

ter, afterwards married to the Rev. Dr. Gillespie, Professor of Humanity in the University of St. Andrews; and the second, my dear and only brother, now Sir George Campbell of Elenwood, ever united to me by ties of the tenderest affection and the warmest friendship. Four daughters followed to add to our pleasures and to our poverty.

An augmentation to the stipend was granted by the Court of Session in a few years Sir Robert Preston, the incumbent of the first and more lucrative living, dying, my father succeeded him; and during the French war he received the emoluments of Chaplain to the Braddallane Fencibles, through the favor of his former pupil, the duty in those lax times being done by a deputy. Though keeping clear of debt, he had a constant struggle with the severe evils of penury, and it was only by great self-denial and good management that he was able to educate his children.

I was very sickly in my childhood, and I had a narrow escape when attacked by the measles, which long afflicted me with weakness in my eyes. I was nursed with much tenderness by my mother, whose favorite (probably from more wanting her aid) I was supposed to be. I am anxious likewise to commemorate the kindness of a faithful domestic, Mary Bruce, who lived in the family from the time of my parents' marriage till all their children had been reared, who was a second mother to us all, and the recollection of whose fidelity, devoted attachment, and amiable qualities now fills my aged eyes with tears of tenderness and gratitude. There is only one thing which I have to regret from my connection with her, which is an occasional uncontrollable dread of the *supernatural*. She was not only a firm believer in *ghosts*, but when not engaged in the active discharge of her duties she could hardly think or talk of anything else. Her mother and several of her friends had seen ghosts, and although I do not think she had ever seen one herself, she was often under the apprehension of one appearing to her should she be left in a dark room, or approach a churchyard at night. Notwithstanding the caution she received to abstain from ghost stories in the