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THE derivations of a number of words have been given in this Glossary for the purpose of showing how large a number of old Anglo-Saxon words are still in use in this country; in fact, in the Scottish dialect of the present day the largest amount we have of the language of the old Northumbrian kingdom (Anglo-Saxon) is to be found, and these remains must not be looked upon, as is too often the case, as mere provincial *patoir*; relics of this language prevail also over a large part of Yorkshire, and in other districts of England north of the Humber; there are about two thousand of these old words and many idioms given in the admirable *Glossary of the Cleveland Dialect*, by Canon Atkinson, identically the same with those in our Scottish dialect, and for the most part almost unknown in Southern Britain.

The Scottish dialect has been considerably influenced by the close connection of this country with France in the fifteenth century; this influence is more marked in the S.E. part of Scotland, and has affected Galloway only slightly. It is somewhat interesting to note that a good many words which we owe to the French, and which are now obsolete in France, have still a lively existence in Scotland.

Some of the words given are used metaphorically or obliquely, and are peculiar to Galloway and other adjoining parts in the south of Scotland: e.g. Streekin', "going in the direction of," the proper meaning of the word is stretching, and is generally applied to laying out a corpse; Birl, "quick motion in walking," the proper meaning is to drink plentifully, generally in company; Growing, "desire," properly "to shudder, to ahiver," etc. etc. The meaning of the words given in the Glossary is in accordance with the meaning of the text, and perhaps may not be so found in Jamieson's dictionary or other glossaries. The spelling of the Scotch words used by the author is sometimes different from the usual form, e.g. Hawf is usually spelt by Scott, Burns, and others, Houff, Howuff, etc. etc.

The derivations without initial letters before the word are Anglo-Saxon, T. indicates Teutonic dialects, Norse, Old Swedish, Sweaish, German, etc.,

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O.F. Old French, F. French, C. Celtic (not necessarily Gaelic), Sc. Scottish, Obl. an oblique meaning of the word.

The two Anglo-Saxon letters expressing the "th" are b and b. The first b is the hard sound as in pace (Sc. *thack*), thatch; the other, b, is soft as in eable (Sc. *eith*), easy. "C" is almost invariably sounded hard as "k," *e.g. cyrc.* pronounced "kirk."

"ge" is often placed before A.S. words, seemingly void of significance, e.g. gelic, like, gefylan, to dirty, etc. The accented "á" is long as in "may," "say"; sometimes it is pronounced nearly as "o," in "bone," "home," etc.

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Ablow, below	Bairnly, childish
Ae, Ane, one-án, T. a; Ae	Baith, both-baf, bd
and ane are not equivalents	Bane, bone-bán
or interchangeable ; e.g. "You	Bars, adventures
have two daughters, I think,	Banks, rafters-T. bielke
Mr. Deans ?" " Ae daughter,	Bawbee, ¹ halfpenny
sir-only ane."-SCOTT.	Behadden, indebted.
Aff, of-af	Ben, inner apartment of a
Afore, before	cottage-binnan
Ahint, behind—hindan Ain, own—agen	Bena, except — from beneah, should want
Auld, old—ald	Besom, a broom-besem
Ava, at all	Besom, a contemptuous term for
Aw. I	a woman-Obl. from bysmr,
Awa, away-aweg	disgrace.
Awmus, alms-almesse	Bestial, cattle of all kinds-F.
Ayont, beyond - Obl. from	bestiaux
ayata, to drive out	Bide, remain-bidan
378 - 680 -	Birr, force, energy-T. byr
Back-end, latter end	Birses, bristles-byrst
Back-set, a check	Bit, a place or particular spot
Bailie, magistrate of burgh-F.	Blastie, a term of contempt; from blasted.
Bairn, child-bearn	Blate, shy, diffident-T. blode

¹ A curious tradition used to be current in Fife regarding this name. "When one of the infant kings of Scotland, of great expectation, was shown to the public, for the preservation of order the price of admission was in proportion to the rank of the visitant. The eyes of the superior classes being feasted, their retainers and the mobility were admitted at the rate of six pennies (Sc.) each. Hence this piece of money, being the price of seeing the royal *Babie*, received the name of *Babie*." *Jam. — Pinkerton* derives it from the F. *bar-billon*, as when it was first coined it was a very rude coin, and not well made till the time of James VI. ,

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Blithe, merry, happy-blite Bogles, hobgoblins-C. bwg Bonded, apprenticed - bond, bound Bood, must, obliged-bod Bools, marbles-F. boule Boost, guide Bow, boll, two bushels Brae, hillock, rising ground-C. brdigh Braid, broad-braa Braw, fine-T. brauwe, or F. brave Brawly, finely, nicely Broo, brow-braw Brose, a kind of pottage-Obl. from briw, small pieces of meat in broth. Buckie, any spiral shell-Obl. from T. bucken, to bow, to bend, expressing the twisted form of the shell Buik, book, the Buik, the Bible -boc Bun, bound Bunk, bed, bedstead-bonc Buskit, dressed, adorned-T. butz But and ben, outer and inner apartments of a cottage-bute, bennin Bye, past, beyond Byegann, going past-higeongende Byordinar, extraordinary Byke, a bees' nest-T. buyck Byre, cow-house-O.F. bouverre Caaed, called Oa'ed the crack, kept up conversation Cakker, the iron rim on the Coo, cow-c#

sole of a clog

Callant, a lad-callan Caller, fresh, cool-from cáld, cold Canna, can not-can-ná **Caritches**, catechisms; more particularly the Westminster catechism used by most Presbyterian churches Cast-oot, a quarrel Cast peats, To, to dig and dry peat or turf for fuel Cauff, chaff-ceaf Cauldrife, — cáld, and Obl. hreof, a skin eruption. Certie, faith; "my certie," by my faith-O.F. certé Chack, a slight bruise or cut-T. kack Channel stanes, stones used in the game of curling Chappin, striking-T. kappen Chappit, struck-from T. kappen Chiels, young fellows-cila Chuckies, fowls-T. kuyken **Olachen**, small village, cluster of houses-C. clachan Claes, clothes-clab Clash, gossip-T. klatschen Olavers, idle talk-T. klafer Oleg, horse-fly-T. klegg Clockin, the act of hatchingcloccan **Clodding**, throwing clods, stones, etc. - from clud, a stone, rock Cloots, bits of cloth, etc.clut Oluds, clouds-T. clote Colledged, sent to a college **Collie**, shepherd's dog-C. culie Contres, contradict-F. contre

Coonts, sums in arithmetic