

Mediterranean; as at the time he was travelling the war with Napoleon was going on, and no one could venture to travel inland. Before his return he visited the field of Waterloo a few days after the battle and secured many relics of that famous fight; these relics are still in the family.

Their time at Wilmont was spent pleasantly in parties in the evening at different places in the neighbourhood, excursions and boating parties on the river Laggan, which ran near the house. In a letter to Miss Beaufort, written in August of this year, Frances says: "Mr. T. Stewart has a very fine collection of prints, a great number of books and portfolios full; some of these he shows us every day and explains them all to us. He has a collection of Italian views and two or three books full of Roman buildings, a great many views in France and Paris, various books of costume of Italy and Sicily; in short there is an endless store of amusement in the library and drawing-room. It is delightful to have Mr. T. Stewart with us to describe everything, which indeed he is very willing to do. He has named himself our show-man, for besides all the prints he has a beautiful collection of other curiosities, some beautiful pieces of mosaic and a great many cameos. . . . He does not make the least display of his travels but is very agreeable, and tells readily all about them when asked. . . . In large companies, unless he is next one of us, he sits quite silent and grave, and says as little as possible; he hates company, but at a quiet tea table, or in a small circle, his countenance brightens, and he appears to great advantage."

The wedding took place in Dublin, and many letters of congratulation were received from old friends far and near. About a month before one of them writes: "Though the gentleman is not personally known by many of your most attached friends, yet you may with modest pride (if such an expression be allowed) think that your understanding, taste and excellent principles in which you have been educated, and on which you have invariably acted, are sufficient guarantees to them that the choice you have made will prove worthy of you and them. . . . From what — has told me of Mr. Stewart's character and appearance, I think that the attachment he inspired is likely to last, and I am greatly mistaken if friend Fanny's conduct as a wife will not prove that her kindness to a husband will be proof