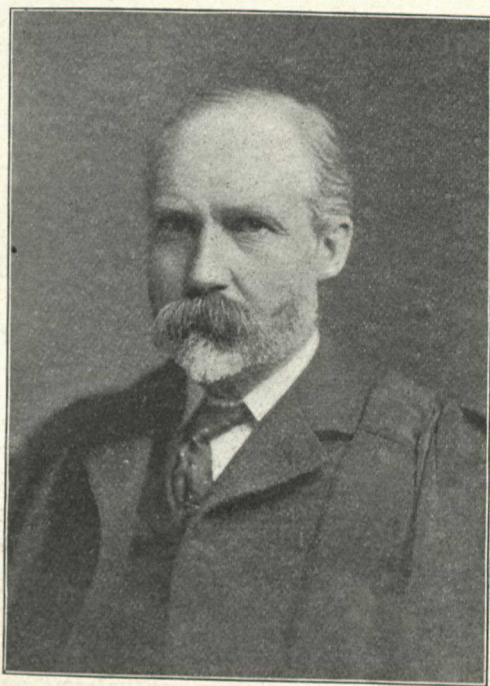


It is curious to see how man has been moulded by the geology in which he finds himself. The bleak heights are given over to forest, and most of the population are found in the narrow, sheltered valleys, where a strip of good soil winds along beside the river, village following village, with here and there a manufacturing town, doing its business by canal-boat and the bustling railway, which cuts off bends by diving into the mountain.



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The houses are built of solid stone, roofed with slate, both taken from the rocky cliffs that wall in the valley. The roofs grow green with mosses, and the gray old houses sink into place as natural parts of the scenery. The quarrymen themselves have something gray, rugged and stony in their aspect, and in some of the towns the quarrying of slate or marble provides the only industry, men, women and children drilling or splitting or trimming the gray slate, in long rows under