



Ayrshire is divided into those three districts with Galloway below Carrick. The county is associated with the romantic adventures of Bruce & Wallace. It was on the shore of Carrick that Robert the Bruce made his landing at the beginning of his brilliant career. Wallace also had his castle of Tarnaby in this district near Kirkcubright where Burns lived for a time in his youth.

No!

2. With all his noble parts & intellectual acuteness, Burns was still a man of impulse. He neither cared nor dreaded the consequence which would follow his rash deed.

when excited. And no one ^{is} ~~can~~ scarcely ~~be~~ more apt ~~to be~~ excitable than Burns. Add to this temper, his bad habits at once convivial & amorous which he got in his sojourn in Irvine ~~at~~ while he was young. His loose connections with women & his boisterous merriment were by no means pleasing to those austere ecclesiastics whose strictness in inculcating their moral doctrines got them the name of 'old lights.' But there were another group of churchmen whose religious opinion was far more lenient & who were therefore inclined to overlook the shortcomings of Burns' moral life. They were termed the new lights (which name has nothing to do with new lights of Discent). It was natural that under the circumstances Burns brought into he would isolate himself from with some bitter men from these old lights from whom he suffered some public disgrace by way of penitence. He threw himself at once to the new lights in whom he could find much sympathy. His address to unco guid, amply illustrates his grudge against these old lights.

3. Hornie. The devil is represented with horns on his forehead: whence the name Clootie. He is also considered to have cloven hoofs & a tail.

Kick is a Scandinavian word & is applied by Burns to Satan in his address to the De'il.

This poem of Burns is a good illustration of the view with which he regarded the Devil. According to his opinion, the devil was nothing more than a deformed, disfigured, & ridiculous creature. A part of it became an object of mirth. And if he attributes to his Satan some supernatural power & coloring, he does it only for the sake of the comic. He even goes to familiarize the latter so far as to advise him to turn over a new leaf. On the other hand Milton's Satan has nothing comical or ridiculous in him. In spite of wickedness, he can never fail to be a great figure. We can take him even as the hero of Paradise Lost. He is the type of haughtiness & obduracy from the beginning to the end. His stubborn & proud nature was so well delineated that we can not help sympathizing with him, our own enemy!

4. a) cutty sark = short shirt
Paisley is a place in Scotland noted for
 its loom + woven clothes. Horn = coarse
 linen.

b) The reference is to the ^{hare} hunting. pussie
 is the hounds man's term for a hare. open
 means the commencing the hunting by sending
 the cry of the hounds to startle hidden game. thral
 Joes refer of course to blood hounds. Thus
 the meaning of the passage is "as large as
 those blood hounds in search of a game,
 which have seen a hare startle before
 them."

c) Till each ~~old~~ woman perspired and
 smoked (reeked) & cast ^{off} her lathered
 dress to her work & worked at it in her
 shirt.

d) And passed the birches and ^{big} many stone
 heaps where drunken Charlie broke his
 neck-bone by tumbling.

5. a) The ll in all are dropped: as in
 Fa' for fall
 a' " all
 ca' " call

b) r is usually dropped as in

gi'l for give
~~li'e~~ " ~~live~~

c) a instead of o: as in

amang for among (went)

lang for long.

d)

lee for even ^{Northen (Anglian) plural}
^{freely} of eyes

e) the diminutive is formed by the suffix 'ie'

Beastie from beast

houssie from house etc

f) oo is replaced by u, ui, eu,

gude for good

neuk for nook

bleuid for blood

g) gang is a ^{Scandinavian} Scotch word for went.

6. Scotland was comparatively a poor country at the time of Burns. Modern industries did not rise yet & those towns did not share in the European traffic. Almost all the districts were agricultural. Consequently Scotch peasantry lived comparatively in a poorer condition than the English peasants. Dr. Johnson's definitions of barley that

it is the food of the horse in England & the staple
 of the Scotch, may explain to some extent
 the economical difference existing between
 those two countries at that time. The house
 consisted of two parts, ^{the} inner & outer one. The
 bed was found in a recess, much like the
 Japanese Todana where the couple of the family
 used to retire to enjoy a dish which was too scanty to
 be shared by all the members of the family.
 The wife never sat before a guest always
 standing over the right shoulder of her
 husband. The guest was pressed to eat.
 They had three meals in a day. The
 haggis was ^a ~~the~~ favorite dish with them.
 ↓ The haggis is referred to in one of Burns's poems.
 Also "Cotton's Saturday Night" & "The
 Inn days" ^{coler} may give us a fair idea
 how the peasants lived at that time.
 One thing worthy mentioning in behalf of
 Scotch peasants is their high estimation
 toward ~~the~~ education. Universities were
 then a popular institution where a
 boy of comparatively poor stock might
 go for study. Parish schools were

thoroughly well arranged, & university men
 were generally engaged in them. Burns
 therefore enjoyed the full advantage of Scotch education.

7. The best-laid scheme of mice &
 men go often in a wrong way. The
 passage occurs in Burns's Address to
 a mouse whose little cell he dug up
 with his ploughshare. His sympathy
 was at once aroused at the sight of the
 'stung, cowering, tim'rous beastie'. After pouring
 forth his regret that he has frustrated
 the little animal's hope to pass away
 the rigour of winter in his snug cell
 he is plunged into the reflection that
 it is not only the fate of the mouse but
 also of men to see their best-laid
 schemes shattered. He even goes so far as
 to declare that the little animal is
 happier than he who has destroyed his house:
 for the former lives only for the present but the
 latter's prospect both back-wards & forwards
 are full of fear & disappointment.

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Examination on Burns

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