

moorlands such as lie on the confines of the counties of Lanark and Ayr. But over the low grounds, they are for the most part buried under a smooth-swept covering of drift, so that any minor features which they might have lent to the landscape are concealed. It is in such confined spaces as ravines, or along the sea-margin, that we can best learn after what fashion the softer rocks of the Lowlands yield to the attacks of time.

The disappearance of the older stratified deposits under a widespread mantle of drift leads us to consider how far the scenery of the Midland Valley has been modified by the ice-sheets and glaciers of the long Ice Age. This subject will form the theme of the next chapter.