

Opening Remarks

Caledonians meaning "People of the Woods."

"Scots" comes from Scute, "a wanderer," thought to be of Gothic origin.

Scotland's patron saint is St. Andrew.



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Origin of the national badge of the thistle : The Danes invaded Scotland in the thirteenth century. One of them stepped on a thistle with his bare foot in a night attack, and his cry roused the sleeping Scots, who sprang up and gained the battle of Largs, after a bloody conflict. See Mr. Thomas Laidlaw's beautiful poem of "Scotia's Thistle," in a little volume called "Sprigs o' Heather."

Dunedin, "the face of the hill," or the hill of Edwin, now Edinburgh, was originally a rude fort built by Edwin, King of Northumberland, twelve hundred years ago. In the charter of King David the First, it is called Edinburgh. Edinburgh is a city unique in its beauty, like no other ancient city in Europe ; it has a character peculiar to itself. Pictures give but a faint idea of the city, termed by Scott "mine own romantic town."