

Thomas Nelson and Sons

Spreading the Printed Word

Introduction

For over five hundred years, the printed word has played a central role in human development, revolutionising communications and transforming society. Between the eighteenth and twentieth centuries, Edinburgh played a particularly important and influential part in this communication revolution, establishing itself as a world-renowned centre for printing and publishing.

One of the city's most famous publishers and printers was Thomas Nelson and Sons, which specialised in producing popular literature, children's books, Bibles and religious and educational texts. From its founding in 1798 to its departure from Scotland in 1968, Nelsons was an established and well-known presence on the Southside, its Parkside Works on Dalkeith Road a major landmark in the Edinburgh cityscape.



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