

it quite gone, and began to wonder whether I might look in at Barry. "How did you know about this weed, Jock?" I asked.

"Frae yon Joe Wabadick, the Indian lad doon ayont the Ford," he replied. "Thae Indians cam', there frae the Reserve a month or mair syne. He's a braw smart laddie! It wud be tellin' mony o' the lads aboot here summat gin they took a leaf oot o' his buik.—Present company excepted, Alan. Ah wis thinkin' o' that rapsallion Dick Jones an' thae fule laddies he gangs aboot wi'."

"Well, poor old Dick isn't so bad," said I, "considering the chance he has."

"Noo ye've said it," he agreed, putting a few final thumps to the iron, "fer o' a' the clashin' female bodies, that mither o' his! . . . Weel, laddie gin ye wull tie yersel' tae a kirtle, Ah'm no sorry it's Barry ye've picked on. She's the dangdest fine lassie in these pairts gin she is the dochter o' yon sheep Deveril. Got some o' her mither's spunk, Ah doot. . . . Noo, laddie, here's yer bit airns, an' aff wi' ye."

He was slinging them together with a bit of rope and handed them up to me as I sat on the horse. "Billy's luikin' braw," he remarked, patting his neck; then, leaning towards me and dropping his voice to a whisper, although there was no one about, nor a sound except from a katydid scraping in the grass at the side of the road and a chipmunk chattering in the big beech tree, "Hae ye heard aught o' the meetin' at Lloydtoon?"

"Nothing," I replied, "except that Mackenzie left The Schoolmaster's post haste to be there in time for it."

Jock stuck his hands in his pockets and paused to eject a quid of tobacco on the road, looking from right to left as though fearful of someone's sudden appearing.

"The news has come frae aye to anither," he said, "that there wis strong speakin', an' some talk o' resortin' tae arms gin a' thing else fails."

Almost I started, for I had not taken Hank's prophecies seriously.

"My father thinks there will be no need of that," I said.

"Dis he the noo? Weel, ye're faither's aye a canny mon, Alan, an' a richt sensible. But we'll see, we'll see."

He waved his hand and turned back to the shop, while I went on; wondering what ferment is getting into the brain of everyone of late.

I did not intend to turn in at the tavern, but opposite it, my lip being now to itself again, I could not for the life of me pass by, the more so that the strange horses had disappeared, and the yard was quite empty, basking in the sun.

"Just for a minute," thought I. "It'll be neither here nor there with the hay;" and so I got off Billy and tied him to the post near the pump.

There was no one in the hall, but there were voices in the room to the right and so I tapped at the side of the door, and without more ado stepped in, when I swear I was never so abashed in my life;

Soldiers Home



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The Salvation Army has for 53 years been organized on a military basis—inured to hardship, sacrifice and service. It is always in action, day and night.

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January 19th to 25th

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