Mary. Loch Leven, once the scene of stirring and romantic
events, is now better known as the arena of peaceful contests
by the disciples of Izaak Walton.

As a schoolboy, Fleming had played on the same Kirk-
caldy beach that Carlyle loved so well : ' The beach of
Kirkcaldy, in summer twilights, a mile of the smoothest
sand, with one long wave coming on, gently, steadily, and
breaking in gradual *explosion*, into harmless melodious *white*,
at your hand all the way (the *break* of it, rushing along
like a mane of foam, beautifully sounding and advancing ') ;
the beach where Carlyle and his friend Edward Irving
had so often walked and communed together. Many
a summer's day too he spent in the beautiful dell of Kenno-
way, near his grandmother's home. At other times he
made excursions to Ravenscraig Castle and to Seafield,
sketching the ruins of the old towers ; to the quaint little
town of Kinghorn on the road to Burntisland ; to the ancient
castle of Fordel, with its stately beeches and gardens, its
turrets and tapestries ; to Dysart, and to the caves of
Wemyss.

Occasionally too business or pleasure would take him to
the old town of Dunfermline, where he probably may have
seen a much smaller boy named Andrew Carnegie, who was
destined to make a name for himself in the world. A familiar
sight was the island of Inchkeith, in the middle of the Forth,
pretty much the same then as when Carlyle and Irving
visited it in Robie Greg's ' poor green-painted, rickety
yawl ' ; the same wonderful views across the water, ' Edin-
burgh with its towers, the great silver mirror of the Frith,
girt by such a framework of mountains, cities, rocks and
fields and wavy landscape, on all hands '—a precious
memory to hold for other days.

But of all the scenes about Kirkcaldy, once familiar to
Sandford Fleming, nothing exceeds in loveliness the parks
and gardens. The gardens of Dysart stretching from
Ravenscraig along the banks of the Forth and overlooking
the beautiful southern shore from the Bass Rock to Salis-
bury Craigs and Arthur's Seat are the pride of the people