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from Norton, from Shinnecock, & of Edward's three days' tarry to meet him. The latter is so very busy, we have seen him but six days since last Christmas. They tell me I have been quite a run-away from home this year. I was at Exeter for a month in the Spring, then after all my household cares at Easter, (with all the brothers & Gertrude home, while Mamma was away at Newport with the whooping cough patients) I stayed at Brockenhurst for five weeks, & finished by going to Scotland about the 20th July & remaining there two months. I thoroughly enjoyed my four week in the North. First I went to Ralston to be with Mrs Richardson, and with difficulty said adieu to her & her charming family after a tarry of four weeks. She was very weak, & capable of but little excitement & exertion. Indeed she was so unwell that her medical man would not allow her to remain at Ralston after 10th Sept. as it was too damp for her. Her second son took her to Lausanne but that did not suit so she went on to her home at Cannes. She has taken this house at Cannes for three winters as neither she or her daughter Annie can stand our winter climate. Her son intends to let Ralston for five years. As unless Mrs Richardson gets very much stronger she would be unable to reside there for many weeks of the year. After a visit to friends in Stirlingshire, I went to Tullichewan, & enjoyed the beauties of Loch Lomond scenery. Mrs Campbell is quite restored to health. I am glad to say. Mr Willie Campbell has been industrious in reproducing his many pile sketches, in oils.