

no one possessing a spark of imagination can look at without a feeling of strange interest and wonder—past some of the quaint and primitive Shetland mills, now becoming yearly fewer—and past many a lovely view-point, from which the cliffs of St. Magnus Bay, the curious pierced Door Holm, the highly picturesque and mystic-looking “Droings” were to be seen, while, far in the distance, the heights of Papa Stour, and, further still, the towering cliffs of the almost inaccessible island of Foula could be descried.

I hope I have said enough to induce some of your readers to add to their list of possible holiday resorts Hillswick. I feel sure that most people who go there will not be satisfied with one visit. The whole place is unique, and I can only characterise the air of this part of Shetland as intoxicating. The hotel was, unluckily, opened too late to become known this year, and the season will soon be over, as it is not intended to keep the house open much after the end of the present month. There is still time, however, for a short preliminary visit, and anyone who has an odd week or ten days to put in in Scotland in

September might easily do worse than spend the time at Hillswick. A note or telegram to Miss Davie, the very capable manageress of the hotel, will ensure accommodation being reserved, and Mr. Charles Merrylees, the able and courteous manager of the North of Scotland and Orkney and Shetland Steam Navigation Company, will willingly give inquirers all information as to steamers, etc. To that gentleman and to the directors of his company the sincere thanks of the travelling public are due for entering upon what must be regarded as being, from a financial point of view, a very enterprising venture. That the venture will prove a brilliant success I, for one, have not the slightest doubt, provided the hotel continues to be conducted on the present lines, and that the necessary steps be taken to develop the place, and keep pace with the requirements of those on whose patronage its success will depend.

