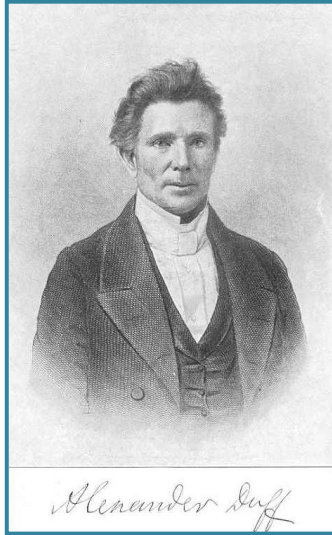


A Horse-Drawn Chariot in the Sky

A young boy in Scotland, lying on the heather beside a brook, fell asleep and had a remarkable dream.



The sky became glorious with a dazzling golden light. Out of the light came a chariot drawn by horses of fire.

Faster and faster the chariot came down from the sky, and when it came near the boy, he heard a voice as sweet as the mountain brook, saying, "Come up hither. I have work for thee to do."

When the boy got up to obey, he awoke and realized what he had just experienced was a dream.

The impression, however, did not leave him. One day, the boy went to his room, knelt beside the bed, and prayed, "O Lord. Thou knowest that silver and gold I have none. What I have, I give to Thee. I offer myself."

God accepted that gift, and the boy became one of the truly great missionaries of the world.

His name was Alexander Duff (1806 – 1878), who became a missionary to India.

Duff was the first overseas missionary of the Church of Scotland to India. In 1830, he founded the General Assembly's Institution in Calcutta, now known as the Scottish Church College. He also played a part in establishing the University of Calcutta.

God had called Duff into his service in an unusual manner.

He does that with each of us, too. We may not have a spectacular dream, as Duff did. Or we may not hear a voice audibly speaking to us to "come here. I have work for you to do." But our Lord draws us to Him and into His service in ways that speak to us directly on one fashion or another.

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