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**Guelph Evening Mercury**  
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WEDNESDAY EV'G. MARCH 11, 1868

### The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

#### A Tale of the Covenanters.

"But the nurse, while she told him so much, had not told him ALL. She did not inform him that his wife had given birth to twins, one of which, a fine healthy boy, still lived. She did not tell him, and this he came and revealed it to me, and told me besides that the mother, when she knew she was dying, communicated the information that she and Gilbert had been privately married, and handed to the nurse of the proof of what she averred in the form of a marriage certificate. I was thunderstruck, Helen, and my pride made me excessively angry. This boy, this infant, the son of a man whose parent was to be the heir of Brankwood, I could not brook such a thought, and resolved that no one should know to whom he belonged. Still, he was Gilbert's child, and my grandson, and I could not desert him. We fell on the stratagem, therefore, of leaving him to be found at one of the lodge gates, and I took charge of him as if he had been the child of a stranger. As time wore on, and there was no prospect of Sir Gilbert marrying again, and so giving another heir to the title and estate, I grieved to think that the family would die out, and the property pass to another name, and to the possession of strangers. Then it was that the wish came to do justice to Richard Wayland; but my proud nature will not allow me to make this revelation and have him acknowledged during my life. To you, however, I commit the pleasing task of discovering the truth to himself and to Sir Gilbert; and I am glad to think, Helen, that the time will come when you will be my successor as the mistress of Brankwood. Some time since I prepared a narrative of facts concerning Richard's birth, which was signed by myself and by the nurse, and this along with the certificate, and the latter, I sealed in a packet, and entrusted to the care of Mr. Elliot of Birkenleuch. Mr. Elliot is now dead, but I have made inquiry at his son, and Walter tells me that he found the packet among his father's papers, and, without breaking the seal, deposited it in one of his private drawers. From him, therefore, you will receive the packet, and it will give ample and legal confirmation of what I have here written. And now that justice is hereby done, plead with Richard and Sir Gilbert to forgive me. I begueth to you my fervent blessing. May you and Richard be very happy together, and long spared to each other. Farewell for ever."  
"JAMES BARTON."

Helen read Lady Barton's paper thoroughly from beginning to end, without a start or other manifestation of surprise. Strangely enough, its astounding disclosure did not seem to produce any strong effect. Strange as it may seem, and yet not so strangely either, the offender in the army and navy, who is subjected to the lash writes and yells at the first blows, but ere long the strokes, though not less heavy, cease to inflict the same excruciating agony; they fall with a dull, dull splash upon the brain, and do not always reach the sufferer.

So was it now with Helen Cringan. The first great shock had filled up her whole capacity of sensation, and the thrilling revelation concerning Richard Wayland, which at another time would have filled her with uncontrollable amazement, was read by her at first without a change of countenance.

When she finished she mechanically lifted paper number three, and found it to be a certificate of marriage between Mary Wool, her mother, and Robert Allan, her father, which had been solemnized in London twenty-two years previously. Folded within this certificate was another, certifying to her own birth and baptism—thus supplying her with corroboration of the statements in her mother's paper.

Everything was read now, and Helen was free to ponder and reflect. The paralyzing numbness was gradually creeping off, and heart and brain slowly began to work. What would the effect of this be but to sharpen her sensibilities and rouse up her strong feelings? And yet, poor girl, her first realization was a realization of her own weakness. It was terrible enough, but how much greater would have been her horror and despair had these papers come into her hand at a later period. She had been made the wife of Charlie Allan—her father's son—by that day's ceremony, but that was all, and the truth had come out in time for the worst consequences to be averted.

She looked now for Charlie to quit his boisterous companions below and join her, that he might learn the wondrous things which had been revealed, and know that their marriage was annulled. He knowledge of Charlie's true character was so slight that she anticipated no difficulty in his acquiescence. He would undoubtedly be disappointed and amazed, but it never occurred to her as a thing possible that he would hint at anything so monstrous as a dissolution of the truth that had been disclosed.

But there was as yet no prospect of Charlie coming up stairs, and his appearance with what patience she could muster. The exercise was in no wise trying to her, for in truth she had material for thought sufficient, and more than sufficient, to occupy her. She tried to think of the charges which she had to rest upon, and the sweet assurances and delicate possibilities which grew out of these. First and foremost her mother's name had no stain on it. The story of her sin and shame had been a foul slander, and who can estimate the filial joy which flowed at the removal of this dark unbearable belief—the source, indeed, of all her former misery? Once more her deepest instincts were in harmony with fact, and her meek, patient, suffering mother was an angel still.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE LADY IN THE CABINET.—The Globe's Ottawa correspondent says:—"The confusion and squabbling in the Cabinet continues. The matter is so notorious here that it is in everybody's mouth. On the one side is Sir John, and on the other Mr. Cartier. Yesterday, those who pretended to be particularly well informed said that the friends of these gentlemen stood six to six; to-day, the Council was in session till about seven o'clock, and to judge by the anxious looks of ministers after the breaking up of the Council, the struggle must have been intense, and if partisans of the rival leaders are equally strong, it is naturally to be so. One thing seems to be admitted, even by the friends of the Government, and that is that so far really nothing has been done by ministers in preparing for the session."

CAUTION TO PARENTS.—In Kingston, on Friday, a little girl, one and a half years old, having found a vial of laudanum, left by her mother on a dressing table, swallowed part of the contents. Being almost immediately discovered, a medical help was summoned, and fortunately two medical students, resident in the next house, ran in, who succeeded in relieving the child's stomach of the poison.

MONZ GRAB DIAMONDS.—The Globe of yesterday says:—"To-day we were news from the Bruce Mines that gold had been discovered in that neighbourhood, and that exploring parties are being organized to penetrate the neighbouring wilderness in search of the precious metal. The prospects are very good, but at the present moment it is impossible to say how rich the ores may prove, and what profits the mines may expect."

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W. S. G. KNOWLES,  
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Guelph, March 4, 1868. dw

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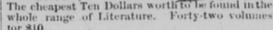
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