Guelph Evening Mercury

FRIDAY EV'NG, DEC. 11, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

The spell was broken by Barras.

'Beshrewe me neighbour,' he said sneeringly, 'but it would seem that a shrivelled beldame has power to set you and all your riders at defiance. I'll go a piece of gold on it that she will carry the prize off, and none of you have courage enough to cross her path.'

'Death and fury,' halloed Tushielaw, nor she nor all the witches 'twixt this and perdition shall rob me of my prize, and this one least of all. She has run her head into the noose and it shall go hard with me if she get it out again. Lay hold of her and swing her out yonder on the gallows tree in Pate Scott's name.'

No man moved.

'What, are ye cowards all—curse ye; I will drag there the with my own hand.'

He made a movement toward her, but was checked by a petronel levelled at his breast.

'So you play with these things; then I will give you a chance for life,'—he snatched up a petronel as he spoke—'if you be a witch, common lead will not hurt you, but if you be more than the false Jezebel I take you for, then you shall say good bye to earth—aha, play you so hot?'

She had fired and missed. Before she could make an effort to save herself, he had fired, and she fell with a wild shriek to the floor.

'Father, son and mother have fallen by the same hand.' she cried shrilly. 'The blight of heaven light upon it, and all that it may befriend. Come vengeance swift remorseless, and hurl the foul fiend that wields it down the black gulf."

The weird curse was still echoing among the rafters and chilling the hearts of those who heard it, when strange sounds were heard that seemed to be token of its speedy fulfilment.

There was a rushing sound as of a great sea breaking upon shore, a confusion of voices, and a tramp of many feet, and then before the mosstroopers had sufficiently recovered from their surprise a host of armed men burst in upon them.

There was a wild din and clatter of arms, shrieks, groans, and oaths. Above the babble rose the voice of Sir Walter Spens—

'Now, Tushielaw, if you be not as much coward as villain, defend yourself.'

'To me Barras,' shouted Gilbert, encountering the cunning serpent, as he was quietly seeking some loophole to escape from the place in the confusion of the fray.

With a venemous flash in his red eyes, he crossed swords with Gilbert, acting wholly in defensive for some minutes, and retreating to the wall before his opponent. Then suddenly darting forward he nearly succeeded in throwing Gilbert off his balance, and took advantage of the movement to make a savage thurst at his antagonist. With the rapidity of thought Gilbert regained his balance, and with a dexterous swirl of his sword wrenched the weapon from the hand of Barras and run him through the body.

The man's countenance was distorted by an expression of hate and defiance as he fell dead.

At the same time Tushielaw was crushed to the floor and the sword of Spens was at his throat.

'Cry mercy now accursed knave!' exclaimed the Knight of Halstane hotly.

'I seek no mercy,' was the surly and fierce response.

'Then die.'

But the Lord Warden of the Middle Marches, who had been brought thither by a messenger from Spens, stayed his hand.

'I have another fate for the villian. Away with him to the gallows tree, on which too many honest men have perished at his command.'

Four sturdy fellows seized the now defenceless Tushielaw and dragged him to the gallows tree, the main branch of which was notched with ropes used in hanging the victims of his hate or cupidity, and where he now was to perish himself.

A stout cord was at hand, and a noose was speedily made, and in the red glare of the torches Adam Scott, dour, bold and defiant to the last, was strung up, and died the most ignominious of deaths, as he had lived the most lawless of lives.

The brief contest was over. Lady Spens had at the beginning of the strife been led away to a chamber, where she found Mistress Douglas in the highest glee, only regretting that she had not been allowed to wear hose and jerkin for the occasion.

'For it is the merriest night's work we are likely to see this long while,' she said, laughing gaily and kissing her recovered friend kindly.

They soon found occupation in tending the unfortunate Kirsty Hyslop, who was carried to them. Happily the woman's hurt was not mortal, and the sight of her son Gilpin Horner restored her to sensibility and hope as with the touch of a magician's wand.

The prison of the dwarf and the fate that had been intended for him had been revealed by Yetholm Will in the hope of finding some favour for himself.

As soon as he had been released, and made aware of the change of affairs in the tower, Hornie went out to have a look at his late master. He gave one of his great laughs as he saw the huge form dangling lifeless in mid air, gave a wild caper of delight around it, then hied him to his mother, whose vengeance had been that night achieved.

The party remained till morning in the tower, and before quitting it, Spens, in the presence of Gilbert and Mary Douglas, presented to his wife the letter he had received from Barras in the Hospice.

'This, madam,' he said, 'may account for some coldness in my conduct when we were last together. Did you scribe it to Gilbert Elliot?'

'Yes,' she answered simply.

The knight was startled, looked grave, and pointed to the line, "for the sake of one who esteems you more than all the world besides."

'Who is this one?' he demanded.

Lady Spens took Mary, whose face was crimson, by the hand and led her forward.

'This is the lady.'

Gilbert dropped upon his knees betore her.

'Madam' he said earnestly, 'my life is yours, my heart you have taken long ago, and therefore I have nought to offer you, but can only pray that you will be merciful to one who loves you truly.'

Despite her confusion, Mary cast a sly coquettish glance upon the gainly youth at her feet.

'Perhaps I will be merciful, Master Elliot—when we are alone,' she said in an undertone. 'Take this to remind me of my pledge.'

She gave him the small golden crucifix she had received from Crawford. He recognised it; she explained how she had obtained it, and Lady Spens informed him that it had been his mother's, showing her name and his father's engraven on it.

'Then by this it was Barras recognised me,' he said, remembring the scene in the dungeon of the tower, of which they were now masters.

The joy of all was great, a bright sun seemed to have dawned upon the morning of their happier life. It is no marvel that they were filled with excess of gladness in this happy meeting, to which they had passed through so many cruel ordeals.

To be concluded to-morrow.

A METEOR.—A night or two since, the moon was partially obscured by a light, fleecy cloud, a meteor ball, very luminous, of a silvery hue, extremely brilliant, and to the eye somewhat larger in appearance than the moon itself. At first it appeared in the shape of a perfect globe, then gradually curled itself until it spread into one immense sheet of liquid fire, and formed letters reading nearly as follows:—"If your feet are troubled with corns, bunions, callosites, &c., go immediately to the nearest drug store and get a box of Brigg's Curative. It will effect a certain cure, in incredible short time. For sale by E. Harvey & Co., druggists, and country merchants generally. C. H. Wright & Co., Hamilton, Ont., general agents for British Possessions.

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Guelph, April 1, 1868. daw

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Guelph, Dec. 3. daw tf

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Guelph, ov. 19. daw tf

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Guelph, Nov. 20. daw tf

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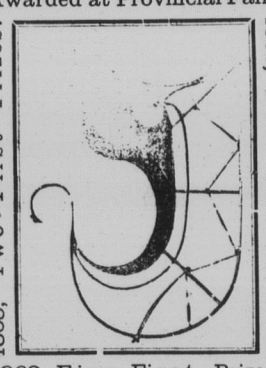

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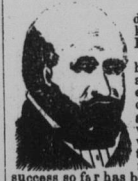

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Guelph, December 7. d2w