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THURSDAY EVEG. JUNE 11, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

'One who is near to me,' she said, trying to make out his meaning.
'Yes, daughter, one who is near and dear to you, I trust,' he rejoined, fingering the cords of his gown nervously; and added hastily, as if afraid of being misunderstood or understood too well, 'I speak in sweet charity's name my daughter.'

'I do not understand.'
'I will be plain then. It becomes my office so far as my frail power can go, to be a peace maker; and surely it is well to be the maker of peace, the bearer of disunion between those whom ties of kindred should bind together in this world in unity. I speak, lady, of your brother.'

She turned away her face, which crimsoned as with shame.
'You mean my father's son,' she said, huskily.
'And your brother; although not born of one mother, the kinship is binding in the eyes of the church; and in the church's name I charge you cast away all malice.'

She turned to him with a proud sad look.
'He whom you call my brother has sinned so deeply that he is an outcast in the eyes of all men. My father dying cursed him; he was my father's enemy, and therefore mine, and withal I yearn towards him and pity him. Were he near me I would shun him for I fear him. But could my poor strength help him to a better life you would see how gladly I would serve him. This is not malice father.'

The friar spoke hastily, lowering his voice to a whisper—
'A new and better life is before him—you and you only can help him to it—will you refuse?'
'Show me the means,' she said warmly.
'You shall hear. But be not startled, strange as the proposition may appear.'

'I listen.'
'Tush!—he who would make you his wife—holds your brother so strongly in his grasp that he cannot escape him, cannot hope to rise above the mire of perdition into which he has sunk till you stretch forth your hand and lift him up. Will you refuse?'
'Show me the means,' she repeated, calmly.
'Haste then to place your brother in a position to defy his evil master; you must to-night in seeming—only in seeming, remember—give your hand to Tushielaw.'

With a subdued cry she shrunk back. He continued quickly—
'I will perform the ceremony, but in such wise that it will place no bond upon you—You will not refuse?'
She covered her face with her hands, affrighted as much by the strange eagerness of the friar as by his proposition.
'Oh I cannot, I cannot do this,' she sobbed. It would be blasphemy.

'I will absolve you. Remember, it is to serve your brother.'
Bewildered and affrighted she covered down, unable to answer; and during the anxious pause a half stifled sigh was heard in the room.
The friar glanced quickly around, and saw the hanging rustle.
Lady Margaret rose to her height, a resolute dignity upon her troubled countenance.
'Even to save him I cannot permit my own soul.'

'Think, think again, and remember all depends upon your answer.'
'I remember all, and I have answered.'
'Is there no gleam of memory, of pity, of love, to make you risk so little to gain so much?'
'I will not consent to this.'
'Then blame yourself for all that follows,' he cried angrily, as he clutched her by the wrist and attempted to drag her from the room.

The hangings were torn asunder, and Gilbert Elliott stood between the friar and the door.
There was a moment of hesitation and surprise. Then Mess Simon drew the lady behind him, and drawing from beneath the folds of his clerical gown a poniard, sprung with a swiftness of a tiger upon the champion. The latter, however, sprung nimbly aside, and tripped his assailant, who fell heavily to the ground.
Gilbert swung the iron bar he had wrenched from the window above his head, and in his passion would have despatched Mess Simon without any questioning had not Lady Spens thrown herself before him with a cry of horror.

In the scuffle the cowl had fallen from the friar's head, and something she observed in the strange face of the man made her his protector in this moment of peril.
'No, no, no,' she cried wildly, 'do not you strike him.'
A minute Gilbert hesitated, then quietly obeyed. He lowered his weapon to the ground.
'You protect him?' he said, wondering.
'Yes, yes; but do not ask me why. Let us away at once, if you have still the means of escape.'

'I will not question since it is your wish, and since delay equals all. I think the deed is clear now down yonder, and we can go—but first we will make this ruffian harmless.'
The friar had been partly stunned by the fall, and Gilbert without difficulty bound his wrists and feet securely together. That done he tore a strip of cloth from one of the hangings and stuffed it into the mouth of his late assailant. Then, moving rapidly, stealthily, he piled the chairs against the door—Next, he tied the end of the rope to one of the massive bed posts; and tied the rope again to the bar of iron, so that the latter should catch in the masonry of the window.

Thus, having made doubly sure of the fastenings, he placed the table beneath the window, and, after extinguishing the candle, he peered out into the night.
He decided only too darkly and the glimmering snow; he heard no sound save that of the wind and the r-r-runing waters below.
He threw the rope down and turned to the lady. Pallid as the snow without, and with a world of anguish expressed upon her face, she was kneeling beside the prostrate friar, gazing upon him piteously.

TO BE CONTINUED.

MILITARY NEWS.—The *Globe's* Ottawa correspondent says: It is intended to authorize the concentration of all the rural battalions which are detached for field brigades at the respective battalion headquarters for the purpose of performing the annual drill. The city battalions detailed for the field brigades will be authorized to perform six drills out of the sixteen drills of the ensuing year, with the same object. In addition to the battalions, a few will be concentrated at the most exposed points, such as Windsor, St. Lawrence and the Eastern frontier to the south of Montreal. I believe it is intended to concentrate the frontier battalions in a few days. The other steps indicated may likewise be expected to take place almost immediately. It is reported here that the Minister of Militia has made the concessions demanded by Adjutant-General MacDougall, and that his resignation will not take place in October as was announced some time ago. The Civil Service Commission has been appointed by the Government, and consists of C. S. Ross of Kingston, Thos. Reynolds, of the St. Lawrence and Ottawa Railway, and Messrs. Langton, Smith, Bouchette and Griffin, deputy heads of departments.—The Commission is to assemble at once, and take evidence as to the requirements of each department.

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