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OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.

SATURDAY EVE'G. APRIL 11, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

In the midst of the deafening din an iron-stanchioned window in the first story was thrown up, and revealed the head and shoulders of Sir Gilbert Barton.

"Puddin's and painches! what's the meanin' o' this uproar?" demanded the astonished Baronet.

"No subtlety!" roared Allan. "Deliver him up instantly, or by Heaven we shall force an entrance!"

"In the name o' what's that extraordinary, what is yer meanin' for this outrageous proceedin', Captain Allan?" asked Sir Gilbert, in a tone of mingled anger and amazement.

"Sir Gilbert Barton, I won't be trifled with," returned Charlie. "Four affected ignorances is useless. You do not open the door at once we shall blow it in with a volley from our carbines."

"Will ye raley? Puddin's and painches! but this is a bonny high-headed deil, and, by my faith, I cannae ye answer for it! Take rouse me and my household at the deid hoose o' night by a noise fit tae bring doon the hoose, and then threaten tae blaw in the door if I wunna open it tae ye! Odd-sake! ye sell smart for this!"

"Will ye open, Sir Gilbert? or must I give orders to the men to blaw up the door?"

"Ye had better no! My certis, ye ha'e geen a devilish sicht ever far as it is; but if ye blaw in the door, I'll ha'e every soold o' ye hanged for hoosebreakin'."

"Once more, Sir Gilbert, will ye open the door?" demanded Allan.

"No, sir, I will not," roared the Baronet, in a towering rage.

"Very well, since you refuse to obey the summons I have made on the King's authority, I will force an entrance. Men, get your carbines ready."

"On the King's authority!" cried Sir Gilbert. "The King g'ies ye nae authority tae force yerse! at midnight into the mansion o' a loyal and peaceable gentleman, for nae reason save or pretended."

"Oh, you stand upon ceremony, do you, and demand a formal statement of my reasons for demanding admittance? Be it so. I tell you, what you know already, that I am here in pursuit of the traitor and outlaw, Walter Elliot, whom you have sheltered in your mansion, and for which offence you will have to pay a heavy penalty."

The Baronet's eyes opened to their widest, and he regarded the speaker for some moments with a silent stare.

"Captain Allan, ye are drunk," he exclaimed. "What! roared Charlie. "By God, Sir Gilbert, this insult shall receive personal chastisement. I am not a fool, and you shall find it so very quickly."

"And neither am I a fool, as ye sell find out likewise," rejoined Sir Gilbert, whose anger was now fully roused. "I said ye was drunk, and that was the maist charitable construction tae put on yer random words about Walter Elliot bein' in my hoose."

"Have you the assurance to deny it?" exclaimed Allan.

"Deny it, ye idiot? Of course I deny it!"

"Then you lie, for you gave Elliot shelter here not five minutes before we came up."

"Did mortal man ever hear sic ravin'?" ejaculated the Baronet, "tae speak o' Walter Elliot bein' here when he's at the ither side o' the sea in Holland. Lie! did ye say? I gie you the lie, sir. Walter Elliot is no here, and bravely din ye ken that?"

"Come, Sir Gilbert," counselled Charlie, "don't play longer at a desperate and hopeless game. Elliot had not time I dare say, to tell you how closely we were pursuing him; but we were on his heels all the way across the park. We lost sight of him only when he came among the yews, but we heard him rouse you by the ringing of the bell, and he couldn't be more than over the threshold and the door fastened again when we came up."

"That's a cursed lie, and a clumsy one," cried the Baronet. "I havena the slightest notion o' what ye mean by this outrage. As tae yer havers about Watty Elliot, ye might ha' gotten up a story rather less preposterous. A' that I can say is, that neither him nor ony ither body rang the bell till you and your men cam' wi' a din at it tae waken the deid."

"We never touched the bell, Captain," observed Sloggan gruffly and surlily.

"That's another cursed lie," cried Sir Gilbert. "I tell ye what it is, Captain Allan, ye had better tak' yer men and yerse! all afore waur comes o' it. If ye ha'e done this for a joke or in a spree ye'll aiblins ha'e tae pay gey dear for it."

"You still refuse, then to open and admit us?"

"Decidedly I refuse."

"Zounds, then, the door shall be blown up without further parley. Make ready, men. Captain Allan, I warn ye."

"Sir Gilbert, I warn you that—Hilloo, what does the dog mean by such an extravagant demonstration at the foot of that yew?"

This last remark was called forth by the extraordinary conduct of Rover, who had the minute before come upon the scene, and was making frantic endeavours to penetrate to the interior of the yew, which stood close by the entrance. He scraped violently at the root, whined loudly, and showed every sign of the most joyous excitement.

This was the yew in which Walter had concealed himself, and where he had listened to every word of the angry parley. In all probability his hiding place would have remained undiscovered but for the unfortunate arrival of Rover, who had already done so much mischief to his master, and was determined to do still more. Having found his way to the outside of the mansion of Birkenkleuch a short time after Charlie and his men had started in pursuit of Walter, he got upon the latter's scent, and followed the track with fatal directness till he came to the yew, where he immediately detected his master's presence, and notified his discovery by those noisy movements which caught Charlie's attention.

"By heaven, there is something under this," cried Allan, rushing towards the yew, and Walter, seeing that his discovery impended, resolved to execute a purpose which he had already formed. With desperate energy he tore aside the branches which environed him, and, leaping out, rushed forward beneath the open window at which the Baronet still stood, and, quick as lightning and with marvellous accuracy of aim, tossed the packet between the iron bars into the interior of the room.

"There is the packet, Sir Gilbert," he cried. "Thank God you have got it. This deed was scarcely done, and the words uttered, when the troopers surrounded and secured him."

"Damnation! hissed Charlie in baffled rage, through his clenched teeth, 'we have missed that, but we have secured our man. Keep him sure, men, and see that he does not again escape.'"

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE GENERAL HOSPITAL.—It is expected that the Toronto General Hospital will be opened on the first proximo. Judge Adam Wilson was elected Chairman of the Board. A visit was subsequently paid to the hospital and a number of repairs ordered. Dr. Hampton will be retained as resident physician and all the former officials of the institution will also be retained in their positions.

This month three years ago, Friday, April 14th, 1865, Abraham Lincoln perished at the hand of an assassin, John Wilkes Booth, whose name will ever be held in execration athwart the globe.

His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor addressed a note to Mr Charles Dickens, offering him the hospitalities of the Government House, should he decide to visit Toronto. An answer to this was received on Thursday, declining the invitation on account of Mr. Dickens' determination to return to England on the 22nd instant. After having made his little pile in the States, Mr Dickens does not think it worth while to come over and see his countrymen in Canada. There is a piece of snobbery about the affair which we in Canada don't like, and which detracts very much from the respect hitherto entertained for Mr Dickens in Canada.

The New York Tribune, alluding to one of the secret organizations which now exist at the South, says "is it to be tolerated that a gang of ruffians should spread terror far and wide in this way?" The Tribune may depend upon it that so long as the United States Government allow secret political organizations of one kind or to exist without any attempt to check them, others will be formed also. If the Tribune thinks it right that Fenians should plot against the British Government, why does it object to the unfortunate people of the South trying to throw off the yoke of a military despotism? The Tribune says "the Ku-Klux-Klan means mischief," that is, it is formed for the purpose of liberating the South.

THE BISHOP STRACHAN MEMORIAL CHURCH.—The Cornwall parochial list of subscriptions towards this church has the handsome sum of \$8,715—his Honor Judge Jarvis heading the list with \$1,000 and the widow Blythe being the last on it for the present, with the contribution of a gold watch. The rector and committee also acknowledge additional subscriptions from friends in Cornwall belonging to other religious bodies of over \$900—the Hon. J. B. Macdonald heading the list with \$200. This is something like the thing. The people of Cornwall are not talking only, but working, and are determined to do great honor to the memory of the good bishop who lived among them so long, and whom they loved so well. A large addition to the above amounts is expected to be collected.

DRS. MCLEOD AND WATSON IN CALCUTTA.—The Calcutta Englishman says:—The deputation of Drs. Norman McLeod and Watson has been most successful. The collections at the kirk amount to upwards of £500. Drs. McLeod and Watson have been welcomed at a grand gathering of the missionary bodies, under the presidency of the Bishop of Calcutta. They have also been entertained at a great public dinner. Dr. Watson has paid a visit to Gya, from whence, it is reported, he will proceed through the north-west provinces to Sealkote. The report circulated by the Dundee Advertiser that Dr. MacLeod had been attacked with dysentery and ordered home from India, has been explained. It seems that he had a slight attack, but it was speedily checked. It was judged prudent, however, in view of the rapid approach of the hot season, that he should not accompany his colleague, Dr. Watson, to Sealkote in the Northwest Province. At this juncture Dr. MacLeod was urged to take advantage of an agreeable opportunity of leaving Europe in a Government steamer; and there being no longer a necessity for prolonging his stay in the East, he accepted the offer. Dr. Watson was to leave by the regular mail steamer a week after his colleague, so that both gentlemen are now, in all likelihood, well advanced in their homeward journey. Dr. MacLeod will spend some time in Italy before resuming his ministerial duties in Glasgow.

A woman named Elizabeth Reid, of the Gore of Downie, was found dead in her bed on day last week. An inquest was held on the body, and a verdict 'died from intemperance' was returned.

DESECRATION.—Some ill-disposed persons have been desecrating the cemetery at Kincardine, breaking the marble tablets, and scratching the polished faces of the gravestones. There must be considerable heathenism about Kincardine, when they can scarcely allow the dead to repose in peace.

John Sinclair, a farmer residing on lot 5th concession of Sault Ste Marie, was found dead on Monday afternoon the 6th inst., his body lying under a tree, which he had chopped down, and which had fallen upon him. Deceased was a widower about fifty-five years of age, and leaves a family of children.

ANNAND, one of the Anti-Delegates, from Nova Scotia, was arrested and subjected to pretty rough handling from the detectives at Queenstown, who took him for a Fenian. Perhaps his "amiable wish," that 50,000 Fenians had the country, has been noticed by the authorities. He was at length released, upon giving his name, and submitting his papers to a thorough overhauling. Troop and Smith escaped somewhat easier.

Miss Joy says she is glad she is not a 'thing of beauty, for she would not be a Joy forever.'

Brother Ignatius, the eccentric and eloquent ritualistic preacher, is attracting crowds to the church of St. Edmund the King, in London. Among those who have recently been to hear him were Mr. Gladstone and Dean Stanley.

Rev. W. Morley Punshon, one of the most eminent pulpit orators of the Methodist Church in England, is about coming to this country to reside, in order that he may wed the sister of his deceased wife, a thing forbidden by English law. This is one of the causes of emigration not laid down in any work on political economy.

A NEW AND GRAND PUNCH IN MEDICINE.

DR. MAGGIEL is the founder of a new and grand punch in medicine. The quantities of his internal doses enfeeble the stomach and paralyze the bowels, must give precedence to the man who restores health and appetite with from one to five of his ordinary Pills, and cures the most violent sores with a box or so of his wonderful and all-healing Salve. These two great specifics of the Doctor are fast superseding all the stereotyped nostrums of the day. Extraordinary cures by Maggiel's Pills and Salve have caused the eyes of the public to the inefficiency of the (so called) remedies of others, and upon which people have so long blindly depended. Maggiel's Pills are not of the class that are swallowed by the dozen, and of which every box-full taken creates an absolute necessity for another. One or two of Maggiel's Pills suffice to keep the bowels in perfect order, tone the stomach, create an appetite, and render the spirits light and buoyant. There is no griping and no reaction in the form of constipation if the liver is affected, its functions are restored, and if the nervous system is feeble, it is invigorating. This last quality makes the medicine very desirable for the wants of delicate females. Ulcers and eruptive diseases are literally extinguished by the medicinal use of Maggiel's Salve. In fact, it is here announced that Maggiel's Bilious, Dyspeptic and Diarrhoeal Pills cure where all others fail. While for Burns, Scalds, Chills, Cuts, and all Abrasions of the Skin, Maggiel's Salve is invaluable. Sold by J. HAYDOCK, 11 Pine Street, New York, and all Druggists, at 25 cents per box.

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Frightful Burns—Frightful Scalds.—Dr. Maggiel's Salve stops the most violent pain of burns, scalds, etc., it is unsurpassed.

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Montreal, 30th March, 1868. L. W. DECKER.

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FINNAN HADDIES,
SEA SALMON,
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Guelpb, April 7, 1868. daw

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Guelpb, 27th March, 1868. dw

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Wholesale and Retail. TORONTO.
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They can get better, cheaper and handsomer Horse Bills than at any other office in the County, and printed while they wait.
Orders by post will be promptly attended to, and forwarded by the earliest conveyance. Give us a call.

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Guelpb, 27th Jan, 1868. dwtr

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Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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RYAN & OLIVER,
General Hardware Merchants—114 Yonge-st. Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

Cabinetmakers & Upholsterers.
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RYAN & OLIVER,
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NOTICE OF
REMOVAL.

In consequence of the rapid increase of the subscriber's business within the past few years, he has pleasure in intimating to his numerous patrons, and the Trade in general, that he has

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Guelpb, April 2, 1868. daw tr

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200 lbs. Honey, Strained or Comb.
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200 lbs. Keiller's Dundee Marmalade.
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Guelpb, March 24th 1868. dw

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Guelpb, 1st April, 1868. d3m-wim

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The rate of interest allowed on all deposits will be four per cent. per annum, to commence from day of deposit, and five per cent. on all sums remaining in the Bank six months from 3rd of June or 31st of December.
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Guelpb, 1st April, 1868. dw4

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Guelpb, 3rd April, 1868. dw

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