

south of the town. From this summit the observer looks away up the Manor Water [290] to the dark recesses of Dollar Law (2680 feet), where a glacier once was nourished; while immediately below him lies a singular hollow, now without a stream of water, but not improbably once the channel of the Manor Water. If he is a good pedestrian he ought to ascend the valley of the Manor, look at the moraines at the head, and cross the watershed to St. Mary's Loch, where he can find quarters for the night, or may pursue his journey either down Moffatdale or down Yarrow.

From Peebles an interesting excursion may be made to **Biggar**. The railway keeps the valley of the Tweed as far as Drummelzier, and allows the hills on both sides to be well seen. Where it quits the valley it strikes abruptly to the north-west, through a transverse depression which has been eroded in the Silurian hills, and communicates with the great Midland Valley beyond. It is through this depression that the waters of the Clyde might be turned across the watershed of the country so as to join the Tweed [349]. From Biggar a walk of less than two miles across this plain brings us to the edge of the Clyde. The hills to the north are formed of volcanic rocks belonging to the Lower Old Red Sandstone. To the south and south-west the Silurian rocks of the Southern Uplands rise boldly out of the low grounds at their base. The beautiful cone of Tinto to the westward has been already noticed (p. 428).

If the observer does not care to retrace his steps to Peebles, he may continue the exploration of the Southern Uplands by returning from Biggar to the Tweed, and ascending that valley by the excellent old coach road. Little traffic now disturbs the quiet of this pastoral district; and it is less easy than formerly to obtain vehicular assistance when one's walking powers begin to flag. The tourist must consider this question before starting. For a good walker it is not too much to reach Moffat, or to cross over to St. Mary's Loch or Birkhill by the Talla Water in one day. But those who care may drive all the way to Moffat, or to the shepherd's house at the foot of Talla Linns, whence it is an easy walk over to St. Mary's or Birkhill.

The upper part of the Tweed, above Drummelzier, is a thoroughly typical valley of the Southern Uplands. Its narrowness, the steepness of its smooth, green sides, contrasting with the flat platform of alluvium through which the stream winds