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pierced with deep, shadowy glens, and intersected with long and narrow lochs, sometimes gleaming in the sunlight and reflecting on their calm breasts the green of the overshadowing hill and the blue of the overarching sky, oftener dark and melancholy ; a land on whose mountain summits the thick mists often sit, or descending creep along their sides in weird and mysterious forms ; a land whose far-stretching hills and deep ravines have their silence broken only by the footfall of the deer or the rustle of the partridge's wing, and from whose harbours the fishing-boat often sails, bearing faithful husbands and manly sons and brothers, never to return to long-expectant and at last despairing wives and brothers and sisters. Features like these in the physical condition of the country could not and cannot fail to affect the religious life of its people, and may well have helped to impress on it those qualities of