

vengeance upon, and if I had ever felt a hope of favor, or that my case would not be considered a desperate one, it would have been effectually dispelled by Sir George himself, who at the close of an interview, in which he offered a free pardon, and emolument, if I would give information of the combination existing in the country for the subversion of the government, by which he hoped to obtain more subjects for 'retributive justice,' said: 'For your obstinacy you shall feel the vigor of that power you affect to despise, and be hung despite any efforts to the contrary.' This he said with the tremor of passion on his lips: 'Though the Province rose *en masse* to beg it, you shall secure no favors from me.' All that I had to return was, 'that all the reparation in my power, I would make instant, that as he considered me a prime instigator, my blood was at his service, if he would deem my execution atonement for all the others who had been incarcerated for conduct he considered me the mover.' There were sixteen condemned to the same fate, three more were added, and were sent to Fort Henry at Kingston on the twenty-first, leaving, Chandler, Beamer, McLeod, and myself."

Sir George left Toronto to avoid the petitions. Mr. Chandler had a wife and ten children. Miss Chandler accompanied Mrs. Wait. Subscriptions were raised to send them. Mrs. Wait requested Dr. Porter before she left that if Mr. Wait should be executed before her return to prevent his body being dissected, and give it to his friends for burial. Mr. Wait's sentence by Judge Jones, August 11, 1838, was as follows: "You, Benjamin Wait, shall be taken from the court, to the place from which you last came, and there remain until the twenty-fifth of August. Between the hours of eleven and twelve a. m., you shall be drawn upon a hurdle, to the place of execution, and there hanged by the neck until you are dead, and your body shall be quartered. The Lord have mercy on your soul." This sentence was commuted to transportation to Van Dieman's Island, Australia. Others were sentenced at the same time.

Mr. Wait's respite from the scaffold arrived only half an hour before the time appointed for his execution. Moreau had been previously executed; Sheriff Hamilton performing that melancholy duty. He chartered the vessel from Toronto which relieved a highly sensitive nature from what was a trial to perform. Moreau's execution shortened his life. Sheriff Hamilton died in the following December. Lord Durham's reprieve saved the lives of many others.

The execution of Lount and Matthews had touched the hearts of the people everywhere. How Mrs. Wait and Miss Chandler, with undaunted courage and unwearied patience, saved those men from the scaffold, Miss Carnochan has told you. Through all this dreadful struggle