

which exhibits more of the truly apostolic than one often meets with in these modern times, justify the record of them which we propose to make. He was the first person who had ever received scriptural baptism in the Shetland Islands; he was among the first to break through that jungle of formalism with which, at that time, the State Church establishment had not only covered those islands, but in a great part Scotland itself. The Baptist churches of Shetland all recognize him as their spiritual father, and his memory is cherished amongst them, much as that of Paul must have been in Philippi, and Thessalonica, and Ephesus.

Shetland and her people have many peculiarities that need to be sketched here, in order that the narrative we have undertaken may be appreciated. These islands are among the northernmost inhabited lands of the world, and have very many of the characteristics of such lands. They lie between the fifty-ninth and sixty-second degrees of north latitude; in longitude being about one degree west of the meridian of Greenwich. The principal island, which, on account of its greater extent, is termed, not quite accurately, the "mainland," is some sixty miles in length and nearly thirty in breadth. It is, however, penetrated on