

purple specimens occur. But that the rocks do positively contain fine agates, known as "Kinnoull stones," we had ocular evidence. The castle of Kinnoull formerly stood on the slope of the hill, though there are no traces of it now, but the "Castle of Kinfanus" may yet be seen, described by Smith of the Wynd, in "The Fair Maid," as "a goodly fortalice, indeed. A brave castle, the breast-plate and target of the bonnie course of the Tay."

The chivalrous and romantic history of its first settler, in connection with the origin of the knightly family of Charteris, Lords of Kinfanus, is interesting. The citizens of Perth had, for several generations, found a protector and provost in the family of Kinfanus, which was often necessary at the period when the strength of the feudal aristocracy frequently controlled their rights and insulted their privileges. When Sir William Wallace had expelled the English invaders from his native country, he sailed for France, in hopes to obtain assistance from the French monarch, to aid the Scots in regaining their independence. When near Dieppe, his vessel was boarded by the ship of a celebrated pirate, bearing the blood-red flag, called the "Red Rover," and commanded by Thomas de Longueville, who called himself a friend of the sea and an enemy to all who sailed upon it. His successful piracies, courage, wonderful power, etc., made him a terror to all, and the capture of the ship having Wallace on board was declared inevitable by the captain, as no vessel could escape the Red Rover.

Wallace smiled and sternly replied, "I will clear the seas of this rover." Calling all his men together, he directed them to arm themselves, and lie flat upon deck, so as to be out of sight. He then permitted the Red Rover to cast out his grappling irons, but received him

and his men on deck with a desperate and unexpected rencounter. Wallace dashed the sword from the Rover's hand and they fell on deck, locked in each other's arms in a desperate grip. Wallace conquered; the Rover's men threw down their arms and begged for mercy. The victor granted them their lives, but took possession of their vessel and sailed into harbor with the flag of the Scottish lion on his shield of gold, raised above the piratical flag. At Wallace's request, the robberies which the pirate had committed were forgiven by the French king, who offered to take him into his service, but the Rover had contracted so great a friendship for his generous conqueror, that he insisted on uniting his fortunes with those of Wallace. He returned with him to Scotland, and fought by his side in many a bloody battle, where the prowess of Sir Thomas de Longueville was inferior to that of none, save of his heroic conqueror. His fate was more fortunate than that of his patron. Being distinguished for the beauty as well as strength of his person, he rendered himself acceptable to the heiress of the ancient family of Charteris, who bestowed on him, with her hand, the fair baronial castle of Kinfanus and the domains annexed to it.

The lordly place, or a more modern successor, upon which I looked from the hill of Kinnoull, while recalling the romance of chivalry of its origin, stands amid the fertile scenes adjoining it, overhanging the broad and winding Tay, the queen of the valley.

A pleasant incident is associated with my Kinnoull day. I accosted a benevolent looking Scotch lady in the street, inquired the direction, and was answered that she herself was going that way, as she lived on the slope of the hill, and if I would permit, would be pleased to join me in my walk. We entered into conversation, and I derived much intelli-