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A MEMBER OF THEIR BODY  
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## MEMOIR.

THE genius and indefatigable labours of Scotland's great novelist and bard, have ensured for the name of WALTER SCOTT an imperishable celebrity and universal fame. Wherever that name is met with, it recalls to memory a man whose fertility of imagination and powers of description gained him the highest literary distinction—whose productions were so numerous and so varied as to make him one of the wonders of the age—who reared for himself, in his mansion of Abbotsford, a home so interesting and so peculiarly characteristic as to

form a fit monument to his memory—and lastly, whose glorious career was unhappily clouded at its close by severe reverses and misfortunes.

These are some of the thoughts which are connected with the name of Walter Scott; but, uncommon though the name may be, the individual who is the object of them is neither the *only* one nor the *first* one who has borne it, or whose memory is worthy of being preserved. It has been borne by another person, who, though possessing no title to a place in the annals of literature, nor achieving for himself a wide popularity or an hereditary distinction, is yet deserving of honourable and grateful remembrance, as an exemplary benefactor to the public, and a promoter of sound and useful education amongst the poorer inhabitants of his native town.

The Walter Scott of whom it is proposed now to record some particulars was born in the year 1716, in the town of Ross, in Herefordshire, a few years before the close of the long life of that pattern of good works, John Kyrle, whose virtues were celebrated by the muse of Pope, and won for him the enduring title of "The Man of Ross."

He was the son of John Scott, whose occupation was that of a Carpenter and Joiner, and whose position in life was probably of rather a humble kind, since, in bringing up his son, he was glad to avail himself of the advantages to be procured from a small Charity School in the town, where a few children—boys and girls—were educated and clothed. This School was first established in 1717, the year following that in which Walter Scott was born, and was supported by public