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[Are we mistaken in supposing that those who have read the preceding numbers of "The Cottager's Friend, and Guide of the Young," will be glad to have, in most of the Numbers of the work which is prepared for the purpose of giving them both pleasure and information, biographical sketches and memoirs of eminent persons, in all ages and countries? What our object is, and what our plan, this first article will show. We promise our readers that no pains shall be spared to make our little monthly work as interesting and profitable to them as is in our power. All the recompense we ask is, first, that they themselves endeavor to profit by our labors; and secondly, that if they think "The Cottager's Friend" will be a useful work to be brought monthly into a family, they will become co-workers with us, by endeavouring to increase its circulation. Can they not say, "Do you read the Cottager's Friend?" And if they find it is not known, can they not describe it, and recommend it? In asking this recompense, we ask nothing for ourselves. We only desire to have along with us many "fellow-helpers to the truth."—Ed. C. F & G. Y.]

DR. ALEXANDER ADAM.

And who was Dr. Alexander Adam? Why should we read anything about *him*? The question is very proper. We have no spare room in "The Cottager's Friend;" no room at all, except for those who will pay for their lodging by affording some useful lesson or other. Let us see, then, what Dr. Alexander Adam has to say for himself. He was a Scotchman, and born rather more than a century ago,—in June 1741. He lived nearly seventy years, as he died in December, 1809. He was for a long time a teacher of youth, as Rector, or Head Master, of the High School, Edinburgh. He published some very useful works, for the purpose of assisting others to obtain the learning