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BY MISS JANE PORTER. CHAPTER XXIV. THE COUNCIL-HALL.

Owing to the multiplicity of affairs which engaged Wallace's attention after the capture of Stirling, the ladies of ar had not seen him since his first sit to the citadel. The countess used this time in writing to the numvisit erous lords of her house ; and she per suaded her husband of the cogency of putting Lord Athol and Lord Baden och into the list of prisoners he should request. When this was proposed to Wallace, he recollected the conduct of Athol at Montrose; and, being alone with Lord Mar, he made some object-ions against inviting him back into the But the earl, who was pre-his wife to overcome every pared by stacle in the way of his kinsman's re turn, answered that he believed, from turn, answered that he believed, from the representations he had received of the private opinions both of Badenoch and Athol, that their treason was more against Baliol than the kingdom, and that now that that prince was irre-trevably removed, he understood they would be glad to take a mart in its rewould be glad to take a part in its recovery.

"That may be the case with the Earl of Badenoch," replied Wallace; " but something less friendly to Scotland must be in the breast of the man who could betray Lord Douglas into the

hands of his enemies." "So I should have thought," replied the earl, " had not the earnestness with which my wife pleads his cause con-vinced me she knows more of his mind than she choses to intrust me with and therefore I suppose his conduct to Douglas arose from personal pique."

Though these explanations did not raise the absent lords in his esteem, yet to appear hostile to the return of Lady Mar's relations was a violence to her, which, in proportion as Wallace shrunk from the guilty affection she was eager to lavish upon him, he was averse to committing. He wished, by showing her every proper respect, to lead her to apprehend the turpatude of her conapprehe ct. He was, therefore, not displeased to have the opportunity of obliging her; and, as he hoped that, amongst so many warm friends, a few cool ones could not do much injury, he gave in the names of Badenoch and Athol, with those of Lord Douglas, Sir William Maitland (the only son of the venerable knight of Thirlstane,) Sir John Monteith, and many other brave Scots. For these the Earls de Warenne, De Valence, and lontgomery, Baron Hilton, and others of note, were to be exchanged. Thos er consequence, man for man of les be returned for Scots of the same degree.

In arranging preliminaries to affect a eturn of the Scots from England, in writing despatches on the subject, and in others of equal moment, had passed the time between the surrender of Stirling and the hour when Wallace was called to the plain to receive the hom

age of his grateful country. Impatient to behold again the object of her machinations, Lady Mar has-tened to the window of her apartment. when the shouts in the streets informed her of the approach of Wallace. The loud huzzas accompanied by the ac clamations of "Our Protector and seemed already to bind her Prince ! brows with her anticipated diadem brows with her anticipated induction, and, for a moment, vanity lost the image of love in the purple with which she enveloped it. Her am-bitious vision was disturbed by the crowd rushing forward; the gates were thronged with people; and Wal-lace appeared on his white charger, with his helmet off, bowing and smiling upon the populace. She hastily snatched a chaplet of flowers from her hoad and threw it from the window. Wallace looked up; his bow and smile were then directed to her, but they altered. The moment he met her eyes, he remembered what would have peen the welcome of his Marion, under THE CATHOLIC RECORD

THE SCOTTISH CHIEFS; OR THE LIFE OF SIR WILLIAM WALLACE Her pause : and recognizing the name of Wallace sounding from the lips of the multitude, she turned to Helen. "Here comes our deliverer !" said she, With the last word, her bosom heaved tumultuously, and she rose in agitation. Wallace now gazed on her with re-doubled wonder. She saw it, and, hearer !" said she ' we have not ing a foot in the passage, she turned to taking her by the hand ; " we have not seen him since the first day of our libwards him, and grasping his hand, said, in a hurried tone, "Forgive that what is entwined with my heart should cost erty. It will do you good, as it will me, to look on his beneficent face !" She obeyed the impulse of her aunt's me some pangs to wrest thence again only respect me, and I am comforted. arm, and reached the window just as h Wallace in silence pressed her hand, and the door opened. Lady Ruthven passed. Her soul seemed rushing from her eyes. Ah ! "it is surely he !" thought she ; " no dream, no allusion." entered. The countess, whose present aim was to throw the virtue of Wallace He looked up, but not on her side of the off its guard, disappeared by anothe building. It was to the window of Lady Edwin's mother was followed passage. Mar: and, as he bowed, he smiled. Al

by the youth who had brought Helen's packet to Berwick. It was Walter Hay. the charms of the smile struck upon the soul of Helen, and she sank into a seat. anxious to be recognized by his bene-factor. Wallace received him with kind-"Ono! that man cannot be born for the isolated state I have just lamented. He ness, and told him to bear his grateful is not to be forever cut off from c respects to his lady, for her care of her charge. Lord Ruthven, with others, nunicating the happiness to which he enchantment !' would give so much soon entered, and, at the appointed hour, they attended their chief to the Lady Ruthven ejaculated this fervour "There was something in that smile, Helen, which tells me all is not chilled citadel. within. Blame me not, Helen, that I forget probability in grasping at a pos-sibility that might give me such a The council hall was already filled with the lords who had brought their clans to the Scottish standard. On the entrance of Wallace, they rose; and Mar, coming forward, followed by the

subinty that might give me such a nephew as Sir William Wal'ace, and you a husband worthy of your merits ! I had always in my own mind fixed on your unknown knight for your future lord ; and now that I find he and the heralds and other officers of ceremony, saluted him with the due forms of Regent, and led him to the throne. Wallace ascended, but it was only to take deliverer of Scotland are one, I am not to be looked grave at, for wishing to rethence a packet which had been de-posited for him on its cushion, and comward him with the most precious heart ward him with the most present of that ever beat in a female breast." "No more of this, if you love me, my dear aunt," returned Helen; "if ing down again, he laid the parchment on the council-table. dear aunt." returned

neither can nor ought to be. I revere the memory of Lady Marion too much not to be agitated by the subject : [-o, no more !" She was agitated. At that instant Edwin, throwing open the door put an end to the conversation. He came to apprise his mother that Waland bade him expect future judgment from his incensed king, for the mischief lace was in the apartments ; being come purposely to pay his repects to her, not having been introduced to her the illness of Helen in the castle had

made them part so abruptly. I will not interrupt his introduction now," said Helen : " a few day tirement will strengthen me ; and "a few days' re-Edward should return.

shall see my protector as I ought." " I will stay with you," cried Edwin, and I dare say Sir William Wallace will have no objection to see my mother as soon as possible; for, as I came along, I met my aunt Mar hastening through the gallery ; and between our-selves, my sweet coz, I do not think my noble friend quite likes a private con-ference with your fair step-mother." Lady Ruthven had withdrawn before he ide this observation. "Why, Edwin, surely she would not

do anything ungracious to one to whom she had acknowledged such weight of obligations ?" When Helen asked this, she remembered the spleen Lady Mar had once cherished against Wallace; and she feared that it might now have

revived. " Ungracious ! Oh, no ! the reverse of that ; but her gratitude is full of ab surdity. I need not repeat the fooleries with which she sought to detain him at Bute. Some new fancy respecting him nust now be disturbing her rest and his patience ; for, on my way hither, I met her hastening along, and as she passed

, she exclaimed, 'Is Lord Buchan arrived ?' I answered, 'Yes.' 'Ah ! then, he has made him king ?" cried and into the Great Gallery she darted.'

"You do not mean to say." demanded Helen, "that Sir William Wallace has accepted the crown of Scotland ?" "Certainly not," replied Edwin ; "but

as certainly it has been offered to him, and he has refused it." "I could have sworn it," returned Helen; "all is loyal, all is great and

consistent there, Edwin !" "He is indeed the perfect exemplar f all nobleness," rejoined Edwin; "and I believe I shall even love you better, my dear cousin, because you seem to have so clear an apprehension of his haracter." He then narrated the particulars of the late scene on the Carse of Stirling. countess' chivalric tribute from

The the window gave Wallace reason to anticipate her company in his visit to Lady Ruthven; and on finding the room vacant, he despatched Edwin for his

## CHAPTER XXV. THE GOVERNOR'S APARTMENTS.

lantry of all the lords in the Engl The sun rose on Wallace and his brave gions as they traversed the glade of Strathmore. The villages were aban-doned, and the land lay uncultivated. Sheep, without a shepherd, fled from the approach of man, and wolves ran howl-ing from the cloisters of depopulated monasteries. The army approached Dunblane, but it was without inhabitants; grass grew in the streets : for the Cressingham had been there. They proceeded over many a hill and and found that the same desola olai tion had burnt up and overwhelmed the Wallace saw that his troops country. faint for want of food, but promised that Ormsby should provide them a feast in Perth; and, with reawakened spirits, they took the river Tay at its fords, and were soon before the walls of that city. It was governed by a coward. Ormsby fled to Dundee at the first sight of the Scottish army. His flight might have warranted the garrison to surrender without a blow, but a braver man being his lieutenant. sharp was the conflict before Wallace could compel that officer to sue for

nercy After the fall of Perth, the Regent made a rapid progress through that part of the country, driving the Southron garrisons out of Scone and all the embattled towns; expelling them from the castles of Kincairn, Elcho, Kinfaun and Doune : and then proceeding to the marine fortresses (those avenues, by which the ships of England had poured their legions on the eastern coast) he compelled Dundee, Coupar, Glamis, "when I am upon a level with my friends." He then broke the seal of the packet. It was from the Prince of Wales, and agreed to Wallace's proposed Montrose and Aberdeen, all to acknow ledge the power of his arms. He seized most of the English ships in these ports, and manning them with Scots, soon cleared the seas of the vessels which him as the instigator of the rebellion, cleared the seas of the vessels which had escaped, taking some and putting others to flight. In one of the latter was the fugitive Ormsby. This enterprise achieved, Wallace, with a host of prisoners, turned his he had wrought in the realm of Scotland. The letter was finished by a demand that the town and citadel of Berwick

hould be surrendered to England, as a pledge for the quiet of the borders till steps towards the Forth; but, ere he left the banks of the Tay, he detached Ker then introduced the convoy who 3,000 men, and putting them under th had brought the Prince of Wales' des imand of Lord Ruthven, gave him a Wallace was standing when he commission to range the country from the Carse of Gowrie to Sutherland, and entered, and so were the chieftains, but reduce every town and castle which had admitted a Southron garrison.

at his appearance they sat down. Wal-lace retained his position. "I come," cried the Southron knight, "from the Lord Warden of Scotland. A rapid march round by Fifeshire (through which victory followed their who, like my prince, too greatly conde the conqueror and steps) brought scends to do otherwise than command, troops within sight of Stirling. It was on the eve of the day of which he had promised Earl d Warenne should see the Englis where now he treats: I come to the leader of this rebellion, William Wal Warenne should see the English prisoners depart for the borders. No lace, to receive an answer to the terms granted by the clemency of my master, the son of his liege lord, to this misled doubt of his arriving at the appointed time was entertained by the Scots, or "Sir Knight," replied Wallace, "when by the Southrons in the castle : the one new the sacredness of his word, and the Southron lords delegate a messenger the other, having felt his prowess, would to me, who knows how to respect the not so far disparage their own, as to suppose that any could withstand him presentative of the nation to which he is sent, and the agents of his own country, I shall give them my reply. Sir Alexwhom they were beaten.

the room as if he were come rather to confer than beg a favour. This deport-De Warenne, as he stood on the battle-ments of the keep, beheld from afar the ander Scrymgeour, you will guard Sir Hugh le de Spencer to the Earl de War-enne, and tell him that I am ready to ment did not lessen the satisfaction with which the brave Scot opened his ong line of Scottish soldiers as they de nswer any proper messenger." The young Southron, frowning, folscended the Ochil Hills. When he pointed it out to De Valence, that ter. She duly appreciates the honour you would confer on her: she is grate-ful for all your courtesies to her whilst obleman contradicted the observation owed Scrymgeour from the hall; and in of the veteran earl. "Your sight de-ceives you," said he : "it in only the sunbeams playing on the cliffs." "Then those cliffs are moving ones." half an hour Serymgeour returned, and with him Baron Hilton. He brought an pology from De Warenne for the be-

entiment, her heart, attached to her haviour of his ambassador, and added his native land, cannot sympathise with persuasions to the demands of England, cried De Warenne, "which, I fear, have hat the Regent should surrender Berground our countrymen on the coast to powder. We shall find Wallace here wick, not only as a pledge for the Scots ment, and, starting from his chair in un-affected disorder, "I am not to be de-ceived, Lord Mar," cried he: "I am keeping the truce on the borders, but as a proof of his confidence in Prince before sunset, to show us how he has resented the affront our ill-advised prince cast on his jealous honor. not to be cajoled by the pretended pat-

Wallace answered that he had no "His honor," returned De Valence 'is like that of his countrymen's, an riotism of your daughter; I know sex too well to be cheated with t eason to show extraordinary confidence enemy alike to his own happiness and to that of others. Had it allowed him to in one who manifested, by such a requisi-tion, that he had no faith in Scotland, and therefore, neither as a proof of con accept the crown of Scotland, and to fought Edward with the concen fidence, nor as a pledge of her word, should Scotland, a victorious power, surtrating arm of a king, or would he now offer peace to our sovereign, granting his prerogative as liege lord of the country, all would go well ; but, as his ender the eastern door of her kingdom to the vanquished. Wallace declared himself ready to dismiss the English prisoners to the frontiers, and to mainonor prevents his using these means of tain the armistice, till they had reached the south side of the Cheviots. "But," ending the contest, destruction must be he end of his career." added he, "my word must be my bond for the honor of Scotland; I will give

dignation of my soul against any insult "And what quarrel," demanded De offered to my daughter's delicacy, or to the name of the Lord Regent of Scot-Warenne, "can vou, my Lord de no other."-"Then," answered Baron Hilton, "I Valence, have against this nice honor of "Then," answered Baron Hilton, "I am constrained to lay before you the last instructions of the Prime of Wallace, since you allow it secures the final success of our cause?" "His honor and himself are hateful to what I could so easily

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added. "You leave Stirling to-morrow; but these remain till Lord Douglas he was more struck with her charms than he had ever been with any woman's although he was the most noted for gal-

opens their prison doors." "I cannot but acquiesce in the justice of your commander's determinatio of your commander's determination," re-turned De Warenne; "and to comfort these gentlemen under their captivity, I can only tell them that, if anything can reconcile them to the loss of liberty. it will be, being the prisoners of Sir William Wallere" lantry of all the loads in the stand the court. He could hardly understand the nature of his feelings while discoursing with her. To all others of her sex he had declared his enamoured wishes with as much ease as vivacity; but, when he looked on Helen, the admiration her loveliness inspired was checked by an indescribable away. No word of previou William Wallace." After having transferred his captives

indescribable awe. No word of passion escaped his lips; he sought to win her to the charge of Lord Mar, Wallace went alone to the charger of Montgomery, to by a deportment consonant with her own dignity of manners; and obeyed all see whether the state of his we would allow him to march on the morrow. her wishes, except when they pointed to While he was there an invitation arrived any communication with her parents. He adopted the plan of granting the from the Countess of Mar, requesting earl reprieves from day to day; and in spite of the remonstrances of Cressing-ham, he intended, after having worked his presence at an entertainment which she meant to give that night, at Si don, to the Southron lords, before their upon the terrors of Helen, to grant her

departure for England. "I fear you dare not expend your strength on this party ?" inquired Walfather's life, on condition of her yielding lace, turning to Montgomery. "Certainly not," returned he; "but I English army was in the same captivity with himself, that he saw the lately pro-

to be his. Now that the whole of th

scribed Lord Mar governor of Stirling

and that the Scottish cause seemed

nust give him in the country, would

your pledge of happiness. I shall repeat to her what you have said, and to morrow

Not deeming it possible that it should

be otherwise than favourable, De Val-

ence allowed his imagination to roam

over every antici, ated delight. Full of

these anticipations, he attended the

governor of Stirling, the next day, to

hear his daughter's answer; but unwill-ing to give the earl that advantage over

him, which a knowledge of his views in the marriage might occasion, he affected

a composure he did not feel, and entered

"My lord, I have just seen my daugh-

she was your prisoner ; but, beyond that

freedom of Scotland, but the handsome

rebel who conquers in its name. He is now fortune's minion; but he will fail,

Lord Mar and then what will be the

"Earl de Valence," replied the vet-

eran, "sixty winters have checked the

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shall see you amidst your noble friends at some future period. When the peace your arms shall win is established between the two nations, I shall then revisit Scotland, and openly declard friendship to Sir William Wallace," declare my

thought of making her his wife. Ambi-tion, as well as love, impelled him to this resolution; for he aspired him to dignity of Lord Warden of Scotland, and he foresaw that the influence which his markers with the As Wallace pressed the hand of his friend to leave him to repose, a mes-senger entered from Lord Mar, to rehis marriage with the daughter of Mar quest the Regent's presence in his closet. He found him with Lord de a decisive argument with the King of Warenne. The latter presented him despatch from the with another ing the Scottish earl's acceptance of of Wales. It was to say, that news had such a son-in-law, on the day that Walreached him of Wallace's design attack the castles garrisoned by E lace marched towards the coast, De Valence sent to request an hour's private audience of Lord Mar. He could not land on the eastern coast. Should this information prove true, the prince dethen grant it; but at noon the next day clared that, as a punishment for the increasing audacity of the Scots, he would put Lord Douglas into closer confinethey met in the governor's apartments The Southron, without much preface ppened his wishes to Lord Mar, and proffered his hand for the Lady Heleu. ent; and, while the Southron fleets all Wallace's attempts baffle should "I will make her the proudest lady in Great Britain," continued he; "for she against the castles, the moment the ex change of prisoners was made on the borders, an army from England sheuld shall have a court in my Welsh province. inferior to that of Edward's enter Scotland, and ravage it with fire and sword.

"Pomp would have no sway with my daughter," replied the earl: "it is the When Wallace had heard this desnatch he smiled and said. " the deed is lone, my Lord de Warenne. Both the oyal mind she values, not its pageantry. Whomsoever she prefers, the tribute castles and the fleets are taken; and what punishment must we now expect from this terrible threatener?" will be paid to the merit of the object, not to his rank; and, therefore, early should it be you, the greater will be

"Little from him or his headlong counsellors," replied De Warenne ; "but Thomas, earl of Lancaster, the king's nephew, is come from abroad with a numerous army. He is to conduct the Scottish prisoners to the borders, and then to fall upon Scotland with all her strength."

' My Lord de Warenne," replied Wallace, " you can expect but one return to these demands. I shall accompany you myself to the Scottish borders, and there nake my reply."

De Warenne replied : "I anticipated uch would be your determination ; and have to regret that the wild counsels which surround the Prince precipitate him into conduct which must draw much blood on both sides before his royal ather's presence can regain what he had ost.

"Ah ! my lord," replied Wallace, " is it to be nothing but war? Have you now a stronghold of any force in all the Highlands? Is not the greater part of the Lowlands free? And before this day month, not a rood of land shall you? monarch possess in Scotland. We con-Valence bit his lip with disappointqu.r, but it is for our own. Why then this unreceding determination to invade Not a blade of grass would I disus? turb on the other side of Cheviot, if we might have peace. Let Edward yield us that, and though he has pierced us with many a wound, we will yet forgive excuses. The *ignis fatuus* that leads your daughter from my arms is not the

De Warenne shook his head. know my king too well to expect pacific measures. He may die with the sword in his hand ; but he will never grant an hour's repose to this country, till it sub mits to his scentre.

"Then," replied Wallace, "the sword must be the portion of this ruthless tyrant! If the blood of Abel called for engeance on his murderer, what must be the phials of wrath which are reserved for the

A flush overspread the face of De land, is not less powerful in my breast But you are my prisoner; and I pardon Warenne. " This strict notion of right," said he, ' is will very well in declamat what I could so easily average. I will sate de, is refy the in decision of the even answer you, and say that I do not but how would it crop the wings of the know of any exclusive affection subsist conquerors, and shorten the warrior's ing between my daughter and Sir William Wallace; but this I am assured of "How would it, indeed ?" replied that, were it the case, she would be more Wallace. "All warfare that is not deennobled in being the wife of so true fensive is criminal; and he who draws patriot, and so virtuous a man, than if she were advanced to the bosom of an his sword to oppress or merely to murderer and a robber. aggrandize, is a murderer and a robber This is the plain truth, Lord de War emperor. And for myself, were he tomorrow hurled by a mysterious Provienne.



saw not what was cassing in his min but kissing her hand to him, disappeared from the window, and he entered the

the like circumstances. The countess

whom, as the wife of Lord Mar, he was palace. obliged to see, and whose weakness he pitied, as she belonged to a sex for Another eye besides Lady Mar's had witnessed the triumphant entry of Wal-lace. Helen was this witness. She had which, in consideration of the felicity there was this witness. She had be long interval since she had Wallace, in the state of one in a m. At the very time that her total be that a local With pass seen Wallace, in the state of one in a dream. At the very time that her heart told her that she loved Wallace, it denounced to her that she had de Mar entered the room. Wallace turned to meet her, while she, hastening towards him, and dropping on one knee, exclaimed, "Let me be the first woman voted herself to one who would ever be to her as a being of air. She seldom ap in Sectland to acknowledge its king !" Wallace put forth his hand to raise her, and, smiling, replied, "Lady Mar, peared from her own rooms, and such retirement was not questioned; her father being engaged at the citadel, the her you do me an honor I can never claim I am not King of Scotland," countess absorbed in her own speculations, and Lady Ruthven alone inter-"How?" cried she, starting to her rupting the solitude of her niece by free feet. "What then was that cry I heard visits. Little suspecting the Did they not call you prince and sover cause of Helen's indisposition, she gen-erally selected Wallace for the subject eign? Did not my Lord Buchan" Confused, disappointed, overpowered she sunk on a seat, and burst into tears conversation : descanted on the of his character; told her all perfection of his character; told her an that Edwin had related of his actions; He gazed at her with amazement ; what these emotions and his elevation had to and thep bade Helen remark the miracle of such wisdom, valour, and goodness being found in one so do with each other, he could not guess but recollecting her manner of mentior young and handsome. "Alas!" cried Lady Ruthven, "that a man so formed ing Lord Buchan's name, he answere Lord Buchan I have just seen. He and Lord March came upon the Carse a the time I went thither to meet my gal to grace every relation in life, so noble a creature, so full of tenderness, should be deprived of the wife on whom he

lant countrymen ; and these two noble men, though so lately the friends of Eddoted-that he should be cut off from all hope of p sterity, and, when he shall die, nothing will be left of William Walward, united with the rest in proclaim ing me Regent." This word dried the tears of Lady lace—breaks my heart !" "Ah, my aunt," cried Helen, " will he not leave behind him the liberty of Mar. She saw the shadow of royalty

behind it; and, summoning that artifice so ready at her command, to conceal th That is an offspring worthy cotland? joy of her heart, she calmly said, " Do of his god-like soul." "True, my dear Helen ; but, had you not too severely condemn this weakness;

ever been a parent, you would know that no achievements, however great, it is not that of vain wishes for your aggrandizement. You are the same to Joanna Mar, whether as a monarch or a can heal the wound made in a father's heart by the loss of a beloved child. And though Sir William Wallace never private man, as long as you possess that supremacy in all excellence which first And though Sir William Wallace hever supremacy in all excellence when he saw the infant ready to bless his arms, gauned he esteem. It is for Scotland's vet it perished in the bosom of its sake alone that I wish you were her yet it perished in the bosom of its sake mother; and that circumstance must king. You have taught me to forget all redouble his affliction ; horribly does it enhance the cruelty of the deed !" selfish desires, to respect myself," cried

enhance the cruelty of the deed !" When Lady Ruthven was uttering these words, shouts in the streets made

st instructions of the Prince of Wales nother, that he might not be distressed to Earl de Warenne." He took a royally by the unchecked advances of a woman, sealed roll of veilum from his breast, and

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read aloud : "Thus saith Edward Prince of Wales to Earl de Warenne, Lord Warden of Scotland. If that arch-rebel, William Wallace, who now assumeth to himsel the rule of all our royal father's heredi tary dominions north of the Cheviots refuseth to give unto us the whole pos-session of the town and citadel of Berwick-upon-Tweed, as a pledge of hi faith to keep the armistice on the bor ders from sea to sea, we command you to tell him that we shall detain, under the ward of our good lieutenant of the Tower of London, the person of William the Lord Douglas, as a close captive until our prisoners now in Scotland arrive safely at Newcastle-upon-Tyne This mark of supremacy over a rebelli-ous people we owe as a pledge of their homage to our royal father, and as a tribute of our gratitude to him for having allowed us to treat at all with so un-

dutiful a part of his dominions. EDWARD. P. W."

"Baron," said Wallace, "it would be beneath the dignity of Scotland to re-taliate this act with the like conduct. The exchange of prisoners shall yet be made, and the armistice held sacred on the borders. But as I hold the door of war open in the interior of the country, before the Earl de Warenne leaves this citadel (and it shall be on the day assigned), please the Almighty Lord of Justice, the Southron usurpers of all our castles, on the eastern coast, shall be our hostages for the safety of Lord Douglas." "And this is your answer, noble Wal-

lace ?'

"It is : and you see no more of me til that which I have said is done." Baron Hilton withdrew. Wallace,

turning to his peers, made dispositions for a sweeping march from frith to frith and having sent those who were to accompany him, to prepare for depart ure next day at dawn, he retired with the Lords Mar and Bothwell to arrang

me!" answered De Valence: "he crosses me in my wishes, public and private; and for the sake of my king and myself. I might almost be tempted 

enne. "To a Brutus mode of ridding the

state of an enemy." "That might be noble in a Roman citizen,' returned De Warenne, " which would be villainous in an English lord, dence from his present nobly-won elev ation, I should glory in my son, were he such, and would think him as great on a treated as you have been by a generous victor, not the usurper of any country's scaffold as on a throne." "It is well that is your opinion," re-plied De Valence: "cherish these her-oics for you will assuredly see him so exalted. Then, where will be his tri-

liberties, but rather a Brutus in defence of his own. Which man of us all, from the general to the meanest follower in amps, has he injured ?'

umphs over Edward's arm and Pem-Lord Aymer frowned : " Did the not umphs over hawards and and rea-broke's heart? Where your daughter's patriot husband—your glorious son? Start not, old man, for by all the powers expose me, threaten me with an ignom nious death, on the walls of Stirling?" "But was it before he saw the Earl o of hell I swear that some eyes which now look proudly on the Southron host Mar, with his family, brought with halters on their necks to be suspended shall clos from this very tower? What he then He left the room; and Lord Mar. shak-

did, was to check the sanguinary Cress ingham from imbruing his bands in the blood of female and infant innocence! care not," cried De Valance

what are, or are not, the offences this domineering Wallace, but I hate him; and my respect for his advocate cannot but correspond with that feel ing." As he spoke, he left the battle-ments. Pride would not allow him to confess his reasons for his enmity against the Scottish chief. A confer-ence which he had held the preceding evening with Lord Mar was the cause o this hatred; and from that moment the haughty Southron vowed the destruction of Wallace, by an open attack or secret treachery. Ambition and the base counterfeit of love were the springs

of this antipathy. The instant he knew of this antipathy. The instant he knew that the young creature, whom he saw clinging around the Earl of Mar's neck in the streets of Stirling, was the same Lady Helen on whose account Lord Soulis had poured on him such invec-tives in Bothwell Castle, he ordered her to be conveyed to his apartments in

the citadel. On their first interview,

"I have never considered it in that light," returned the earl, " nor shall I turn philosopher now. I revere your principle, Sir William Wallace; but it

is too sublime to be mine. Nay, nor would it be politic for one who holds his possessions in England by right of con-quest, to question the virtue of the deed. By the sword my ancestors gained their

## To Awaken the Liver

'Impotent rage of passion and of youth! Coated Tongue, aching head, biliousness, indigestion, constipation alternating with looseness of the boweis, feelings of depres-It was not, therefore, so extraordin ary that De Valence, when he saw Wal-lace descending the Ochil Hills, with sion and ill-temper.

These arise from sluggish, torpid action the flying banners of new victories, should break into curses, and swear inof the liver. Relief comes after the use of one of Dr.

wardly the most determined revenge. A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and cure with a few weeks after the use of this great regulator of the l.ver. "To-morrow we quit these dishonoured walls," cried he to himself; "but, ere I

leave them, if there be power in gold, or strength in my arm; he shall die!" With the liver right there is usually no dis urbance of the digestive system or bowel. Therefore get at the cause of trou-be by awakening the liver to action by use The regent's re-entrance into Stirling, being on the evening preceding the day which he had promised should see the of Dr A. W. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. English lords depart for their country, Ont., writes :-Mrs L. Phillips, Virgil, De Warenne, as a mark of respect to a man whom he could not but regard with I have used a number of b xes of Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills and consid admiration, went to the barbican-gate them excellent for torpid liver.'

25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. Wallace appeared, to bid him welcome. Wallace appeare and as the cavalcade of noble Southron

who had lately commanded beyond the Tay, followed him, Murray glanced his Dr. A. W. Chase's eye around, and said with a smile to De Warenne, "You see, Sir Earl, how we Scots keep our word!" and then he **Kidney-Liver Pills**