

Dudley, and the Upper Ludlow and Armistry deposits of Sedgley and its neighborhood; and I was now desirous to decipher, under his guidance, the characters of those added pages to the geologic history of our country, from which his paper had led me to expect so much. And, availing myself of a pause in my professional labors, towards the close of last May, when the two General Assemblies were sitting, and when all our abler clergy were speaking articles in the form of speeches, and so rendering it unnecessary that I should write any, I set out, in the middle of a tract of very delightful weather, for Girvan.

PART SECOND — DESCRIPTIVE.

As the traveller passes downward along the valley of the Girvan, the scenery, which had been hitherto of a pleasing but purely Lowland character, begins to assume somewhat bolder features. The hills on either side heighien into heath-covered mountain ranges; and we remember that Scotland has its southern as certainly as its northern Highlands. "The mountainous country in the south-western borders of Scotland," says Sir Walter Scott, in one of his novels, "is called *Hieland*, though totally different from the much more mountainous and more extensive district of the north, usually accented *Highland*." The bottom of the valley, however, which these hills overlook, is of a soft and pastoral character, with perhaps more of wood than is common in a Lowland valley, but laid out into rich fields that recline along the lower slopes, and occupied by a quiet stream, — the Girvan. Within a few miles of where it opens into the sea, we see on its northern side, high over field and meadow, a steep prominent range of gray crags, that at once remind us of those pale-tinted mural rocks of Silurian Limestone which form so striking a feature in the scenery of Dudley