

Early Life.

Marianne Mackenzie Brown was born in Buccleuch Place, Edinburgh, on the 26th day of March, in the year 1826. In that city, which she always thought the most beautiful in the world, her early girlhood was passed, and she loved to tell her children of the houses and people she remembered in the old days. The family comprised two sons and four daughters, each of whom possessed, in no ordinary degree, high intellectual gifts, remarkable energy of character and warm-hearted affection for each other and for all their relatives and friends.

In Edinburgh she had the best educational advantages and after the family removed to New York, her education was carried on by her elder sisters, who, for many years conducted a young ladies' private school. In 1839, her father, Peter Brown, left Scotland, and accompanied by his eldest son George, went to New York, where he became the editor of "The Scottish Presbyterian." The family followed a year later but after a few years moved to Toronto, with the exception of the eldest daughter, Jane, who married Mr. George Mackenzie, and Marianne, who remained with her sister for some years.

While in New York, they became acquainted with the family of the Rev. Mr. Ferrier, also from Scotland,