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WEDNESDAY EVENING, MAY 13, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice

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

One form, however, was missing from the well-coming crowd—that of Jamie Tamson, the edger. Poor Jamie had, heretofore, died a martyr's death at the hand of Claverhouse's butchering dragons. The suspicion went out against him that he secretly assisted the Covenanters, and for this heinous offence he was shot like a dog on the moor, and friendly hands and sorrowful hearts dug a grave for him near the spot, and laid him, without a coffin or shroud, beneath the purple heath-er.

At length the day came, the grand gala-day for Greytown; and the inhabitants of the parish, young and old, dressed in their best, assembled at the entrance to the village, to await there the arrival of the carriage containing the minister, the Laird, and his family. The bell of the church was a ringing, and happiness and joy sparkled in every face. The young folks were full of exuberant glee. To them the expected ones were but a tradition, for twenty-four years had elapsed since their departure, and they knew them only as they were depicted by the admiring and loving lips of the seniors. The older people—those who had enjoyed the rich blessing of Mr. Gordon's ministry, and had wept around him on the day he left the manse—composed the smallest portion of the throng, for, in the interval, time and persecution had sadly reduced their numbers. They stood in a group by themselves, numbers manifesting a joy not less deep or intense, but of a graver and more serious character, as befitted their solemn and sanctifying experience. The scene that met their eyes was the long deferred answer to a thousand prayers offered with strong crying and tears in midnight gloom and solitary wilds, when, as it seemed, the Lord's hand was shortened that it could not save, and His ear heavy that it could not hear. This temptation to unbelief and despair they had resolutely withstood, and they stood now on with unflinching faith, doubting not that He whom they served was able, and would in His own good time deliver them from the furnace, and save their land and their Church from the oppressor.

And now they had their reward. The time to favour their Zion, yes, the set time had come, the year of jubilee had arrived, and peace and safety once more surrounded them. Can we wonder if so many sacred and sorrowful memories crowded upon them; they joined trembling with their mirth, and stood there by the wayside bowed and burdened by the weight of their emotions.

When all hearts were strung to the full height of expectation, loud shouts from watchers stationed on a height in front proclaimed the joyful tidings that the carriage was descried, and immediately the feet-footed sentinels were seen rushing down towards the road.

"They are coming, they are coming!" was the universal cry, and all eyes were fixed on the turn of the path at which they would first come into view. It was a bright cloudless day, and earth and sky seemed to partake of the general joy. A few moments of hushed and breathless silence followed, then the rattle of wheels was heard, and the four white horses which drew the carriage burst upon their sight.

"Oh! the rapturous shouts of joy that rent the air as the crowd rushed forward like a wave. It had been arranged that the people should wait where they were till the carriage reached them, but one simultaneous impulse of impatience seized them, and they flew forward to meet it further on.

At the first burst of shouting, forms were seen to rise in the carriage, and Walter and Marion were recognized standing side by side with radiant countenances, waving their hands in answer to the glad welcome. In a few moments the glistening motion of the white horses was lost in the human surge and the carriage stopped, and was surrounded on all sides by the cheering, shouting, exulting crowd.

Then it was that the venerable form of Mr. Gordon was seen seated in the centre of the carriage. Infidelity kept him from rising with the rest, but he bared his head, and a halo of more than mortal radiance seemed to shine above his snow-white locks. His grand and noble countenance which may describe? Pensive, calm, and serene as ever, it beamed now with a lustre of no earthly light, as if from the opening heaven, on whose threshold the good man stood, a stream of celestial glory fell upon it, as a forecast of the immortal brightness that would soon envelop him for ever. A smile of ineffable sweetness lay upon his lips; his eyes beamed with inexpressible love, and he lifted up his hands over his people in the attitude of blessing. In lifting up his hands he also lifted up his voice and wept. He wept when he saw so many there he did not know; he wept still more when the elders came tottering forward and greeted him in the name of the Lord. Many, many wept with him, for the depths of joy as well as the depths of sorrow are surrounded by the fountain of tears.

Walter, Marion and their children—three in number—received the joyous and affectionate greetings of the multitude with unceasing and ceaseless emotion. It was no time for words. The faculty of speech was lost in the strength of feeling, but the changing expression of all faces was eloquent utterance enough.—They grasped the outstretched hands, they struggled towards them over the sides of the carriage, and greeted with their streaming the streaming eyes that sought their recognition.

CONCLUDED TO-MORROW.

"OUT WEST."—A Minnesota correspondent of the Halifax Witness describes the rapid material progress of that State. He, however, does not say much to encourage emigration from Nova Scotia, and his remarks will apply just as well to the other British North American Provinces. On this part of the subject he writes:—"But while it appears to be a small matter to build a city out here, the farmers do not think it an easy matter to live. The ground of course is good for raising wheat; it is not uncommon to have ten or twelve crops in succession on the same ground; but this crop is nearly all the farmers have to depend on. They keep very little stock and raise very little wheat, so when it fails it causes a famine. How could Nova Scotians afford to exchange their fisheries, their mines and vessels, for the one privilege of growing wheat? I can see but little wisdom in leaving a Nova Scotian home to seek one in the West. It is true it is common for a farmer to have from twenty to thirty acres sown in wheat every year, but it is common for that same farmer to live in a log-house no better than Nova Scotia hogs have to live in. He has no barn or out-houses, all of his farming machinery, wagons, ploughs, &c., lie out uncovered; he threshes his wheat out of doors, and piles up the straw, allowing his cattle to eat holes to live in. In winter he is probably seen—sometimes when the thermometer is 40° below zero—drawing his wood across the prairies for 15 miles. If he wants to borrow a little money he will have to pay 20 or sometimes 40 per cent. interest; 25 per cent being quite common.

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