oun had left the darkening air; raving of the thiel's despair toke nature's dread repose; I, like a young lamb's tender mosa, m the high Cross came gently down west Jesus' murmured woos.

stood beneath that cross; she kno anguish that each moment grew arker and deeper still; naw each blue vein throb and swe heard each life drop as it fell o earth with solemn thrill.

She saw each sinew as it strained;
She heard the blows upon Him rained,
The curses on Him heaped;
She listened, till each sound became
A mortal anguish to her frame,
And soul in sorrow steeped.

t though she stood like crea Ier senses were not dimmed of But on the Cross with Him.

Her soul was fastened living there, Her soul was lastened living there, In all its bitterness to share,— Thirsting with Him to die; No pulse of His with anguish beat That her sad heart did not repeat

And when earth trembled 'no Which, God-appealing, pierced the sky, To say that Christ was dead, She heard, and knew no more rea And His last life blood shed;

And, wakened from her trance of woe She fell, as struck by sudden blow, At the Cross-foot drear and dim, Only her stifled sobs were heard, Weeping her only son.

THE BRIDE OF THE BRUCE

BY DARCY BYRN. CHAPTER V .- [CONTINUED.]

Înie was not sorry to be left alone.

A pair of brilliant blue eyes had ted her all the evening, and the animal's love for not yet know what her answer would nothing left to desire.

snough into other peoples' lives without wishing to inflict more. Yet, always? The effort of ever striving to act up to his ideal would be a life-long repression. Aye, he is too good for me, too sweet, too holy.'

She rose and walked to the window me from behind and threw a shawl lightly over her shoulders.

Miss Chetwynde, asked rustic admirers. Are you determined to prove you

Life is not worth having if it has to be taken care of,' she said, tossing the shawl off with an impatient gesture.

only proves that she requires some one to take care of her.

And with a cool air of authority he replaced the offending shawl.

intered and handed Inie a letter. 'The bearer is waiting below for an answer,' he said respectfully.

Inie took the letter and a shudder san through her.
She tooked at Douglas with such an

by his firm, cool grasp.

*Let me see the fellow for you,' he help a brother in distress?'

*Do I ever fail you? I have brought

She did not wait for a reply, but

when she had left India he was cettled, and naturally began talking to Claribel, who, having taken her seat at concein the carriage, had a few moments to wait before the others entered it. Jack, leaning over the side, took advantage of this, the first opportunity since Claribel's arrival at Lady Marjorie know of his existence.

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Though her life had been a strangely sitted to one, it had not taught her much knowledge of the world, and she had yet to learn that saddest of all lessons—indifference to sin. No one thinks were of you, now-a-days, for having a relative in prison, abroad, or banished but remerse and fear. If I could but the papers, handing each to him as self hopelessly, and to have no reward but remerse and fear. If I could but the papers, had been each at twith a facinated horror.

'He is too good, too chivalrous, 'she middle horror.

'He is too good, too chivalrous, 'she murmured. He trusts me so implicitly; it ocould not break his faith in me, nor could I act a living lie to him. No! let one man think me good and fair. I will let honestly towards him. I will tell him that I cannot give the love he wints. I have tried and tried in vain. My gentle, courtsous Victor, you will hereal for the time which would elapse wifer, but not as I do; you will not know what it is to have ascrificed one's relative in prison, abroad, or banished but remerse and fear. If I could but hereal hereal papers. He knew that she was laugh-

much brain or any nerve, but a fine specimen of healthy, straightforward the same fell shadow? So crime is manhood, densely dull to the fact that Lady Marjorie was barely civil in her greetings, and politely ignored him on all occasions. Her rebuffs produced no effect, he doggedly pursued his own way and diligently followed Claribel wherever she went. He was easy going and apathetic, but not quite in acceptable and suffer from die and end it all.' She burst into a passionate fit of She burst into a passionate fit of with great convulsive sobs.

Life seemed interminably long and drear to the pagan turbulent heart that fair May morning, while the birds oarolled joyously, and the deep blue of the heavens breathed only serenity and specific in the same fell shadow? So crime is the

rom their manner when together.

They neither of them had any conversational powers; neither had read much or thought at all. He seemed content to be in her presence, and there was blissfully silent. She gave him her fan to hold, or her purse to carry. and having relieved herself of the burden of looking after her own property, she felt that she had nothing else

To look at they were two master pieces of passive perfection, with an creature comforts; tful look in that boyish face con-ntly recurred to her memory. She knew what he was going to say to her and they appeared to have reached the the next time they met; but she did acme of human bliss and to have

So outsiders would judge; but study-'I should not really suit him,' she said wearily to herself. 'I am too ambitious, too fiery, too restless for hidden by a bronze beard, showed that tious, too fiery, too restless for placid, patient soul. But his ler says a love trouble would kill of will, and the massive forehead of in his voice, which was fully appreciated by Inie, who knew his usual cool in-

was roused to thwart. In the course of their promenade through the space allotted for flowers, Lady Marjorie was anxious to see some very choice camellias. There She rose and walked to the window, which was open to let in the fresh May breeze. She was standing deep in the strong fragrance of the flowers, sat the strong fragrance of the strong fragrance of the flowers, sat the strong fragrance of the the strong tragrance of the st

'that you court death so Inie was sitting, a man dressed in the height of fashion, and a little above it. Presently a man came up to where He was remarkable for a certain swagger in his gait, which proclaimed that

he defied society to dub him anything what a stab each word from him gave 'It should be a spontaneous gift; not carefully sought after and cherished.'
'Miss Chetwynde surprises me; have to say. I do not wish to be seen have to say. I do not wish to be seen

quick, determined tones. What a sisterly greeting? he caus-

down beside her. 'I cannot help it; it is your own

fault. Why do you give way to such bad habits that your sister is sorryyes, sorry-Clive, that you are in the same country as she is?'
'People in glass houses should not

infinitude of terror in her eyes, that he longed to take the throbbing little hands in his, and soothe her agitation What is a sister good for if not to eat and drink, and were all comfortably

nggested.

Thank you, I alone will do, she all I can spare; but I insist that you last resource she fell back on Jack. Thank you, Stanley, honest Jack, who had always into other people's houses.' 'Afraid of the old lady, eh?' he asked.

as he nonchalantly transferred the en-velope she had given to him into his pocket. As a matter of fact I have as band for Inie, better even than Victor, *Can I do anything for you? asked much right as you to move in that

onsiderably open her eyes.
'With what result?' asked Inie, calmly. 'She would dismiss me instantly,

y. 'She would dismiss me instantly, and your chief means of support would be gone. You know quite well, Clive, that you will never keep yourself. In the putting my trust set for a reply, but your and idle, and further to have considered yourself eleverer than you are.'

You are right, little sister,'he said, with a smothered sigh; if I had you properly, and feelings not duly properly.

theless, he sanatered to the room, where he established in a corner and racked his to solve the enigma of her commanded at her self-control.

'Make a home for me. she cried, and she cried, and she supply a volume of the room of the commanded at her self-control.

'No, no, Inic,' he answered, ghaking his head, 'you must retrieve the fortunes of the family. Make a grand ther self-control and the same when they were gone she retired to he own room, and leaning against the common of the family. Make a grand the same when they were gone as retired to he own room, and leaning against the common of the family.

Inis's eyes filled with tears.

It is difficult to worship a broken if must be confronted, and the future looked steadily in the face. Inis was disply. She was faithful now to him, but with her acute perceptions also never deluded hereaff into believing that he would be saything but a dead weight on her. Thus was no energy in his talents, no concentration of his powers. He percentage no pride, no pripaple, he would shamble on through

road and muscular, not gifted with from society's circle. No one can but remerse and fear. If I could but paper. He knew that she was laugh such brain or any nerve, but a fine blame, for who does not suffer from die and end it all."

going and apathetic, but not quite in secretive, never showing a single sorthe same degree as Claribel. No outsider could tell what his intentions or till they had assumed a magnitude far his feelings were with regard to Lady beyond their proper proportions. She knaused her, and rising, she went to Marjorie's niece. Did he look upon Douglas as a rival? Did he know the that Clive would only bring diagrace 'My bravery must not desert me,' Douglas as a rival? Did he know the that Clive would only bring diagrace 'My bravery must not desert me,' true state of affairs, and was he aware on her if she brought him within the she said with a pitiful smile. that he must relinquish all share to Claribel's attention whenever Douglas her own brother, but it might save them taking a volume from her bookcase she

chafed Inie, her nerves already stretched at his countenance revealed such into the last point of endurance. Raburn to choose my acquaintance for me, she flashed out vehemently. 'Really, Miss Chetwynde, this is to

you have behaved to-day. God knows speak in truest friendship, and with no desire to interfere. You come as a stranger and an orphan to make a the nervous spasm came on afresh home with us. We are bound to take and racked every fibre in his body. care of you, and it is against your own You want darkness, she said softly them to Douglas. interest to be seen talking to a creature and moving noiselessly across the room

of the description of the one from whom into the room with a cruel glitter. difference towards others.

'Miss Chetwynde acknowledges no affair,' she said, in an iey tone, while she longed to unburden herself to one lovalty and strength. She was, oh! so was a crowd around the stand on which weary of judging for herself, so weary

empressilize beauty created, and in listening to the quaint remarks of the to Douglas' haughty answer

'I beg your pardon, Miss Chetwynde.
Never before have my overtures to friendship been looked upon as sheer bandage after bandage he thought the 'I beg your pardon, alies Chetwynde, interference.

'What shall I do?' she asked with a 'What is the matter with him?' she faint smile, but before he had time to

inquired of Inie. answer she went to the piano and began 'How should I know Mr. Raburn's play as if to herself-hus easons for being quiet?' responded dreamy chords, delicate softened airs, Inie, irritably. beginning softly and ending faintly as Claribel opened her eyes in surprise if they were afraid of revealing the Why was everybody cross and dis-agreeable? They had all enough to waged beneath their rippling surface strong under-current of passion which clothed-what more constituted happi

She was still playing when the others enjoy his aunt's discomposure A new idea occurred to Lady Ma

'No, thank you,' he said, much diverted. 'Miss Chetwynde is better than half a dozen doctors. She has much right as you to move in that society. Don't keep all the good things to yourself, Inic.

'How could you get an entree, pray's he inquired, sarcastically, surveying his undeniably handsome face, but unfortunately discountable and Claribel.

'There is no love between Jack and Claribel. charmed the pain away with the help of nothing but Claribel's Eau de Cologne Claribel, I will send you a large quantity on condition that I may have the benefit of it,'

Your headache seems to have raised Claribel, it is merely the result of con your spirits, observed Lady Marjorie very suspiciously. 'Through my sister. If I chose to call on Lady Marjorie I could tell her of one or two little things that would the course of captivating him, and the thing is done. Of course I must trade for the result of constant proximity; separate them, and give Inie a chance of captivating him, and the thing is done. Of course I must trade for the 'My dear aunt, the relief from pai

is so great that I never felt so light hearted. Nevertheless, I shall obey must study first if their characters are Miss Chetwynde to the le A process she found more difficult use my head to-day. I will accept her kind offer of assistance, and trouble her to arrange and copy some papers for me this afternoon.' Inie felt indignat at this cool app

priation of her services, but she had 'What right had you to say that !

till you have completed the cure.'

pain was almost worth the pleasure of

directly.

low voice.

she exclaimed as Lady Marjoric left the room with a disapproving glance at poor line. 'You know I never did offer to write for you.' chases, and invited Inie to accompany them. She declined on the plea of

'You said you would do at amuse me, and it is good for ac people to be taken at their word.' And he laughed at her distres

face.

* But Lady Marjorie does not like it remonstrated Inic. * And if she turn from me, what shall I do?

A sigh escaped her at these words. to influence—he would go his own way She took up the picture he had given and laugh conventionality to coorn.

her and gazed at it with a facinated 'I must take Claribel and return as

'I like it, and can easily finish with She did not long give way to such out disturbing you. I quite underviolent emotion; the unusual weakness stand now what to do. violent emotion; the unusual weakness exhausted her, and rising, she went to She bent industriously to

ing again.

He bit his lip with vexation. She was the only person who dared con taking a volume from her bookcase she was nothing to do but lie watching, chose to say the word? Or was he secure of the girl's affection, and did he mean to carry her by sheer force when the time came? Nobody knew, and certainly little could be learned from their manner when together.

Show contains a volume from her bookcase she was notning to do but lie watching, and stry to puzzle out the mystery room and lie on the sofa. As she opened the door she found: to her great surprise. Douglas reclining on the sofa, who he acknowledged now to himself, possessed his whole heart freely and entirely.

Thus reliable of the girl's affection, and did 'Your solitude has not been unpower and lie on the sofa. As she opened the door she found: to her great surprise. Douglas reclining on the sofa. He endeavored to rise. Inie felt ambayrassed and printelly.

her tear-stained cheeks; but one look his eyes so steadily fixed on her. She looked up.
Do you not think a walk would do

merged in concern for the sufferer. you good? she suggested. 'I am afraid you will think me very But he declined. He thought lazy,' he said, falling back on the possible that Lady Marjorie might cushion, and speaking as if each word visit her wrath on poor Inie's unoffendmuch.'

'What is too much, that I employ my leisure moments in my own way?'

and I am unfit for anything. I have

So be lay and watched the still, white 'Miss Chetwynde,' he said, very tried every sofa in the house, and each face, the tiny, soft hand that glided so riously, 'you are too young and too one is more uncomfortable than the rapidly over the paper. He tried to A groan finished the sentence.

All anger and hardness faded from of expressing such intensity of passion

her mind as she saw the way in which and patho Inie carefully

'I will leave you to look over them, she lowered the blinds, shutting out she said. 'I always read to your aunt the dazzling sunlight which poured at this hour.'

She got out Lady Marjorie's knitting 'That is a relief,' he said fervently; and handed it to her; then she took how stupid of me never to think of her accustomed low stool and began to it. Don't leave me, Miss Chetwynde, read aloud. Her thoughts were not She did so, but returned almost relieved when some visitors came and she could escape to her room.

'You must promise to do exactly whom she regarded as the ideal of what I tell you, she said in her calm, would know perfect free ideal of what I tell you, she said in her calm, and mind.

In her hand she held a bottle of Eau de Cologne which she had brought like and sunny; even Claribel was brightened by the dewy freshness of into a china bowl, and taking one of nature, and volunteered to walk to the two filmy handkerchiefs she saturated Priory when Lady Marjorie objected to [TO BE CONTINUED.] Great delicacy of touch was he

Common Sense

interference.'

She stood her ground royally, and betrayed neither by word nor sign what a stab each word from him gave her.

They were both relieved when Jack Stanley came to ask them if they were ready to go, as Lady Marjorie had ordered the horses round.

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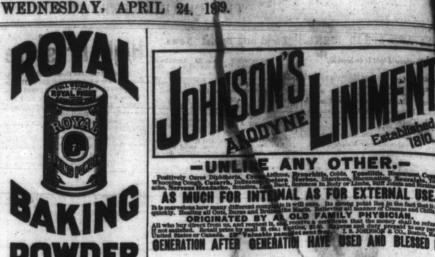
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