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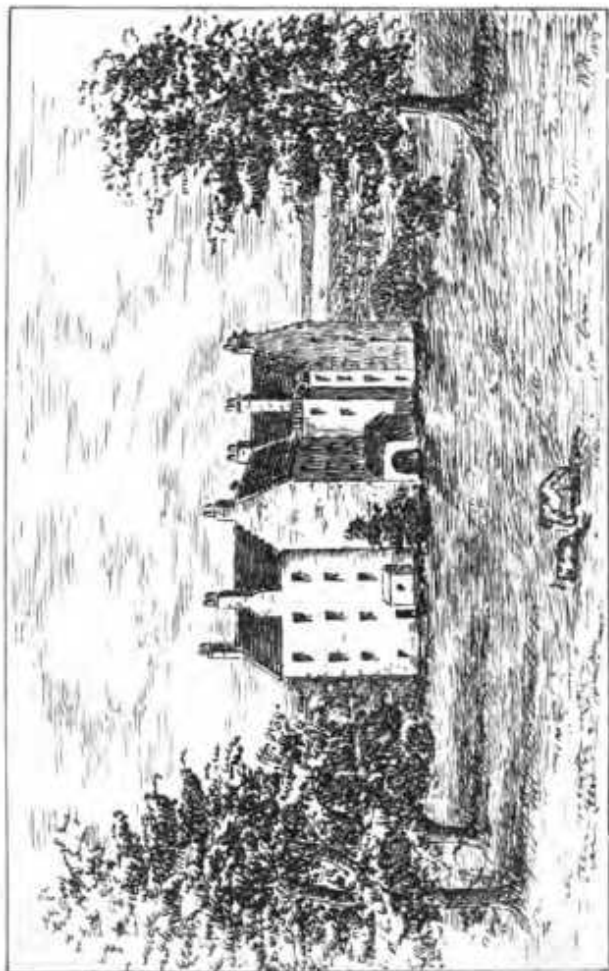
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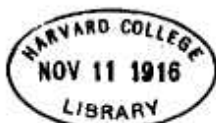
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IN gathering materials for these Annals my first idea was only to trace the history of Colinsburgh, and I then thought that a pamphlet of forty or fifty pages would be sufficient; but as the subject was investigated the materials greatly increased and the story became more interesting. And besides, one can hardly write of Scotchmen two centuries ago without saying something of their religion, since that occupied so much of their thoughts and had so much to do in forming their character, and this led me to give some account of the church life of the parish. I have tried to tell the story with as few dry details as possible, so that it may be found interesting to the general reader; and I have spared no pains to obtain accurate information, having searched all the available original documents as well as much printed matter. The authorities are given in all cases where this seemed needful.

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