

7. Mary, married to Mr. William Rose, Auchterless; afterwards of Huntingdon, Canada, (father of late Sir John Rose, Bt., G. C. M. G.)
8. Margaret, married to Sir Arthuur Nicolson, ninth Bart.
9. Isobel, first wife of Adam Thom.

George Bisset died in 1812, and was succeeded in the parish school and academy by his son, James Bisset. He was well trained by his father, and entering Marischal College, Aberdeen, took his degree at the early age then common for graduates. He was not quite seventeen when, at his father's death, he took the responsibility of so large an establishment; but he was greatly aided by his widowed mother and oldest sister. He must have appeared a little older than this. There is a good anecdote told of Mr. Bisset. When the mother of (her afterwards famous son) James Outram came to place him under his care, she was struck with his youthful appearance and said he was a very young man to have the charge of so large an establishment, he could not be above twenty-five years of age. "I did not tell her," said Mr. Bisset, "that I was not quite out seventeen!" But though young, he was a thoughtful youth, and had the energy of more advanced years. He was the stay of his widowed mother, and proved himself more than a father to all his brothers and sisters, whom he carefully brought up and educated, and placed them in positions of life, which under Providence, they entirely owed to him. Under Mr. Bisset's care the Academy flourished, and its fame attracted, as has been already mentioned, a large number of boarders and scholars. He kept always a very efficient staff of teachers, among whom, besides Dr Thom, already mentioned, were James Melvin, afterwards LL D. and Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen, and his brother George, head-master of Gordon's Hospital, and afterwards schoolmaster at Tarves, who began their early labors at Udney. Like all schoolmasters of that period, Mr. Bisset studied for the ministry of the Church of Scotland, studying partly in Edinburgh, and in 1826 he became minister of the small parish of Bourtie in Aberdeenshire. The small amount of duty needed by the parish gave him leisure to continue his studies, which however, he only utilised for the education of his children. He took great interest in public affairs, became an ardent politician, civil and ecclesiastical, on the constitutional side. He was very zealous in every cause he espoused, indeed, the force of character which enabled him, at so early an age at his father's death, to undertake so serious responsibilities, never forsook him. He was instant in season and out of season. He was a prominent figure in the Church courts during the prolonged struggle, that ended in the secession of those who formed themselves into the Free Church of Scotland. In 1850, his University of Marischal College conferred on him the degree of D.D., and in 1862, he was chosen Moderator of the General Assembly, the highest ecclesiastical position in Scotland. —*"The Thanage of Fermartyn,"* by Rev. Wm. Temple, M. A.