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Fervent in spirit
Serving the Lord
—*Holy Scripture*

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WITH

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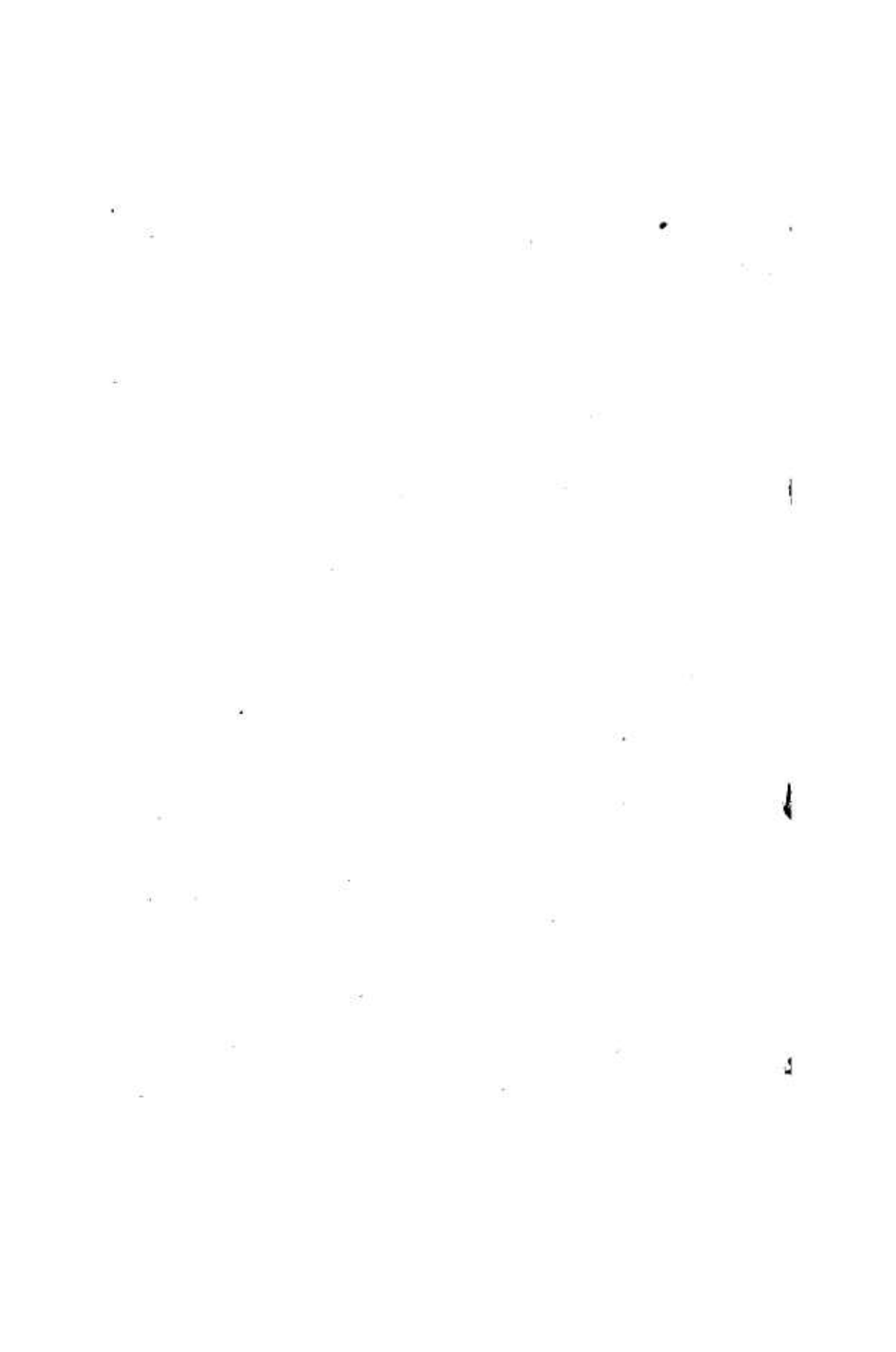
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SONS AND DAUGHTERS IN SOUTH AUSTRALIA,

ENGLAND, AND EASTERN BENGAL

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Memoir.

CHAPTER I.

BIRTH AND PARENTAGE.

GEORGE SWAN FOWLER was born at Cellardyke, in the County of Fife, Scotland, on March 9, 1839. In a family of nine, consisting of three sons and six daughters, he was the youngest child. The neighbourhood in which they were born had been the home of the family for some generations. Anstruther and Cellardyke would seem to a stranger to be not only adjoining townships, but almost one continuous town with its suburbs. But though so contiguous they had their distinct rights and privileges, and were not altogether free from their mutual jealousies lest one should encroach upon the prerogatives of the other. But yet they had their common interests and relationships. About a hundred and twenty years ago Captain David Fowler was a man of some standing in Anstruther, but his son James Fowler is more

identified with Cellardyke. Captain David Fowler was the grandfather, and James Fowler the father of the subject of this sketch. Mr. James Fowler's life is deserving of a more lengthened notice than can be given to it in this memoir. He was born in Anstruther in 1794. In his early manhood he was partner in the firm of Swan and Fowler, but on the dissolution of that firm he removed from Anstruther proper and commenced business as grocer and general merchant in Cellardyke. These places together have a population at the present time of about 7,000. We learn from the local papers of a former time how highly Mr. James Fowler came to be regarded in the neighbourhood in which he lived. *The Fife Herald* of January, 1855, reports a circumstance which enables the editor to write at some length upon the position of mark and influence to which Mr. Fowler had attained in the district. Cellardyke is situated on the shore of the Firth of Forth, and the inhabitants are engaged very largely in the fishing business and in curing and preparing fish for the market. An attempt was made by some of the magnates of Dunbar to get control of a large extent of the sea extending to six miles of coast and six miles seaward. This plan, if it had succeeded, would have closed the fishing ground entirely against the fishermen of Cellardyke, and would have been ruinous to the fishing industry of the harbour. The action was also interpreted as calculated to result in the complete loss of civil liberty to the fishing population. By the influence which Mr. Fowler was able to bring to bear,

J. F. V. N.