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THE LATE REV. ANDREW KERR.

The subject of this brief sketch had prepared, for private use, a Biography of his progenitors and immediate relatives, which extends as far back as the year 1670. From this interesting paper, it appears, that his parentage belonged to that class of Scottish peasantry, which constituted the *pith and marrow* of the early Secession Church.

"So far as I can learn," says he, "my grandfather and all his children were *pious* and respectable. My Father was born about the year 1727. He was a man, for whom both nature and grace had done much.—Wherever he lived, he was respected by the bad and profane, and his company and conversation eagerly sought by the good. He was frequently employed as an arbitrator and peacemaker among his neighbors. He became a member of the Secession church, in early life, and was a member of the Session. He died at the age of 49 years, leaving a widow and seven children, four sons and three daughters." Speaking of this sad bereavement, to the author of this notice, Mr Kerr was wont to couple with it an anecdote of his father's minister. Mr Lightbul was an Israelite indeed, not merely because he was without guile, but because as a Prince he had power with God and with man, and prevailed. Visiting this distinguished member of his session on his death-bed, Mr L. said:

Robert, man, ye maunna dee noo, we canna want ye. Death, however, had received his irrevocable commission, and the greatly beloved Elder willingly obeyed. "The neighbors showed their respect for his memory by gratuitously securing the harvest for his family, as if it had been their own. Mary, the eldest child, was married to Mr John Mc Kinlay, to whom she had four sons and two daughters. John, her eldest son, got a liberal education, and became a very respectable minister of the Gospel in Pictou, Nova Scotia. She was a godly woman, and brought up her children in the fear of the Lord."

In this narrative of family extraction, we do not discover any means for ascertaining the precise locality and date of the author's birth. He merely remarks, "I am the only son of the family who survives, (1835,) and am now well stricken in years, being turned of sixty. From this and similar hints, it may be inferred that he was born in the estate of Lackie, or parish of Gargunnach, seven miles west of Stirling, in the year 1761 or 1762.

With regard to his preparation for the ministry, he simply observes, "I was licensed to preach the gospel, by the Presbytery of Edinbrough, about the year 1800. Shortly afterwards," he adds, "I was married to Mary Neilson, daughter of Mr. George Neilson, merchant, Dunbar, a town in the East Lothian, North Britain. He was a godly