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### Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE: 1025 HARGRIVE STREET,  
WEDNESDAY EVENING, JAN 23, 1898.

## The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLOUGH

### A Tale of the Covenanters.

Away they both ran to see who it was that clamoured so loudly for admittance, and Andrew, before opening the door, hurried through a slit to satisfy himself on the point. What was his astonishment and glad surprise to see Walter and Marjorie, his dear betrothed, and the bride that had carried them thence in their own way to the stable.

He uttered an exclamation, and sprang to the door to unbar the door, and Marjorie, ignorant of what he had seen, and concluding it to be those who would be as well outside, pulled him vigorously back.

"Hanna open it," she exclaimed, in a hasty whisper.

"Stand out of my road," cried Andrew, violently excited.

"I tell ye ye wanna let him in," insisted Marjorie, as she again dragged him back.

"The doll's in the woman!" he shouted, and regard less of consequences, he shook her off with a force which made her spin several paces away, till she lost her equilibrium, and rolled like a ball of worsted till brought up by the wall. Before she had time to rise the bolts were drawn, the door thrown open, and Andrew was laden in expressions of gladness at his master's arrival.

"Why, Andrew, were you thinking of getting a battering-ram?"

"Oh, but I am thankful ye have come back. No for yer ain saukin' us, but for your Master Gordon and Master Hugh. Marjorie and me have been down tryin' to find out the waul-moath, and we lost ourselves in the passages, an' thought we would never get out again."

"Never mind, Andrew, we shall take it all right now. Come, Marjorie, Marjorie will attend you to your room, and by the time you have made yourself comfortable, your father and Hugh will be above ground again, and we must see what can be done in the way of food, for we are hungry, and they must be worse."

Marjorie and her Abigail being thus dismissed, Walter and Andrew, leaving out another light, proceeded towards the subterranean chambers, and in the darkness, the leading of the former, they had little difficulty in reaching the lofty arched apartment and the mouth of the well.

Walter bent down his head and cried: "Hark! and the sound reverberated loudly in the deep shaft. Presently the call was answered from beneath in the voice of Mr. Gordon.

"How fare you in your prison," asked the youth.

"Wonderfully," replied the minister. "Hugh feels his pains severely, but we have passed the time in profitable converse. Must we remain longer in this concealment?"

"The present danger is past," answered Walter, as he swung down the light by the cord, till it rested in front of the aperture, and revealed the face of the minister looking upward.

The rope was next affixed to the windlass, and the end of it hung within reach of Mr. Gordon's arms, who immediately withdrew, yielding his place to Hugh, and insisting that he should ascend first.

In a few minutes the operation was safely accomplished, though when Hugh reached the mouth of the well he was greatly exhausted, and only saved from falling by Walter's strong arm grasping him and bearing him over the low parapet. The trials and privations he had of late endured had told severely on his naturally fragile frame, and he was reduced to a state of greater weakness than his friends imagined. But his pure and ardent spirit carried him above his physical weakness. He felt it but he kept silent on the subject, his soul being engrossed with the more important concerns of the suffering Church, and the exposition of the Divine prerogative which the King and Government had, in his estimation, so impudently assailed. His devotion to the cause was no fanatical enthusiasm in his nature. That nature was deeply religious and spiritually developed, but he had also a strong, solid mind, which gave solidity to his convictions, and a clear understanding of the bearing and issues of those principles and tyrannical acts which a self-willed king and an obsequious Parliament put in force.

And along with this intellectual power and firmness and devotion to truth, his disposition was singularly sweet and gentle. He had a countenance most fair, even beautiful to look upon, and to all who knew him he was an object of love and admiration.

Such was the character of Hugh McKail, the young and fearless preacher of the gospel, who stood forward in those dark days of persecution, and soothed the hearts of the injured by his eloquence, and his gentle rebukes of Episcopacy on a people whose convictions and affections were centered on different forms of worship. So powerful and trenchant was his exposure of the iniquitous wrong that the doors of it were full of hatred against him, and had for years hunted him for vengeance. As yet he had eluded their grasp, but in doing so had been reduced to much weakness, which was now beginning to cause alarm to those connected with him by the ties of love and kindred.

The rest of the day, which had begun so inauspiciously for the inmates of Birkenclough, was spent by them in loving fellowship and communion. But the experience they had just undergone showed them the necessity there was for the immediate departure of the two ministers.

Accordingly, and after the executing of the following day, Hugh set out on his return to Edinburgh. Walter accompanied him for nearly twenty miles of the journey, leading him by solitary and unfrequented ways out of Nithsdale, into the border of Lanarkshire, where he bade him a sad farewell—the two friends not knowing where they might meet again, or what the gathering troubles of the land might bring upon them.

They parted from each other on the solitary highway, and under the bending night sky, promised to be true to the Covenant, and to do their part so far as opportunity afforded, in promoting the cause which they every day became more dear to their hearts. Providence suggested that Mr. Gordon's visit to Birkenclough should also come to a close, for it could not be thought his presence could be longer kept secret from the military, and his prolonged stay would subject not himself only but Walter and Marjorie to danger.

He would not leave, however, till after the approaching Sabbath, for it had been arranged that on that day he should hold a conventicle among the hills, and the people were eagerly looking forward to the season of holy and feasting refreshment, so precious to their souls because it was so rare. The prospect of giving once more to his beloved people a Sabbath's ministrations was likewise a joyful one to him; and notwithstanding the visit of the troops to Birkenclough, and the closeness with which the mansion and its inmates were henceforward to be watched, he resolved to hold the meeting as arranged and the welcome intelligence spread through all the district, making the hearts of the pious ones long for the coming of the hallowed day.

Every care was taken to keep the intended conventicle secret from those not friendly to the cause; but treachery was at work, and at a late hour on the evening before the day on which it was to be held, the figure of a man might have been observed crouching in the deep shadow of the high wall of Sanguhar Castle. He waited there in motionless silence for some time, while the deepening twilight gradually cast the landscape into obscurity.

TO BE CONTINUED.

### Newspaper Currency.

Scotland is again visited with a cattle plague. Fighting in California is the new sensation. A little Indiana baby, 18 months old, chews tobacco. Chicago beats New York by 100 divorce cases this year. They are having a "matrimonial revival" in Suffolk, Va. Over 4,000,000 bushels of wheat are frozen in the Erie Canal. \$7.25 per cent for wood in Montreal, and bad measure at that. Dickens has cleared \$25,000 in New York and \$20,000 in Boston. It cost London \$242,017 in gold to keep up its police force last year. Melbourne, Australia, has grown from 5,000 to 128,000 people in twenty years. It is an awful fact that there are 100,000 drunken women in the United States.

### Prof. Buckland is to be appointed the Deputy Minister of Agriculture for Ontario.

The Parliament of Nova Scotia is summoned to assemble for business on the 20th of January. Lord Adolphus Cecil, who has been holding religious services at Stamford, is about to join his regiment in Canada. Since the beginning of the late Caribbathian epidemic, France has seen 8,000,000, and Ireland £10,000 to the Pope. A guard of the Royal Canadian Rifles was mounted at the Provincial Penitentiary on Friday, to be maintained until the opening of navigation. It has been positively arranged for Chas. Dickens to give two readings in Detroit, at Young Men's Hall, on the evenings of March 30th and 31st. Deaths from starvation have already occurred at Quebec. Between ten and fifteen thousand of the population are suffering for the necessities of life. A paragraph in the French papers asserts that the Prussian ships lately arrived at Guelph with 45,000 needles, manufactured in Prussia for the Italian Government. The unrecognised bodies of the victims of the rail-road disaster at Angouleme were buried at Forest Lawn Cemetery, Buffalo, in separate graves, on Sunday morning. The Portland Star tells a wonderful story about a little girl who fell from a car platform on the Grand Trunk Railroad, and was saved by the wind, which blew up her clothes and landed her unhurt. Wendell Phillips has summarized the philosophy of Benjamin Franklin to one fundamental principle: "That the noblest of all human actions is the saving of money." Frankforton is therefore the most universal extent. The Irish Church Commissioners have selected the North of Ireland as the portion of the country to which their inquiries shall be first directed, and queries have been already sent to the members of many bodies requiring them to state every particular affecting their position and emoluments. Two little Sabbath School boys in Boston got very heated over a question in their lesson, and started the teacher, whose back was turned, with "I tell ye it's Mary Magdalene, and thurstin' his hands deep and desperate into his trousers pocket sung out, 'Now, what'll you be?'" The wife of the Prussian Crown Prince is a very good mother, and returning recent from a drive, in which her little son, Prince Henry, had accompanied her, she was met at the palace by a number of people, courteously bowing to her—courtesies which she gracefully returned, but which the young Prince took no notice of. She touched his shoulder with the motherly reproof, "Henry, you must always be polite, take of your little cap to these good people."

### COMMERCIAL.

Guelph Markets,  
MERCURY OFFICE, GUELPH,  
January 22, 1898.

The market is at the present time very lively. Grain of all kinds being well supplied, and the prices still keeping up. The excellent condition of the roads has contributed to the abundant supply. Fall wheat which for a long time was very slack in amount, is coming in rapidly, the greater portion of it coming from the back townships, such as Carleton Place and North York, and being of the best quality. In the price there is no change to note; it remains steady at our quotations. Of Spring wheat the receipts are large. In our last weekly report we said that there seemed to be an inclination among buyers to bring the figures down. This determination took effect on the following day, and between that time and last Tuesday the price had decreased eight or ten cents. But during the last two days it took a sudden rise, and it now stands exactly as it did a week ago. Oats and peas are lightly supplied, with little or no alteration of price. Barley also remains steady and is pretty well supplied. The receipts of pork continue very heavy, and we have to quote a slight advance since last week. Hogs of a fair weight will readily bring \$6, and a superior quality will sell for \$6.25 or even a little more. With regard to the outside markets, New York, Montreal and Toronto are flat, but Chicago still keeps lively. The Toronto market are quoted as "very dull," and spring wheat is offering at \$1.50, the price paid in Guelph, with no buyers. No other article of produce stands at a higher figure than it does here with the exception of pork which sells as high as \$5.75.

Flour, per 100 lbs.	\$3.75	4.00
Roll Wheat, per bushel	1.25	1.30
Spring Wheat, do.	1.50	1.60
Barley, per bushel	0.70	0.81
Peas, do.	0.70	0.71
Barley, do.	0.90	1.00
Hay, per ton	10.00	11.00
Straw, do.	4.00	5.00
Shingles per square	1.10	1.50
Wood, do.	0.25	0.30
Eggs, per dozen	0.14	0.15
Butter, do.	0.25	0.28
Cheese, each	0.25	0.28
Turkeys do.	0.80	0.90
Pork, per lb.	0.20	0.25
Ducks do.	0.30	0.35
Apples per bushel	0.50	0.60
Lamb per lb.	0.08	0.07
Beef, per lb.	0.05	0.04
Pork per lb.	0.15	0.25
Butter, do.	0.25	0.30
Lamb skins	0.40	0.45
Hides per 100 lbs.	4.00	4.15

### Money Market.

Bank of Montreal, Guelph, January 22, 1898.

Gold, 100 lbs. \$1,000.00  
Silver, 100 lbs. \$1,000.00  
Commercial Bank Bills bought at 100.00

### MONTHLY MARKETS.

Kirkwood, Livingstone & Co., Guelph, Jan 22, 1898.

Flour—Fancy \$7.50 to \$7.75; Superior No. 1 \$7.00 to \$7.25; Wellhead Canal \$7.50; Bag Flour \$6.00 to \$6.25; Rye \$2.00 to \$2.25; Butter—15 to 17; Eggs—14 to 15; Ashes—\$1.50 to \$1.75.

Four trading demand, market weak and falling. Lard—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Pork—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Beans—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Apples—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Hides—\$4.00 to \$4.15; Wool—\$1.00 to \$1.10.

Flour—Receipts 400 bags; N. Y. \$1.25 to \$1.50; Wheat—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Peas—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Barley—\$1.00 to \$1.10.

Hamilton, January 21, 1898.  
Flour—Receipts 400 bags; N. Y. \$1.25 to \$1.50; Wheat—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Peas—\$1.00 to \$1.10; Barley—\$1.00 to \$1.10.

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We have a few pairs of imported made up Horse Covers, made to order, also a nice lot of common blankets.

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We have on hand all kinds of articles, and will make up on the shortest notice anything you want for the holiday line, a few doors south of the Registry Office.

Brushes, Combs, Spurs, Bits, in endless variety. In consequence of the present premises being too small for our large stock, we will for a short time have to sell at a reduced price, to keep our present stock of goods.

### SMITH & METCALF,

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Guelph, 20th December 1897. dwt

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