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IN JAMAICA,

AND WHO PREFERS STILL TO SPEND HER YEARS,

IN THE MIDST OF HIS DEVOTED PEOPLE, WORKING FOR

THEIR SPIRITUAL BENEFIT.

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MISSION LIFE IN JAMAICA.

CHAPTER I.

BIRTH, FAMILY, AND LIFE IN PAISLEY TO HIS FORTIETH YEAR.

WARRAND CARLILE was the second youngest of a family of thirteen. His father was James Carlile, a thread manufacturer in Paisley. His grandfather, John Carlile, born Carlyle, moved from Annan in Dumfriesshire to Paisley when a young man. He was connected with the well-known family of Dumfriesshire Carlyles, one of the oldest families in the South of Scotland, the head of which, in former days, was Lord Carlyle of Torthorwald.

This grandfather was a man of very decided Christian character, the more marked at a time when Moderatism had obtained such a fatal influence in many parts of Scotland. "He was,"