

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1872.

indistinct one and of which I have little recollection, only I remember him in the short "fustian Jacket" and part of the same material which was then the invariable dress of the "Coarse Linen Weaver". I remember my Father going to "Kinfans" and the pleasure we all felt when John was duly apprenticed to the "Gardening Trade" for it was not then accounted a "Profession". But it seemed then to be the object of his highest ambition and he gave his whole heart for a season to it. became an enthusiastic Botanist and at the Annual Horticultural Show held in the "Fair City" came off as second class prizeman for a "Bouquet" and first class for dried specimens of the native flora. The Local Journal adding in an encouraging tone to the report "that John Wright was only a three years apprentice". The fact of seeing his name in print seemed to us, as several steps up the ladder of fame already, I saw little of John during these three years, but under the guidance of Rev. Mr. McLaggan Parish Minister and Mr. Stewart Schoolmaster. He seemed to have prosecuted his studies to some advantage. Several months before his apprenticeship closed it was rumored he was to leave the trade and go to college. This was in 1839 - Father and all his best friends tried to dissuade him from the rash venture. He had no money and Father was unable to help, but he had friends aiding and abetting that we knew not of - Mr. Pop his Sunday School Teacher earnestly reasoned on the difficult undertaking and the all but impossibility of his being able to persevere and obtain a standing at college