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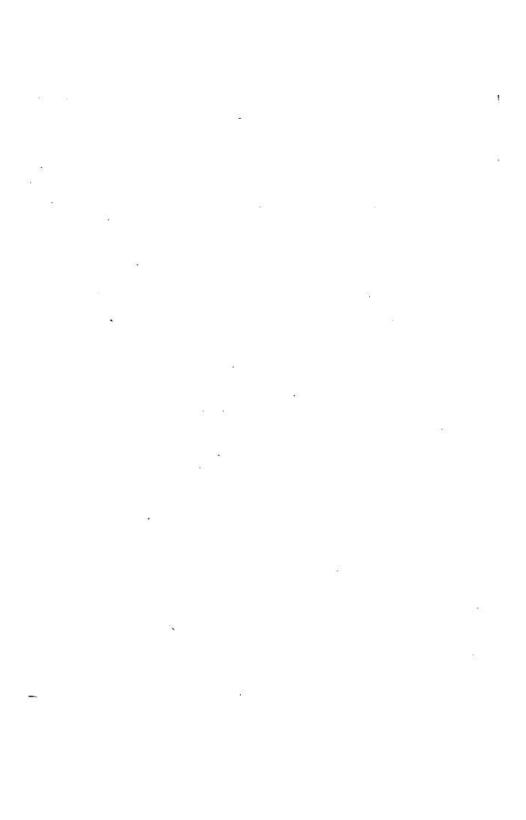
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### LINLITHGOW.

Scottish kings of the House of Stuart, seems to have doubled its fury when the crown fell to a woman. Mary, Queen of Scotland—or, as she is usually called, Queen of Scots—was unfortunate in all the chief events of her life. Her birth was looked upon as a calamity by her parents and her people; and, as it took place in the old palace of Linlithgow, the name has become closely connected in our minds with hers, and very interesting to all who sympathise in sufferings which, however well they may have been deserved, were undoubtedly of the most severe character, and perhaps quite sufficient to satisfy the sternest judges of her conduct.

HE hereditary ill-fortune which pursued all the

It was on Friday, the 8th December, 1542. Her father, who lay upon his death-bed at Falkland, cried out bitterly when he heard the news, and prophesied the extinction of his race. The crown of Scotland came, he said, with a woman into his family, and it would go with one. His words were true so far only as they related to his own immediate branch of the Stuarts. James the

First of England and Sixth of Scotland, who was the son of Mary by her second husband, Henry Stuart, Lord Darnley, carried on the old name, and was the ancestor of three kings and two more queens before the kingdoms they had so persistently misgoverned could bear with their tyranny any longer. The House of Hanover is descended from Queen Mary, but there have been several female links in the line of succession, and the male line of the House of Stuart was itself extinguished at the death of Henry, called the Cardinal of York, in 1808.

Six days after the birth of his daughter, on Thursday, the 14th of December, James the Fifth breathed his last, in disgrace with his subjects for the humiliating defeat of Solway Moss—where he had been beaten by the soldiers of his uncle, Henry VIII. of England—and leaving his kingdom in confusion to be governed by a regent during her long minority. The first six years of the youthful queen's life were passed in Scotland, chiefly at Linlithgow and Stirling; but in 1548 she was sent to the court of France, where she married the Dauphin, afterwards Francis II., and, as his widow, returned to Scotland in 1561; and though very few of the chief events of her troubled reign took place at Linlithgow, she occasionally resided there until her unfortunate marriage with Bothwell, and the flight into England to which it led.

It was in

"Old Linlithgow's crowded town"

that the Regent Murray, the half-brother of Queen Mary, was murdered by Hamilton of Bothwell-haugh in 1570. The story, in its legendary form, has been told by Scott in his wild ballad of "Cadzow Castle," but perhaps the following careful narrative from the "Life of Mary, Queen of Scots," by M. Mignet, may be acceptable as an impartial account of the deed. M. Mignet is singularly free from prejudice in his history, and may be very much depended on for truthfulness.

"James Hamilton of Bothwell-haugh had sworn a deadly hatred to the Regent. Taken prisoner at the battle of Langside, he had recovered his liberty by the arrangement made at Glasgow on the 13th of March, 1569, by the Regent and the Duke of Chatelherault. But he had been stripped of all his property.

. . . He resolved to slay the Regent, to whom he attributed the desolation of his household. Several times he attempted to effect his purpose, but without success; his hatred, encouraged by the Hamiltons, eagerly sought an opportunity for punishing the author of his ruin, and laying low the oppressor of

his party. This opportunity ere long presented itself.

"The Regent was on his way from Stirling to Edinburgh, and intended to pass through Linlithgow. In the High Street of this last-named town, the Archbishop of St. Andrews, uncle of Bothwell-haugh, possessed a house, in front of which Murray and his cavalcade would necessarily pass. This house was placed at the disposal of Bothwell-haugh, who made every preparation for the unfailing performance of the act of vengeance which he had concocted with the Hamiltons. He took his station in a small room or wooden gallery, which commanded a full view of the street. To prevent his heavy footsteps being heard, for he was booted and spurred, he placed a feather-bed on the floor; to secure against any chance observation of his shadow, which, had the sun broke out, might have caught the eye, he hung up a black cloth on the oppo-