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AYTON.

Disjoined from Coldingham subsequently to the Reformation. The parish was supplied by JOHN FLINT, reader from 1574 to 1580.

1585. ROBERT HEISLOP, when Lammerton was also part of his charge, he was pres. to the Vicarage by James VI. 28th Feb. same year; trans. to Whitsome or Swinton in the following year. — [*Reg. Assig., and Pres.*]

1586. JOHN HOME, trans. from Langton, pres. to the Vicarage by James VI. 10th Nov. 3 demitted 12th Feb. 1601 and Went to Ladykirk. — [*Reg. Pres., and Assig*]

1601. WILLIAM HOG, trans. from Lindean, pres. to the Vicarage by James VI. 18th Feb.; and again by his Majesty to the modified stipend of Ayton and Lamberton 23d Jan. 1611. He signed the Protestation, with forty-one others, against the introduction of Episcopacy 1st July 1606. In June 1609 he was a witness in the trial of forfeiture for high treason against Logan, eldest son of the deceased Robert Logan of Restalrig, who had been accessory to the Gowrie conspiracy, and was then aged thirty; died in Dec. 1616, in his 38th year. He was marr. previous to giving evidence in that curious case. — [*Reg. Sec. Sigill, and pres., Pitcairn's Cr Trials ii., Acts Parl. iv., Carr's Coldingham, Row, and Calderwood's Hist., &c.*]

1617. ALEXANDER HOME, trans. from Eccles, pres. to Ayton and Lammerton by James VI. 20th Feb.; called before the Court of High Commission in 1620; died in 1626. He marr. Jean, daugh. of Alexander Home, in Coldingham. — [*Reg. Sec. Sigill, and Pres, Test. Reg. (Laud), Calderwood's Hist., Inq. Ret. Berwick 118.*]

1627. GEORGE HOME, A.M., graduated at the Univ. of St Andrews in 1615, was on the exercise at Haddington 12th July 1626, pres. by Charles I. 26th Jan. following; continued 2d July 1649, but the church was vacant 8th Feb. 1650. Contributions were made in his behalf by the Sessions of Smalholm 23d July 1654, and of Tranent 11th Nov. 1655, and an Act of Parliament, 18th June 1661, ordered a year's stipend of Foulden, to be paid for his service there from 1st December 1659 to 31st Aug. 1660. — [*Act. Rect. Univ. St And, Haddingt., and Dalkeith Presb, Syn. (Kelso Presb), Smalholm and Tranent Sess. Reg, Reg. Pres., Sec. Sigill, and Old Dec. i. &c, Kirk Pap, Acts Parl. vii*]

1652. ALEXANDER GIBSONE, A.M., trans. from South Leith, 2d charge, adm. after 17th March, and died in Oct. thereafter, aged about 42, in 12th min. His Inventar and detts amounted to

xxviiij^m ij^c lvij li. xi s. iiij d. He marr. Jean, daugh. of Robert Meiklejohn, tailor, burgess of Edinburgh, and had a daugh, Jean, to whom John Gibson, Jean Pringle, his mother, and Sir Alexander Gibson of Durie, elder, Knight, were tutors. — [*Test. Reg.*]

1653. WILLIAM HUME, trans. from Ellem, adm. after 17th March. An Act of Parliament 25th June 1661, shewed that “by the prevailing usurping power he was bereft of his stipend for two years for his loyaltie and opposition to the remonstrating partie, and declared it was their opinion that he should be repossess to the kirk of A., and payment made of the whole stipend, iiij^m iiij^c li. which wes violentlie taken from him by the Vsurpers.” Conforming to Episcopacy, he was pres. by Charles II. 4th Oct. 1662, coll. 20th Jan. 1663, and trans. to

Loudoun before 13th Oct. 1664. — [*Acts Parl. Vii., Reg. Pres, Collat, et Sec. Sigill, Min-book Reg. Priv. Seal v., Connell on Tithes iii*]

1667. JOHN BETHUNE, A.M., a native of Ross-shire, obtained his degree at the Univ. and King's College, Aberdeen, 13th July 1658, licen. by George, Bishop of Edinburgh 18th Aug. 1665, ord. and coll. 29th March 1667, pres. by Charles II. 3d April 1668; deprived by the Privy Council 12th Sept. 1689, for not reading the Proclamation of the Estates, nor praying for their Majesties William and Mary, but praying for King James, and not observing the thanksgiving. He went afterwards to Ireland. — [*Fasti Aberd., Reg. Collat., Min.-book Reg. Priv. Seal v., Test. Reg. (Laud.), MS. Acc. Of Min. 1689, Connell on Tithes iii, Peterkin's Constitut. Of the Church*]

1694. GEORGE HUME of Abbey, A.M., got his degree at the Univ. of Edinburgh in 1683, licen. by the united Presb 28th May 1691, called 18th Sept, and ord. 23d Oct. 1694; trans. to Abbey St Bathans 26th Nov. 1706. — [*Edin. Grad, Presb. Reg, Reg. Old Dec*]

1712. THOMAS ANDERSON, trans. from Edrom, called 20th Nov. 1711, and adm. 12th March thereafter; died 11th March 1751, in 50th min. He marr. 4th June 1702 Christian, dangh. of Bailie Henry Ferguson of Edinburgh, she died 22d June 1759. — [*Presb., and Edin. Reg. (Marr.) &c*]

1753. PATRICK HEPBURN, trans. from Walston, pres. by the Presb. *jure devoluto*, 17th Nov. 1752, and adm. 14th June following; died 15th Aug. 1772, in 72d age and 39th min. He marr. 13th Dec. 1734, Mary, daugh. of Mr William Oliphant, min. of Smalholm, she died 6th Feb. 1792. — [*Presb. Reg., Tombst., &c*]

1773. GEORGE HOME, son of Mr Abraham H., min. of Whittingham, born 12th Dec. 1749, licen. by the Presb. of Dunse 1st Dec. 1772, pres. by George III. in Jan, and ord. 13th May 1773; demitted 25th June 1816, and died 1st Sept. 1836, in his 87th year, and 64th min. He marr. 7th Oct. 1774 Margaret Robertson, who died 2d Dec. 1828, aged 81, and had issue. Publication — Account of the Parish (Sinclair's St. Acc. i.). — [*Presb. Reg, New St. Ace. ii. &c.*]

1799. ABRAHAM HOME, son of the preceding, born 25th Dec. 1775, licen. by the Presb. 25th July 1797, appointed by George III. in July, and ord. (assistant and suc.) 29th Aug. 1799; demitted 29th March 1814 and was subsequently settled at Greenlaw. — [*Presb. Reg., &c.*]

1814. GEORGE TOUGH, trans. from Beath, appointed by George, Prince Regent, 15th April, and adm. (assist. and suc.) 13th Oct.; died at Edinburgh 29th July 1842, in 68th age, and 41st min. He had no inconsiderable ingenuity as a mechanic, and at his leisure hours employed himself in constructing an Orrery upon an improved plan, which was presented to George IV., on his visit to the Scottish Capital 26th Aug. 1822, and of which His Majesty "was pleased to express his most gracious approbation." Mr T. marr. 12th Feb. 1814, Elizabeth, daugh. of his predecessor, she died at Edinburgh 9th June 1849, aged 74 and had Margaret Hay, and others. — Publications—Britain's Sorrow and Consolation, a sermon, Edin. 1820, 8 vo. Account of the Parish (New St. Acc. ii.). — [*Presb. Reg., Tombst., Edin. Philosoph. Trans, Royal Visit, New St. Acc. ii., &c.*]

