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The Maiden's Choice

On THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

All this had taken place before Sir Gilbert had recovered from the dumb amazement which Walter's appearance had produced. This amazement was so extreme that he had not even power to lift the packet which had fallen on the floor at his feet, but Helen Oringao, who was behind him, understood the whole thing at a glance, and she in a moment snatched it up.

"Oh, I see it all, Sir Gilbert, I see it all," she whispered. "Mr. Elliot has come from Holland to secure the packet for us, and he has been discovered at Birkenleuch."

"God help us!" is that it?" groaned Sir Gilbert. "Walter, Walter, he cried, 'is that actually you?'"

"It is indeed me, Sir Gilbert," answered Elliot, in a cheerful tone. "When I received your interesting and important epistle, I resolved to come to Scotland to secure the packet, which I was certain Captain Allan had not got. Alas! but well I had secured it, and was about to make good my retreat, when Rover here recognised me, and made my presence known to him in the house. I had a quick run from Birkenleuch to this; but my purpose is accomplished—you have got the packet, and my labour has not been in vain."

"Oh! Watty, Watty, man, I am clean bewildered!" exclaimed the Baronet. "Bide a wee, bide a wee, till I come down and open the door."

At Sir Gilbert's orders the hall was lighted up, and the great door opened, when Allan entered in triumph, followed by the troopers guarding Walter.

The latter was bareheaded, and his labourer's garments presented abundant tokens of the rough usage he had sustained in his hapless adventure. His face, too, was scratched in many places, and blood trickled from the wounds. But his bearing was calm and dignified, and his eye beamed kindly and even cheerfully on Sir Gilbert, who came to wards him in great distress, and faltering emotion.

The Baronet took both his hands and gazed at him silently and with moistened eyes. Walter met his grieved and troubled look with a smile.

"Gude God, Walter, what's the de done about this?" he said, in a husky voice. "It was brave and generous o' ye; but, oh, man, it was rash, and I was rather that the packet had been lyn' at the bottom o' the sea than that ye and he came into this peril."

"In undertaking this, Sir Gilbert, I did no more than my duty," replied Walter. "The possession of the packet is of the utmost importance to you. I alone could procure it, and I should have been worse than ungrateful had I refrained from undertaking the task from considerations of danger to myself. It was the unkindness of Rover that betrayed me. Poor fellow, he did not understand what mischief he was doing. However, I am glad you have got the packet. Had our common foe—[and here he glanced at Charlie]—secured both it and me, his success and triumph would have been greater."

"So it would—I don't deny it," cried Charlie, with a loud laugh, under which he strove to hide his mortification. "But since you have baulked me there, I must try to make the most of the advantage I have gained. A sight of the ladder in the freemason's hall will go far to make up for this little defeat."

"Ye blackhearted vagabond," cried Sir Gilbert, shaking his clenched hand at him with a burst of rage, "a ladder there w' you turned over it, wad be the gladdest sight my eye could light on. But dinna count on the fate ye covet for the man ye hate for nae other reason than that he's a thousand times better than yerself. When the truth is tellt, the Council will never count his vesit tae Scotland a crime; and by my faith the hall story will be laid down tae them."

"Oh, I doubt not you will use all your efforts to get him off as you did before; but I'll take care you are baulked this time. You succeeded before, but this time you shall fail, and my triumph shall be sweeter, for my revenge will be greater. As sure as the sun rises in the morning that is about to dawn, so surely shall Walter Elliot die within the week."

"Dinna believe that, Walter—dinna believe it," exclaimed Sir Gilbert, purple with passion. "The Government daurna, even if they would, commit sic a monstrous wrong."

"Alas! Sir Gilbert," returned Walter, with mournful calmness, "the Government has shown itself capable of even greater enormities, and I confess I have little hope of mercy being shown me."

"But this is nae crime, nae ava," exclaimed Sir Gilbert, with wild vehemence. "Ye can't tae Scotland solely on my account, an' no tae break the conditions o' yer former pardon."

"True my friend; and had I succeeded in withdrawing unseen from Birkenleuch with the packet, it was my intention, so soon as I delivered it into your hands, to return to Holland, and that without communicating with any other person in this country. By what boots it speaking of this? Falseness and misrepresentation, resulting from vindictive malice, will conspire to frustrate your generous efforts in my behalf."

"If by that you allude to me," cried Charlie, "you are perfectly correct. In me both of you have a bitter and a sleepless foe, and my vindictive hate, as you choose to call it, will do its utmost to crush you both."

"In God's name, tell me what either Walter or I have done tae ye tae rouse yer hatred in sic a way?" roared Sir Gilbert, with a burst of indignation.

"Be calm, Sir Gilbert," said Walter, himself setting the example. "Reason and expostulation are alike futile. Be calm and patient."

"Calm—patient! It's mair than mortal man can be in the face o' sic cursed injustice!"

"But passion only gives the enemy a greater triumph," rejoined Walter mildly. "The time was when I was wrathful and impatient too, but the years that have passed since last we saw each other have disciplined and subdued my spirit. Injustice and wrong do not chafe me as they were wont. I have learned to rise above and look beyond them, and thus doing have been designed to injure me have borne blessed fruit in my soul."

TO BE CONTINUED.

NINETY-EIGHT PERSONS DROWNED.—The following particulars of the loss of the steamer Sea Bird come from Chicago on the 9th inst. When off Whanegen, about 6:30 yesterday morning, the fire was seen issuing from a pile of freight stored around the after guards, outside the ladies' cabin, and in ten minutes the entire stern of the boat was wrapped in flames. All on board became demoralized, even the officers, and no effort was made to lower the small boats. The only survivors as far as known are C. A. Chamberlain and Edward Hannabury, passengers from Shelbygan. There were then about 100 persons on board, including the sailors, ten ladies, and seven or eight children. The captain of the steamer Cordelia seeing the Sea Bird burning, hastened to the vessel, and picked up the only two passengers saved, taking one from the water and another from the steamer.

TRIAL OF JEFF. DAVIS.—It is now very positively announced in Washington, that the trial of Jefferson Davis will come on at the May term of the United States Circuit Court, at Richmond, Va., to which time it was recently postponed. It is also stated that Chief Justice Chase has made all necessary preparations to be present at the trial.

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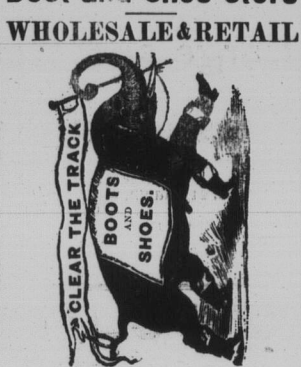
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Guelph, April 2, 1868. daw tf

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