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MONDAY EVENING, MAY 11, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH

A Tale of the Covenanters.

CHAPTER XXI.—THE NIGHT AND MORNING—FRUSTRATED RETURN TO BIRKENLEUCH—CONCLUSION.

Between the marriage of Richard and Helen, and the final sequel of our story, there stretches an interval of eighteen years. Eighteen most fertile years of Scottish history—perhaps the cruellest, bloodiest years that ever passed over any land.

The Covenanter struggle is still continued—the Presbyterian spirit would not be crushed out of the people. The Government had had the wish and the intention to do it, but the means at command were not adequate. Supposing even that Episcopacy was truth, and Presbyterianism falsehood, truth can never triumph by physical force, and this was the only kind of force the Government sought to bring to bear.

But that particular force was employed with the most fiendish persistency. On the side of the Government the matter was spoken of and treated as a struggle between authority and disobedience—nothing more. Disaffection was a thing in no case admissible. Nothing could possibly justify it. Government was to be obeyed, whatever it might say or do. The people had no right to think or act for themselves—their one and only duty was obedience.

This was the theory of the rulers of that period, but it was the theory of woful blindness and incapacity. The laws of this Divine universe can have no toleration for such ignorant perversity. When it seeks a lodgment among these, they can suffer no harmony to exist till it is conquered. It is just like a thorn in the flesh—the thorn has no business there—and the flesh festers and festers till it is expelled.

When a Government sets itself in opposition to the conscience of a people, that Government is justly doomed. The struggle may be long or short, mild or severe, according to circumstances, but one issue only can be reached; the cause of conscience must in the end prevail, because the cause of conscience is in every quarrel the cause of truth.

Had the Scottish Covenanters failed in their struggle, the foundations of the Universe had been shaken, and the Divine order of things subverted. Of course this has only to be stated to show its impossibility, but there are those still amongst us who, unable to look below the surface, do admit even now that the Government was wrong, but say, on the contrary, that the Covenanters were a truculent and rebellious people. Alas! for such! We pity them profoundly, for we are compelled to believe that they have never had one glimpse of spiritual truth.

But while the issue of the Covenanter struggle was certain, it was protracted and severe beyond example. Those who maintained it on the side of the Government were not only blind to its merits, but utterly obstinate and unyielding. They were determined to carry their point, and they thought they were able to do so by the physical means they had. It was not the conversion of the people they aimed at—it was simply compulsion; and the sword, the rack, the stake and the scaffold were what they confidently relied on.

Thus the struggle was made a fiendish and ferocious one, and its history is in this respect one of the very darkest pages of national annals, though in its deeper aspects and issues it is a glorious and brilliant chapter in the wonderful story of humanity.

We are not, however, writing of this here, but we shall merely in a few sentences indicate its features, in order to form a necessary link between the story we have written and its conclusion. Compulsion was the subject of procedure. The one aim of the Government was to compel the people to worship in the parish church and nowhere else. The Covenanters refused to do this, and held conventicles in private houses, in barns and in fields. For this they were imprisoned, fined heavily and sold into slavery in foreign countries. Against these convicts edict followed edict, each more severe than the preceding. The effect, however, being not to suppress them, but to cause those who held them to come with arms in their hands. This was such an advanced phase of the rebellion that the whole power and energy of the State were directed against it, and every species of punishment was inflicted on those who attended, and on those who in any way aided or abetted them.

All would not do. In spite of fines, imprisonments, and confiscations, armed conventicles grew larger and more frequent. And the next edict resorted to was to let loose 10,000 Highlanders on the western counties, to pillage, plunder, and maltreat the inhabitants according as their lust and passion prompted. The visit of this Highland host lasted for two months, and when they were sent back to their mountains they went laden with all kinds of spoil.

No one was more incensed against the armed conventicles than Archbishop Sharpe. He saw that they were the centre of opposition and source of greatest danger, and on the first of May, 1675, he produced before the Council the draft of a new edict more monstrous than any yet proposed. It was to give power to all officers to kill any one whom they met armed going to or from any conventicle. This horrible edict obtained the sanction of the Council, and Sharpe was deputed to go to London and obtain for it the sanction of the King. He was to start for London on the 6th of May, but on that day he was lying in his place at St Andrews, cold and stiff in death, with a dozen sword-gashes in his body each of which was mortal. The tragedy on Magus Moor has been rehearsed a thousand times, and has been denounced, palliated, or justified, according to the point of view from which it has been contemplated.

But whether it is called martyrdom or a fitting retribution—execution or assassination—it was to culminate in a case by the manner in which its promoter meets death, then the cause in which Sharpe laboured so zealously failed to enable him to meet his doom with fortitude. Contrasted with certain grand heroic deaths in the Grassmarket, the last moments of Sharpe show a miserable exhibition of cowardice. Life! life! He promised anything if Barley and his companions would spare his life. He would lay down his mitre; he would do nothing more against the Covenanters. Wildly, frantically, and in the most object terror, he supplicated mercy, and when he saw that no mercy was to be extended, but that die he must, he could not even pray, but screamed in despair until the repeated sword thrusts silenced him for ever.

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