

its occurrence, to follow the history of the subsequent trials and sufferings of our Scottish Zion through a period of persecution afterwards, which drove her for a time to the refuge of the hills and glens, and among the mists and moorlands, where her persecuted children sought the shelter, the safety, or the life that were denied to them by the myrmidons of tyrannical power! The record of these things is still to be found on many a moss-grown stone in quiet country church-yards, where the victims of cruel persecutors lie: and other names there were which added lustre to those times, and which, though now unknown, are written in heaven—even those who came out of great tribulation—whose services and whose sufferings will be impressed indelibly on the great heart of the nation, for generations yet to come, who shall benefit largely by the result of their exertions. In the enjoyment of the privileges thus regained and left as an heir-loom to their children by a noble spiritual ancestry, surely the inheritors of these blessings ever shall do honor to their memory.

We may not speak of subsequent lukewarmness, which for a time prevailed in an age which to a large extent forgot those examples of zeal and devotion to the truth; for that is a common thing to find among men. There is alas! “a tide in the affairs of men” that may pass over individuals and Churches for a time, when old truths are not cherished so warmly, and old influences prevail not so fully as before. But in God’s good Providence a few years brought about, for the Church of our Fathers, a return to her first love—a better appreciation of her privi-