

The historic associations of the district are by no means of an entirely secular kind. The surrounding parishes have been the scenes of not a few hard fought ecclesiastical battles. Many doughty champions of some particular phase of religious truth have occupied the pulpits of these parishes.

Dunblane, with its narrow streets and old fashioned houses, was within walking distance of our camp. This town has a history dating from the seventh century and was the scene of the labors of the renowned Bishop Leighton. Its Cathedral, which was erected by that "sore saint to the crown," David the First, is one of few structures of the kind that did not suffer at the hands of the Reformers. Many of its architectural features were commended by Ruskin. He described its chapter house and tower as being "almost perfect in its simplicity." Within the cathedral repose the remains of Lady Margaret Drummond, the close friend of James the Fourth who with her two sisters, was mysteriously poisoned in 1501.

The foregoing are but mere indications of the associations which make

the past live again to the inquiring mind.

If we found pleasure in past events, we certainly enjoyed to the full the delights of the present. Possibly one of the delights was "batching," which then had novelty that has since worn off. Many incidents could be recorded of desperate attempts to make appetizing the awful concoctions suggested to minds unacquainted with the principles of cookery. But who can deny our holiday was an ideal one. To rise in the morning invigorated by our sleep under the thin covering of our canvas tent, and then to explore the district, or to follow the stream with fishing rod in hand in an attempt to lure from its depths the silver trout—surely this is holiday making indeed!

It should be noted that the district has a hostel which tradition says, is blest forever more because of the fact that the poet Burns on one occasion slept under its roof. Here the disciples of Isaac Walton are wont to gather and tell stories which sometimes are no doubt "fishy."

"HELD OVER."

Happily, our difficulty month by month is not in the securing but in the selection of articles for our pages. This month, however, the number of articles "held over" calls for a special note. We believe the portrait gallery of prominent churchmen, ministerial and lay, is well worthy of reproduction, and we hope to supplement it.

Among the articles which are "held over" and which we hope to publish in the August number is one by Professor E. A. Wicher, San Anselmo; a Psalm translation by Donald A. Fraser; an article entitled "A glimpse at the University situation in

Alberta" by a writer who had a good opportunity of getting acquainted with the subject; and a second instalment of "Sidelights on Cicero from his letters," by R. A. Hood, B.L.

Notes "Concerning the Churches" are also kept back because of space given to items and pictures concerning the Supreme Court of the Church.

We take this opportunity of noting that the value set on articles accepted for our pages is not to be reckoned by the time of publication merely; in our literary department we desire to keep in view variety, worth, and seasonableness.