

THE WONDERFUL FLOWER OF WOXINDON.

An Historical Romance of the Times of Queen Elizabeth.

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CHAPTER XXVII.—(Continued)

In the first, she was now willing to acquiesce, as far as she was personally concerned, provided her royal rank was recognized and no obstacle placed in the way of her religion. The other was of course impossible.

I uttered a few words of encouragement, although I saw the block already prepared for her in prospect; alas, did I not myself aim at obtaining proof of her guilt! The continued struggle that went on within me was most painful. Was she innocent or the contrary? Was her faith true or a delusion of the Evil one? Ought I to lend my aid to Windsor and Babington for the rescue of the Queen, or hand both her and them over to the executioner? What counsel should I give to Miss Cecil? How were her doubts and my own to be solved? Was it not possible I might finally discover it to be my duty to return to the Church of my forefathers, and give in my adherence to doctrines which I had till now regarded as deadly error? Then all the frightful consequences of such a step rose up before my mind's eye in vivid colors; the loss of position, the loss of wealth, honors, high office, which the future had in store for me—exile from my country. No, a thousand times no! I exclaimed, I will not, cannot believe. It is all a lie, a delusion and a deceit!

This conflict went on within me for several weeks, during which I found no rest by day or night, for I had no recourse to the only means of relief, humble prayer for enlightenment and guidance—I was heartily glad when towards the end of June Gifford brought me a note from my uncle, requiring my presence in London. I preferred to start on my journey alone, rather than wait for Windsor, who was going a day later than myself, although on account of the insecurity of the roads, especially in the neighborhood of the metropolis, the company of a fellow traveller was generally accepted gladly. On my arrival, I took myself immediately to my uncle's house.

He received me very kindly, but remarked upon my altered appearance, for I was looking thin and ill. This was owing to my mental unrest, but I told him I had not slept very late, and did not think Chertley a healthy place. He answered that he was all the more pleased that there would not be occasion for me to remain there much longer, as matters must soon be brought to a climax. He then took me into his private room, and asked me a great many questions about the royal prisoner and her new physician, all of which I answered truthfully, to the best of my knowledge.

For a short time Walsingham sat silent apparently pondering over what he had heard. At last he said: "It is really much to be regretted that Windsor and Tichborne who seem to be honorable and estimable young men, should have associated themselves with that fellow Babington. However, it is their own doing, and they must suffer for it. We have abundant evidence of their reasonable designs. What we now want is to procure some proof of Mary Stuart being a party to those designs, and this I fully expect to have within the next fortnight. All the conspirators are to meet at the Blue Boar on Friday. Babington will then probably acquaint them with Savage's proposal, of which they are for the most part ignorant, and there will be rather a sharp contest, for strongly enough, these Papists are in the main wonderfully loyal to Elizabeth. What I trust to be the influence of a man named John Ballard, formerly in my pay as a spy. He was instrumental in bringing many a Papist to the gallows, but, for what reason I know not, he became a Papist himself, and made some studies—not very profound ones I should imagine—in their college at Douay. Well, as is often the case, this convert evinced extraordinary fervor, and this induced Dr. Allan to ordain him priest. Now, so Gifford informs me, this zealous, but not very wise personage, desired to wash out with his blood the stain of having once been a persecutor. We will see that this wish is gratified.

He is now going about, dressed in a military garb, under the name of Fortescue, ostensibly to get recruits for the army in the Netherlands, in reality to collect information for the exiles in Paris concerning the view taken in England of Parma's projected invasion. Naturally I was desirous to bring him and Babington together, and this has been done by means of Gifford, who is a clever fellow and most useful to me, as he is utterly unprincipled and unscrupulous. Ballard is living with Bab-

ington now, and I devoutly hope that in his foolish zeal, he will listen to Gifford's advice, and involve both the Scottish Queen and Babington with all his associates in Savage's murderous scheme.

"Then hitherto there has been nothing in the prisoner's letters by which she incriminates herself?" I asked.

"Not a single word," Walsingham replied. "There is the whole correspondence transcribed by Philippe. The dexterity that fellows display in deciphering and imitating handwriting is really marvellous. She has heard of Parma's plan and approves of it, as a matter of course; she knows something of Babington's plot, too, and encourages him in general terms. But she is a shrewd woman, and does not make use of an expression hostile to Elizabeth nor one that could be called treasonable. The thing that astonishes me most in her is the tenacity with which she clings to the Popish creed. Amongst the letters lying there you will find one addressed to the Archbishop of Glasgow, in Paris, wherein she makes the stipulation that, if Philip of Spain should conquer England and Scotland, her son should be instructed in the Catholic religion, 'which,' she says, 'is the thing of this world I most desire, affecting a great deal rather the salvation of his soul, than to see him monarch of all Europe.' A singular infatuation, is it not?"

"She said the same to me," I answered. "She told me that it was on account of her adhesion to her religion that she was compelled to exchange the throne for a prison, and she would rather end her days in captivity than give up her faith. She stands out, besides, for the recognition of her royal rank, and the privileges attaching to it, I do not know why."

"She is wise in doing that, for were she to renounce these rights, the very next day she would be tried for complicity in Darnley's murder, and condemned to death."

"Do you seriously believe in her guilt?" She told a different story to me.

"To tell the truth, I do not. But it is not a question of that now. There is no chance that she would be acquitted; she would be made to appear guilty, and public opinion is against her. However, as I said, she will never be tried for that. As soon as we have got proof that she is in any way implicated in the design against Elizabeth's life, the new bill will render nugatory all her rights as a Queen. We must wait and see what news Gifford will bring the day after to-morrow. I shall commission my emissaries to spread the report to-night of a general massacre of the Papists."

CHAPTER XXVIII.

The same night, the eve of St. Peter and St. Paul, when the tremendous storm broke over London, I could not sleep. I rose, accordingly, and busied myself with the

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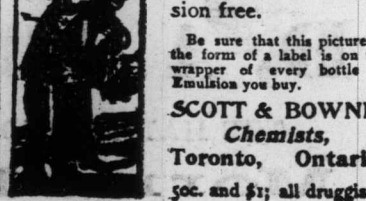
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journal of Mary Stuart's letters. Was she really the shrewd, artful woman my uncle thought her? Was not her tenacious adherence to the Catholic faith, which appeared in every letter, the offering of her most heartfelt conviction? What truly Christian generosity, what heroic fortitude this conviction produced! The words occurred to my mind: By their fruits ye shall know them. I could not help contrasting this woman with Burghley, who abjured his beliefs, sacrificed his friends, whenever he could thereby promote his own interests. Or with my uncle, personally a man of honor, not, like Burghley, bent on enriching himself at the public expense, but yet setting aside all principles of honor and justice to gain his political ends. Finally what could be greater than the contrast she presented to our Queen, a woman of ungoverned passions, enslaved by pride and vanity!

Reflecting thus, I no longer wondered at the project of the young English nobles, the development of which my uncle and I were watching, and I actually began to hope that it might succeed. And how easily I might ensure its success. Walsingham had as good as put into my hand the key of Mary Stuart's prison. I had only to say a word to Windsor, a man whom I could not do otherwise but esteem, and we two could convey her out of England, before my uncle and Lord Burghley had an inkling of it. There would be no difficulty in locking this old bear Paulet up in his own den. And when once the royal lady was at liberty, safe in Parma's camp, how would Elizabeth be able to withstand the onslaught of the victorious army of Flanders, which would immediately descend upon our shores? What would follow then? The forcible extirpation of the Reformed religion, to which, despite all my doubts, I still clung—a Spanish reign of terror—the Inquisition—the rekindling of the fires of Smithfield, and all the woes with the tale of which my youthful fancy was fed. Could I bear to witness all this, even with the charming Judith for my bride, boundless wealth at my disposal, one of the highest offices of State as my reward?

No; my uncle was right; England was now a Protestant country and such it must remain, unless we were to be involved in a terrible civil war, or the best blood of the land shed in quelling a widespread insurrection. The Puritans would not submit to a tenth part of the oppression which the Catholics had endured for a quarter of a century. I came to the conclusion that Mary Stuart's escape must be prevented, or still better, she must be put to death, if only proof could be found against her.

The next day but one, while I was sitting at breakfast with my uncle, a messenger brought a letter from Gifford, giving an account of all that had passed at the meeting of the conspirators the previous evening. When my uncle heard the report of the spy, he said Windsor must have a drastic potion administered to him to keep him quiet. He would himself provide the prescription that would cure him, a warrant of arrest, duly signed and sealed, which I should carry down to Chertley with me, and put into execution as soon as Mary Stuart's answer to Babington's next letter was in our hands. The most essential part of the business was that Babington, influenced by Gifford's and Ballard's persuasions, should have the insane folly to lay the whole plan, in which Savage's offer would be included, before the prisoner, for her sanction. That Babington and Savage understood one another was quite certain; the latter was only waiting to carry out his design until the plot was fully matured.

"The whole concern is of a greater complexion than I at first imagined," he continued. "The Papists are a stronger party than Burghley allows; and these young men display courage and determination. Notwithstanding the extreme folly of their leader, I have my misgivings as to the final issue of plot. Were any of the measures I have taken to fail of their end, I should answer for it with my head. Elizabeth will not be trifled with. Remember, our only confederates are despicable rogues like this Gifford, the 'honest' brewer, Pooley, Phillips, Gregory and their crew, each and all of whom would not hesitate to play the traitor to me, if any one of the other side offered them a higher bribe. Let us hope our adversaries are too honorable or too stupid to profit by their treachery. Courage, my boy, prudence! The crisis is imminent!"

On the following morning another messenger presented himself, bearing the tidings that during the past night a prisoner had escaped from the Olink, and gone, as it appeared, up the river. In answer to my uncle's queries as to the name of the prisoner and the nature of his offences, the man replied that his name was Bellamy, a recusant from Woxindon, incarcerated on account of having harbored a Popish priest.

"Bellamy of Woxindon!" repeated my uncle. "Do you recollect two children, Frank, whom Topcliffe shut up in Newgate, and who were released at Windsor's and Babington's request? Was not their name Bellamy?"

I remembered the incident quite well; I remembered also, how the two children had seen their uncle in his cell in the Olink, and I told my uncle about it.

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