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FRIDAY EVENING, JAN. 3, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.
The war between the two parties, the Resolutions and Protesters, waxed so fierce and hot as to divide the Church asunder, and so to weaken it. It was the stricter Covenanters who were in the minority, but who made up for their deficiency in numbers by their zeal and faithfulness to the Covenant, which the whole nation and the King himself had sworn to adhere to, but which was in danger of being departed from.

At length Cromwell died, and it became evident that the Restoration of Charles was approaching. In view of this, the Resolutions, and the majority of the rulers in the Kirk, entered into negotiations with Charles, abroad, for the support of Presbyterianism in Scotland in the event of his Restoration, and sent as their emissary in charge of the interests of the Kirk, the minister of Guelph—James Sharp—who was destined to become so notorious. Instead of proving faithful to his trust, he betrayed it, and arranged with Charles and Clarendon that Episcopacy should be set up in Scotland, and that he, James Sharp, should be made Primate, and Archbishop of St. Andrews. Little dreaming of what was being concocted, the Resolutions wrought on, against the opposition of the Protesters, for the return of the King, and, in combination with the Royalist influence in England, the cause of Charles triumphed, and he was restored to the throne in the month of May 1660.

Alas! now for the Presbyterian Kirk in Scotland, and for the Protesters, the strict and true blue Covenanters. A terrible blunder had been committed. Before Charles was restored the English people exacted from him an indemnity for all that was past, but either by accident or design, no indemnity was granted to the Scottish people, who were therefore liable to be visited with the vindictive revenge of the King; and it soon became apparent that the Royalists, disappointed of prey in England, were determined to reap a harvest of spoliation and retaliation in Scotland.

Middleton was appointed the King's Commissioner, and the Parliament of 1661 was opened by him. This was but the semblance of a free Parliament, for measures had been taken to have it composed of those favourable to the designs of the King, and who would pass measures which would open the way for the introduction of Episcopacy. The first thing this Parliament did was to impose an oath of allegiance, making the King supreme in all matters, both civil and spiritual. They also condemned and disallowed the Covenant, and finished up by an Act repealing and abolishing the whole Scottish statutes for the previous twenty years.

A pretty spell of preparatory work this we must admit, and well calculated to pave the way for the formal and undisguised introduction of Episcopacy. But the Royal vengeance was going hand in hand with that of the Marquis of Argyle and the Rev. James Guthrie, of Stirling, the civil and spiritual leaders of the Protesters, or strict Covenanters, were brought to trial and executed, their deaths overshadowing darkly and significantly the cruel and ruthless policy which the Government meant to adopt towards those who were abiding faithful to the national oath.

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