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CHAPTER I.

INTRODUCTORY—A VISIT TO THE BAN DE LA ROCHE.

THE scene of the labours of Jean Frederic Oberlin has frequently been described in periodicals at home and abroad, and by visitors attracted there by veneration for this "great apostle of charity, this saint of the Protestant Church," as his countrymen delight, and with reason, to style him. "A visit to the Ban de la Roche," says a writer in the "Eglise et Patrie," of September, 1880, "is not a visit in the ordinary sense; it is a pilgrimage." The late Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham made this pilgrimage in 1820, and an interesting sketch of the country, and of the character and work of Oberlin, given in a series of letters from Mrs. Cunningham to friends in England, was embodied in the "Memoir of J. F. Oberlin," published in London, in 1829. As the appearance of the country has undergone some change since that time, it will not be uninteresting to the reader to present a more modern picture of it, written also in a