

FASTI ECCLESIAE SCOTICANÆ

THE SUCCESSION OF MINISTERS IN
THE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND FROM
THE REFORMATION

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UNION OF THE CHURCHES, 2nd OCTOBER 1929,
AND ADDENDA AND CORRIGENDA 1560-1949

OLIVER AND BOYD
EDINBURGH: TWEEDDALE COURT
1950

JOHN McCLELLAN, reader.—[Comps.
1563 *Sub Coll. of Thirds, Dumfries.*]

ANDREW DAVIDSON, M.A., vicar
1566 7th Aug. 1566; parson of Kinnettles
1573.—[*Reg. of Deeds*, viii, 406;
Grote's Prot. Bk., 377.]

BUITTLE and KIRKENNAN

The Church of Buittle was granted to Sweetheart Abbey by Thomas de Dalston, Bishop of Whithorn, 1296–1311.—[*Maxwell Monuments*, 6.]

SIR JOHN PARKER, vicar-pensioner
1562 and reader 1562, still in office 1565.
—[*Reg. Abbrev. Feu Charters of Church Lands*, i, 100.]

JAMES PARKER, vicar in 1567, died
1567 before 10th July 1587.—[*Reg. Sec. Sig.*, iv, 98.]

DAVID (JOHN) AIKMAN, pres. to
1587 vicarage 10th July 1587 on death of
James Parker; murdered 2nd Sept.
1593 by John Muir, son and heir of John M. of Hallmuire, and his brothers Adam and George and their servant.—[*P. C. Reg., Reg. Sec. Sig.*, iv, 98.]

PATRICK ADAMSON, for "his insufficiencie for the Ministrie, frequent drunkenness on the Sabbath, and dancing in his drunkenness, and disobedience of the Presbyterie" he was dep. by the Commission of Kirkcudbright appointed by the General Assembly at Glasgow 1638; the sentence was approved by the General Assembly at Edinburgh 27th Aug. 1639.—[*Peterkin's Recs. of the Kirk*, 261.]

ROBERT FERGUSON, imprisoned at
1645 Edinburgh 1663.

JAMES WALKER, M.A., resident with
1676 three young children in Tron parish,
Edinburgh, 9th Nov. 1694.—[*Tron Poll Tax Roll*, 59.]

WILLIAM TOD, marr. (1) 9th May
1699 1697 Anna Hepburn, widow of
Hugh Rose, writer, Edinburgh.—[*Deeds Dal.*, 1705, Nos. 23, 24.]

JOHN DAVIS, enlisted in R.A.M.C.,
1907 died of heat stroke at Amara,
Mesopotamia, 22nd July 1917.

JAMES MURRAY HADDOW, born
1918 Glasgow 9th Nov. 1890, son of
Alexander H. and Isabella Murray;
educ. Hutcheson's Boys' Grammar School and Univ. of Glasgow; licen. by Presb. of Dunbarton 1916; assistant St Giles, Edinburgh; ord. 25th Jan. 1918; trans. to Oatlands-St Bernards 30th March 1936; died 3rd May 1940. Marr. 12th Dec. 1918 Margaret Elizabeth, daugh. of Thomas Gillespie, 109 Gt. Western Road, Glasgow, and had issue—Alexander, born 3rd July 1921; Thomas Gillespie, born 10th July 1923; James Murray, born 24th Sept. 1925.

CARSPHAIRN

On 25th Jan. 1633 there was laid before the Commission for the Plantation of Kirks a supplication from heritors and inhabitants of lands in the parishes of Kells and Dalry situated 12–16 miles from each of the two parish churches, to the effect that they were defrauded of the comfort of the Word and the benefit of the Sacraments, while poor people were oftentimes buried in the fields, having none to carry them the long distance to the churchyard, and craving that said lands be erected into a separate parish. The Commission ordered the supplication "to be insert in their books qill (till) the erection should be passed." Thereafter at a village called Tantallocholme which on 31st July 1635 was erected by Charles I into a Burgh of Barony under the name of the Burgh of Kirkton a church called the Church of Carsphairn (Scarefernhome) was built by voluntary subscription by the heritors and inhabitants and opened for worship in or just before 1636, and a minister was settled whose stipend was also provided by the same means. On 15th Dec. 1638 a supplication from the church, which then had 500 communicants, was presented to the General Assembly, craving help from Presbyteries towards the provision of "competent means" for a minister, and this was renewed on 27th Aug. 1639, when the Assembly commended the appeal to

“the bounds there designed for that contribution.” The position was regularised when, after approval of the erection of the parish by the General Assembly on 4th Feb. 1645 and by the Committee of Parliament on 7th Feb. 1645, the erection was ratified by Parliament on 8th March of the same year. The church was rebuilt in 1815 and thoroughly repaired in 1837.—[*Acts Scott. Parl.*, v, 596b, vi, (1), 398, vii, 159; *Reg. Great Seal*, ix, 374; *Peterkin's Recs. of Kirk of Scot.*, 184, 262.]

THOMAS COLDEN, line 3, for “1657”
1669 read “2nd Dec. 1664.”—[*G. R. Sas.*,
3 Ser., xxx, 9.]

PETER CHARLES FINDLAY, died at
1881 Edinburgh 10th March 1924; his
wife, Barbara Stuart Macleod, died
13th Dec. 1919.

GEORGE FERRIER ANDERSON
1913 MACNAUGHTON, ord. 6th Nov.
1890, dem. 16th May 1925; died at
Stansted, Essex, 11th April 1933. Line 19
for “Finlay” read “Findlay.”

WILFRED ROBERT SIEVEWRIGHT,
1925 born Glasgow 18th March 1891, son
of Andrew S. and Agnes Clark;
educ. at Hutcheson's Grammar School and
Univ. of Glasgow; licen. by Presb. of Glas-
gow 4th May 1921; assistant Govan Parish
Church and St Marnoch's, Kilmarnock;
ord. 17th July 1924 to West Wemyss; trans.
16th Sept. 1925. Marr. 23rd June 1926
Anna M., daugh. of John and Marjory
Stewart.

(*Charges united 6th July 1930.*)

CASTLE DOUGLAS

GEORGE WALKER, died at Aberdeen
1874 22nd May 1919.

LUKE McQUITTY, trans. to Monkton
1915 28th June 1923.

MATTHEW MCPHAIL, ord. 7th Nov.
1923 1923; trans. to St Luke's, Lochee,
12th Oct. 1927.

DAVID EASTHAM AUTY, B.D.,
1928 trans. from St Clement's, Dundee
(*q.v.*), 22nd March 1928; his daugh.,

Eunice Mary (marr. 14th June 1940 Colin
Rea Duncan Brown, 2nd Lieut. Argyll and
Sutherland Highlanders, son of Peter B.,
Cliff Lodge, Greenock).

CORSOCK

The laird of Corsock, John Neilson by
name, was one of the martyrs of the
“killing time.” The site of his castle is
still visible, and here the first conventicle
was held. The circumstances were these.
In the year 1662 a throng of men and
women fugitives from the neighbouring
parish of Kirkpatrick Durham came with
their minister, Gabriel Temple. The hospi-
tality and protection of Neilson having
been given, services were held in the hall
of the manor. Large numbers flocked to them
and, the accommodation being limited, the
congregations assembled at length on the
green, and in this way the first of the
“Field Meetings” or “Conventicles” was
held. Later Neilson was taken prisoner at
Rullion Green and eventually put to death
after being tortured on “the boot.”

JOHN PAUL, adm. by General Assem-
bly 1899; dem. 27th Oct. 1930; adm.
1104 to Ayton West 23rd April 1931, died
at Edinburgh 7th Aug. 1933. Marr. 5th
Jan. 1921 Jessie Hutcheson Millar (died at
Edinburgh 31st March 1931), eldest daugh.
of James McGregor, Dunella, Stonehaven.

(*Charges united 1930.*)

CROSSMICHAEL

JOHN WAUGH, marr. (1) and had
1668 issue—Barbara, John; (2) 1675,
Helen, daugh. of William Gordon
of Airds.—[*Kirkcudbright Sher. Court*, 221.]

JOHN WHITSON, his daugh.,
1837 Euphemia Dick of Essendy (marr.
William Fraser, min. of Tradeston
U.F. Church), died at Edinburgh 19th Oct.
1923.

JOHN DOUGLAS STEWART, dem.
1871 10th Dec. 1918; died 16th Feb. 1919;
his widow, Ann Craig Allison, died
9th Feb. 1939; his son, John Douglas, died
16th Nov. 1928.