

from whom he had learned to understand and love the Gospel. These he taught his children, and pressed them upon their attention from the earliest

born in 1674; and, after the usual course of classical and theological study, was ordained minister of the united parishes of Hutton and Corrie, in Annandale, in 1702. He was the first presbyterian clergyman of that place;—his predecessor, Mr. Menzies, of the Episcopal church, a man of respectability, having retained the living, notwithstanding the establishment of Presbytery at the Revolution, until his death, which took place a short time previously to the period when Mr. Young was inducted. In the discharge of his pastoral duties, Mr. Young was peculiarly faithful and successful; and his memory is cherished by the inhabitants of his parish, and of the neighbouring districts, with a degree of gratitude and veneration, strikingly illustrative of the worth and dignity of his character. About the year 1735, from indefatigable exertions in performing his sacred functions, Mr. Young having fallen into a state of ill health, the inhabitants of the parish unanimously transmitted to George, Marquis of Annandale, the patron, then resident at Luneville in Lorraine, an earnest application that he would be pleased to appoint Mr. William Young, their clergyman's eldest son, his assistant and successor, in the charge of Hutton. This application was cheerfully complied with; and the Marquis with his own hand drew out the presentation,—a document composed, not in the common formal style of similar deeds, but written in terms of such deep respect for both the clergymen in question, and of such deference to the voice of the parishioners, as reflects the greatest honour on the character of that worthy nobleman. Mr. Young had thus the happiness of seeing his son ordained his fellow-labourer; and though he did not abate much of his ordinary exertions, yet so far recovered his health as to survive the appointment about twelve years. He died on the 14th of February, 1749, at the age of seventy-four, carrying to the grave the affections and regrets of his flock and numerous friends.

Mr. Young married Sophia Mein, daughter of the Rev. William Mein, minister of Westerkirk. They had several children, of whom William, the eldest, as just stated, was his successor in Hutton; John, a physician; and Henry, who died at St. Helena, a surgeon in the service of the East India Company.—William, the son of Dr. John Young, became a merchant in Plymouth, and his descendants have distinguished themselves in the British navy.

Mr. William Young, who succeeded his father, was possessed of the same faithfulness and worth by which his pre-