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PARISH CHURCHES OF SCOTLAND
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CABRACH.

The church was dedicated to the Virgin Mary, and was a common kirk of Aberdeen. The parish was supplied by THOMAS CHRISTESOUN, reader, from 1567 to 1580, and by JAMES WARROK, from 1588 to 1599.

160-. PETER CALMEROUN, A.M., formerly of Glasford, adm. before 1608. (Nothing further of him has been discovered).-[*Reg. Assig.*]

16--. ANDREW KER, trans from Glenbucket, adm. before 21st Oct. 1651; and re-trans. to Glenbucket between 17th April 1660 and 20th Nov. 1662.-[*Syn. Reg., &c.*]

166-. JAMES ROSS, trans. from Strathdeveron, adm. prior to 5th Sept. 1662; he obtained annexation of the lands of Strathdeveron on their union from the Commissioner of Teinds 27th Feb. 1665, and was trans. to Tarland between 20th Feb. And 2d April 1668.-[*Acts Parl. vii., Presb. Reg. Connell on Tithes iii.*]

1668. JOHN IRVING, pres. By John, Earl of Mar ---, passed trials before the Presb., was recommended 12th Aug. for ordination, and ord. prior to 28th Oct. after; he was called "a dwarf and a rogge" by one of his parishioners about 14th Feb. 1672, suspended in May 1673, reponed 17th Oct. following, and deposed 15th June 1677. He was recommended by the Synod 20th April 1687, for charitable supply; this recommendation was responded to by the kirk-sessions of Ceres, Linlithgow, Kirkden, Ratho, Penicuik.- [*Presb., Syn., Ceres, Linlithgow, Kirkden, Ratho, and Penicuik Sess. Reg.*]

1678. JAMES IRVINE, passed trials before the Presb. Was certified 10th April for ordination and inst. 12th May succeeding; continued 12th Sept. 1681, and was probably removed on account of the test.-[*Presb. Reg.*]

1682. ALEXANDER BROWN, A.M., was laureated at the Univ. and King's College, Aberdeen in July 1674, passed trials before the Presb. there, was recommended 22d April 1679 for license, passed secondary trials before the Presb., was certified for ordination 8th March, and inst. 30th April 1682; died 13th July 1705, in his 55th year, and 24th min., having been obliged during his incumbency to live in a furnished room at a considerable distance from the church for want of a manse. A son William was served heir 27th Feb. 1712, and another Mr John, graduated at King's College, Aberdeen, 15th April 1725. [*Presb. Reg., Tombst., MS. Acc. Of Min. 1689, Ind. to Services, Degrees King's Coll.*]

1707. WILLIAM ANDERSON, son of Mr. George A., Professor of Divinity in King's College, Aberdeen, licen. by the Presb. there 12th June 1706, called 15th Dec. after, and ord. 12th March 1707; trans. to Premnay 7th Sept. 1709.-[*Presb. Reg.*]

1711. ROBERT GRAY, licen. by the Presb. of Aberdeen 24th April 1710, called 30th July succeeding, and ord. 30th Jan. 1711; trans. to Edzell 25th May 1714.-[*Presb. Reg.*]

1717. DAVID STRANGE, licen. by the Presb. Of Aberlour 6th March 1716, appointed preacher at Glenlivet in 1717, called by the Presb. *jure devoluto* 3d, and ord. 15th May same year; he was pres. to Keithhall prior to 6th April 1720, but not settled, and was deposed 11th March 1730, for neglecting his duty, &c. He retired to Edinburgh and solemnized irregular marriages, for which he was put under sentence of the higher excommunication by the Presb. there 29th Dec. 1736, imprisoned on a warrant from the Lords of Justiciary 29th Aug. 1738, and sentenced to banishment; he still continued his nefarious practice in jail, and died in confinement there 1st Sept. 1744, aged 70.-[*Presb., Edin. Presb., Syn., and Edin. Reg. (Bur.), Acts of Ass. 1717, Scots Mag. vi., &c.*]

1731. THEODORE GORDON, A.M., son of Mr. George G., Professor of Oriental Languages in King's College, Aberdeen, had his degree from said College 29th March 1722, became schoolmaster of Cairnie, was licen. by the Presb. of Strathbogie 6th Nov. 1728, employed as schoolmaster and itinerant preacher in the par. of Cairnie, called to this par. 4th Nov. 1730, and ord. 17th Feb. succeeding; he expressed his sorrow to the Presb. 10th Nov. 1736, in having "given offence by going to see a rope-dancing at the Brick-hills of Old Aberdeen." He was trans. to Kinnethmont by the Presb. 20th Sept., which was affirmed by the Synod 4th Oct. 1738.-[*Degrees King's Coll., Presb. and Test. Reg. (Moray).*]

1740. THOMAS GORDON, licen. by the Presb. of Forres 22d Aug. 1734, pres. by the Curators of Cosmo George, Duke of Gordon in Nov. 1739, and ord. 25th June after; trans. to Auldearn 22d Dec. 1746.-[*Presb. Reg.*]

1747. JAMES GORDON, licen. by the Presb. of Strathbogie 18th Sept. 1745, pres. by Cosmo George, Duke of Gordon in June, and ord. 5th Nov. 1747; died 6th April, 1795, in his 77th year, and 48th min. He marr. 19th Dec. 1751, and had two sons, John, who succeeded to the benefice, James, and a daugh. Elizabeth, who marr. the Rev. Thomas Tait, Ellon.-Publication-Account of the Parish (Sinclair's St. Acc. vii.)-[*Presb. Reg., Tombst. &c.*]

1795. JOHN GORDON, son of the preceeding, licen. by the Presb. 5th May 1791, and ord. by them 8th Aug. 1793 as a min. at large, pres. to this par. Alexander, Duke of Gordon, in Aug., and adm. 24th Sept 1795; died 29th Oct. 1816, in 55th age and 24th min. He marr. Elizabeth Gordon, who died 29th Jan. 1819. A son Mr Robert graduated at the Marischal College and Univ. Aberdeen in 1817 and a daugh. Jane, marr. Capt. John Grant of the 72d Foot.-[*Presb. Reg. Tombst., &c.*]

1817. WILLIAM COWIE, A.M., a native of Banffshire, attained his degree at the Univ. and King's College, Aberdeen, 31st March 1806, was appointed schoolmaster of Mortlach in 1811, licen. by the Presb. of Strathbogie 25th March 1812, pres. by Alexander, Duke of Gordon in March, and ord. 6th Aug. 1817; trans. to Cairnie 26th June 1826.-[*Degrees King's Coll., Presb. Reg.*]

1827. JAMES GORDON, A.M., son of Alexander G., Aberdeen, had his degree from the Marischal College and Univ. there 31st March 1823, was licen. by the Presb. there 19th Oct. 1826, pres. by Alexander, Duke of Gordon in Nov. after, and ord. 28th March 1827; died unmarried 29th Dec. 1849, in his 66th year and 23d min.-[*Degrees Marisc. Coll., Presb. Reg., &c.*]

INNERCHARACH, OR STRATHDEVERON.

Was suppressed and annexed to Cabrach by the Commissioners of Teinds 27th Feb. 1665.

1652. JAMES ROSS, schoolmaster at Keith, "was socht to be helper at Gartly" 24th Jan. and 14th March 1649, became schoolmaster of Keith 30th Jan. 1650, was adm. 20th April 1652; removed to Cabrach on the annexation of the parish in 1665.-[*Syn., and Strathbogie Presb. Reg., &c.*]

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