SUPPLEMENTARY LIST OF TRAVELS AND TOURS RELATING TO
SCOTLAND, WITH INDEX. BY SIR ARTHUR MITCHELL, K.C.B., ETC.
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

What was said in the Introduction to the first List applies largely to
this Supplement, and a repetition is unnecessary. There are no new
points to which I desire to draw attention.

The second List, like the first, is chronological in its arrangement
within itself, but an Alphabetical List of Authors is given as an Index.

The two Lists constitute, I think, when taken together, a fairly
complete List of the Travels which have been made in Scotland. For a
considerable time I have found nothing to add, and it does not seem to
me that I shall gain by further waiting. No doubt there exist
narratives of Tours in Scotland which I have not succeeded in finding,
but their number I believe to be small. It is impossible, of course,
to make a List of this character which is quite complete.

The whole number of items in the two Lists is 1012, a number
vastly beyond what I expected when I began to make the collection.
(Two numbers are starred.)

The Supplement includes (1) Accounts of Travel in Scotland which
are still in manuscript, and to each one of these I have appended a Note
indicating the contents and character; (2) Short Accounts of Travel which
are to be found in Magazines; and (3) Accounts of Travel which form
parts of books relating chiefly to other subjects. The great majority,
however, of the items in the Supplement consists of short independent
narratives of travel, often of little value as a whole, yet sometimes
containing an out-of-the-way notice of what has escaped the eye of other
travellers.
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As regards the date of the items in the Supplement, 3 are earlier than 1600, 10 are between 1600 and 1700, 3 between 1700 and 1750, 11 between 1750 and 1800, 47 between 1800 and 1850, and 78 later than 1850, or 152 in all.

I append a List of such Errata and Omissions as I have discovered in the first List, and I do not think that these will be regarded as numerous or important. The Omissions are chiefly of the nature of desirable additions to the Notes.

**ERRATA in First List.**

1. No. 43. Mortyn, Fynes, in Index should be Morison, Fynes. Add to note following No. 43 in First List, the following.—In 1903 Charles Hughes published a book entitled—Shakespeare’s Europa: unpublished chapters of Fynes Morison’s Itinerary, being a survey of the condition of Europe at the end of the 16th century. From a MS. at Oxford, with an introduction, and an account of Fynes Morison’s career. 4°, Lond., 1903.

2. No. 74. After M. P. B. at the end of note insert [Briot.]


4. No. 120. Add to note:—I have now seen this book, and find that I should not have included it in the List.

5. No. 150. After 1758, in the last line but one of the note, insert:—This translation was by J. J. D. It was in 2 vols., and only four of the illustrations were given. At the end of the note insert:—There was also a translation into German, with plates, in 1760, but no place of publication is given.


7. No. 195. Delete Qu. in third line from end of note, and after Wolcott, insert or Wolcott.

8. No. 254. Add to note:—Published, 8vo, Edin., 1903, James Sinton, editor.


10. No. 320. Add to note:—Another edition with coloured plates in 1819.

11. No. 356. At end of note:—407 should be 405.


15. No. 564. Russell should be Russel in both List and Index.


I. Before 1600.

1546. Le Sieur Berteville, au Roy Edouard VI. Récit de l'Expédition d'Écosse en 1546; et de la Battayle de Muscleburgh. 4to, Edinb., 1825.

1562. Sir James Ogilvie. Diary, in French, of Queen Mary's Journey to Inverness in 1562. MS.

See George Chalmers' Life of Mary Queen of Scots, vol. i. p. 126, 1822. Chalmers says that the diary in manuscript was in his library when he wrote. He says that it records the place where she slept every night, and where she dined every day. He does not say that he was the owner of the diary, and it was not sold with his books. Who then owned or now owns it I have not been able to discover. It is said to begin on the 1st of August 1562, the Queen and Court being at Edinburgh on that day.

1563-1566. Military Report of the West March and Liddesdale, with reference to the possibility of the occupation of that portion of Scotland by an English army, prepared and illustrated by an English official between the years 1563-1566. MS. in the Cottonian Collection, British Museum, Titus c. xii. f. 76 to f. 87. Mr Robert Bruce Armstrong brought it into notice, and has printed a part of the MS. in his History of Liddesdale, Eskdale, Ewesdale, Wauchopedale, and the Debatable Land (4to, Edinb., 1883, appendix, pp. cvi-cxvi), and another part, which treats of the districts of Carriak, Kyle, Ayr, and Cunninghame, he has printed in vol. iv. pp. 17-25 (Edinb., 1884) of the Archaeological and Historical Collections of the Counties of Ayr and Wigton. The first part has four important coloured illustrations. The name of the writer is not given, but Mr Armstrong thinks that he may have been a Warden clerk, or one of the other officers of the opposite march of England. He had something of the character of an English spy, and his record of what he saw is interesting and valuable.

I have no difficulty in regarding him as a traveller in Scotland.

II. From 1600 to 1700.

1610. Histoire d'un Naufrage sur la Coste d'Écosse. 8vo, Lyon, 1610.

Given by Brunet—supplement—1209—Not seen.

The part of the book devoted to a description of Scotland is small, pp. 152 (misprinted 146) to 154, and it consists mainly of marvels picked out of Boece, Buchanan, etc. The author calls Perth (Preth he sometimes writes ii) S. Jan, and he compares Edinburgh to Prague. Von Humboldt told me in 1856 that he placed the beautiful cities of the world in the following order:—(1) Constantinople as seen from the water, (2) Naples, also as seen from the water, (3) Prague, (4) Edinburgh, (5) Rio de Janeiro. There is very little evidence that N. D. C. visited Scotland or wrote regarding it from personal knowledge. He has some things of interest to say about Queen Mary, and he gives portraits of her, of James V., of Francis II., of Darnley, and of James VI. He gives portraits of so many kings as to lead to the book being spoken of as the Book of Kings.

1617. John Adamson. The Muse's Welcome to H. and M. Prince James at his happie return to His kingdom of Scotland, after yeares absence, digested according to the order of His Progress. Fol., Edin., 1618.

1630. Captain John Dymes. MS. A briefe description of the Isle of Lewis . . . wherein is contained the nature of the soyle, the manners of the people, the several fishings and there seasons . . . as it was ordered by certaine of the Lords of His Majesty's Privie Councell. This appears among the State papers—domestic—Chas. I., vol. 180, No. 97. It is printed in the appendix, p. 591, of W. C. Mackenzie's History of the Outer Hebrides.—8vo, Paisley, 1903.

It is the account of a travel. Captain Dymes speaks of it as a "Journey," and says he received his directions from Captain John Mason.

A somewhat long account is given of St Mallonny's Chapel in the north of the isle, and of the superstitious practices which prevailed there till Candlemas of the year in which he wrote. Dymes also
refers to the Pygmeys Island, about a mile from the Chapell of St Mallonny, and to the small chapel on it—8 feet by 6 feet—and says that he made a search for the bones of the Pigmies, and found some "which are soe little that my beliefe is scarce bigg enough to thinke them to bee the bones of humane flesh."

1633. William Harvey.

See Robert Willis's *Works of Harvey with Life*, prepared for the Sydenham Society in 1847. Harvey accompanied Charles I. to Scotland in 1633, and again in 1639 (pp. xxvi-xxviii of *Life*), and he has left an account of a visit to the Bass Rock in *Exercise the Eleventh* of his work *On Generation* (pp. 208-211 of *Works*), but he does not appear to have left any record bearing on the customs of the people, their industries, their buildings, or other such matters. The visit to the Bass probably took place during his first visit to Scotland in 1633.


The part descriptive of Scotland is short, pp. 168-9, and the author indicates that he has drawn it largely from Boece, Lesley, and Buchanan. There is little evidence that he travelled in Scotland for the purpose of obtaining information, but he was an Aberdonian, and probably had personal knowledge of the country. He says that Thule meant Iceland. In his list of Universities in Scotland he omits Glasgow. He gives Scotland 2 archbishops and 11 bishops. He says that not any part of the Caledonia Sylva (sic) remains, but that there is a vestige of the name in that of the town Dunkeld [Dunkeld] on the Tay.

1641. A Scòttish Journie, written by P. J. 870

This is the endorsement of a MS. in the Bodleian Library described as Tanner MS. number 306, and it is printed in vol. ii. pp. 269-287 of the Miscellany of the Scottish History Society, 1904, edited by C. H. Firth.

It is an account of a pleasure tour from Edinburgh to Glasgow and back, and is interesting from what it says about Linlithgow and Hamilton. It is in verse, and in several parts coarse. Lord Willoughbie was one of the tourists.

1657-1670. James Fraser, Minister of the Parish of Wardlaw (now Kirkhill), Inverness. Triennial Travels, MS., now in the possession of Miss Hilda M. Paterson, of Birkwood, Banchory. 871
Mr Fraser travelled chiefly out of Scotland. He used main roads, not visiting outlying places, but giving descriptions of nearly all the places he saw. After an absence of three years in England and on the Continent, he returned to Scotland by sea from Gravesend to Inverness.


The to-and-fro route may be thus indicated by a list of places visited, more or less, in order:—Ayr, Glasgow, Stirling, Dunblane, Muthil, Crieff, Dumbarton, Ardencaple, Inveraray, Lochgoil, Kilpatrick, Campsie, Perth, Dunkeld, Glenlyon, Blair Athole, Linlithgow, Chirsaid, Dunse, Berwick, Kelso, Haddington, Tranent, Ratho, Currie, Queensferry, Kinross, Strathmiglo, St Andrews, Cupar Fife, Cupar Angus, Braemar, Coulmakyle, Strathspey, Badenoch, Lochaber, Inverlochy, Lochgarry, Perth, Stirling, Bathgate, Monkland, Linton, Peebles, Selkirk, Kelso, Jedburgh, Carlisle, etc.

1689–1699. The Lightning Columnne, or Sea-Mirrour, containing the Northern, Eastern, and Western Navigation. Setting forth in divers necessare Sea-Cards all the Ports, Rivers, Bayes, Roads, Depths, and Sands. Very curiously placed on its due Polus height furnished . . . . As also the situation of the Northernly Countries as Islands, the Strate Davids . . . . and Nova Zembla. Adorneth with many Sea-Cards and Discoveries . . . . Amsterdam, pr. by C. Lootsman, Bookseller in the Lootsman upon the water, 1698.

The Lightning Columnne, or Sea-Mirrour, contaighningh the Sea-Coasts of the Western Navigation . . . . 1699.

Lighting Colom of the Midland Sea . . . . from the narrowest of the Strete unto Alexandrette in the Levant . . . . 1689.

The book, a large folio, contains 84 folding charts and numerous cuts in the text. There are two engraved titles.

In the chart of the East Coast of Scotland, Edinburgh is shown on a wide river; Lict is placed close to Sexton, and I. Heinskieff still further east; while Monros and Aberdin are on estuaries nearly as large as the Firth of Forth. The spelling of the names of places is
often unusual, curious, and interesting. The varied spelling of the
same word on the title-pages is also interesting. Some of the de-
scriptions of the places mentioned indicate that they had been visited.
The book is said to have been compiled by Henry Doncker, Caspar
Loetsman, and Henry Goos. There is an indication that it was first
printed in 1680—perhaps in Dutch.

III. From 1700 to 1750.

1705. Joseph Taylor. A Journey to Edenborough in Scotland, by
Joseph Taylor, late of the Inner Temple, Esq. Now first printed
from the Original Manuscript. With Notes by William Cowan.
8vo, Edinb., 1903.

Abusive of Scotland. J. T. can scarcely be said to have visited any
place but Edinburgh; he entered Scotland by Berwick and left by
Carlisle; and was accompanied by Mr Harrison and Mr Sloman.
Nothing is known of them.


Privately printed, 4to, Edin., 1832, Principal Lee being the editor.
Hart was one of the Commissioners from the Church of Scotland to
congratulate George I. on his accession. He went south by Kelso, and
returned by Moffat. The account is curious in details.

the Antiq. N. S. 33: 207 (1897).

IV. From 1750 to 1800.

1750. [John Campbell.] Account of the White-Herring-Fishery in
Scotland, carried on in the Island of Zetland by the Dutch, con-
taining the Method they use in catching the Herrings, Account
of their Way of Curing etc., and a Description of the Island, by
a Gentleman who resided five years on the Island. 8vo, Lond.,
1750.

Attributed to John Campbell, LL.D. It may be regarded as an
account of travel. It is at least a narrative by a visitor who spent
five years in the place. It was reprinted in Edinburgh in 1885.

These letters constitute an account of travel, and they contain much topographical and other matter.

1758. Brieven . . . . uyt Noord-Schotland . . . . behelzende een bericht omtrent de Hooglanden; de costuymen en levenswyre der Berg-schotten; een beschryving der hoofstad van Noord-Schotland, enz. 2 vols., 8vo, Haarlem, 1758. With 4 plates.


Contains a reference to Shetland, visited on the way north. Not important.

1780. Uno Von Troil. Letters on Iceland, etc. 8vo, Lond., 1780.

Given also in Pinkerton’s *Collection*, vol. 1. References to Staffa, etc., visited on the way north.

1780. Thomas Ford Hill. “An Excursion of some months in the Highlands in the summer of 1780,” in quest of material relating to the Controversy about Ossian.

Mr Hill says that he himself “scarcely understood six words” of the Erse language, and this greatly impairs the value of the outcome of his quest. He visited many places:—Perth, Dunkeld, Athol, Taymouth, Dalmay, Inverera, Loch Lomond, Dunbarton, Glasgow, Hamilton, Lanark, Linlithgow, Stirling, Forfar, Brechyn, Stonehaven, Aberdeen, Strathspey, Elgin, Inverness, Fort Augustus, Fort William, Tiendrum, Glen-Co, Lochern, Dunblane, Alloa, Edinburgh, Loch Etive, Oban, Mull, Icolmkill, Morvan, and Loch Awe. He thus travelled very widely, but his narrative contains scarcely anything that does not relate to the Ossian Controversy. He made three tours apparently during one year. In all his wanderings he never met with a copy of Macpherson’s Ossian. The print contains many copies of Gaelic verse collected by Mr Hill. It is a reprint, pp. 34, from the *Gentleman’s Magazine*, 1782-3. Hill died in 1786. He wrote *Ancient Erse Poems*, 8vo, Lond., 1784.
1785 circa. John Knox. Remarks on a short Tour of Scotland, comprehending the Southern Division of that Kingdom and a considerable portion of the Highlands. 883

In vol. ii. p. 556 of the 3rd edition of Knox's View of the British Empire, more especially Scotland. 8vo, Lond., 1785.

1785. V. Lunardi. An Account of Five Aerial Voyages in Scotland . . . 8vo, Lond., 1786. 883*

Full of matters relating to Manners and Customs, Topography, Families, etc. Not given in Lowndes, Watt, or Allibone.

1791-2, MS. 884

This travel, though partly made in one year and partly in another, may be regarded as one tour. It extended over the counties of Dumfries, Ayr, Renfrew, Lanark, Midlothian, Dumbarton, Argyll, Stirling, Perth, Forfar, Fife, Kinross, Clackmannan, Aberdeen, Moray, Inverness and Ross, and over a part of the Lake Country of Cumberland. Most of the journeyings were on horseback. The miles travelled were 2037. The character of 81 inns is given, as excellent in regard to 4, as good in regard to 36, as poor in regard to 23, and as wretched in regard to 18. The account of the travel occupies 309 closely written octavo pages.

The traveller's attention was mainly given to beauties of scenery, and this he describes effectively. The kinds of scenery were to him either magnificent, beautiful, or mixed. "Stupendous fantastic mountains," "lofty rocky ridges and crags," he admired, but much less enthusiastically than "lakes with wooded isles," "soft clothed acclivities," "green banks and heathy ridges," and "winding wooded vales." Very much of the narrative is occupied with well-worded descriptions of scenery. There are no incidents, and very few objects are specially noticed. Verses occur now and then—some apparently by the traveller himself, as for instance an Address to a Whimpering Rill by its Parent Water (p. 86), an Ode to Hygeia (p. 72), a Sonnet to the Genius of Benlomond (p. 175), and Adieu to the Valleys of Breadsabane (p. 286); but he also gives some verses which he saw "on a window at Tyndrum," and the lines which were written by Burns on the window of the Carron Inn. He refers to the "venerable ash" in the churchyard of Bonhill, said to be the largest in Europe, and to the larch at Dunkeld, which was "planted out" from the greenhouse in 1741, and in 1791 measured 9½ feet in girth at 4 feet from the ground. He describes what he calls "the picturesque huts" at Corieburgh (Argyll), and says that they are formed in the following manner: An oval spot is enclosed with poles stuck into the ground, and fresh turf is built around the poles to the height of six feet. A roof with a gentle slope is put on this wall and covered with grassy turf, and as care is
taken to lay the sod outwards, the whole building when finished, except
the door and window, is covered with verdure, and seems to be a cave
dug into a grassy knoll. When the grass continues to grow, these huts
are said to be most beautiful and picturesque, but, such is the con-
nection between beauty and deformity, to be the ugliest of hovels when
it fails. At Portmoak he saw the residence and burial-place of Michael
Bruce, the poet. He says that in the Portmoak churchyard he saw no
monument that could belong to Bruce's family, except a plain stone on
which was inscribed "1767 J.B. C.M." He saw the cottage in which
Bruce expired, and in which his mother still resided, and says it had
no resemblance to the house described in the Mirror, and wonders how
"such wretchedness could have produced a mind so refined." With
reference to the quadrangular stone, raised a little from the ground,
which was pointed out to him as being over the grave of St Margaret,
he says that at the corners of the stone are four circular hollows, in
which were placed the candles said to have been, at one time, burned
night and day on the tomb. He says that the most remarkable thing
about the Cambuskenneth buildings is "a round aperture, four feet in
diameter, in the floor of the upper or roof of the lower apartment."
On one thing that came under his observation he dwells at much
greater length than on any other, namely, an inexplicable sound which
occurs in a chapel on the site of the south aisle of the Paisley
Abbey. He thus refers to it:—"On the site of the south aisle, a
predecessor of the Marquis of Abercorn erected at the Reformation a
burial-place for his family. It is a little oblong chapel, with a lofty
and arched roof, and a floor flagged with stone, beneath which is the
vault where the remains of the Abercorn family are deposited. This
chapel communicates, by a small aperture in the common wall, with
the garret of a house, which very probably was built at the same era,
and the construction of the chapel and adjoining garret is such as to
produce a most extraordinary phenomenon in sound; for on shutting the
door of the chapel a noise is heard overhead, by those who are within
the walls, resembling, and loud as, near thunder, and on sounding
musical notes in slow series, each note is so frequently and so loudly
repeated as to produce a very singular kind of harmony. No satis-
factory account of this phenomenon has ever been given."

The traveller spells Ailsa, Islesay.

The manuscript, bound in red morocco, was in Whyte-Melville's
library, and is now in my possession. It is apparently written by
one whose initials were G. S., and whose home was at Northbar, in the
parish of Inchinnan. It is possible, therefore, that he was a member
of the Semple family.

100 coloured plates. 4to, Lond., 1796-8. 885

Another edition, 4to, Lond., 1807, and another, 4to, Lond., 1816.
Part of the book relates to Scotland, and has curious plates. It is a
rare and costly book.
1797. Latocnaye, De. Promenade d’un Francais dans L’Irlande. 8vo, Dublin, 1797. 885
Contains a chapter, pp. 255–278, entitled “Petite Visite à l’Écosse.” This is a second visit to Scotland by Latocnaye. See No. 229.

V. From 1800 to 1850.

1800. A Journey to the Western Islands of Scotland. Vignette title. 8vo, Alnwick, 1800. 886

1801–2 circa. Travels of Viator in Scotland. 887

1802. [Rev. David Brown.] Voyage to the Western Highlands. A Tour in Scotland in 1802. By D. B., Crailing. 888
In the Scottish Antiquary for July 1802.

1802. F—k R—w. Account of a Pedestrian Journey in 1802. 889
In the North British Magazine and Review for 1804, part i. p. 91. The traveller proceeded from Edinburgh to Queensferry, Kinross, Dunkeld, Blair in Athole, Rumbling Bridge, Crieff, Dumblain, Stirling, Alloa, Culross, Dunfermline, and back to Edinburgh.

1803. A. S. Topographical Account of some parts of the West Coast of Scotland. 890
In the North British Magazine and Review for 1804, part ii. pp. 43–48 and 81–84. Tour from Greenock to Skye, Oban, etc.


1804. P. N. Tour through Orkney and Shetland. 892
Scots Magazine. Begun in November 1804, and finished in August 1805.
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1804. Memorandums of a Pedestrian Tour in some of the Southern Counties of Scotland.

The traveller visited Dalkeith, Peebles, St Mary's Loch, Selkirk, Melrose, Kelso, Ednam, etc.


1807. John Fleming, Bathgate. Remarks made on a Tour to Arran during May and June 1807.


1810. George Skene Keith, D.D. Short Account of two Journies undertaken with a view to ascertein the Elevation of the Principal Mountains in the Division of Marr.

Appears in George Skene Keith's General View of the Agriculture of Aberdeenshire. 8vo, Aber., 1811, p. 641.

1810-1814. Journal of Itinerating Exertions in some of the more destitute parts of Scotland. 8vo, Edinb., 1814.

This is an account of peripatetic "efforts to promote the knowledge of Jesus Christ," and consists of little more than the record of where sermons were preached, whether in Gaelic or English, what the size of the audience was, and what was said to or by persons on religious subjects.

Mr Sinclair and Mr Gibson were set apart for the work, and the Journals were written by them. The book is in 5 parts, each part referring to a separate year. In the second Introduction we are told that about 35 years ago there was no carriage road in Islay, and not more than 2 or 3 carts, and that in 1811 there were 90 miles of carriage road and from 500 to 600 carts. At page 12 of the 1811 Journal there is a note about Corvvrekin, and throughout there is
much about the want of education. In the Introduction of the 1812 Journal reference is made to the large number of churches and chapels that at one time existed in the Hebridean Islands, 12 in Harris and 15 in Coll and Tiree. The elders of the church are called *seniores*. Smallpox was often encountered. The old name of Tiree is given as Rioghachd bharrthoun, that is, the Kingdom rising from the Waves.


Not seen.


It is entitled:—Notes of my third Journey to the Borders [1st 1796 and 2nd 1811]. It was begun on the 8th October and ended on 31st October 1816. It is principally devoted to notices of Border pipers of the 18th century, and includes an account of the celebrated James Allan, the Northumberland piper. Campbell visited Peebles, forded the Tweed to Horsburgh Castle, met William Laidlaw and James Nicol at Traquair, and James Hogg at Yarrow, went with the last to St Mary's Loch and Ettrick, where he made a sketch of the cottage in which Hogg was born. He visited Selkirk, Scott at Abbotsford, Scott of Maxpopleft, Scott of Mandilaw, Shortreed at Jedburgh, Lady Grace Douglas at Cavers, and but for an attack of gout would have gone on to Liddesdale, instead of which he went on to Hawick, taking thence the coach to Edinburgh, which he reached at 6 A.M. on Thursday the 31st October.

The notes are made up of references to persons rather than localities.

A part of the Journal is given in the *Additional Illustrations* by David Laing to Stenhouse's *Lyric Poetry and Music of Scotland*, 1853, pp. 378–380.


1817. MSS. of 57 closely and well-written large 8vo pages. No name of author, and only once a date—1 Nov. 1817. Terminates abruptly. The writer, an educated man, but travelling as a beggar,
and sleeping often in barns, hay-lofts, cart-sheds, and common lodging-houses. Begging for food and clothes. His purse often nearly empty—says once that all he had was a shilling and some pence. Occupied himself with sketching in black and white and water colours. Sketched poorly, judging from the examples in the narrative. Writes fairly good English. Very appreciative of fine scenery. Describes minutely the towns of Dundee and St Andrews. Troubled with occultism, eccentric, or of disordered mind. Heard voices, and got mysterious directions as to his route and other things. Begins with the Trosachs, and goes on by Dunkeld to Dundee and St Andrews. Speaks of travelling in England, and seems to have been on the road for two years. Is probably a Londoner. Here and there small portions of the narrative in shorthand. Calls a market cross a market pole. Saw only one civilian dressed in a kilt. Now and then, but not often, is a little coarse. MS. in the keeping of Dr Mungle, Kinross. Not of interest or value. Said to have been found early in 1818 by a workman engaged in repairing the Lodge at Ayton House, Abernethy, Perthshire.


1822. A complete historical account of the Visit of His Majesty King George the Fourth to his Kingdom of Scotland, August 1822, with a full detail of all interesting circumstances connected with the visit. To which is added an Appendix containing notices of the Highland Clans, etc. etc. 12mo, pp. 216, Edin., 1822. A portrait of George IV., taken from Brighty’s portrait, is given as a frontispiece; not the same book as No. 379.

R. T. W. Taylor travelled with his father. He was a member of the University of Oxford. About the Hunterian Museum in Glasgow he writes:—"A ticket of admission cost 2s., unless the visitor be a member of the University of Oxford or Dublin, when he has free access during the hours it is open. I had paid the admission fee, but when I entered my name in the Strangers' Book as a member of the University of Oxford, the porter immediately returned the money." About St Bernard's Well he says:—"The charge for a glass of water is one penny. Spitting on the sacred spot is considered profanation, and a fine of sixpence is imposed upon those who are guilty of such a breach of decorum." Snuff, he says, was handed round in church at the Gaelic service at Inverary; and the next evening, under a dancing-master, who comes no more than once in two years, he saw the lads and lasses tripping together. Some joined in the favourite national dance, and some were learning the more fashionable quadrille. He went to "New Lanark," to the Trosachs, etc. He had a breakdown on the Glasgow steamboat on the Clyde. The customs of the New Year's Day are described.


1822. [Robert Mudie.] Account of Visit of George IV. to Scotland. Plates and plan, 1822. Entered anonymously as No. 379. 907

1824 and 1828. Mrs Hughes (of Uffington). Letters and Recollections of Sir Walter Scott. Edited by Horace Hutchinson. 8vo, Lond., 1905. 908

Contains accounts of two tours through Scotland and two visits to Abbotsford. The travel was somewhat extensive, and the account is very interesting. The narrative is in the form of a diary, and the entries are full.

1825. Fragments containing a Voyage from Aberdeen to Edinburgh. Aberdeen, 1825. 909


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The first poem is called Journey to Edinburgh, but there is very little in it that can be called topography.

1828. Alex. Laing. The Donian Tourist. Aberdeen, 1828. 913


1832. W. Etty, R.S.A. MS. Letter to Thomas Hamilton, Architect, (27th Dec. 1832), now in my possession. 915

It begins with referring to differences of opinion that had arisen as to the placing of his large pictures in the Academy, and it then goes on to give an account of a journey from Edinburgh to Glasgow by coach, by steam-packet down the Clyde to Dumbarton, thence by coach to Loch Lomond, and to the top of the loch by steamboat, which was reached in a Lighter. The scenery of the loch is described. The return to Glasgow was by steamer. Thence he went to Lanark and saw the Falls of Clyde. Afterwards he journeyed home, visiting on his way the Lakes of Cumberland and Westmoreland.

There is nothing remarkable in Etty's short account of his little travel, but all he says of it is prettily said.

1833. William Dobie, of Grangevale, Beith. MSS. Fragments of Perambulations in Kintyre in the summer of 1833. 916

A manuscript bequeathed by Mr. John Sheddon Dobie to the library of the Society of Antiquaries of Scotland in 1903. Small folio, pp. 172, exclusive of map and full-page drawings.

It is a neatly written account of travel over a limited district of Scotland by an accurate observer, and his record is full of interest. Perhaps there is too much flowery wordiness in it, but this is more than compensated by solid observation. Tombstones, not always very old, received much attention from the traveller, and he gives many of the inscriptions in full—thus doing for a small portion of Argyllshire what Andrew Jervise did for the north-east of Scotland. But he also describes old sculptured grave-slabs of the West Highland Celtic kind and fragments of old Celtic crosses; gives details of the condition of many old ruined chapels, and describes with care and fulness the old Castles of Saddel and Skipness. His book is illustrated by cleverly executed drawings, which are numerous.
He began his travels on the 10th of June, and ended them on the 18th July, 1833.

He gives a drawing of a curious carved stone at the Well of St Kieran; speaks of vitrified forts at Carradale and Dunskeig; refers to circular duns at Rainachan and Dunskeig; describes a solid stone coffin at Kilhouslan; saw a wattled partition in a house at the Southend; speaks of disused salt-pans at Mahairnnish; found more than one epitaph on tombstones in Gaelic, which he gives; came across gravestones, of no great age, with emblems on them of the occupations of those buried below, such as the plough, the anvil and hammer, etc.; fell in with the following mottoes on tombstones:—"By hammer and anvil all things stand," and "Success to the plough."; gives an account of St Coivin's way of divorcing; tells that water from Barbrec's Well was at one time sent to Glasgow; says that the Reliefs at Campbeltown bury their dead in a cemetery apart; etc.

1833–4. Grant Thorburn, Seedsman, New York. Men and Manners; or, a Bone to Gnaw for the Trollopes, Fidlers, etc. Being notes from a journal on sea and on land in 1833–34. 12mo, Glasgow, 1835.

In Scotland, Dalkeith, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Stirling, Linlithgow were visited; and buildings, institutions, etc. in them are described, as are also customs, manners, etc., but not by a person well qualified for the task.


1840. Ann Walker. Dr Trueman's Visit to Edinburgh in 1840. His introduction to the Religious World, so called; or a series of Dialogues illustrative of the ways, manners, and conversational powers of Ladies engaged in active duties of benevolence. To which is added a second edition of Mrs Bountiful, or Edinburgh Charities. 8vo, Edinb., 1841.

This book is inserted in the list with much hesitation. It is not an account of any real visit. It is an imagined visit. There is no cleverness in the book, nor any instruction. No charitable institution in Edinburgh is described in a way which can be of any use.

1840. William Howitt. Visits to Remarkable Places, etc. 2 vols., 8vo, Lond., 1840.
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Vol. i. p. 51. Visit to Field of Culloden.
Vol. i. p. 515. Visit to Kilmarock.

1841. Eight Tours in Scotland. Outlines. 921


1842. James Howie. The Queen in Scotland: a descriptive Poem. 12mo, Edinb., 1842. 923

1842. James Buist. National Record of the Visit of Queen Victoria to Scotland in Sept. 1842, etc. 8vo, Perth, 1842. 924

1846. Miss E. Allen, Lowthertown. The Beauties of the Border; being a description of the principal Gentlemen’s Seats in Cumberland, Annandale, Nithsdale, Galloway, and Ayrshire. 12mo, pp. 104, Annan, 1846. 925

The descriptions are the outcome of travel, which too frequently led to the making of verse.


These notes contain interesting accounts of many of the botanical excursions by Professor J. Hutton Balfour and his students, 1846 to 1878, and also of excursions by Mr John Mackay and Mr George Don, both principal gardeners of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Edinburgh. In so far as regards Professor J. H. Balfour’s excursions, there is a useful index of places in No. 10. But all the accounts relate almost exclusively to Botany, and have scarcely a reference to anything else, which they might be expected to have, as the travellers were observing and cultured persons. As they are called Accounts of Excursions, I have inserted them in this List, but not without some hesitation. It will be observed that the notes are published long after the excursions were made.

1847. Sylvan’s Pictorial Handbook to the Clyde, and Watering-places in the Vicinity. A Visit to the Isle of Arran and Ayr. A Day
on Loch Lomond, etc. With maps, and upwards of 50 illustrations by Thomas and Edward Gilks. Sm. 8vo, Lond., 1847. 927

1848. Sylvan's Pictorial Handbook to the Scenery of the Caledonian Canal, the Isle of Staffa, etc. With map, and upwards of 50 illustrations from original sketches by Thomas and Edward Gilks. Sm. 8vo, Lond., 1848. 928

1848. Sylvan's Pictorial Handbook to Coila or the Land of Burns. With portrait, and numerous illustrations by Thomas and Edward Gilks. Sm. 8vo, Lond., circa 1848. 929


1849. Ellen M. Reade. Tour in Scotland and the Highlands in 1849, through Edinburgh, the Borders, Perthshire, etc. With two pencil sketches. 24th July, Edinburgh, 1849. 931

Still in manuscript. Not seen. Present possessor not known.

1850. David Millar. The Tay: a Poem. 8vo, pp. 386, Perth, 1850. 932

I do not know any book written in verse which can more correctly be called An account of travel. The author starts with the Tay in its Highland birthplace, and he most loves it there, but still is Sassenach enough to be glad that there "no Gaelic mars the skylark strain." He follows the river from Killin to Aberfeldy, Dunkeld, Perth, Newburgh, and Dundee, describing many places of interest as he passes them. At the end of each of the five cantos there are useful topographical notes in prose. There is unfortunately no index to the book.

VI. From 1850 to 1900.

1853. Rambles in the British Isles. 16mo, Lond. [1853]. 933


1857. The Traveller's Guide through Scotland and its Islands. 935
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In the Scottish portion the chapters are headed:—The Scotch; Wallace's Tree; Tannahill's Hole; Wilson, the Ornithologist; The Land of Burns; A Day's Journey through the Highlands; Melrose Abbey by Moonlight; A Scotch Election; Visit to Jeffrey.


1860 circa. [William Keddie.] Staffa and Iona described and illustrated. With notices of the principal objects on the route from Port Crinan to Oban and on the Sound of Mull. 12mo, Glasgow, n.d. (Circa 1860.)


Contains a charming paper on The Haunts of Burns.


This may perhaps be regarded as an account of travel. Woodcut of Traquair House on title-page.


1869. Hugh Macmillan. Holidays on High Lands; or, Rambles and Incidents in search of Alpine Plants. 8vo, Lond., 1869. 2nd edition, 1873.


1873. Charles A. Cooper, Editor of the *Scotsman*. *A Find in Fife*. Reprint from the *Scotsman* of 14th August 1873. The "find" was Elie.


Contains *A Drive to Lauder*, and accounts of excursions to various other places in the country.

1874. James Clement Moffat. *Song and Scenery*; or, a Summer Ramble in Scotland. 12mo, New York, 1874.


The Notes first appeared in the *Edinburgh Courant* of 17th August 1876, and they are reprinted in the *Memoir and Remains of Gray*, pp. 125-131 of vol. ii. (8vo, Edinb., 1895). They are an account of two ascents of Goatfell to see the sun rise and the sun set, and are with some difficulty regarded as an account of travel in Arran.


1876. Tour in the Highlands. *All the Year Round*, vol. 1. pp. 13 and 276.


Contains accounts of visits to thirty-five graves. The first series, No. 696, contains accounts of visits to twenty-two graves. Illustrated.
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1879. Rambles round Kilmarnock, with an account of the Burns Monument Inauguration, by A. R. Adamson. 8vo, 1879. 969

1880. Visit to Fyvie and Gight. Banffshire Field Club. 970

1880. [B. Gillies.] A Border Raid, personally and topographically conducted; being Notes of a Pedestrian Excursion to Tweedsmuir, Annandale, Eskdalemuir, and Liddesdale. 8vo, Aberdeen, 1880, pp. 35. Hermitage Castle as frontispiece. 971

1880 circa. Colonel John Robertson. Ind 0 Scot. 8vo, Lond. N.D. 972

It is difficult to justify the inclusion of this book among travels in Scotland, but I find it is spoken of as a tour, and I therefore give it a place in the List. It is a product of the imagination, and nearly altogether, I think, without value in any respect, but certainly of no value as a source of topographical information. The meaning of the title I have not discovered, nor do I know whether the name of the author as given is a real name.


1884. Rambles on the Banks of the Ayr. By Rab the Rambler. 975

1884. Louis Wiesener. Souvenirs d’Écosse. 8vo, pp. 73, Paris, 1886. 976

M. Wiesener came to Scotland to examine the Stair Papers in connection with an historical work which he was then engaged in writing. He was for some time at Oxenfoord Castle, and he visited Edinburgh, Glasgow, Loch Leven, Stirling, Loch Katrine, Loch Lomond, Galashiels, Melrose, and Abbotsford.

1885. Excursion to Langholm Lodge and Canobie, etc., in 1885. 8vo, pp. 40. 977

Printed by the Scottish Arboricultural Society.
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1885. Loch Skene and the Ettrick Forest: an Angler's Mountain Ramble. N.D., N.A. 978


1887. A Nest Hunt among the Grampians. Good Words for May 1887. 982

1887. Excursion to Banff. Aberdeen Philosophical Society. 983


Contains an account of a visit to the North of Scotland in August 1888.


1888. Excursion to Teviotdale. Svo, pp. 23. 987

Printed by the Royal Scottish Arboricultural Society.


1889. From the Druie to the Geldie: a circular Mountain Tour. 
_Aberd. Journ._, 17th and 24th June 1889. 990

1889. Sir George Douglas, Bart. Travels in Home Counties. 991

This account of travel appeared in the November and December numbers of the _Scots Magazine_ for 1889. It is a narrative of a riding and walking tour in the counties of Roxburgh and Dumfries.

1890. A Morning on the Grampians. _Blackwood's Magazine_, Sept. 1890. 992

1891. Vagor; or, Vicissitudes of a Vagabond. Edited by Joseph M'Vittie. 8vo, Albion, N.Y., 1891. 993

The opening chapters contain some references to Scotland. Caerlaverock, Nith, Solway, Repentance Tower, Bankend, Tinwald, Kirtle, Creac Moss, and Hoddam are mentioned, but there is nothing descriptive of the places. It is a poorly edited book of little value, and it is perhaps difficult to justify its appearance in a List of Travels in Scotland, though it is spoken of as a tour.


Descriptive tours in Scotland, etc., to scenes of Scott's novels and poems.

1891. Malcolm Ferguson. Rambles in Breadalbane. 8vo, Glasgow, 1891. 995

Portrait of the author in Highland costume as frontispiece; portrait of big Donald M'Lauren; cairn on Ben Lawers; Black Watch cairn at Aberfeldy; mural monument in Weem kirk; and Wade's bridge at Aberfeldy, as illustrations.

1893. [A. E. Murray.] St Pauls to the Highlands and back. Lond., 1893. 996

1894. M. Ferguson. Trip from Callander to Staffa and Iona. Illustrated. 8vo, 1894. 997

1894. A. Goodrich-Freer. Outer Isles. With illustrations by Allan Barand. 8vo, Lond., 1903. 998

Notes on the islanders, and on legends, superstitions, folklore, etc.
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The walk took place in 1897.


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Gives accounts of three short tours in the South-East of Scotland:— (1) Across the Border by a Disused Road; (2) A bypath of Border Smugglers; and (3) A Motor Car on Border Roads.


1903. Arthur Grant. Rambles in Arcadia. 8vo, Lond., 1903.

Contains accounts of pedestrian excursions in Galloway, tramps over the hillsides and drove roads of the Borders, and angling expeditions in the Western Isles.


Fiction, but evidently the outcome of the author's observations. Amusing and instructive.


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