

# OF SCOTLAND

**MONDAY**—An early start and we quickly reach Manchester and then Preston for lunch at the Bull and Royal Hotel. Then we pass through Lancaster; the Castle has over the Gateway a statue of John O'Gaunt, and adjoining is the 10th century Parish Church of St. Mary. From Lancaster we soon reach Kendal, the route traversing wilder scenery. We are now nearing the incomparable Lake District and Windermere, where we dine and stay the night at Riggs Hotel.

**TUESDAY**—From Windermere, via Troutbeck, we begin the ascent of the famous Kirkstone Pass to Patterdale. The scenery is both varied and delightful. Proceeding via Glenridding and Pooley Bridge to Penrith, we have now reached Cumberland. A short stop allows us to see the ruins of Penrith Castle. Leaving Penrith the route is via Shimplon Dale and Low Heskett to Carlisle, where we are due for lunch at the Red Lion Hotel. After lunch we enter Scotland via Gretna Green, renowned for its run-away marriages at the famous Blacksmith's Shop. On via Ecclefechan, the birthplace of Thomas Carlyle, we proceed through Lockerbie, Abington and Hamilton to Glasgow for dinner at the Blythswood Hotel, our headquarters for the night.

**WEDNESDAY**—A free morning in Glasgow for sightseeing, and at 1.0 p.m. sharp we start a very interesting trip. The route is industrial to Alexandria, with some views of the river Clyde. Then we have a wonderful journey alongside the shores of Loch Lomond. At Luss we see more of Loch Lomond and its pretty islands. From Luss we journey via Tarbet to Crianlarich, where we halt for tea. A pleasant drive lands us at Killin, beloved by artists. Killin War Memorial and the falls of Dochart claim attention. Onward, along the north bank of Loch Tay, past Aberfeldy to Pitlochry where we dine at Scotland's Hotel and spent the night.

**THURSDAY**—Good-bye to Pitlochry. We return to Ballinluig and go along the Valley of the Tay to Dunkeld and Perth, where we lunch at the Royal British Hotel. In the modern Council Hall fine stained glass windows depict scenes from Sir Walter Scott's "Fair Maid of Perth." After lunch, on passing through Auchterarder we notice Gleneagles to our left. After Blackford is Carsebreck Loch. Dunblane with its beautiful Gothic Cathedral is soon reached, and after passing the Bridge of Allan we arrive at Stirling. Here are

many examples of old Scottish architecture. Leaving Stirling the route passes through Bannockburn. On through the narrow streets of Camelon we pass Falkirk on the way to Linlithgow. Linlithgow Palace, the birthplace of Mary, Queen of Scots, is finely situated on the Lochside. Traversing a pleasant road we pass beneath the mighty Forth Bridge—over 1½ miles long and 361 feet high—and soon arrive at Edinburgh for dinner at the George Hotel.

**FRIDAY**—The whole day is set aside for sightseeing in the majestic capital of Scotland. Princes Street claims our attention with its stately Monuments and Gardens. The Castle beckons us to explore its grandeur. Here too, the Scottish National War Memorial is acknowledged the best of its kind, and affords an interesting hour. We return to our hotel for lunch. For the afternoon the Scottish National Gallery in Princes Street is well worth a visit, noticing quite near the Memorial to Sir Walter Scott. The variety of Edinburgh is ours. Whatever the choice, there are many attractions.

**SATURDAY**—After the second night in our Edinburgh Hotel we go southwards. The Abbey at Melrose is a 12th century ruin, and the burial place of Robert Bruce's heart. On to Jedburgh by an undulating road with ascent of Carter Bar. Fine views now present themselves and following the Valley of the Rede, Otterburn is reached, the battlefield being on the left. For a further 30 miles it is a pleasant drive to Newcastle-upon-Tyne via the village of Belsey, and Ponteland. Lunch is served at the Royal Turks Head Hotel, Newcastle-upon-Tyne. Crossing the river Tyne we are in the County of Durham and traversing a busy arterial road we arrive at the City of Durham. The noble Cathedral attracts our attention. On we go to the Quaker Town of Darlington with its busy streets. We are now approaching Yorkshire and via Catterick Bridge we head for Ripon, where the Spa, Pump Room and Minster claim attention. 12 miles farther on we arrive at Harrogate for dinner and the night at the Hotel St. George.

**SUNDAY**—We are sad that the tour is nearly over, yet glad in the pleasures it has brought us. Our way home is through Doncaster, Worksop and the "Dukeries" to Newark and Grantham, for lunch at the Angel and Royal Hotel. And so via Stamford to Cambridge at approximately 6.0 p.m. and Norwich 8.30 p.m.