

FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 1872.

again to it - We had several pleasant rambles to Kilmore and Kilmory and the days passed off too speedily - We went back to school more determined than ever that come what may "I will succeed" - He left (I think) on the 12<sup>th</sup> Sept 1843. We walked out in the beautiful dewy morning, past Kilmory Burn and Collierhill, past the Ford at the foot of Drummond Hill - the "Appin of Dull" and Castle Menzies in the distance lay before us like a picture in its frame, we stopped, good bye John, Good bye George, "Study hard this winter and next year I will try to get you to Edinburgh with myself" - a pressure of the hand, we parted, never I suppose to meet again! He was still in the "Witness" office when we left Scotland for Canada in May 1845 - He promised to meet us in Glasgow but by some miscalculation of dates did not appear, I wrote an hour before we sailed and by the time he received notice of our departure we were many miles to the South of "Ailsa Craig". He wrote regularly for several years and sent us the "Witness" Newspaper which was a great boon in the backwoods of Canada - We heard of his settlement at Monroville, his marriage, and the birth of several children finally of his call to Southampton and the loss of his wife, which must have been a terrible blow, for was ten years after, he could hardly refer to it in his letters without expressions of heart-rending grief - From his wife's death correspondence almost ceased - I was many years in an unsettled calling and his replies had not come as of old - In 1853 he passed through Canada but I saw him not - his letter of arrival did not