

useful and honoured lives. The home discipline was firm, some would say stern, but fitted to develop strong clear heads, and brave true hearts. To the Scottish Sabbaths, and the Sabbath teachings, Dr. Guthrie attributes much of the success of his countrymen in every land beneath the sun. He received his early education in one of those parish schools established by John Knox, the true glory of Scotland, in which the ploughman's son, as well as the peer's, may enter into the kingdom of knowledge, and conquer his way to any eminence. Hence it is that one out of every five thousand of her population has a university training, whereas in wealthy England, only one in sixteen thousand, and in Ireland, one out of twenty-two thousand has a similar advantage.

Young Guthrie's boyhood was passed during the stormy times of the Napoleonic wars. The stirring events of the times nourished his boyish patriotism, and the mock battles of the school playground and town wynds, stimulated his belligerent propensities. The latter enabled him in later days to fight many a good fight in the stout controversies of the Disruption,

“ And prove his doctrine orthodox,  
By apostolic blows and knocks.”

When twelve years old he set out for the university of Edinburgh. Though of well-to-do family, his college fare was most frugal, tea once, oatmeal porridge twice a day, and for dinner fresh herring and potatoes. His whole living expenses for the session were only ten pounds. Yet on this Spartan regimen he shot up to the stature of six feet two-and-a-half inches by the time he was seventeen years old. It is this plain living and high thinking, that makes the sons of Scotland what they are. “One winter,” writes the Doctor, “six of us had a common table, and we used to make up for the outlay of occasional suppers, by dinners of potatoes and ox livers, which we reckoned cost us only three halfpence a head.” He cultivated in his own family the same independence. He had eleven children, ten of whom grew up, for none of whom would he ask a favour from his powerful friends. “Let them fight their way,” he wisely said. The very doing for one's self, develops a manly strength of character, which being done for, destroys.