

struck with the difference? The one calm, full, majestic, sweeping along with noiseless but irresistible force, like the flow of mighty rivers or the tides of ocean; the other loud, vehement, passionate, almost furious, bearing all before it like Scotland's own mountain torrents, when flooded they leap and foam from point to point in their progress to the sea.

I mention, second, without, however, dwelling upon it at any length, the *country* itself which the Scottish people inhabit, the physical conditions of life which it supplies. It is a country whose soil is in large part hard and unproductive, compelling patient labour, and even then yielding to the tiller a scanty subsistence, seldom the material for wealth. Its sky is cloudy, its climate severe, its seas stormy, its means of communication, especially at the formative period of the nation's history, few and difficult. It is a land of mountain and dale,