The Maiden's Choice

A Tale of the Covenanters.

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Sharpe died, but the edict he had framed came into force, and from that day it may be said that the civil war had begun. The armed conventicles now assumed gigantic propertions, and an army was raised for the express purposes of putting them down.

The military man commissioned to do this work was Claverhouse—a name which has been detested in Scotland from that time to this. Attempts have recently been made whitewash Claverhouse, but these are vain. The red stain will not disappear. The unaminous testimony of those he hunted down, the abundant and circumstantial evidence of his cruelties and butcheries, are not to be overturned and swept away by the few brief and inaccurate documents that one or two of his belated admirers have hunted up. All that can be said for him is this, that, cruel and bloody as he was, he did not go beyond his commission. His employers fully authorised him to act as he did; therefore on them, as well as on him, lie the infamy and oblo-quy.

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"Drumclog was a brief but brilliant triumph to the Covenanters. It was quickly followed by the disaster of Bothwell Brig, when fearful vengeance was taken on the defeated Presbyterians, and the years which followed were, by reason of the atrocities crowded into them, called "the killing time." Then it was that Glaverhouse sourced the west like a raging wild beast—be and his troopers, like so many wolves thirsting for blood. They had power to do as they listed, and what they listed would, if enumerated, make up a long, sad catalogue of indescribable horrors. It is said of the Israelites in Egypt that the more they were oppressed the more they multiplied and grew. So may it be said of the Covenanters under the Claverhouse regime. The effect intended was not produced. The Covenanters were not exterminated, but instead, they were driven to take a course which ultimately brought the land rest and deliverance—they publicly disowned the King, declared that he had forfeited his right to the British throne, and they no longer owned nor would render allegiance to him. The leaders in this bold decisive course did not enter on it without counting the cost. They knew that their lives would, in all probabilty be lost in prosecuting it, but, seeing clearly that through it alone lay hope for Scotland, they were content to give themselves in sacrifice for the truth and freedom of the land. And for this they had not made up their minds unnecessarily. Donald Cargill, the first to speak the bold words, was executed in Edinburgh. But though they thus fell their work was done. They died, but it prospered. The Sanguhar Declaration mys be compared to a cloud like a man's hand, which grew and grew till it spread over the whole British sky. The little leaven had leavened the whole lump—the kingdom was ripe for revolution, and in the very year of Renwick's martyrdom the Revolution came the Stuarts were ba

and William of Orange reigned in their stead.

An utter change was produced by this event. The Covenanting struggle, in the physical sense of it, was terminated. Preshyterianism was re-established—confiscated estates were restored—ministers were brought back to their charges—and exiles came home in safety and honour.

Among those who returned to Scotland to receive the reward of their constancy and steadfastness were Mr. Gordon, Walter Elliot, and Marion. The manse and church of Greystone were Mr. Gordon's once more, and the laird of Birkencleuch received his own again. Charlie Allan had ere this fled and joined Claverhouse, who, with his troops was holding out in desperation for King James, but the hopelessness of the enter prise was so palpable that no one had the faintest expectation of its success.

All obstacles, therefore, were removed to Walter resuming possession of Birkencleuch and great preparations were made by his friends in Nithsdale to receive and welcome him with enthusiastic demonstrations of gladness and rejoicing.

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Richard Wayland—or Richard Barton
rather, for this was the name he had now
long borne—was the chief promoter and orgamizer of this ovation. The work was easy
enough—for all Greystone and the neighbourhood were as eager to take part in the demonstration as he was to get it up, but itseffective character required arrangement of
detail, and he set himself with heart and
soul to get forward all the preparations.

The eighteen years which have elapsed
since the marriage of Richard and Helen
have brought many changes, most of them
of an interesting and happy kind. Everybody we then knew was now eighteen years
older, and that is a period of time which produces great personal alterations.

On none was the change more marked
than on Sir Gilbert Barton. He was the
soult, jolly, full-chested, bouncing man of
health and strength no longer. His hair had
taken on a silver hue, his shoulders had begun to stoop, and its motion had lost its
briskness, for his limbs had grown stiff with
advancing age. But he was genial, hearty,
generous, and good natured as ever, and his
honest, warm heart rejoiced exceedingly at
the prospect of Walter's return.

Richard was now a stout-made man of
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if their father and mother had allowed him. Among those gathered together to welcome home the Laird was old Andrew Weir. We may indeed call him old, old Andrew now, for he was considerably upwards of eighty, though wonderfully vigorous still. He had been sought for and found among the recesses of Ettrick, where he had resided through all the troubbous time in quietness and peace. His wife Marjory was no more. She had died years ago, and been laid in a sweet and rural churchyard on the shores of St. Mary's Loch, so that when he returned to Nithsdale, he came alone. But he came with a full and gushing heart, for it had been the dearest wish of his soul to see "Maister Walter" before his old eyes were closed in death.

TO BE CONTINUED.

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