

*Among those given a place in early history was Archibald, ninth Earl of Dundonald. He was born January 1, 1748, and began life as a Cornet in the Third Dragoons, but resigned to become midshipman under Captain Stair Douglas. He succeeded to the title in 1778, and gave himself up to scientific research. He was the author of many inventions and secured a patent for making tar from coal, to be applied to vessels; but copper sheathing having been introduced meanwhile, made his venture ruinous, and so burdened his estates with debt that he was compelled to part with Culross Abbey, and died in poverty at Paris, in 1831, aged eighty-three.

*He was succeeded by his oldest son Thomas, who became the celebrated Admiral and daring navigator, famous in history. Owing to his father's unfortunate investments, Thomas had to begin at the very foot of the ladder. By the help of friends, he was provided with a commission in an Infantry Regiment, and at the same time put on the books of a man-of-war, by his uncle, Captain Alexander Forrester Inglis Cochrane. His promotion was rapid. He became a Lieutenant in 1796. He quarreled with his superior officer, Lieutenant Philip Beaver, and was court-martialed. Discredited and on half pay, he still pursued his crusade against naval corruption. In 1814, having been led into speculation on the Stock Exchange, by report of Napoleon's overthrow, he with two others was arrested, brought to trial, sentenced to one hour in the pillory, fine of one thousand pounds, and imprisonment for one year; struck off the Navy; expelled from the Parliament and Order of the Bath. He broke out of prison and appeared in his seat in the House in March 1815, but was returned to prison and served out his sentence. In 1831 he succeeded his father, the Ninth Earl; was granted a free pardon in 1832, restored to his position in the Royal Navy and gazetted Rear-Admiral.

In 1848 he was appointed Admiral of the North American and West Indian Fleet. Some time later, he visited the Cochrane families in New York and vicinity and said: "there was no doubt in his mind, but that all the American Cochrans were descended from the ancient Scottish family."

In 1854 Queen Victoria graciously restored his honours as

* Encyclopedia Brittanica.

Knight of the Bath. He was appointed Rear-Admiral of the Fleet, and a month later was named by Prince Albert as Honorary Brother of Trinity House. He died in 1860 aged 85 and is buried in Westminster Abbey where England pays her last great honor to her illustrious sons; and while he was compelled to bear the persecutions during his lifetime because of his exposure of the evils and corruptions among higher officials, he was honored and restored to his rank and prestige as one of England's bravest warriors and most unselfish patriots.

A special anthem, "His body is buried in peace, but his memory will live forever" was composed and chanted for the occasion.

"Ashes to ashes! lay the hero down
Within the grey old Abbey's glorious shade,
In our Walhalla ne'er was worthier laid,
Since martyr first won palm, or victor crown."

[By Tom Taylor in *Punch*.]

COMPILED FROM THE AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF A SEAMAN *

In 1859, Thomas Tenth Earl of Dundonald published two Volumes relating his services in liberating Chili, Peru and Brazil from Spanish and Portuguese domination; and in 1869 his son the Eleventh Earl and Mr. H. R. Fox-Bourne issued another work which detailed his Greek services and events of his later life.

In 1890, his grandson, Douglas, Twelfth Earl, prepared a Sequel for the publishers of the Autobiography, who were getting out a later edition. In his Preface to the Sequel he says: "I was a boy when my grandfather died, but I well remember him — his striking personality, his impressive manner of speech, with a lowland Scottish accent, and his kindness to us when children."

The perusal of the Autobiography and the Sequel reveals what a wonderful man was the Tenth Earl; not only in his maritime adventures but in the line of scientific and mechanical pursuits, both in discoveries and inventions that would benefit his

* By Thomas, Tenth Earl of Dundonald, with a sequel by his grandson Douglas, the Twelfth Earl.