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### The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LADY OF BIRKENLEUCH  
A TALE OF THE SEVENTEENTH CENTURY.

Meanwhile a band of strong stalwart men had unyoked the white horses, and affixed long and strong ropes to the vehicle, that the strongest of the people might draw the carriage, and the occupants in triumph to Birkenleuch. This being done, and the first rush of greeting over, the cavalcade began its progress to the village, the carriage being the centre of the glad and happy throng. And as they went they gave vent to their excited feelings in one of the rapturous songs of Zion—their united voices swelling into a strain, which rolled in rapturous sounds toward the echoing heights:—

"When Zion's bondage God turn'd back,  
Like men that dream'd were we;  
Then filled with laughter in our mouths,  
Our tongues with melody.

"They' mong the heathen said, the Lord  
Great things for them hath wrought;  
The Lord hath done great things for us,  
Whence joy to us is brought.

"As streams of water in the south,  
Our bondage, Lord, recall;  
Who sow in tears, a reaping time  
Of joy enjoy they shall.

"That man who, bearing precious seed,  
In going forth doth sow;  
He, doubtless, bringing back his sheaves,  
Rejoicing shall return.

At the entrance-door of Birkenleuch, Sir Gilbert Barton, Richard, Helen, Andrew, and others were waiting to receive them. The scene here was likewise touching and affecting beyond description. Tears and smiles, weeping and laughter mingled together—but joy, joy was the producer of all. As Sir Gilbert and Walter rushed into each other's arms, the transported Baronet exclaimed:—

"Puddin's and painches, but I am a happy man this day."

"Oh, Maister Walter, Maister Walter, my dear, dear Maister Walter," sobbed Andrew, when his turn came. "I ask nae mair than this. I can dee noo, glad and happy."

Sabbath morning came, and Mr. Gordon would ascend the pulpit that day to speak to his people. Walter and others tried to dissuade him, for age and weakness had him sorely in their power. But he gently smiled their objections aside, and with a strange wonderful look upon his face, which awed them into acquiescence, he said, "Hinder me not.—Was it not for this cause I have come unto this hour."

They carried him forth, therefore, and conveyed him to the church. Walter and Richard lifted him up the pulpit stairs, and seated him in his old seat. The people below looked on with thrilled and awe-stricken hearts. That venerable and unearthly form chained every eye, and as in breathless silence they looked upon him, they saw him rise slowly from his seat and hold himself up by the front of the pulpit.

Then came some moments of deep, hushed solemnity. An ineffable radiance beamed from the old man's eyes, his countenance underwent a mysterious transformation, his lips parted, and he exclaimed, in a voice clear and strong, while his eyes wandered upwards:—

"Lord now lettest Thou thy servant depart in peace, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation."

As the last word was uttered he fell back, and Walter Elliot received him in his arms. The good man's prayer was answered. The Lord had let his servant depart in peace, for that which Walter received into his arms was the body only—the soul had been borne away on angels' wings to receive the Divine welcome. "Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord."

All the personages of our story have long since passed away to the tomb. One by one they fell under the hand of the common destroyer, but for some of them many years of happiness were in store after the return to Birkenleuch. Ere very long certain marriages draw still closer the ties between Birkenleuch and Brankswood, and the descendants of Walter and Marion and Richard and Helen, still flourish amid the now peaceful scenes of Nithsdale.

Charlie Allan fell with Claverhouse at the battle of Killiecrankie.

### OUR NEW TALE.

In the *EVENING MERCURY* of the 23rd of May will be commenced the publication of a new tale entitled

### THE BRAES OF YARROW,

AN HISTORICAL ROMANCE OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

By the AUTHOR OF GARVOCK THE GIPSY

The tale abounds throughout with thrilling romance, and will be read with great interest by our readers. The publishers consider the new tale superior to any yet published by them, and recommend every one who has not already subscribed for the *EVENING MERCURY* to do so at once, in order to secure the reading of the opening chapters. We cannot promise to supply back numbers.

A BAD REGULATION.—The St. Catharines *Journal* says:—A rule or regulation of the Customs Department has been enforced here within the last few days which, we imagine, for the benefit of the country, and especially of that part visited by invalids, tourists and pleasure seekers, would be more honored in the breach than the observance. The rule to which we refer is one compelling visitors from the United States who may have forgotten or omitted to bring all their wardrobe with them to pay duty on all second-hand clothing or articles which they may require from home. Thus if a lady forgets a dress or drops her veil on the other side of the Niagara, and after coming to this side sends back for the article or articles, an appraisement has to be made, a formal entry made, and duty paid. The same way if a gentleman omits a shirt or a pair of old boots or slippers from his wardrobe, he must either go without the use of the goods until his return or go to the trouble and inconvenience of passing them through a regular routine of red tape at the customs.

RELIEFS.—The *Army and Navy Gazette* says: We are glad to say that the authorities in Canada feel justified, by the state of the Dominion, in allowing two, if not three, regiments to be withdrawn. In consequence, the 2nd battalion of the 17th Regiment will shortly embark for home, and the 30th will proceed to Nova Scotia to take the place of the 2nd battalion of the 4th also ordered home. The number of battalions embarking for abroad in the winter of 1868-69 will thus be reduced.

As far as can be now foreseen, the embarkations will be as follows: 62nd, 39th, and 1st battalion 21st for India; 28th and 52nd for Malta; 48th for Gibraltar; and 71st for Malta. The 1st battalion will then be the first for foreign service, and it will probably remain a form part of the Indian relief of 1869.

The Mayor of Toronto has issued a proclamation, declaring Monday the 25th a public holiday.

### Advertisements.

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