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## DR. GUTHRIE.

THE story of a good man's life is a precious legacy to posterity. Such emphatically is the delightful biography of Dr. Guthrie.\* As an eloquent preacher, as a wise expositor, as an earnest philanthropist, as a successful editor, the name and fame of the distinguished Scottish divine, long before his death, were known and honoured wherever the English language was spoken. In these pages we come as it were, into personal contact with the man, and our admiration is quickened into love.

Dr. Guthrie came of an ancient covenanting family, and one of his name, the Rev. James Guthrie, died a martyr in the Scottish persecutions. "Through my ancestors," he writes, "so far as I can trace them, I can claim to be the seed of the righteous—a higher honour than the 'blue blood' that some boast of." On his mother's side he was of true levitical descent, she being a member of the Burns family, which gave so many distinguished names to the ministry, including Drs. Robert Burns, father and son, of Canada, and the successful Chinese Missionary. His father, the son of a brae-side farmer, began a humble business in Brechin, and became in time chief merchant, provost and bauker in the town. He trained up in the fear of God and the practice of virtue, a family of thirteen children, who all lived

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