

25. Not historically true. Francis Bonnivard was the only one of his family who was imprisoned in Chillon.

27. seven pillars. In reality there are eight, one of which is partly built into the wall.

Gothic. A style of architecture introduced during the Middle Ages. Among other characteristics it was marked by high pointed windows and clustered pillars.

35. a marsh's meteor lamp. The Will o' the Wisp,—luminous gases rising from the marsh.

38. cankering. Corroding.

52. But. Except.

livid. Leaden coloured; literally, black and blue.

57. the pure elements of earth. Such as pure water and sunlight.

84. sleepless summer. With no night to mark the hours for sleep.

85. The light shining on the snow is personified as the child of the sun, clad in white.

95. had stood. Past subjunctive.

105. a gulf. An abyss.

107. Lake Leman. The Roman name for Lake Geneva.

108. The greatest depth of the lake is 1056 ft.

112. enthrals. Encompasses; holds captive.

121. wanton. Literally, without restraint; hence, playful.

131. had little care. Did not mind it.

138. these. The water and the bread.

141. had grown cold. Past subjunctive.

148. gnash. Literally, to strike or grind together. Does Byron mean this?

153. corse. Corpse; a poetical form of the word.

172-3. He had shown thus far a high spirit, whether natural to him, or something seemingly inspired.

181. The face swollen and working convulsively in the struggle for life.

208. admonished. Reproved. The knowledge that it was hopeless did not prevent his fear.

214. dungeon-dew. The dampness of the dungeon.

230. a selfish death. Suicide.