

485. **snooded.** See note on I., 363.

493. **kerchief.** Head-dress, coif.

509. **holy band.** The wedding ring.

514. **plighted.** Having given her promise.

526. Loch Lubnaig is drained by the river Leny, which flows into the Teith.

539. **brae.** Hillside. The *brow* of the hill.

544. **bracken.** Fern.

559. A time will come when I shall be moved by deep feeling, whether it be when I die in battle or when I return to you.

fraught. Laden.

568. **Balquidder.** A valley in the neighbourhood of Loch Voil.

the midnight blaze. "It may be necessary to inform the Southern reader that the heath on the Scottish moorlands is often set fire to, that the sheep may have the advantage of the young herbage produced, in room of the tough old heather plants. This custom produces occasionally the most beautiful nocturnal appearances, similar almost to the discharge of a volcano."—(*Scott*).

575. **coil.** Tumult.

576-8. *Loch Doine* and *Loch Voil* are two small lakes which are drained into Loch Lubnaig. Balvaig is a small river flowing into Loch Doine. The poet here addresses the river Balvaig directly.

576. **sullen.** Solitary, dreary.

580. **Strath-Gartney.** To the north of Loch Katrine.

597. "The deep and implicit respect paid by the Highland clansmen to their chief, rendered this both a common and a solemn oath."—(*Scott*).

600. **skirts.** Outskirts.

602-8. Menteith is the district drained by the Teith. Rednock, Cardross and Duchray, are castles in the valley of the Forth. The families of Græme and Bruce held lands in this district. Loch Con, or Chon, is a small lake about two miles south of Loch Katrine.

609. **wot ye.** Know ye.

614. **pledge.** Something deposited for safe keeping. In this case Ellen is the pledge.

fair. Beautiful. **cruel.** Because she had refused to marry Roderick.