

shire, and till 1779 he was engaged in Scotland's "staple," the manufacture and sale of linen cloth. He was in that year appointed by Government to the office of Surveyor of Customs at the port of Borrowstounness. He held also for fifteen years the factorship on the oldest, and not the least valuable, of the estates of the Duke of Hamilton—that of Kinneil. He was present, though merely as a spectator, at the battle of Falkirk, in January, 1746, and often entertained us round the family hearth with anecdotes of that stirring period.

He was one of many in Scotland whose religious character was formed in connexion with the visits and preaching of the celebrated Whitefield, who occasionally resided under his father's roof. The pastor of the parish at that time was Mr. John Adams, a first-rate man every way, once (though not a D.D.) Moderator of the General Assembly, and whose name and memory are still revered by many in the locality. He encouraged the visits of the eminent Englishman, introduced him to Mr. Lindsay, of Bothkennar, and other genial brethren around, of the true evangelical stamp, and shared with them and "good old Bonar," of Torphichen, as Whitefield calls him, in the revival feasts of Kilsyth and Cambuslang.

My father managed the affairs of the estate of Kinneil so long as age and infirmities would allow him. Amid the gatherings of the numerous feu duties of the town of Borrowstounness, many of them small, and of somewhat doubtful ownership, while many thousands of pounds of land-rents passed through his hands, and were transmitted to the Ducal Commissioner at Edinburgh, and at a time when banks in the country districts were unknown, not one penny was ever lost.

In the beginning of 1817 my father died, after a short illness, full of years. He was born in 1730, and his whole course of life had been marked by simplicity and godly sincerity, piety to God, high-toned and warm, integrity and benevolence towards men, singularly disinterested. His sons, eight in number, were all present at his funeral, all settled in different places and positions in life, four of