THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON.

An Historical Romance of the Times of Queen Elizabeth.

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against her. But neither in the reunion hereafter. accusation nor during the trial, was I read over to him what I had mention made of the alleged com- written, and he attempted to sign it. plicity of the Queen of Scote; and An illegible scrawl was all that he many were heard to say, as they left could achieve. "Mr. Topcliffe with the Star Chamber, that the general his rack is a bad writing master." opinion in that respect appeared to he said, as he handed me back the be an incorrect one. On the follow. pen with a sorrowful smile. Then ing day all the other accomplices, he begged me to write down some all, that is, who sided and abetted verses that he had composed since Babington or his friends in their he was sentenced. They are very flight, were likewise conducted by melancholy, and show how much it water to Westmine er to hear sen- cost him to give up his life; vet I tence rassed upon them. I shall liked them so much that I asked if I hardly be believed when I say that could keep a copy of them, in remy eged grandmother was arraigned with the rest. But the clerk of the Court happened to have inadvert- me to pray for him on the day of ontly given her a wrong Christian execution, and afterwards for the name, and on this account the Lieut. enant allowed her to remain behind. Of the seven men, Uncle Remy was the only one who was not a stranger to me. I was shocked when I saw him : accustomed as he was to an active life in the open air, the close atmosphere of the prison had pulled him down sadly. He acknowledged that he had supplied Babington and his friends with provisions. His defence was characteristic of the man. "I am a Catholic," he said, "and I do not think St. Peter will shut the gate of Heaven against me, when I tell him my fellow country men sent me to the gallows for having fed the hungry and given drink to the thirsty, as our Lord commands." When condemned with the others to death for high treason. he said not a word. A few days later Bill Bell came to

me and asked if I would accompany him, the following night, to the cell where Tichbourne was confined. The unfortunate young man was, he said, extremely desirous to send a farewell letter to comfort his young wife, who was sick in Hampshire, but he could not hold a pen, his wrist having been completely dislocated I trade the ground and knew it was

After a few moments I consented, considering that it was a work of charity to console the afflicted, trusting to my guardian angel to preserve me from harm. Accordingly that night, before the moon was up. I went with the old boatman to the Develin Tower, which was situated at the north-west corner of the inner enclosure. We had to pass the quarters of the musketeers, and I was terribly afraid of the guard. Bill Bell steered our course so wisely that we escaped their notice. When we got to the Church of St. Peter "ad vinouls," we stood up close to the wall, until the sentry had turned, and we heard his steps retreating in the opposite direction. Then westole on to the Develin tower; the warder was waiting to admit us into the dark dungeon where poor Tichbourne was crouched on a bundle o

"Whom have you brought?" he asked my companion, starting up as we entered, "I said I wanted a notary."

The man explained that in the Tower one must have whom one could get; besides he was bringing an old acquaintance. He turned his lantern on my face, and Tichbourne recognized me at once. In a few words I told him how I came there he was greatly touched, and listened to my expressions of sympathy with tears in his eyes. Then he kissed my hand, and declared his readiness to forgive all who had brought the misfortunes upon him, primarily Babington; also Walsingham, to whose in rigues he attributed the connection of their plot with Savage's design, his judges, and the cruel Queen, who had commanded the frightful sentence to be carried out with the utmost severity. He also said that he accepted this violent death in expiation of his sins.

I laid the paper which I had brought with me on a wooden stool, to serve as a table, and kneeling before it, I wrote from his dictation a wonderfully beautiful letter to his poor young wife. In touching words he begged her forgiveness. His zeal for the Catholic cause, his compassion for the innocent Queen of Scote, his attachment to his

CHAPTER XXXVI.-Continued. friends, had brought him to this The noblest answer was that of pass. He had to choose between Ballard: he admitted that he " prac. betraying his associates or giving tired the Queen of Scots' deliverance himself up to the hangman, and the and went about to alter the religion," latter seemed to him the most honbut that he had intended to kill the orable alternative. That thought Queen he would not admit. All the must be his and her consolation. others made a similar statement. The manner of his death would be But it was of no use; according to no disgrace because so many priests the criminal law they had incurred had drunk the same chalice, and the dreadful penalty of high treason, thereby cast a halo round the shameand judgment was given to that ful gibbet. He died, like many of effect. And yet, I heard Sir Owen his noble ancestors, for a chivalrons Hopton say at table, those who were cause, the rescue of the inncent, and present were not satisfied with the the promotion of religion; so at least proceedings; all hoped that evidence he thought, when he engaged in the would be adduced that Mary Stuart enterprise; but God and all good was a party to, and had sanctioned men would look to the intention, not the proposal to assassinate Elizabeth, the result. Finally he exhorted her in fact that the conspirators would to find true sclace in God, and conbe compelled to bear public witness cluded with the hope of an eternal

ward for my services as amanuensis. He consented willingly, and asked repose of his soul. The following are the verses he dictated : My prime of youth is but a frost of

cares: My feast of joy is but a dish of My crop of corn is but a field of

And all my goods is but vain hope of gain; The day is fled, and yet I saw no

And now I live, and now my life is done!

not sprung; The fruit is dead, and yet the leaves are green; My youth is past, and yet I am but

young; I saw the world, and yet I was not seen : My thread is cut, and yet it is not

is done!

sought for death and found it in the wombe : I lookt for life and yet it was a

shade: my tombe.

And now I dye, and now I am but The glass is full, and yet my glass is

is done! Bill Bell warned me that it was time to depart, if I wanted to look in on my uncle, who was confined in the same tower. So I dabe fare-

"When the butter won't churn," is an old time dairy death, proverb. It often seems to work though no one has ever

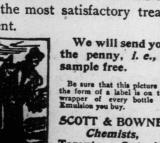
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well to Tichbourne, whom I was never again to see on earth, and followed my companion into another cell. I only stayed a moment with uncle Remy, and we said but few words to one another. "Is that you Mary," he said, when he recognized me, rubbing his eyes, as if to rouse himself from sleep, but I saw he wanted to conceal the tears that filled them. "It is too bad of you to come and wake me out of my first sleep." Then the strong man broke down and sobbed like a child. He clasped me to his heart, caressing me, and saying: "What an old blockhead I am! Now go, child, and do not trouble yourself any more about me, except to pray for me. Barty is already in heaven, and he will help me to follow him. Give my love to mother and poor Anne." He turned his face to the wall and made me a sign to go. In that manner we

On Tuesday, the 20th of Septem ber, A. D. 1586, the first half of the condemned conspirators were executed. It was a warm autumn morning. A great number of bailiffs and menat-arms accompanied the mournful procession which was formed under our windows. Three hurdles were brought, and at 9 o'clock precisely, the accused were led out and bound on them. Sir Owen Hopton gave the signal, and they were set in motion. On the first hurdle were Ballard, Babington and Savage, the supcame Tichhourne and Barnewell, while two of their friends, strangers to me, Tilney and Abington, brought up the rear. The men seemed to be tranquil and self-possessed; as the hurdles disappeared beneath the gateway of the Bloody tower, I caught the sound of the "Miserere," which Ballard began. They were dragged, as I heard to my disgust, all the way through the town to St. Giles-in-the-Fields, where they used to meet to concoct their plan for Mary Stuart's deliverance. There, under the spreading oaks, were the gallows and scaffold erected. Bravely they went to their death. Ballard again declared that all he had done was done in good faith and for the sake of religion, and never had he conspired against the Queen's life. Babington said the same; he acknowledged his error and implored forgiveness. Tichbourne spoke at greater length. He depicted But by and by a silence falls about his happy youth, when he wanted nothing he could wish for, and said nothing was forther from his mind than a conspiracy against the Queen. He was the victim of regard for his friend. He was descended of a house at had existed for 200 years before the conquest, and whose members were never stained with crime, Tilney declared that he was a true Catholic; upon which he was interrupted by the Protestant minister, a Dr. White, who was present. Tilney replied; "I came hither to die, Doctor," and desired to be troubled with no more questions. Toen they fell to prayers, and I believe Ballard gave his com panions the last absolution. The dreadful execution followed, over the details of which we must pass, only remarking, that by the express orders of the Queen, they were put to death with studied cruelty, their sufferings being protracted to the uttermost. Ballard was executed first; he was Aye, they remember! There is no disembowelled while yet alive, and fully conscious. Babington followed; is youth and elegance made a grea impression on the spectators. In the Lift up your eyes when life's last sun nidst of his agonizing torments he cried several times aloud in Latin : Parce mihi, Domine Jesu!" In like

manner all the others were put to death in their turn The horrid scene, together with the patience of the victims, had excited the disgust and pity of the bystanders to such a pitch, that when, on the ollowing day, my uncle Remy and the rest were to be executed. This was done with less cruelty, for fear of come put a penny in the an uprising of the people. They were therefore not cut to pieces until after

> At length these terrible days were the two sick prisoners in the Cold Harbor, and it seemed probable that through the mercy of God their sufferings would, ere long, be terminated

(To be continued.)

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days, And memory fans the embers gray with ashes. Until the fires of friendship are

Ob, welcome! welcome!" every voice is saying, While kindling eyes are meeting, brimmed with tears.

ablaze.

And "Welcome!" all the echoes seem repeating To send the cadence down the coming years.

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Something is near us that we can not see. Have those who climbed the hills of heaven before us Come back, today, to sit

love to think the old time friends are with us-That earthly friendships thrill their

true hearts yet. Would heaven be heaven if loved ones were forgotten? In earth or heaven I could not

forget! It is not very far-the world they Since earth and heaven are sund.

ered by a sod-Across the distance of a low grave only: And they remember in the world of

forgetting

For those who know the endlessness of love. is setting-Lo, Memory's star shines in the

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