

Church, when the book with the service for excommunication was read, the bell for the dead tolled, and a lighted candle cast upon the ground.

428. **trophied beam.** It was customary to hang banners and armour taken from an enemy in the hall, as also trophies of the chase.

429. **levin-brand.** 'Thunderbolt,' see on IV., 319, above.

455. Scott relates at length a story of an apparition in the shape of a black dog that used to haunt Peel Castle, in the Isle of Man. A pot-valiant soldier ventured to follow the *Mauthe-dog*, as the spectre was called; a great noise was heard, the soldier returned speechless, and shortly after died in agony, but the dog was seen no more.

459. **amice.** See on II., 214, above.

460. **baldric.** See on II., 215, above.

469. **St. Bride of Douglas.** "This was a favourite saint of the house of Douglas, and of the Earl of Angus in particular." (Scott).

475. **St. Modan.** Abbot of Dryburgh in the seventh century.

476. **St. Mary of the Lowes.** See on II., 386, above.

477. **Hold Rood of Lisle.** See on IV., 481. "*Lisle (L'Isle)* is the older form of *Lille*, the name of the well-known French city." (Rolfe).

478. **Our Ladye of the Isle.** St. Mary's Isle, close to the town of Kirkcubright, formerly contained a priory.

499. **uneath.** 'With difficulty,' 'hardly'; common in Spenser, cf. *Faerie Queen*, II., i., 27, "But his fierce foe his steed could stay uneath."

500. **high-drawn breath.** The standers-by could scarcely hear any 'high-drawn breath'; in other words, the breathing was all *low-drawn*.

506. **high altar.** The chief altar, the altar at the east end of the church.

515. **cowl.** 'Hood.'

scapular. Part of the dress of the monastic orders, consisting of two bands of woollen stuff, one crossing the back or shoulders, and the other hanging down the breast.

516. **stoles.** See on V., 506.

519. **host.** 'The consecrated wafer.'

532. **office close.** At the pauses of the office; *office* in the sense of a form of service (cf. 'office for the dead'); Rolfe considers 'office' here as possessive, but this does not seem necessary; 'office' may be taken as a noun used as an adjective.

535. **burthen.** 'Refrain.'