

A Great Historic Peerage.

And all to Kidson Causey cold;
 From Mollerstang and Middleham,
 And all from Marsk and Middletonby,
 And all that climb the mountain Cam
 Whose crown from frost is seldom free;
 With lusty lads and large of length,
 Which dwelt at Seimer water side;
 All Richmondshire its total strength
 The lusty Scroop did lead and guide." (8)

Henry, ninth Lord Scrope of Bolton, K.G., was, in the 5th year of Queen Elizabeth, appointed Governor of the Castle of Carlisle and Warden of the West Marches. He married, secondly, the Lady Margaret Howard, sister of the Duke of Norfolk.

Mary Queen of Scots, on her flight from Scotland into England, was placed under his charge, first at Carlisle and afterwards at Bolton Castle, where she was kept a prisoner from 13th July, 1568, until the 26th of January following. Her nearly successful attempt to escape from Bolton, and the Catholic "Rising of the North" following shortly (November, 1569) after her hurried removal in mid-winter to a more secure prison—Tutbury Castle in Staffordshire—seem to prove the truth of the unfortunate Queen's words written from Bolton to the Queen of Spain on September 24th, 1568: "The whole of this part is devoted to the Catholic Faith," and, "I believe I have gained the hearts of a great many good people of this country, since my coming, so that they are ready to hazard all they possess for me and my cause." (9)

The claim to the dormant Earldom of Wiltes is one which presents some features of considerable interest, to which I propose to draw attention in greater detail, and after my digressive narration of a few of the more