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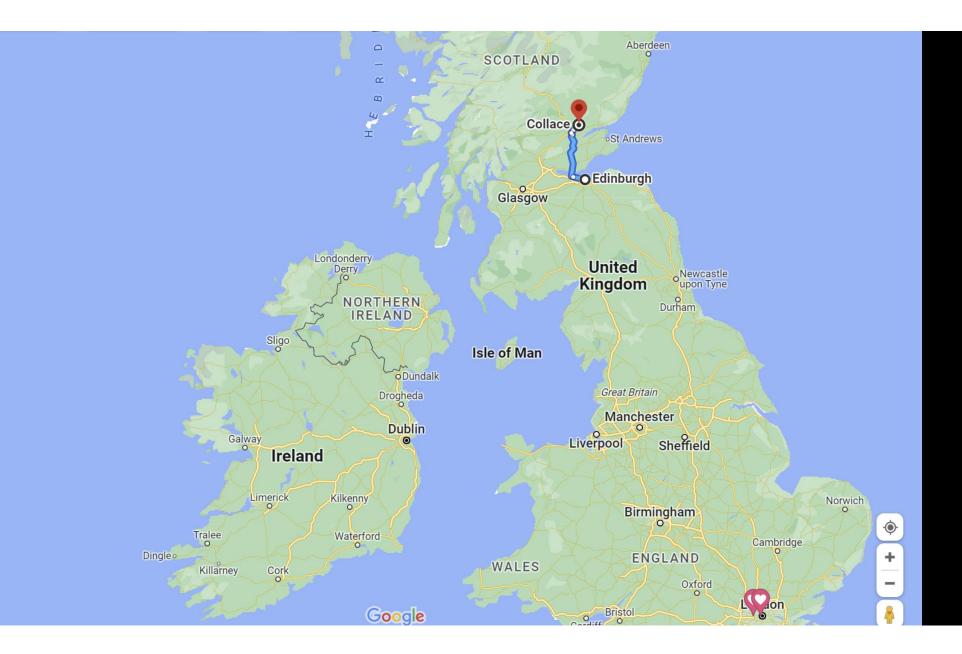
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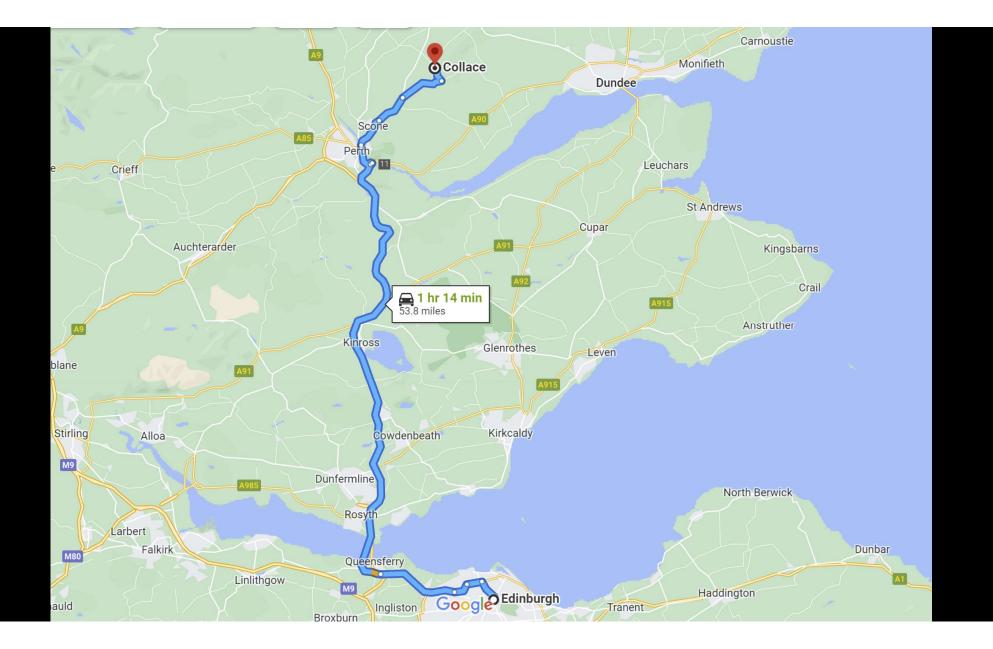


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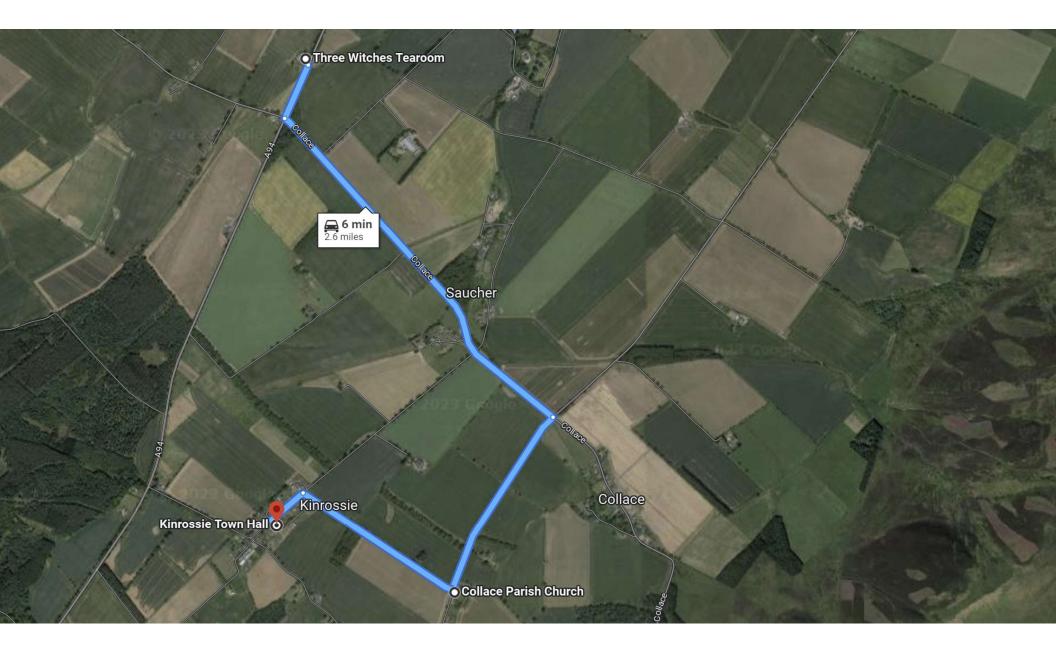


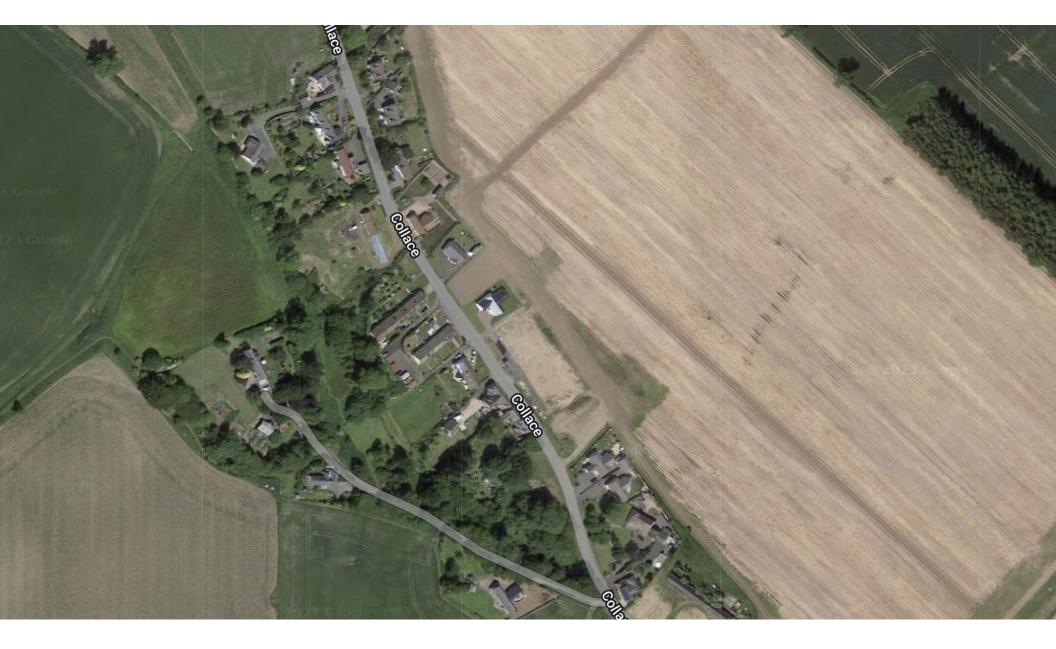












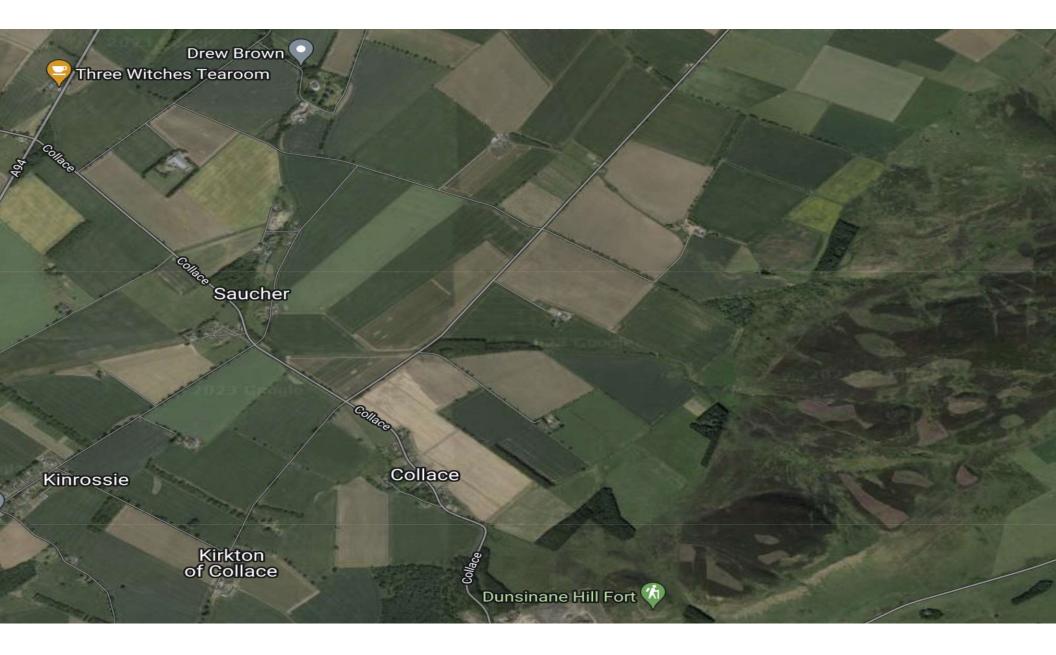


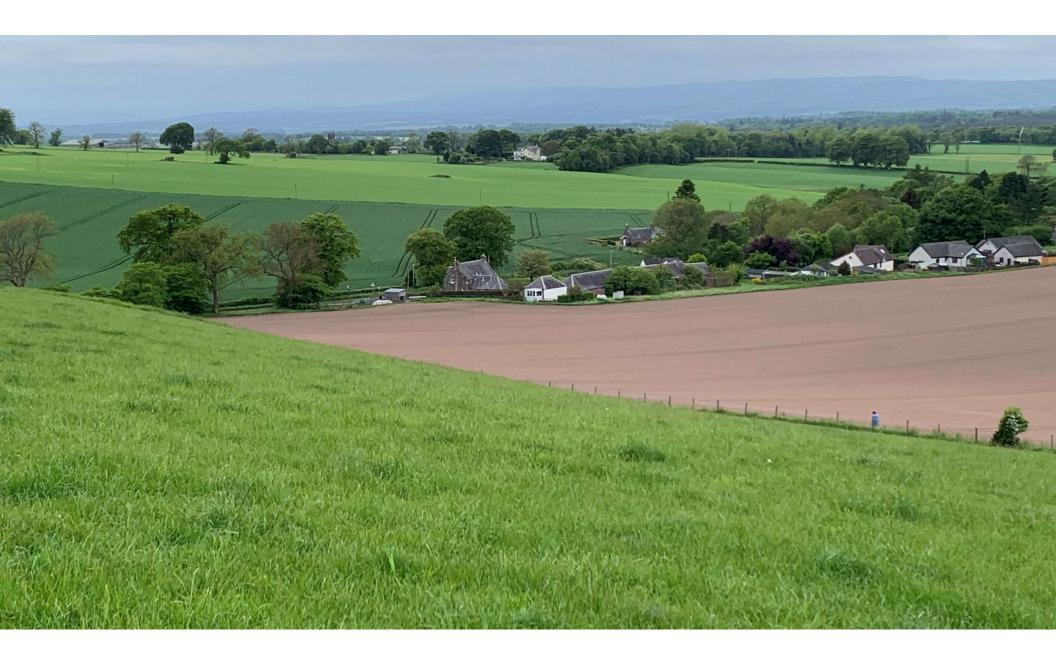














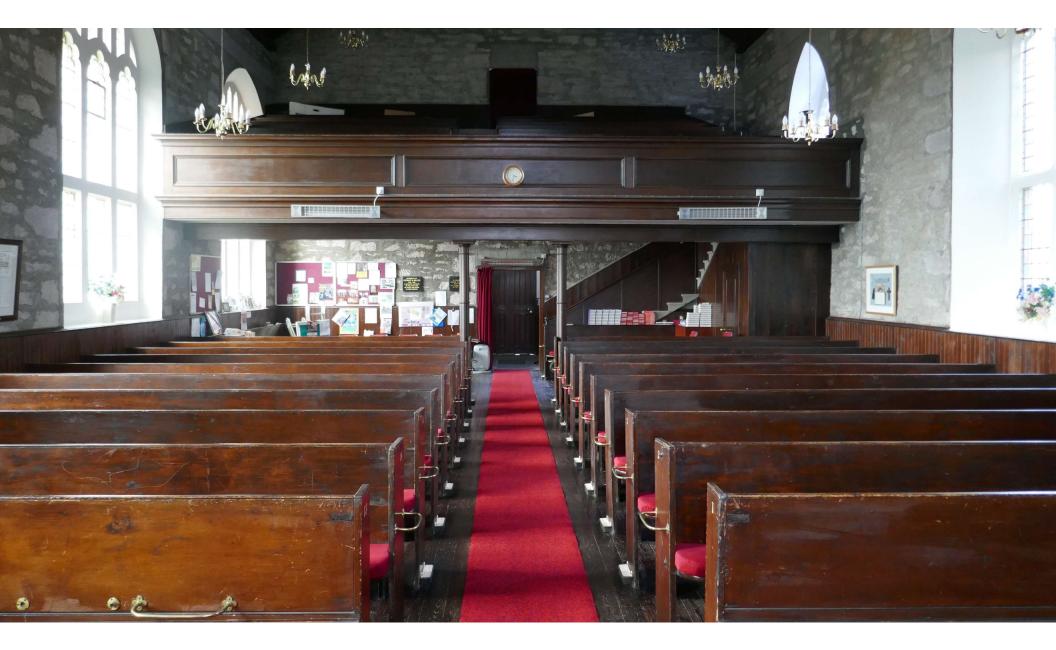


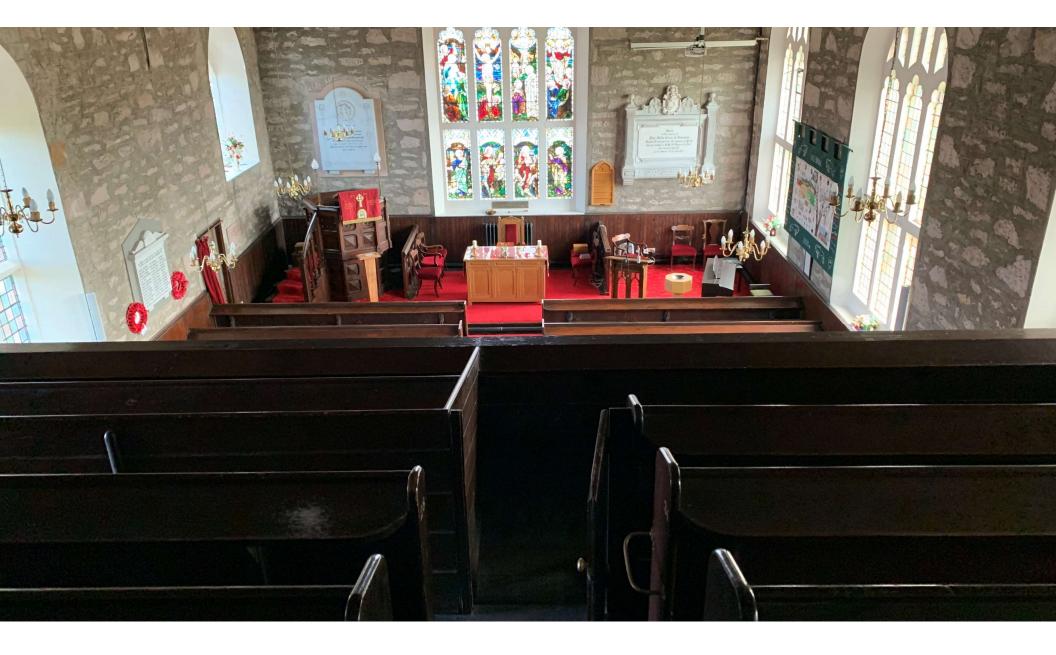














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He was not that light, but *he came* to testify about the Light.

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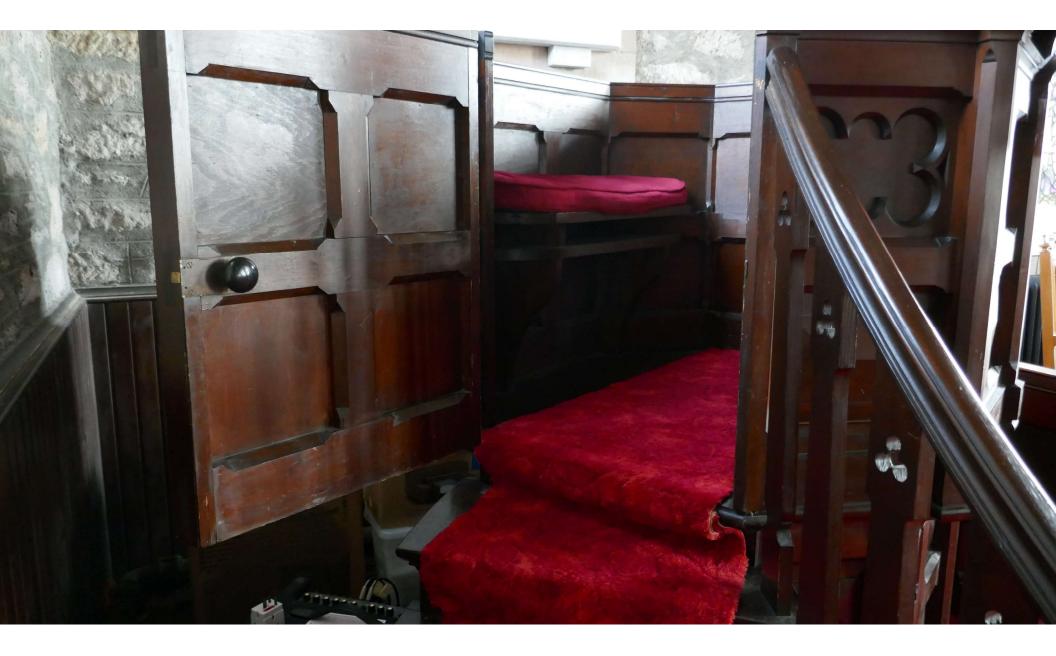
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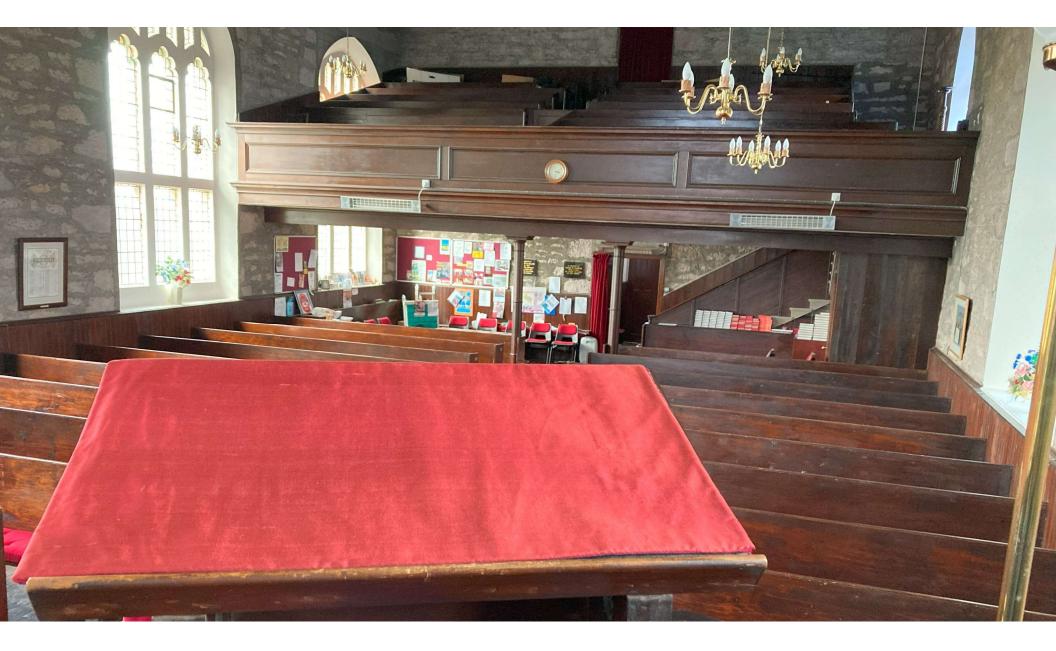
Today after much prayer, and with considerable fear of disappointment, I spoke to the old minister, and got his consent to a week-day [service] in Kinrossie, which I shall make a prayer meeting. Perhaps now the Lord will visit us, when the people are sending up their cry.



April 25,1840

I never felt it easier to pray for the old minister than tonight. I have great hope and great desire that he may be one of the fruits at this season; I feel also anxiety relieved by remembering that the work is entirely in God's hands.





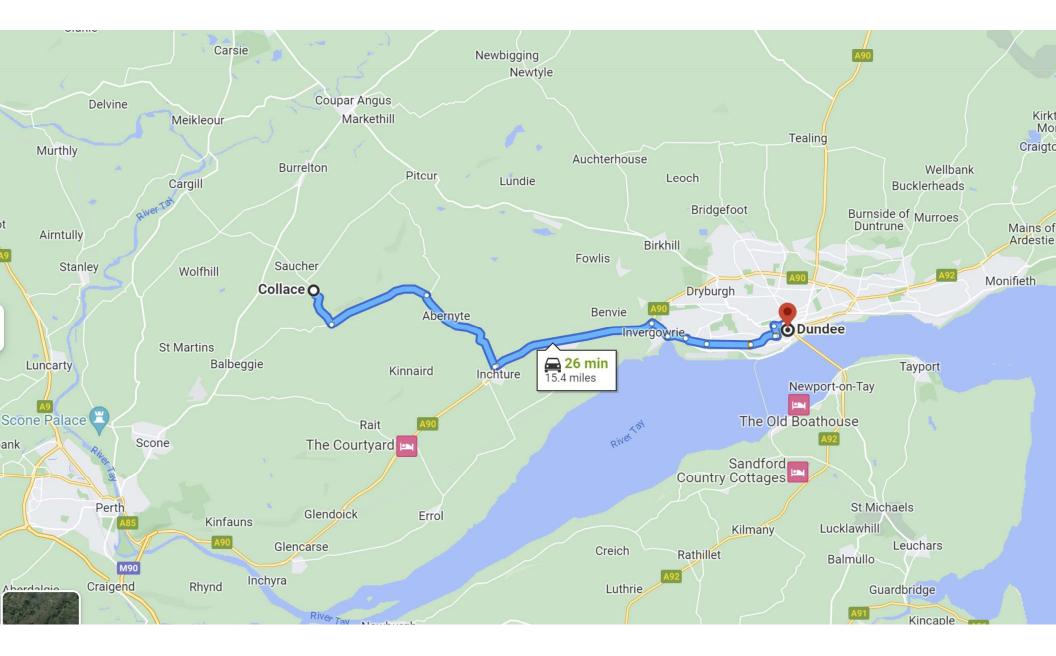
November 17, 1840

Met with some of the young people tonight, and spoke most seriously to them as to the danger of deceiving themselves. I have felt very deep grief from time to time at the complete lack of decision in some of whom I had better hopes. The Lord makes me feel how sore a trial it is to be thus vexed. O what is it, then, when I myself disappoint and vex Him?



August 4, 1842

Passed six hours today in the church in prayer and Scripture reading, confessing sin, and seeking blessing for myself and the parish.

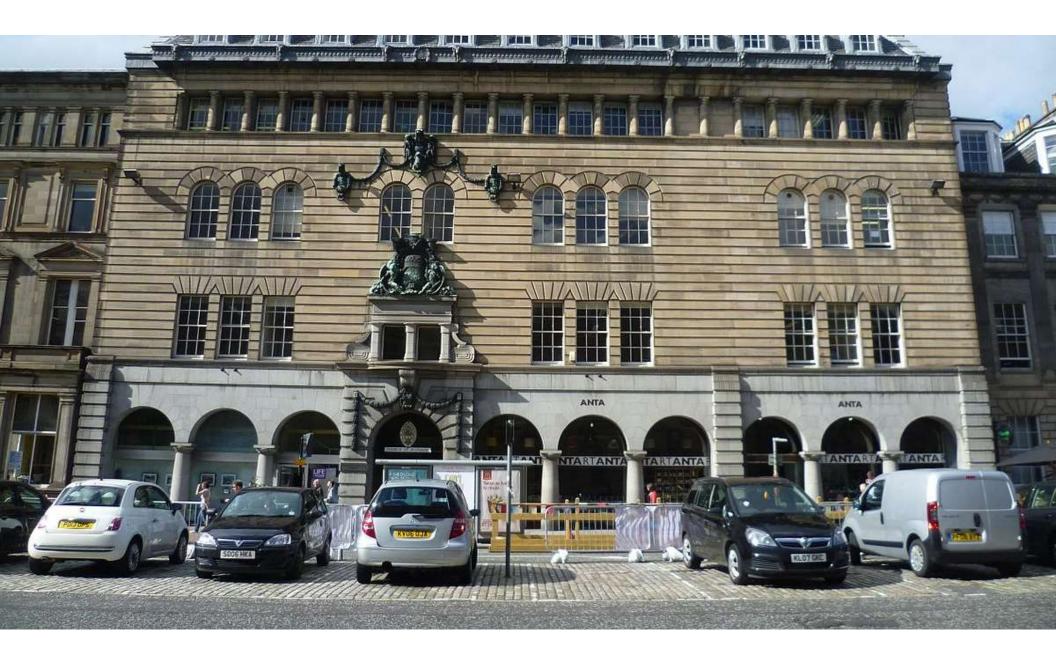














GARDEN SEAT FROM THE MANSE AT COLLACE ON WHICH ANDREW AND HORATIUS BONAR AND ROBERT MURRAY MSCHEYNE DFTEN SAT TOGETHER.

GIVEN BY MRS ANDREW BONAR TO HER SISTER MRS DAVID DICKSON, EDINBURGH AND BY MRS DICKSON TO MRS AGNES HATELY MACINTOSH, AND BY MRS MACINTOSH'S HEIRS, TO THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND OFFICES, 1931.





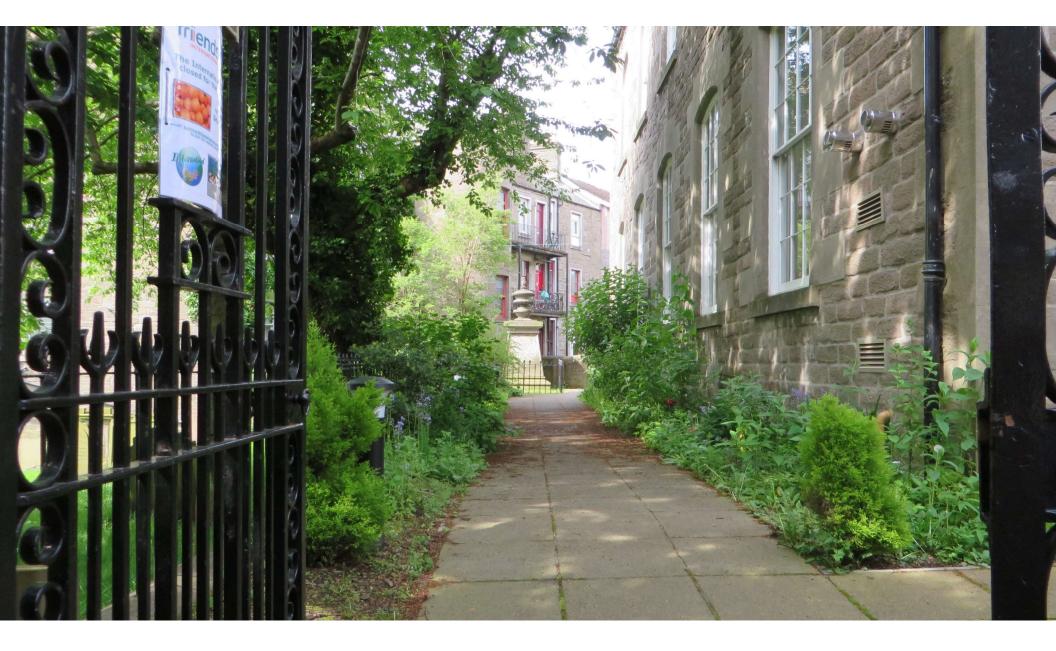
Saturday, 20th August 1881

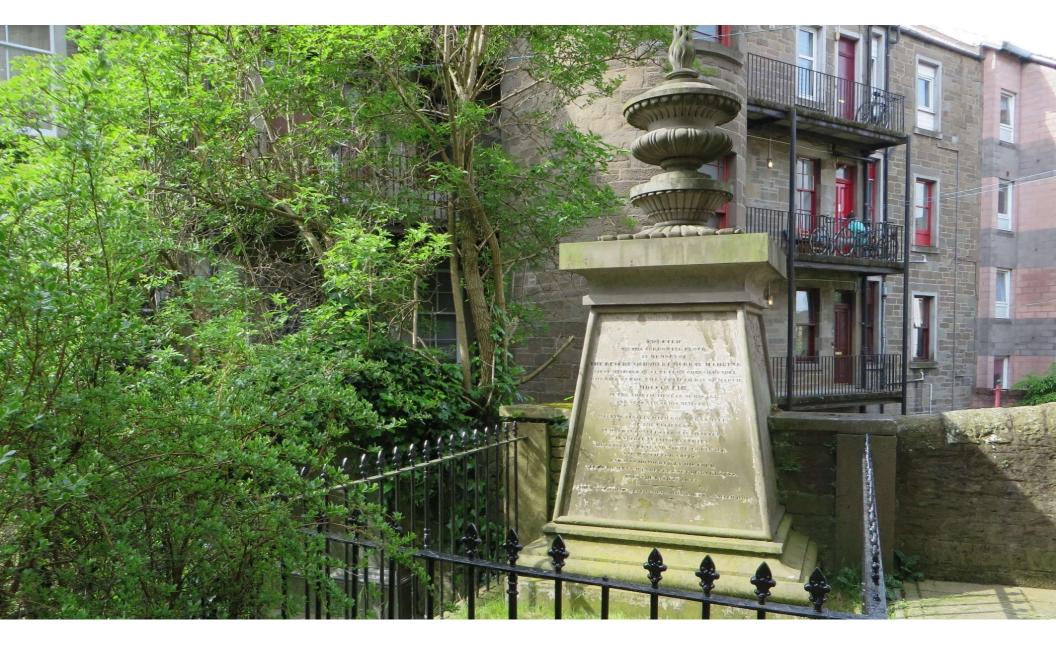
How deeply interested would Robert M'Cheyne have been today had he been with us! He who used to speak of this place. It was really strange to me and wonderful that this morning I should be on the way to Northhampton where so much work was done for God in other days. The day was so beautiful, everything bathed in sunshine... We came to what was the old street where Jonathan Edwards stood. The two great elm trees in front of the house are remarkable in themselves. It was under these the man of God and his wife used to sit, so that the spot became like the oak of Mamre, God meeting them there; and in those days the ground all round was a grove of pines where Jonathan Edwards used to walk and pray. March 25, 1843

This afternoon about five o'clock a message has just come to tell me of Robert M'Cheyne's death. Never, never yet in all my life have I felt anything like this. It is a blow to myself, to his people, to the Church of Christ in Scotland.

Sunday, 26th

O, what a night was Saturday! In coming to the town about nine, the people had met for prayer in the church and wished me to come up. I could scarce go, only I felt it was easy to weep with those that lamented such a minister. During the prayer the cries and lamentations of the people resounded through the church as if their hearts were bursting. O, it was truly solemn and when I gazed at his face, I cannot tell what agony I was to think he was away.



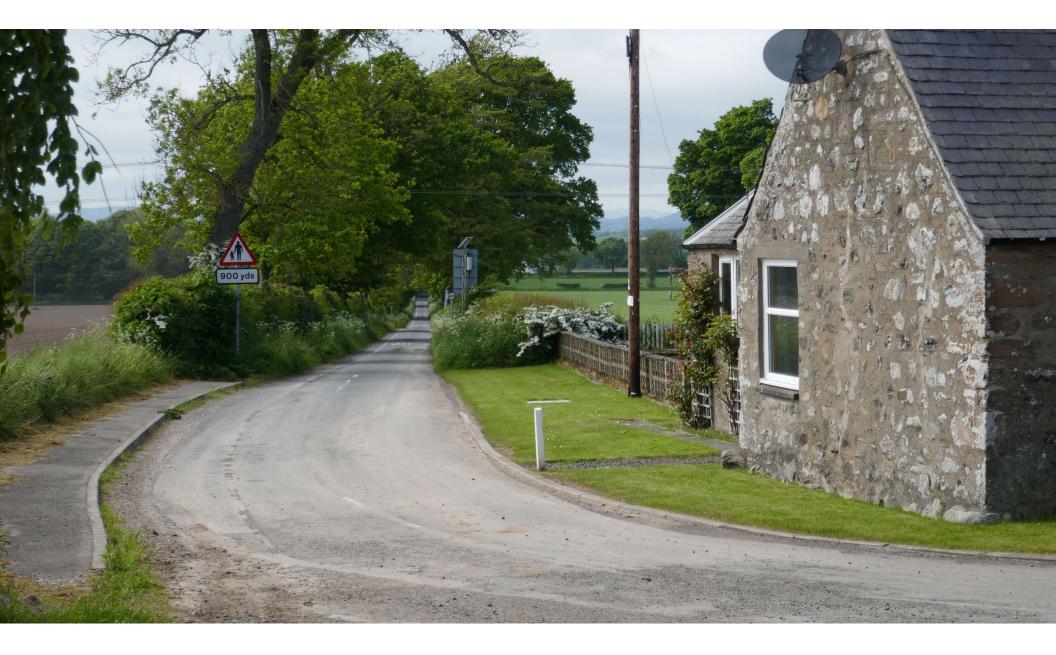
















The Mercat Cross was crected in 1686

The unknown sculptor also carved the Meikleour Cross in 1698.

It is known that the Mercat Cross originally featured on one side the St Andrew's Cross with a five pointed star carved into each of four circular horns. A small sunken panel carried the date 1686.

Two considerable annual markets were held at the Cross in Kinrossie dealing in cattle and small wares into the first quarter of the twentieth century but these were later transferred to Burrelton and other places nearby.

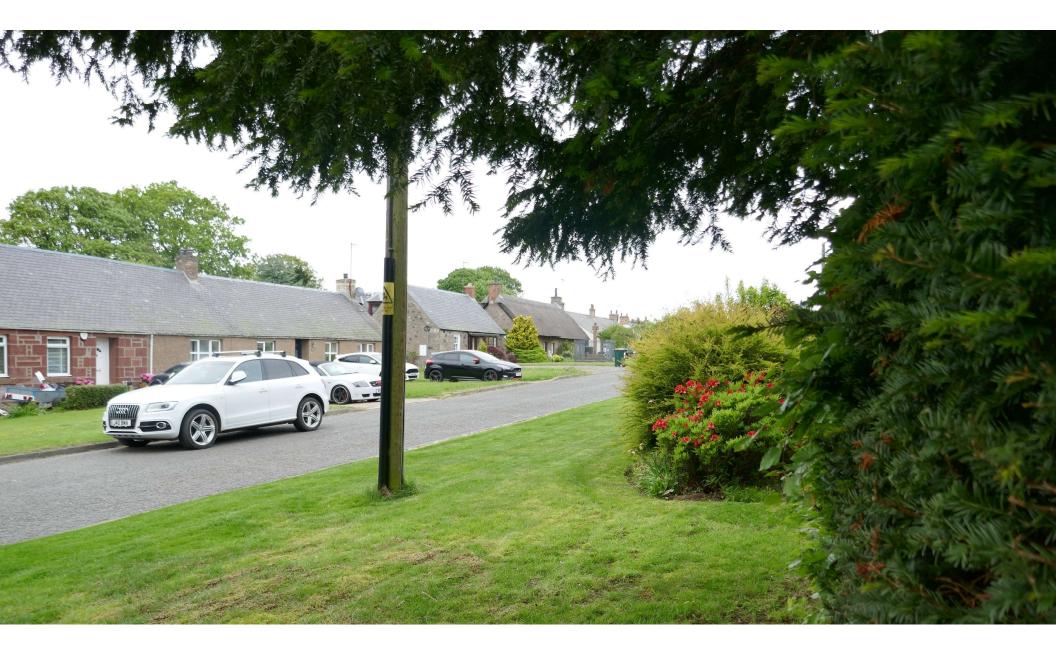
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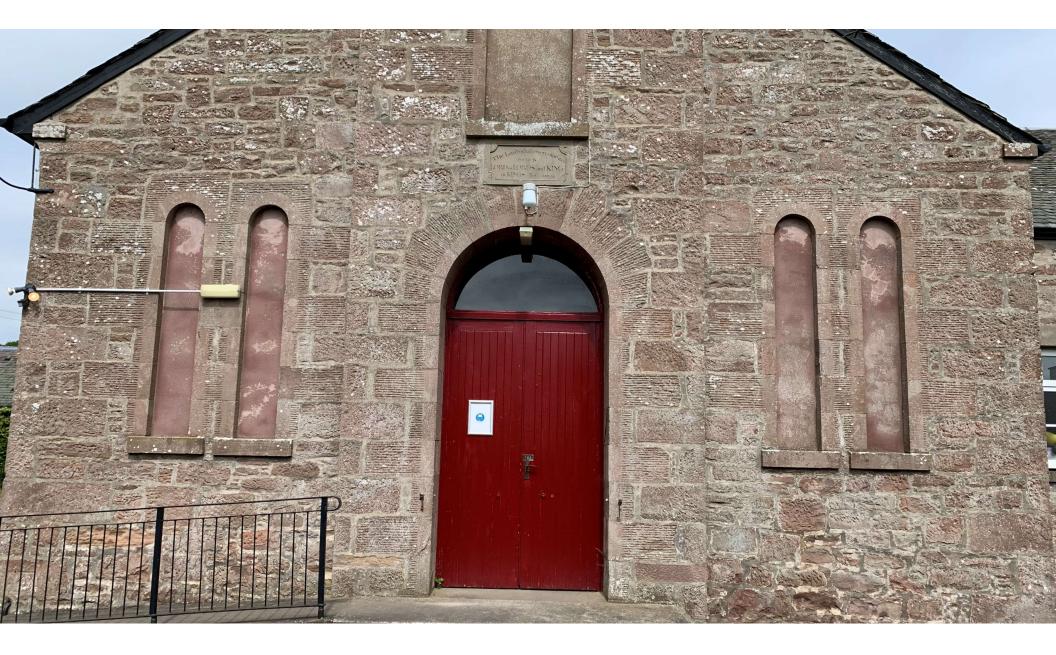
The Mercat Cross was the subject of a major conservation project in 1999 funded by Historic Scotland, Perth and Kinross Heritage Trust and the local community.













Friday, November 10, 1843

Last night four elders were chosen. One of them is not a proper man, yet the people resolved to have him. In this case it was a struggle between the godly and the careless, and the latter gained it. What will the Lord now do? I have earnestly prayed about this matter. Stand still and see.



June 21st, 1844 Our Communion

The sweetest day I have enjoyed for years; remarkably assisted in preaching. Great help in prayer and in the concluding address, as well as in setting before the people the nature of the enjoyment to be expected in the elements themselves. There had been much prayer beforehand among some of the Lord's people here, and by sme who came to the feast. Bless the Lord, O my soul!







January 2, 1852

Yesterday at the funeral of he old minister. May I not spend my days as he! Lord, cleanse me from bloodguiltiness in regard to him and my people. I felt constrained to this prayer as I went along.







Tuesday, April 29th, 1853

Alexander Somerville and I were on the top of Dunsinnane Hill in the forenoon, and there we prayed. . . In praying for me, Alexander asked that I might be content without man's favour, and that this might be enough, "I will love Him." . . . I felt it given him of God. I feel that is my condition now. Very few need me or are benefited by me. But this is my comfort, "I will love Him." Saturday, March 22, 1856

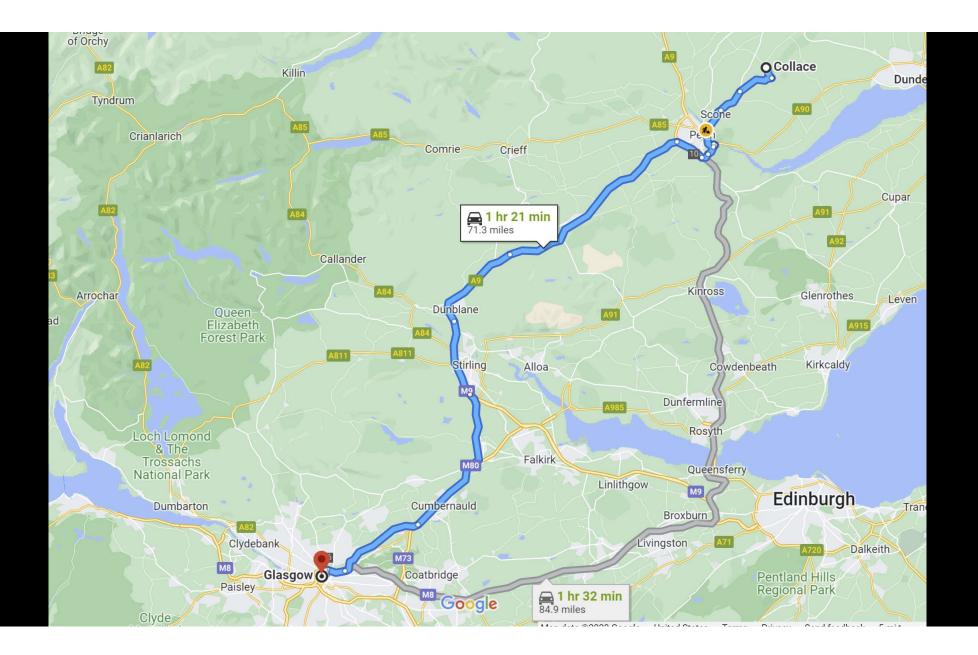
Much, very much struck with the hope there is of the conversion of Mrs. L _____. Many years ago I remember, in passing through Dunsinane, to have knelt down upon the grass, with the clear sky and bright stars above, and to have prayed: "Lord, Thou can'st turn back the course of those stars, and Thou can'st change the heart of that family; and now it seems as if it were answered when I was forgetting my own prayer.



IN LOVING MEMORY OF THE Rev? ANDREW ALEXANDER BONAR D.D. MINISTER OF THIS CHURCH FROM 1843 TO 1856

THIS MEMORIAL IS PLACED HERE BY HIS FAMILY

"YET A LITTLE WHILE AND HE THAT SHALL COME WILL COME, AND WILL NOT TARRY."



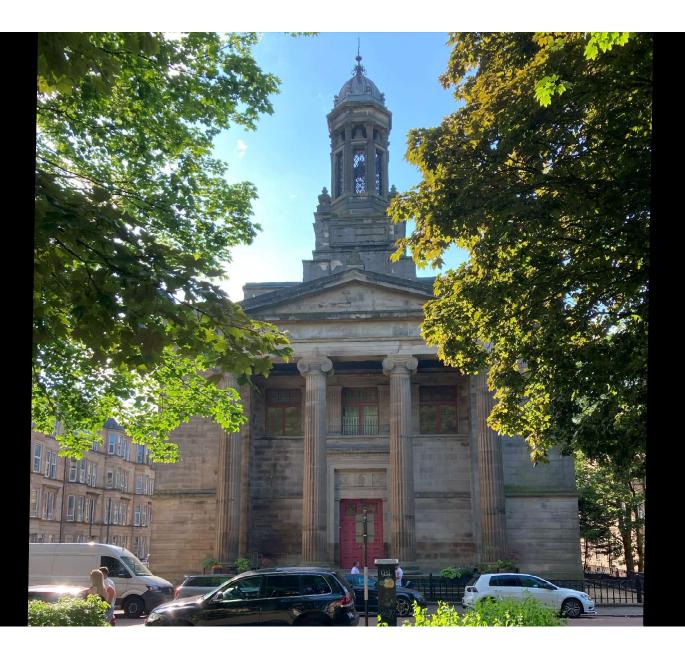
Sabbath, October 19, 1856

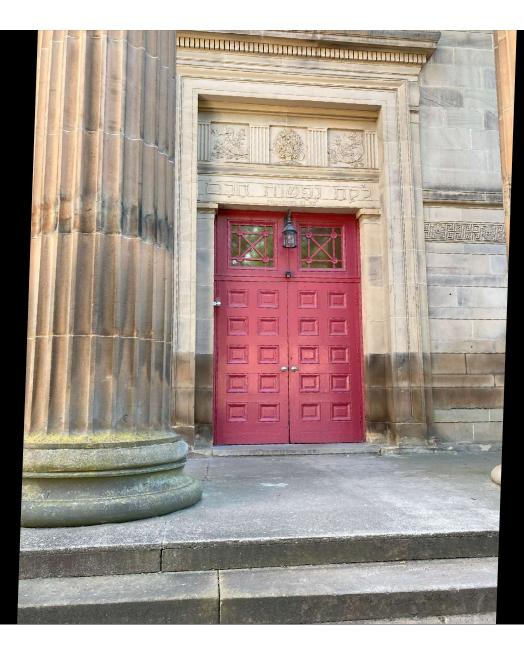
Never before did I feel so broken, grieved in spirit, needing the Lord's help. I asked my people to meet me tonight at the mercy seat, where we might together pour out our hearts to God. We sang Psalm cxv. 12-end, and then all rose and joined in the last verse of the last Paraphrase. O what these eighteen years might have been had I only lived nearer Christ! May the next ministry I engage in be a thousandfold more holy and blessed.







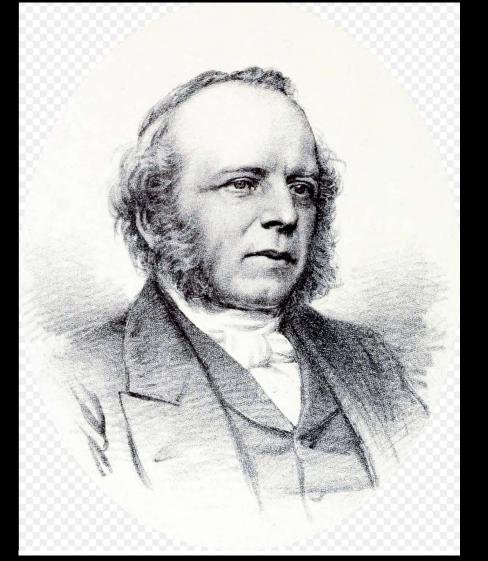


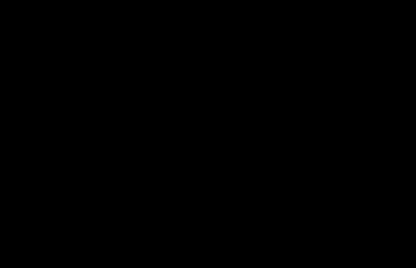


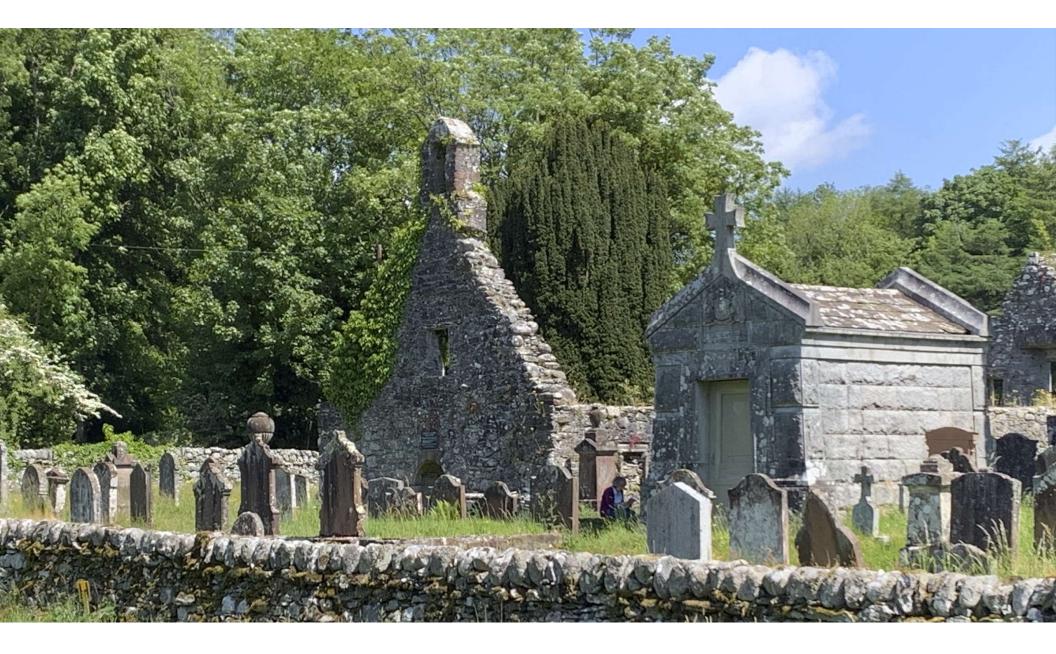


The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and whoever captures souls is wise.

--Prov. 11:30 ESV







ANWOTH OLD KIRK SAMUEL RUTHERFORD MINISTER FROM (627 - 1638

PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY AND PRINCIPAL OF ST MARY'S COLLEGE, 1647-1661; BURIED IN THE CATHEDRAL GROUNDS, ST ANDREWS, 1661

COUNSELLOR IN THE WESTMINSTER ASSEMBLY OF DIVINES: AUTHOR OF FAMOUS "LETTERS" AND "LEX REX" PREACHER OF PERMANENT RENOWN: REFORMER AND DEFENDER OF THE FAITH.

MONUMENT ERECTED TO HIS MEMORY ON THE NEAR-BY HILL.1842

"FAIR ANWOTH BY THE SOLWAY" "GLORY. GLORY DWELLETH IN EMMANUEL'S LAND"

July 11th, 1871

At Anwoth with all my young people. The day was still and beautiful; solemn quiet enjoyment, finding some little communion with the Lord, and delight in Him whom Samuel Rutherford used to set upon on high here. We sang together in the old church; all my children seemed interested. Sabbath, September 28th, 1879

Let me record it to the praise of the glory of divine grace and infinite mercy that for many years (indeed, as many as I can remember), since my first discovery of the sinner's way to God by Christ, I have never been allowed to lose my way to the mercy-seat for a single day. I have not always had bright sunshine, but I have every day had sunlight, and not darkness in my soul. 'What shall I render to the Lord?" Saturday, July 10th, 1880

Spent some time in the church, praying for the fulness of the Holy Spirit. Much distressed at the review of my life, so little in it of the power of the Spirit. Very humbling now to one now in his seventieth year.

Thursday, August 6th, 1885

For several days I have had time and freedom in the forenoon to spend two hours in prayer. Today, when thus engaged, I was led forward in thought to realize myself standing before the Lamb without a single sinful tendency, and without one drawback n the way of the slightest uncertainty. 'Forever with the Lord.' Forever with all those holy, happy friends! Forever, forever, holy and without blame, like the Lamb Himself.









ERECTED BY HIS CONGREGATION & FAMILY IN MEMORY OF THE REV. ANDREW ALEXANDER BONAR ILD MINISTER CF FINNIESTON, FREE CHURCH, CLASCOW BORN 28" MAY 1810, DIED 30" DEC. 1892 ALSO HIS BELOVED WIFE ISABELLA DICKSON BORN 1019 DEC 1825, DIED 1419 OCT 1864 ALSO THEIR SON ANDREW ALEXANDER BORN 234" MARCH, 1858, DIED 1" APRIL, 1860

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Saturday, October 15th, 1864

O what a wound! Last night most suddenly, after three hours sinking, my dear, dear Isabella was taken from me. Lord, pour in comfort, for I cannot. It needs the Holy Ghost to work at such a time. Lord, what innumerable kindnesses Thou gavest me through her; a true wife, a true mother, a true mistress, a true friend. She passed away so gently that, till I held her and touched her cheek, I could scarcely believe it was death. Tuesday, 18th

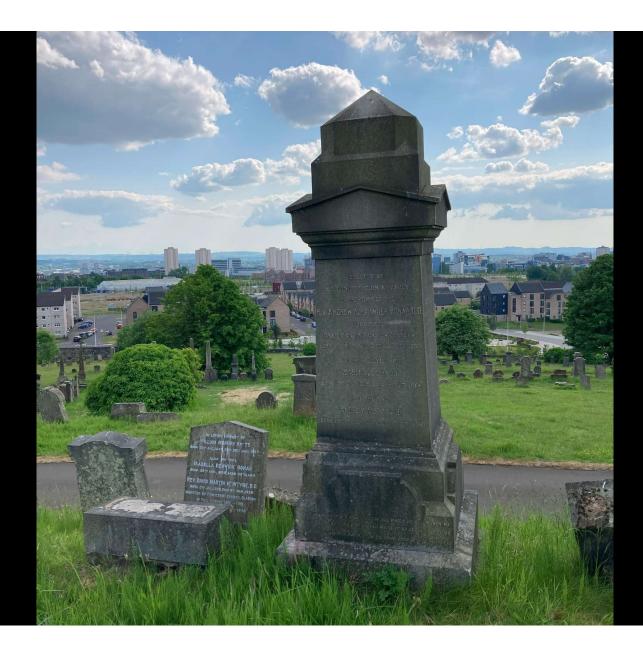
I felt it difficult to keep from some hard thoughts of God, or rather, from doubts of my being loved by Him. Now I am delivered from this temptation, and can stand upon the Rock and look at the waves. THE ISTHE FATHER'S WILL THAT OF ALL WHICH HE HATH CIVEN ME STOLE LOSE NOTHING, BUT SHOULD RAISE IT UP ACAD. JOHNY 39 A THE EVEN STOLE LOOP INSING AND A THE STOLES AND A THE STOLES.

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MARY ELIZABETH BONAR BORN 24 SEP. 1864 DIED 2011 MAR 1837 MARJORY BONAR BORN 2310 DEC. 1854, DIED 16.1 JAN. 1918 WAITING FOR THE COMING OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST. LCOR. 1.7



IN LOVING MEMORY OF WILLIAM MURRAY OF TS BORN 26TH AUG, 1848, DIED 28TH JULY, 1927

ALSO HIS WIFE ISABELLA RENWICK BONAR DIED 20TH AUG., 1939, AGED 85 YEARS

REV. DAVID MARTIN M. INTYRE, D.D. BORN 2ND JAN, 1859, DIED 8TH MAR., 1938 MINISTER OF FINNIESTON CHURCH, CLASCOW IN FULL CHARCE 1891 - 1915 SENIOR COLLEACUE 1915 - 1938 AND PRINCIPAL OF BILL TRAINING INSTITUTE, 1913 - 1938

ALSO HIS WIFE

MARISTIAN





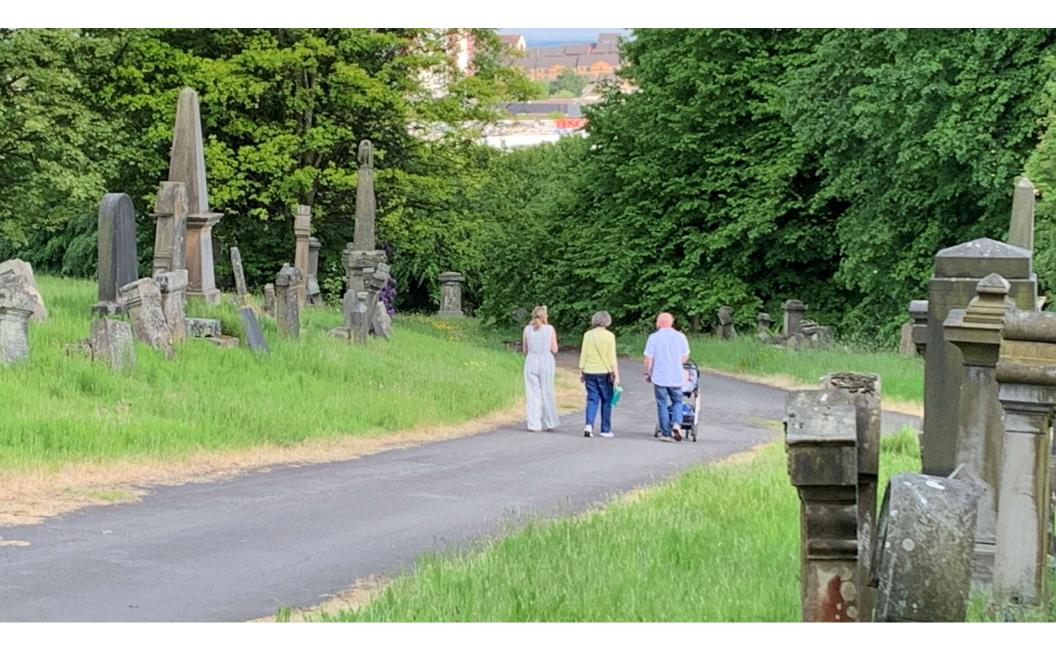














On Wednesday, the 4th of January 1893, men and women and little children who loved him followed through the snow to Sighthill Cemetery, where he was laid to rest beside his wife and his little boy. Within sight of the great city where so long he lived and laboured, he lies waiting for the day of 'our gathering together unto Him'—that day for which he longed and prayed.

--Marjory, his daughter