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**TORTHORWALD**

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*All Welcome*

CRUCK COTTAGE



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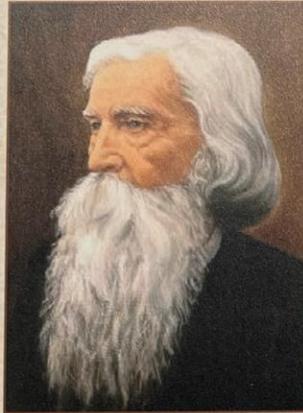








## JOHN GIBSON PATON



Until 1948 a dwelling almost identical to Cruck Cottage stood next door and was the boyhood home of the Reverend John G Paton, missionary to the New Hebrides. He was born in Kirkmahoe, Dumfriesshire in 1824 and moved to Torthorwald in 1830. After serving as a city missionary in Glasgow, he volunteered to go to the New Hebrides.

He arrived in Tanna with his new wife in 1858 and spent the rest of his active life as a missionary in this part of the world, dying in Australia in 1907. It was a hazardous mission. Not long after arrival in Tanna his wife gave birth and both she and their son succumbed to disease and died. Paton remained, suffering bouts of the same fever as well as being attacked by the people he was trying to convert. He eventually returned to Scotland to raise funds and recruit more missionaries, and there married his second wife Margaret Whitecross. They both travelled back to the New Hebrides and continued their ministry.

Bronze plaques on the gateposts and gate of Torthorwald Kirkyard commemorate John G Paton and the family gravestone can also be found there.



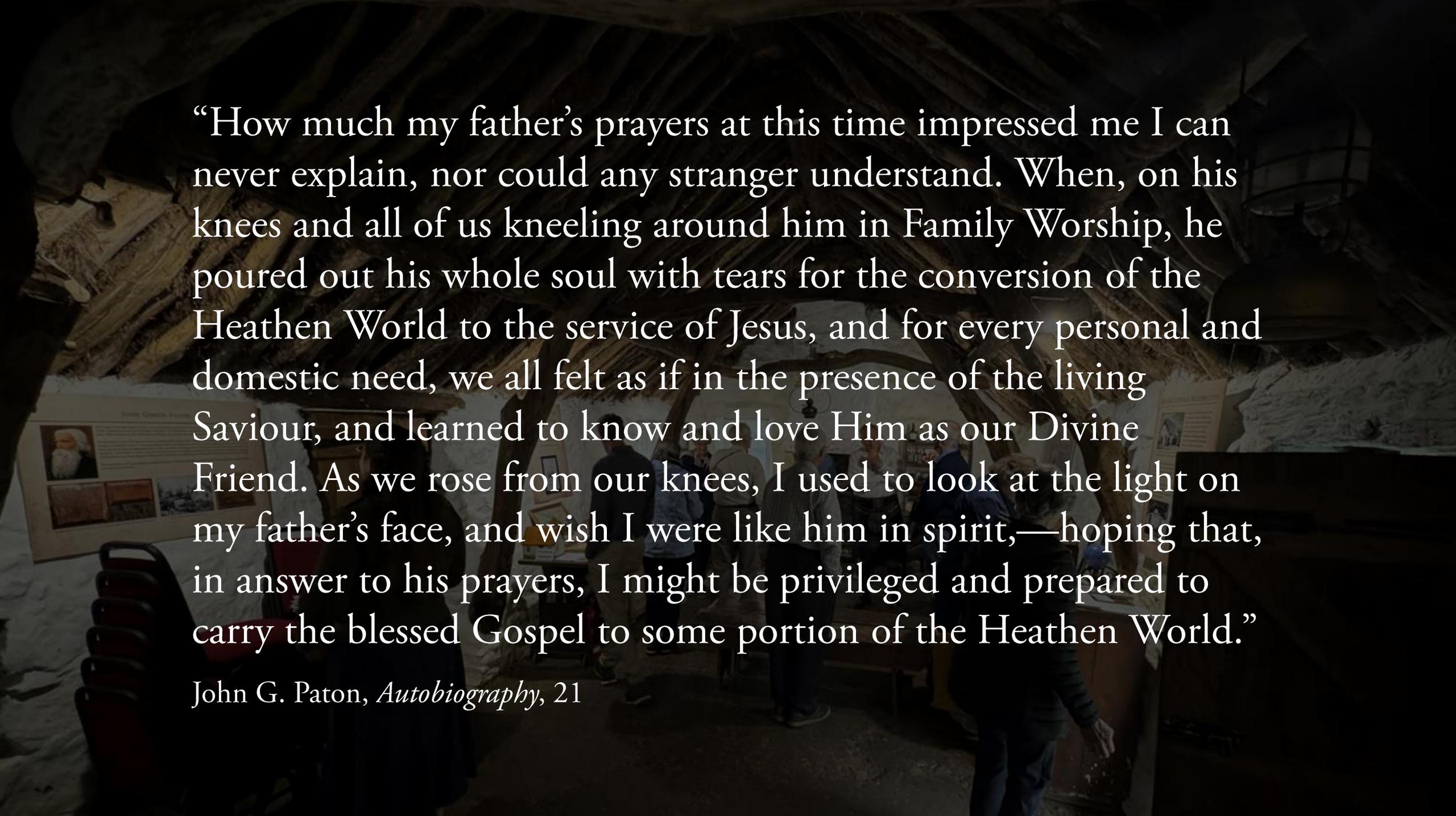
The Paton family home once stood next door to Cruck Cottage. Its position is marked by stone plaques in the roadside wall.



The Paton House just before its demolition in the 1940s



Plaque on the gatepost of Torthorwald Kirkyard

The background image shows a museum or gallery with a high, vaulted wooden ceiling. Several people are seen from behind, looking at various exhibits and informational panels. The lighting is soft and focused on the displays, creating a quiet atmosphere of study and reflection.

“How much my father’s prayers at this time impressed me I can never explain, nor could any stranger understand. When, on his knees and all of us kneeling around him in Family Worship, he poured out his whole soul with tears for the conversion of the Heathen World to the service of Jesus, and for every personal and domestic need, we all felt as if in the presence of the living Saviour, and learned to know and love Him as our Divine Friend. As we rose from our knees, I used to look at the light on my father’s face, and wish I were like him in spirit,—hoping that, in answer to his prayers, I might be privileged and prepared to carry the blessed Gospel to some portion of the Heathen World.”

John G. Paton, *Autobiography*, 21





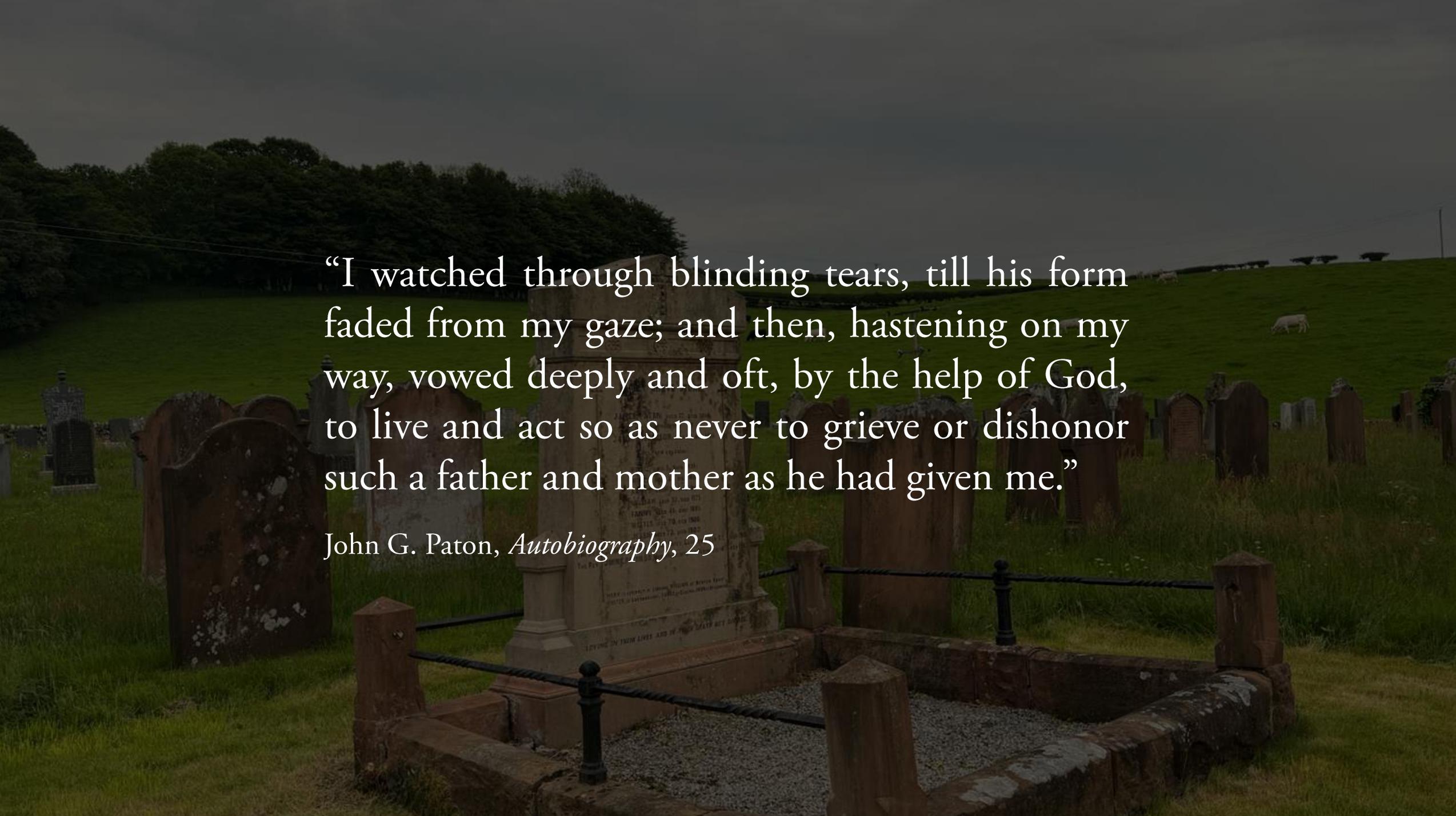
FAMILY GRAVE STONE

JAMES PATON Aged 77, died 1846  
JANET PATON Aged 85, died 1865  
WALTER Aged 4, died 1830  
MARY Aged 23, died 1844  
ANN Aged 32, died 1846  
JAMES Aged 32, died 1851  
FANNY Aged 46, died 1861  
WALTER Aged 70, died 1860  
JESSIE Aged 78, died 1862

THE REV. JAMES PATON, D.D., 1<sup>st</sup> PASTOR, CLERGYMAN, 1848-1862  
THE REV. JAMES PATON, D.D., 2<sup>nd</sup> PASTOR, CLERGYMAN, 1862-1865

MARY, DAUGHTER OF JAMES WILLIAM & MARY PATON  
WALTER, CLERGYMAN, 1862-1865

LOVING IN THEIR LIVES AND IN THEIR DEATH BUT DIVIDED

A photograph of a cemetery with various tombstones. In the foreground, a large, rectangular, light-colored stone tombstone stands prominently. To its right, a smaller, fenced-in grave area is visible, enclosed by a low stone wall and a black metal railing. The background shows a grassy field with more tombstones and a line of trees under a dark, overcast sky.

“I watched through blinding tears, till his form faded from my gaze; and then, hastening on my way, vowed deeply and oft, by the help of God, to live and act so as never to grieve or dishonor such a father and mother as he had given me.”

John G. Paton, *Autobiography*, 25















During the Plague of 1594  
George Wishart  
Preached from the Parapet of this Port  
The People standing without the Gate  
and  
the Plague stricken lying without in Booths  
He sent His word and healed them.  
Restored 1877

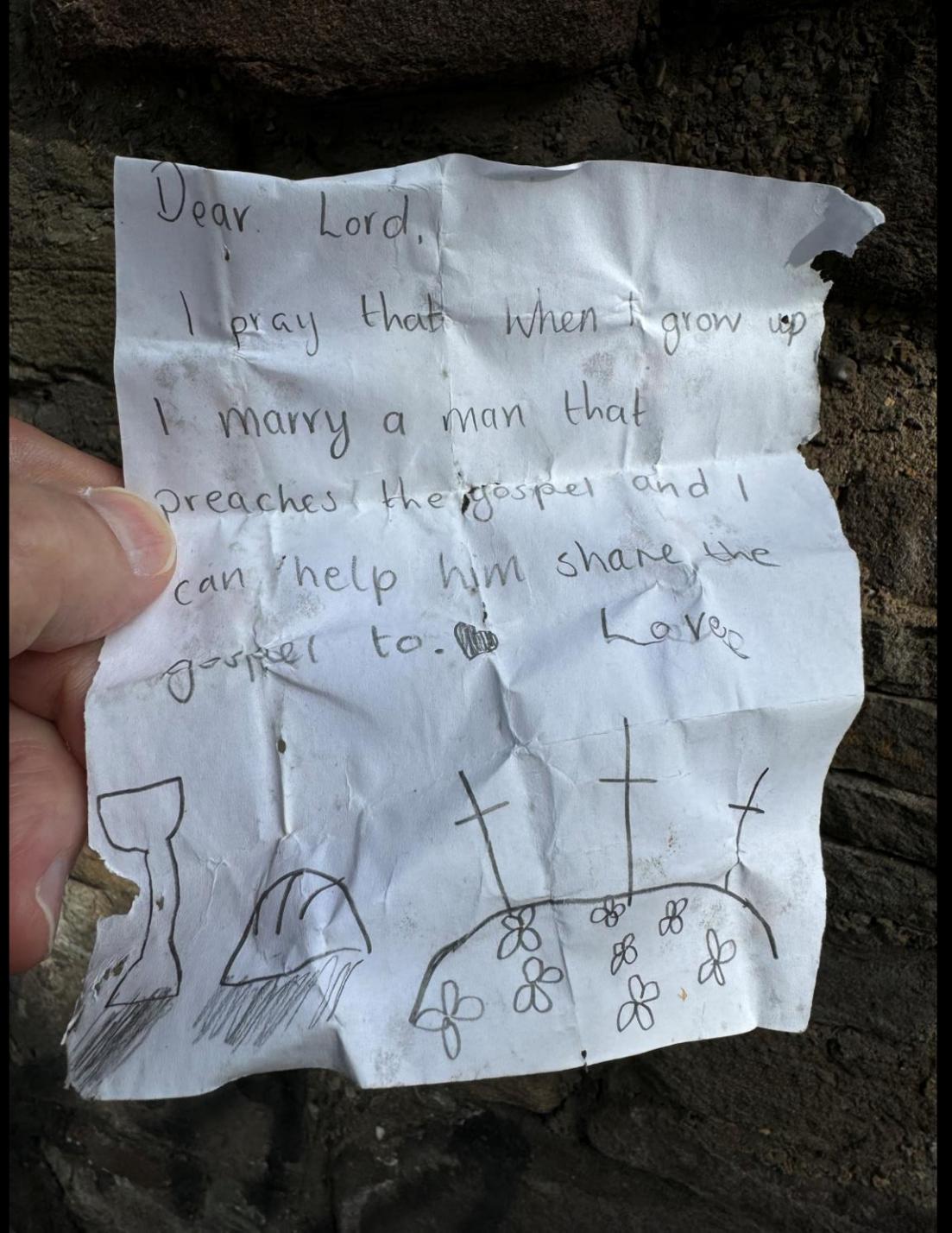












Dear Lord,

I pray that when I grow up  
I marry a man that  
preaches the gospel and I  
can help him share the  
gospel to. Love





THIS PLAQUE COMMEMORATES  
**MARY SLESSOR**



BORN 1848, DIED 1915  
"MOTHER OF ALL THE PEOPLES"

A MISSIONARY AND MAGISTRATE  
WHO LIVED IN THE COWGATE  
AND WORKED AMONG THE POOR  
OF DUNDEE FROM THIS BUILDING,  
THE WISHART CHURCH.

IN 1876 SHE JOINED THE CHRISTIAN  
MISSION IN THE CALABAR REGION  
OF SOUTHERN NIGERIA.  
SHE LABOURED TO SPREAD HER  
FAITH AND TO HELP OTHERS.

"LOVE SUFFERETH LONG AND IS KIND"



WISHART CHURCH  
1866







Women and girls played a central role in the Jute industry making up 75 percent of the workforce. Dundee was referred to as 'Women's Town' due to their huge contribution to the city, Dundee 1900s

# MISSIONARY

## Mary Slessor A Christian pioneer



Portrait of Mary Slessor as a young girl, circa 1860. Mary and her family attended Wishart Memorial Church in the Cowgate. She also volunteered at a local mission, where a progressive new minister, James Logie, set up the Victorian equivalent of a youth club for local children.



Map showing Church of Scotland Mission Fields, 1876. Mary Slessor felt that her time would be wasted in a place well served by missionaries. Her pioneering spirit took her deep into the African bush to remote villages where she believed she could do more good.

Mary Slessor (1848-1915) grew up in poverty in Dundee. Inspired by the example of David Livingstone, she became a missionary in the Calabar region of south-east Nigeria. A national role model, she inspired many Scots to take up missionary work.

She arrived at the Calabar Mission in 1876 and, apart from rare trips home, spent the rest of her life in the region. She was heavily involved in the establishment of small schools, churches and missionary outposts and latterly proved to be a skilful and effective diplomat.

Mary lived a frugal life with only a few personal possessions. Much of the Calabar material in the Museum was donated in her name by missionaries such as Dr Peter Rattray who had worked alongside her or from colonial officials with responsibility for the areas in which she worked.



Mary Slessor with Jane, Alice, Maggie and Mary, 1898. This studio portrait was taken during one of Mary's rare trips home with her four daughters. She also had a son Dan and looked after countless other Nigerian children during her lifetime.



Mary Slessor with the people of Ekenge, circa 1890. The Okoyong people lived in largely unknown territory of dense forest land between the Cross and Calabar Rivers. Mary Slessor was the first European to live and work amongst them.



Dr Peter Rattray, circa 1895. Dr Peter Rattray (d.1932), was born in Dundee, studied Medicine at Edinburgh University and worked alongside Mary in Calabar. He was her "ideal of a man missionary... a good carpenter and shoemaker and general handyman... far better accomplishments than a college education for the African field."



Charles Partridge. Colonial Administrator, Nigeria. Partridge was a close friend of Mary Slessor. He said, "She was a remarkable woman... and I had and still have a superstitious feeling that she has been and still is one of my Guardian Angels... Excepting Miss Slessor, I thoroughly disapprove of all missionaries!"



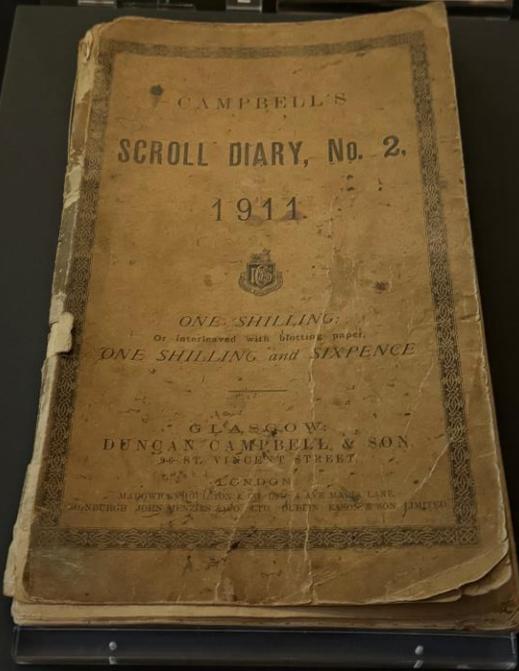
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 Bishop Auckland Museum  
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