

with the blessing of God, in effecting and confirming a genuine religious awakening. The mournful event of the death of Mr. Black, in the spring of 1806, spread a funeral pall over the land, and wide and earnest was the question, "where shall a suitable successor to him be found?" All eyes were directed to Dr. Balfour, of Glasgow, then the most eloquent evangelical preacher in Scotland; but the moral force of Scotland's commercial metropolis interposed an interdict that was irresistible, and Dr. Balfour remained in Glasgow till 1818, when his translation on high, by a remarkably sudden removal, was hailed by the echo of a thousand voices, as was that of the prophet of old, "My father, my father! the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof." The mantle of Mr. Black and Dr. Balfour fell on Dr. Thomas Fleming, an admirable expositor, and an affectionate and judicious pastor. Dr. F. was not so impressive in delivery as Mr. Black, but in thought and in style he was more exact, and his other substantial qualifications eminently fitted him for occupying a college pulpit.

I had the privilege of attending Dugald Stewart one full session, and partially a second; but, alas! that second was his last! Dr. Thomas Brown had assisted him a good deal during the session of 1804-5, and in 1805 he was appointed as assistant and successor, Mr. Stewart remaining *emeritus*. On the interesting occasion of his taking leave, the students drew up and presented to him an address, to which the Professor made a short but not unsuitable reply. The chairman of "the students' committee" was the present Earl Russell, then Lord John, whose image is now most distinctly before me, when, at the close of the class meeting, he stepped forward at the head of the members of committee, and read the paper in the hearing of the Professor and the whole class, now more than sixty years ago. I have no copy either of the address or of the reply; indeed I don't think that either of them ever reached the Press, for the newspapers in those days seldom inserted articles purely literary. It was against the interests of the class, and even the fame of its illustrious