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OF

JAMES WODROW, A. M.

PROFESSOR OF DIVINITY IN THE UNIVERSITY OF GLASGOW,
FROM MDCXCII TO MDCCVII.

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THE Author of the following Life has been long well known to the public, by his interesting and valuable History of the Sufferings of the Church of Scotland from the Restoration to the Revolution.

His father, Professor WODROW, was, some time before the Revolution, chosen by the Presbyterian ministers to superintend the studies of young men intending the ministry, and, after the happy change of affairs in 1688, was appointed to the chair of Divinity in the University of Glasgow, a situation which he filled, till his death in 1707, with much credit to himself, and advantage to the Church. In drawing up the memoir of him, his son appears to have been actuated, not only by the laudable wish to preserve the memory of an

excellent father, but also by the desire, which formed his ruling passion through life, to throw light on the transactions of the Church of Scotland, and on the lives of her most distinguished ministers. Besides what relates to the Wodrow family, the memoir will be found to contain notices concerning several contemporaries of his father, facts respecting the public affairs of that eventful period, and important information as to the state of theological instruction both before and after the Revolution, which are not to be found elsewhere. It discovers the same industry in collecting, and honesty in stating, facts; and is written in the same plain and unambitious style, as the author's History. On these accounts some individuals, who had access to peruse it, have deemed the Life not unworthy of publication. It is printed exactly from a manuscript in the author's own handwriting, which is in the possession of one of his descendants.

The late pious and learned Dr JOHN CAMPBELL of Edinburgh took the principal charge of this publication, which having been one of the last of his earthly cares, and having been con-

pleted on the day of his funeral, has thus acquired a melancholy interest, which cannot fail to recommend it to the notice of the surviving friends of that judicious Divine, who, during the decline of his strength, continued as earnestly devoted as ever to the promotion of those sacred studies in which he had long attained distinguished eminence.

EDINBURGH, }
6th September 1828. }

LIFE

OF

MR JAMES WODROW, S. T. P.

WHEN I have a design of making all the collections I can now recover, ^{Introduction.} concerning the lives of persons in this church, and nation, remarkable for piety and usefulness, the Apostolical * rule of shewing first piety at home and requiting parents, seems to lead me to begin with my worthy and excellent Father.

In many respects, I may be reckoned a most unfit hand for writing his life, being so nearly related to him; and could I have thought of any, who would have undertaken this, they should have cheerfully have had all my materials communicat to them. But if in many respects I am unfit for this task, in other respects I must look on myself as in case to give not a few matters of fact relative to him, which others have not had opportunities of knowing; having enjoyed the

* 1 Tim. 4. 4.