

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

CHAPTER XXIII.—A CONFESSION AND A NEW PERIL.

O sacred hunger of ambitious minds
And insatiable desire of men to rule
Whom neither dread of God nor devils bind
Nor laws of men that common-weals contain
Nor bands of nature that wild beasts restrain
Can keep from outrage and from doing wrong
Where they may hope a kingdom to obtain:
No faith so firm, no trust can be so strong
No love so lasting then, that may endure long.

But, try as he might, Gilbert could not sleep. The face and voice of Mistress Douglas haunted him and seemed to upbraid him for something he had done.

He did not like to feel that, however unwittingly, he had caused her pain. He owed her much; he owed to her his appointment to the Queen's Guard; and now he owed to her care his life, perhaps. She was generous beyond measure and beautiful—why it was villainous to injure so kind a lady ever so slightly or unintentionally.

If he could have only discovered the nature of the wound, he would have healed it, at the cost of the life she had rescued. But wherefore should he conclude that it was any wound at all; or, if it were, that he had caused it?

He did not know. One of those instinctive perceptions which men and women at times experience in their relations with each other taught him that the shade of melancholy he had observed indicated a wound, and impulse thrust him to the conclusion that he was himself the cause. How that came about he was perfectly unable to comprehend.

She was very beautiful—how beautiful he had strangely neglected to remark before. That she was pretty and a little coquettish he had, of course, been aware so long time; but now—he could not find any reason for this either—she appeared to him absolutely beautiful.

She was kind—so kind that he could never hope to redeem the debt of gratitude under which she had placed him. What had she not risked—what petty inconveniences had she not endured in coming to this poor hut to nurse him back to life and all out of simple friendship, and because he had once rendered her a slight service. She was indeed kind, generous, and beautiful.

And while he was thinking of these matters there glided quietly between him and his thoughts a pale sweet face that made his heart bound, and the blood glow hot. It was the face of Lady Spens that seemed to be regarding him with a sad chiding expression.

"I know, I know," he murmured feebly, "that I have done you grievous wrong; but the saints above know how cruelly I was betrayed; they know how eagerly I would have entered the lists to serve your cause, how gladly I would die now if I could redeem the past. But the Holy mother will give me strength to save you yet. Dear lady, you would not doubt the fidelity wherewith I serve you, if you could only know that had I dared to love my dear guardian's wife I would have loved you, Margaret Spens, I would have loved you!"

The vision of the face seemed to fade away at this, and he opened his eyes. The chamber was in darkness. The daylight had faded and he could see only a subdued misty glamour upon the window.

"How weak I have grown," he said, half in anger with himself; "Mistress Spens will not doubt my truth, and for the rest, let me but regain strength, then place me face to face with Tushievlew and they shall have proof enough of his villany!"

The door opened gently, as if the opener feared to disturb a dreamer, and Mistress Douglas entered carrying a cresset. She paused as she closed the door and looked toward the couch. The light shone upon her face, and Gilbert Elliott was startled by its exceeding pallor.

He did not speak, and as she advanced to him he closed his eyes involuntarily; he did not like to see her distress.

He felt that she was standing beside him, that she was peering into his face, and he fancied that he could hear her heart beating tumultuously.

A subdued sigh caused him to look up quickly with an exclamation of surprise. "Something afflicted you, sweet mistress; tell me what it is that I may learn how to help you."

She drew back hastily, and, as it seemed, with a degree of embarrassment, in being observed in a bad humour.

"You are not sleeping," she ejaculated vexedly.

"I could not sleep; all that you have told me frets me with impatience to be up again able to serve my friends," he answered hotly. She raised her finger warningly and smiled but he felt that the smile was forced.

TO BE CONTINUED.

From London to New York in Seven Days.

The Dublin correspondent of the London Morning Herald says: We are promised a new means of communication between this country and America, which will enable a traveller to perform the journey from London to New York within seven days. The projectors are the Hon. Charles Tupper, late Prime Minister of Nova Scotia, and Mr. Sanford Fleming, Engineer to the Intercolonial Railway. These gentlemen are now staying at Valentia, the guests of the Knight of Kerry, whose co-operation they have secured, as his territory is to be the starting point of the new route. Between the port of Valentia—which is to be linked in civilization by an extension of the railway from Killarney—and St. John's Newfoundland, swift sailing steamers, capable of travelling at the rate of sixteen nautical miles an hour, are to run, by which means the Atlantic voyage will be reduced to 100 hours. From St. John's the passengers are to be conveyed by rail and steamboats to the eastern terminus of the Grand Trunk Railway, from which point they can proceed to any part of the Transatlantic continent. By this route a traveller would arrive in New York from London in seven days. The projectors are very sanguine as to the success of their proposed undertaking.

RUNAWAY MARE FOUND AFTER FOUR YEARS' ABSENCE.—On the 24th of May, 1864, a mare belonging to Mr. W. Farrie, and at pasture on Judge Wilson's farm, strayed away, and no trace of her was found until a few days ago, when Mr. Alderman McCormick, getting off a train at St. Thomas, noticed her tied to a post at the railway station. Thus, after an absence of fifty months, she was found to have become the legitimate property of a person in the neighbourhood of that town, having been impounded and sold after long confinement. Mr. McCormick must certainly have a very keen eye for horse-flesh, to have remembered the peculiar features of this animal after the lapse of four years.—Free Press.

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W. M. STEWART,

Wyndham Street, Guelph.

Guelph June 10. daw tf

Silver Question.

IN CONSIDERATION

Of the mutual agreement herein contained,

WE, the undersigned, Merchants and Traders in the Town of Guelph, do severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that we respectively will not from and after the first day of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight, accept, or permit our agents to accept, in payment of any debt due, or to become due to us, or of any goods sold, or to be sold by us or our agents, any silver coin of the coinage of the United States of America, (when offered in amounts over five cents), unless there be at the same time paid therewith to us discount at the rate of ten per cent. on each of said coins, under denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar, and at the rate of four per cent. on each of said coins of the denomination or nominal value of a quarter of a dollar and upwards; the British shilling to be received at the rate of twenty-four cents, and the British sixpence at the rate of twelve cents.

AND, in consideration of the premises, we further severally agree, the one with the others, but not the one for the others, that in the event of default being made by us respectively in the due performance of the above agreement, we will forthwith pay to John Hogg, of the Town of Guelph, Merchant, (party hereto), his executors and administrators as trustee or trustees for himself and the others, the sum of fifty dollars of lawful money of Canada, which is hereby expressly declared shall not be considered as a penalty, but as liquidated damages for each breach of the said agreement, which said damages may be recovered by him or his executors or administrators from any one or more of us who shall make default in the due performance of the said agreement in any court having competent jurisdiction in that behalf.

AND, it is hereby expressly declared and agreed that in the event of two-thirds in number of the undersigned at any time desiring to withdraw from this arrangement, it shall be competent for them at any time to give notice in writing to the said John Hogg of such their intention, and at the expiration of one month from delivery of the said notice to the said John Hogg, these presents shall ipso facto, cease and become of no effect, provided, nevertheless, it shall be competent for the said John Hogg to commence or continue any proceeding for the recovery of any damages, in virtue thereof, for any breach of the agreement herein contained, prior to the expiration of said month.

AS WITNESS our hands this tenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight:—

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Guelph, July 10, 1868. daw tf

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Guelph, 18th July, 1868. P W

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St. James, St. Paul's
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L. W. DECKER.
Montreal, 30th March, 1868. d

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A. O. BUCHAM.

Wyndham Street, Guelph, July 25, 1868.

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Guelph, 18th July daw

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