

The Village of Arderholm.

disregard of sanitation was fortunately neutralised to a large extent by the rapid current of the stream, which had force to sweep away most of the impurities consigned to it, and brought down at every moment a fresh supply of beautiful water from the misty highlands by which it was fed. The situation of the village was also otherwise favourable to health. Though lying in a hollow of the hills, it was yet open on the west to the prevailing breezes which came sweeping up the strath, purifying incessantly all the air of the holm, and filling it with the bracing salt odour of the sea.