

quently remarked, — I know not with what degree of truth, — that there is a closer resemblance between the Scotch and Swiss than between any other two peoples of Europe, you may have some interest in determining whether the features of your own countryfolk are not sometimes to be seen in those of mine, as exhibited in my legendary history. Certainly both countries had for many ages nearly the same sort of work to do; both had to maintain a long and ultimately successful war of independence against nations greatly more powerful than themselves; and as their hills produced little else than the “soldier and his sword,” both had to make a trade abroad of that art of war which they were compelled in self-defense to acquire at home. Even in the laws of some nations we find them curiously enough associated together. In France, under the old régime, the personal property of all strangers dying in the country, *Swiss and Scots excepted*, was forfeited to the king.

The other volume, “First Impressions of England and its People,” contains some personal anecdotes and some geology. But the necessary materials you will chiefly find in the article from the “North British Review” which I also inclose. It is from the pen of