

CHAPTER III.

SHOWS HOW HAGGART SAT ON A DYKE LOOKING
AT HIS OWN FUNERAL.

HAGGART must have left Tillyloss with Chirsty heavy on his mind, for an hour afterwards he was surprised to find himself out of Thrums. He was wandering beneath trees alongside the Whunny drain, which is said to have been chiseled from the rocks when men's wages were fourpence a day. Here he sat down, preparatory to turning back. It was now past his usual bedtime, and he had been twelve hours at work that day.

"I canna say whether I sat lang thinking about Chirsty," he afterwards admitted; "but I mind watching a water-rat running out and in among some nettles till it got mixed in my mind with the shuttle of my loom, and by that time I was likely sleeping."

The probability is that Tammas, who met no one, walked west from Tillyloss to Susie Linn's