Spiced cups prepared for the Danes.

The Scots hereupon took the juice of mekiest berries, and mixed the same in their ale and breaed, sending it thus spiced & confectioned, in great abundance unto their enemies. They resoluing that they had got meat and drinke sufficient to satiifie their bellies, fell to eating and drinking after such greedy wise, that it seemed they strove who might devour and swallow up most, till the operation of the berries spread in such hot through all the parts of their bodies, that they were in the end brought into a fast dead sleepe, that in manner it was impossible to awake them. Then forthwith Duncan went unto Macbeth, commanding him with all diligence to come and set upon the enemies, being in easie point to be overcome. Macbeth making no delate, came with his people to the place, where his enemies were lodged, and first killing the watch, afterwards entered the campe, and made such slaughter on all sides without anie resisstance, that it was a wonderfull matter to behold, for the Danes were so heaute of sleepe, that the most part of them were slaine and never stirred: other that were awakened either by the noise or other waies forth, were so amazed and dizie headed upon their wakening, that they were not able to make anie defense: so that of the whole number there escaped no more but onelie Duncan himselfe and ten other persons, by whose helpe he got to his ships lying at rode in the mouth of Taie.

The most part of the mariners, when they heard that plente of meate and drinke the Scots had sent unto the campe, came from the sea thither to be partakers thereof, and so were slaine amongst their fellows; by meanes whereof when Duncan perceived how through lacke of mariners he should not be as