

Below High Force, the river runs with a swift current on a rocky bed, and where it is crossed by Winch or Miner's Bridge, makes a pleasing scene. High cliffs of greenstone run parallel to the river several miles on the south-west side from the High Force to Lorton, and then return for a mile parallel to the Lune. Romaldkirk is the mother parish of Teesdale, and extends over all the extreme north-west region of Yorkshire, and down the Tees to Startforth near Barnard Castle. Thus all Upper Teesdale (on the Yorkshire side) and all Lunedale, with the several smaller dales on Balder Beck, Grize Beck, and Deepdale, are in this enormous parish. Beyond the usual amount of interest which belongs to moorland waters with rocky channels and a few craggy summits (as Goldsborough, Cragg, the Clent, &c.), none of these dales have attractions for the artist. The lower end of Baldersdale is finely wooded, and indeed all the lower part of Teesdale by Cotherstone, Lartington and Egglestone, is a rich and pleasing country. The reader will remark the name of Baldersdale; Woden Beck will also be pointed out to him near it, as another indication of the Scandinavian element in our northern population. The ruins of Egglestone Abbey (founded 1189) are a good subject for the artist. On the Durham side of Tees, Middleton is worthy of a visit by the admirers of lead mines and smelting houses; and 'Barnard's Towers,' the Castle of Baliol, will not be neglected by the artist or antiquary who has any reverence for the genius of Scott. (See Pl. IX.)

We have now reached a branch of the Tees which deserves special notice, not only because the muse of Scott and the pencil of Turner have been employed on its banks, but because of its marking out the line of the Roman Iter from Cataractonium to Luguvallium. The Greta rises by a few branches on the surface of Stainmoor Forest and the northern slopes of Watercrag. Its name goes with the stream which springs near the old British Camp, or Rey Cross, and passes through the natural limestone, at God's Bridge. Below this a farther supply joins the beck and turns it to a small river, which flows by Bowes, remarkable