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WATTY WELSH'S SPEECH

At the Kirk Meeting.

The kirk at Birlybrae was "rent asunder" divided, and altogether in a grievous state of uproar.

And what was it all about? Simply a new prorektor had to be chosen.

If the "upper ten" had divided their votes they would have had no chance, but being wise in their generation...

And so the question wandered away, and tempers were lost and friendships broken up.

So when each man on the list had his day, Mr Bently never referred to the trial.

And Sandy was right. Mr Bently did speak well on charity for three Sun days...

Ever since Andrew Johnstone had gone up to the manse to ask the minister to come and see we Nanny Hope there had been a certain friendliness between the roadman and Mr Bently.

Andrew looked keenly at the minister again, and then said in his usual slow way:

I maybe suda speak o't, but you lecture o' yours, sir, has set me thinkin' o't. I was wunnerin if there is nae way o' bringing the congregation to vote according to their conscience.

will never men. An' it's a senseless way o' ganzing on! Noo, I'm ganzing down to Watty Welsh's the night, an' I'll stop him if ye'll stop Morrison, the grocer.

"I! Andrew? No, no; I would never dream of interfering," said Mr Bently. "Weel, sir, it is yer duty—a word frae you wad gang a far road—"

Mr Bently smiled, an' said:—"Then try a speech yourself, Andrew." "Na, na, I'm owre auld to begin," said Andrew, shaking his head.

Andrew shook his head, and, after the minister departed, he went down to the abode of Watty Welsh, the tailor. Watty had stopped work, and was sitting before a large fire smoking a pipe, and muttering to himself.

"Whessit! woman. Ye've nae sense," said Watty, at last. "Ay, but I have a vote, an' I'll vote ye out. What is that at the loor?"

Watty Welsh in one moment had brought the blue stockinged feet on to the floor with a spring—a real tailor's spring. All he wanted was a listener.

"Come on, Andrew Johnstone; the very man I want to see." "Weel, Watty, I like fine to haae a crack wi' ye man. What are ye about the noo?"

"Weel, I was thinkin' o' beginnin' wi' sayin' a I could for Bill, and ending wi' a when remarks beginnin'—"

"Ye are richt there, Watty," said Andrew, quietly, though his eyes were twinkling. "But, about Bruce and Wallace, 'a' Stewarts are no sib to the King."

"What's wrang wi' the speech?" asked Watty, sulky, for his wife had greeted Andrew's remark with a "Hee hee!"

"Nae doot o' that," said Andrew, "an' ye see ye ha'e't in yer poover tale help him. Noo, Watty, mak' a speech the morn's night; a cheery, nice ane. Say a' ye can for Bill; but end wi' askin' a' the folk to be sensible folk, an' no cast oot gun they dinna get thier way."

his brither cheated the man oot o', he might groan as he liked," said Mrs Welsh. "If our Watty and auld Bellows wad hauld their tongues the morn's night Bill might get in, but they'll speak, an' better speak an' spoil a thing, I said she to Andrew.

"Never heed her," said the tailor. "What does she ken about it?" "When the voting night came Birlybrae kirk was filled. Mr Bently wondred to see the excitement. He was proud to see so many bright, intelligent faces, but he sighed to think how bitter each side was against the other for such a little cause."

Then Mr Bently looked round him. For the first time in his life at Birlybrae he felt as if he had something to say that he must say, and yet would rather not. As he paused, his congregation looked. They might "cast out," but one and all respected Mr Bently.

"Friends," he said, "I have never, since I first came among you, interfered in any matter pertaining to the government of the church. You are clever business men, who can understand better than I how to manage the business matters of the church, as well as the politics of the country. My Master has given me other work. But tonight he has sent me with a message. I dare not be silent. Let every one of you vote as you truly think in your heart, not because of any pressure that may be brought upon you. And after the voting is over, let each be prepared to endure disappointment in a brave and noble spirit, knowing that if success cannot be commanded it can be deserved."

Mr Bently had a motion that he had made a very poor speech, and he sighed as he wiped his brow. The congregation looked at one another. Watty Welsh rose to make his speech, and expectation was on tip-toe, but Watty sat in the seat in front of a female turn right round, saw the grim face of his better-half, and his speech fled. He sat down. Then his speech came back. "I could haae said it's whaur I sat down," he explained afterwards. So Watty rose a second time, and Bellows and the smiddy ladies cheered him to urge him on. "Bruce and Wallace, man," whispered Bellows. But it would not do. Watty sat down. Now human nature was in Peggy Welsh's heart, and she did not like to see Watty make such a fool of himself, for Mr Morrison and his friends were laughing and rejoicing over Watty's failure. So she whispered over the seat "Say something ye gowk."

"So Watty rose and said—" "Friends, I haae lost my English, but I hanna lost my Scotch. I'm no gaun to say muckle, so the aristocracy 'll no need to sen' me for Jamieson's dictionary. A' I'll say is this—that I quite gae in wi' what Mr Bently says. An' I ken I can speak for every ane, he'll vote on my side; that lose or win, he'll shut his mouth, an' say nae mair about it. For a the nonsense I haae said in the heat o' my temper I'm sorry. I haae played the fule. Words gang slipping aff aie's tongue like the spittal aff the goose. Sae our side gaun to wheest."

Then Watty sat down, and Peggy Welsh led the cheering with her big cotton umbrella. Mr Bently smiled. Mr Morrison and Dr Young, who had two splendid speeches on Mr Pitt's ability to teach music to old and young, train a choir, and other matters, consulted. Then Mr Morrison said—"Mr Chairman and friends—We are glad to see such a good spirit shown in Birlybrae kirk. We will not enter into the matter any more except to say that we, too, can stoop and conquer."

He spoke in the very genteel manner that he used towards his young lady customers. But Sandy Henderson all the same whispered to Andrew Johnston some words not too complimentary about his good sense. However, the voting was entered into and William Carruthers was declared duly elected. No one could object now. Even Watty's side did not like to show their rejoicing too openly. There was a pause. Then Andrew Johnston rose, and in a few sensible words spoke well for "Billy Carruthers."

"Noo the least we can do is to be freen's again. And if Mr Bently'll take Mr Carruthers to the door, we'll haae a chance to shake hands as we pass out."

Andrew's motion was carried. The blushing Bill followed Mr Bently down the passage. And such a hand-shaking there was!

In the fall of '84, Randall Miller, of Matland, N.S., was prostrated to his bed with an attack of incipient consumption. Cough remedied all failed. He rapidly grew debilitated, and friends despaired of his recovery. He tried Burdock Blood Bitters, with immediate relief, followed by a speedy cure.

SCOTT ACT CONVICTION.

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Mr Justice Armour delivered judgment yesterday in the case of Regina v. Heath, quashing the conviction of a buyer of liquor for aiding and abetting an offence against the Scott Act. The following portion of the remarks of the learned judge will give an idea of the law on the subject. It is not difficult to see that if the buyer of liquor could be convicted, convictions of sellers would be much fewer than blackberries.

"It would be contrary to the Legislature if a buyer upon whom no penalty had been imposed could be made liable to punishment as an aider and abettor of the seller."

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