










THE CHURCH












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MEMOIR OF THE REV. ROBERT WALKEP


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## 1760 , from which the following is is extacacted 1 isider for



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We will now give his orn account of himserf, to be
found in the sume p place.


| in a letter to the Bishop, (a copy of which, in his own beautiful handwriting, now lies before me, thus expresses himserf "If he, meaning the person in who |  |
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| of beine able to support a school-master who is not curate there also; which suppressed all thoughts in |  |
| me of serving them both." And in a second letter to the Bishop he writes:- |  |
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| for the chapels of Scathwaite and Ulpha, annexed to-gether, would be apt to cause a general discontent |  |
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| gether, would be apt to cause a general discontentannong the inthabitants of both places, by either think-ing themselves slighted, being only servec alterrately, |  |
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| ter, he expreseses s similtr sentiment yupo the same |  |
| as in me lieth, to live peaceably with all men." The year following, the curacy of Seathwaite was |  |
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| again augmented; and, to effect this augmentation, fifty pounds had been advanced by himself; and, in |  |
| Scanty as was his income, the frequent offer of much better benefices could not tempt Mr . W. to quit a situation where he had been so long happy, with a |  |
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| consciousness of being useful. Among his papers Ifind the following cony of a letter, dated 1775 , twenty |  |
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| years after his refusal of the curacy of Ulpha, which will show what exertions had been made for one of his sons. |  |
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| "May it please your Grace <br> "Our remote situation here makes it difficult to |  |
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| get the necessary information for transacting business the present trouble. |  |
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| "The bearer (my son) is desirous of offering himself candidate for deacon's orders at your Grace's en- |  |
| suing ordination; the first, on the 25 th instant, so hat his papers could not be transmited aff As he is now fully at age, and I have afforded him |  |
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| education to the utmost of my ability, it would give me great satisfaction (if your Grace would take him, and find him qualified) to have lim ordained. His |  |
| constitution has been tender for some years; he enered the college of Dublin, but bis health would not |  |
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| permit him to continue there, or 1 would have sypp. ported hium much longer. He has been with me at |  |
| strength of body, sufficient, I hope, to enable him for performing the function. Divine Providence, assisted |  |
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| by liberal benefactor, bas blest my endeavours, from a small income, to rear a numerous family; and as ny the or forld, I should be |  |
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| expectancy from this world, I should be glad to see sectled in a promising way to acquire an honest livelihood for himself. His behaviour, so far in life, |  |
| has been irreproachable; and I hope he will not degenerate, in principles or practice, from the precepts |  |
| and pattern of an indulge日t parent. Your Grace's avoarable reception of this, from a distant corner of |  |
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| the diocese, and an obscure hand, will excite filial gratitude, and a due use shall be made of the obligation vouchsafed thereby to |  |
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| served, upon the long table, at which he has been sitting with a child upon his knee, messes broth, for the refrestrin |  |
| tion who came from a distance, and usually took theirseats as parts of his own household. It seems scarcely seats as parts of his own household. It seems scarcely possible that this custom courd have commenced be |  |
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| fore the augmentation of his cure ; and what would to many bave been a high price of self-denial, was paid, |  |
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| by the pastor and his family, for this gratification; as the treat could only be provided by dressing at one |  |
| time the whole, perhaps, of their weekly allowance of fresh animal food; consequently, for a succession of |  |
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| days, the table was covered with cold victuals only. trated by a little circumstance relating to an orphan |  |
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| of a letter to one of his sons; he requests that half-a |  |
| guinea may be left for "little Robert's pocket-money," lady, who, as he says, "may sometimes frustrate his |  |
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| The conclusion of the same letter is so characterisitic, that I cannot forbear to transcribe it. "We," meanthat Canniot forbear holt; are in our wonted state of |  |
| health, allowing for the hasty strides of old age knocking daily at our door, and hireateningly telling us, we are not only mortal, but nust expect ere ton |  |
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| are not only mortal, but must expect ere long to take our leave of our ancient cottage, and lie down in our |  |
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| He loved old customs and usages, and in some instances stuck to them to his own loss; for, havinghad a sum of money logged in the hands of a neigh- |  |
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| bouring tradesman, when long course of time had raised the rate of interest, and more was offered, he refused |  |
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| When very young, having kept a diary of his expenses, however trifling, the large amount, at the end of the however trilling, the large amount, at the end of the |  |
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| and such a sense of his various excellences was preva-lent in the country, that the epithet of wonderful is |  |
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| lent in the country, that the epithet of wonderful is to this day attached to his name. |  |
| dinary as to require further explanatory details.-And |  |
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| he was occupied in teaching. His seat was within desk ; and, like Shenstone's school-mistress, the mas |  |
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| ter employed himself at the spinning-wheel, while the children were repeating their lessons by his side. |  |
| Every evening, after school hours, if not more protitably engaged, he continued the same kind of labour, |  a fact that the same erersons, exactuly four sears before, met at the same place, and all joined in performance or the same venerable duty." He was indeed most zealouly nytac <br> trine and frume of the Establisted Clued to the docseen him congratulutiong himself that the had no disissenters in his cure of any denomination. Some al- lowarce must be made for the state of opinion when his first religious impressions were received, before the reader will acquit him of bigotry, when I mention, that fused to invest part of the money in the purchase of an estate offered to thim upon adranatageous terms, because the proprietor was a Quaker ; serupplons apprehension that a blessing would not |
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