert Chambers who revolutionized the publishing business by their issues of cheap and useful "Information for the People"; and William Blackwood the founder of the popular magazine that still bears his name; they were also among the men of the time concerning whom it may be said—"Their works do follow them." The great "Wizard of the North" had passed away only two years before; but his town house, 39 Castle street, where he had so often entertained his intimates with lavish hospitality, continued many years