

scene of his primary movements, which their speedy and successful trial, within the circle of an adjoining coal pit, changed into the sure and certain precursors of a magnificent scientific triumph. But Kinneil House is associated in my mind also with the name and the labours of my revered instructor in the elements of mental and moral science, the celebrated Dugald Stewart, who resided in it from 1810 to 1828, receiving there the frequent visits of the famed representatives of science and of literature, and enjoying that *otium cum dignitate* which permitted him to prepare maturely, Works which posterity, we firmly believe, amid all the delusive witchery of later forms of thought, will not suffer to die. Of his ultimate religious views I cannot speak positively, but I had various opportunities of testifying to the reverence which he cherished for the truths and ordinances of religion; and on a communion Sabbath, some years before his death, there sat at the table, on my right hand, the venerable patriarch—a representative of the philosophy of mind, with all the seeming docility and complacency of a humble disciple.

And who has not heard of "the incident," in Scotland's eventful record, more than two centuries past? A peer, heated with wine, had, in the hearing of royalty, declared that there were "three kings in Scotland where one was quite enough, and that he would take speedy measures to rid the land of two of them." Argyle and Hamilton knew well the import of the threat, left the capital secretly, and, by a short residence in the quiet halls of Kinneil, saved themselves and their country from death and from havoc. My esteemed parish minister, Dr. Rennie, in the first "statistical account" of the scene of his labours, written but a few weeks after his ordination, has said of this Mansion, with no less beauty than truth, that there was a time when it was the residence of nobles and the *retreat of Kings*.

But to the mind of a Christian this now somewhat dismantled and yet stately mansion is associated with circumstances of a more decidedly religious character. In