

south is formed by the peaceful and sheltered Ura Firth, dotted with the dark brown sails of the fishing boats; and is framed on both sides by green slopes rising gradually from the sea. To the west, a fortunate break in the coast-line of low hills allows of a very fascinating view of the open Atlantic, the picture being framed on one side by a smooth grassy brae and on the other by steep cliffs, while out at sea stands prominently the Door Holm, one of the many curious pierced rocky islands which form so picturesque a feature of the west coast scenery of Shetland and Orkney.

The interior of the hotel does not, as unfortunately so often happens, belie its outward appearance. On the contrary, it is luxurious in the best sense of the word. The appointments are handsome without being pretentious, and very good taste has been shown in the selection of the furniture, carpets, etc., everything looking, as it is, thoroughly good. The absence of wall-paper in the rooms—the walls being all of varnished wood—gives, to my thinking at least, a distinctly pleasant feeling of quaintness, which adds in a curious way to

the sense of comfort which pervades the place. Then, as regards the important matter of the bedroom and bathroom accommodation, he would certainly be a very critical man who would have much fault to find. The beds are of the most modern type, and there is a large bathroom on each of the two bedroom floors. And, lastly, the cuisine deserves unstinted praise. The food is excellent (the fish particularly being finer even than that to which we are accustomed in Aberdeen, and higher praise could not be given), abundant, well cooked, and daintily served; and the system of having a number of small tables in the dining-room, instead of one or two large ones, adds much to the comfort of visitors wishing to make or join little parties of friends. The waiting, too, is quietly and well done by girls, no male waiters being employed in the dining-room. Altogether, I venture, without hesitation, to assert (and I think I may say I have had considerable experience of hotels in Scotland and elsewhere) that, for genuine comfort and real luxury as regards essentials, this remotely situated hotel in Shetland can more than hold its own with far more