

A LOOK OF HAIR.

Valuable Historic Relic in Goderich—A Lock of Hair of Mary Queen of Scots.

Last week we drew attention, by a small item, to the fact that Miss Brent, niece of R. S. Chilton, U. S. Consul at this port, had in her possession a lock of hair belonging to Mary Queen of Scots. We copy the following description of this valuable relic from the 'Goderich College Journal':—

A Lock of Hair of Mary Queen of Scots.

We have been permitted to inspect this rare relic, the history of which is described as follows by its possessor, our Alumnus and good friend, J. Carroll Brent, Esq. The hair is of a beautiful pike texture, and the hue, as nearly as we can describe it, is a pale auburn: at any rate, it corresponds in character with the color of Mary's locks, as described by her biographers, and we have no doubt of its genuineness, considering that it was an heirloom in the Douglas family until its transfer to its present possessor, and even in his hands, is in hereditary keeping. The small mahogany box referred to is enclosed in another of ivory, elaborately carved by one of the early possessors of the relic, and perhaps by the father of young Douglas himself, and yellow with age. In the 'Abbot,' by Sir Walter Scott, the incidents of Mary's escape from Lochleven Castle, and of the share young Douglas took in it, are graphically described.

MR. BENT'S ACCOUNT.

In the years 1836 and 1841 I visited a relative living near Glasgow, Scotland. She was a member of the Douglas family and being a great admirer of the character of Mary Queen of Scots, we had frequent conversations on the subject. She showed me the lock of hair, neatly set in a mahogany box, and previous to her death in 1847, entrusted it in the hands of a relative to be delivered to me for preservation. It is now in my possession, and I need hardly say that I prize and treasure it as an heirloom and a relic. It was found among some old papers at Wislaw, one of the estates of the Douglas family, belonging to Lord Belhaven, and had been given by the Queen herself to the George Douglas mentioned in the following extracts from the history of Scotland.

Gilbert Stuart, the historian alluded to, informs us that the Queen of Scots having fallen into the hands of Morton and his associates, it was resolved in council 'that she should be confined during her life in the Fort of Lochleven,' and that accordingly the 10th June, 1567, 'she was delivered over to Wm. Douglas, the Governor of the Castle of Lochleven, whom they enjoined to detain her in close custody. In this castle, which was situated in the middle of a lake, Mary could not easily contrive to carry on a correspondence with her friends. Douglas, the Governor, was nearly related to the Earl of Morton, and had married the mother of the Earl of Murray, a woman of an imperious temper, who had been the concubine of James V, but who fancied herself to have been the Queen, and that her son was the true heir of the Scottish Monarchy. The fidelity of such keepers could not well be shaken, and the Earl of Morton and his adherents found a malignant joy in rejecting, that here she could not only experience the common severities and unguers of a prison, but be exposed to the bitter mortifications of studied insults and neglects.'

The month of January, 1568 arrived; Mary, in the meanwhile, was contriving to escape from her confinement, and there was in the Castle of Lochleven a young gentleman called George Douglas, the son of her keeper. He was not more than eighteen years of age. To him she said a flattering attention. Her engaging manner, her misfortunes, her beauty, and smiles, won him completely to her service. She opened her mind to him, and even insinuated that she might tender her hand as the reward of his service and fidelity. His heart was big with love, generosity, and the spirit of adventure. By this means she corresponded with her friends and prepared them for her enterprise. Upon the second day of May, about seven o'clock in the evening, her keeper was at supper with his family, George Douglas, possessed himself secretly of the keys of the castle, and opened the door. He conducted her out of her prison. She felt herself to be again a queen. He locked the door of the prison behind him to prevent sudden pursuit. They flew to the lake, crossed the boat that was in readiness, and were instantly rowed to the opposite shore. There she was received by Lord Seton, with a chosen band of horsemen in complete armor. That he conveyed her to his house of Adrick in West Lothian. She rested six hours, and set out for Hamilton. In most of your readers are aware, the title of Langside followed on the 13th May, the royal forces were totally defeated, and the Queen fled to England. She was subsequently imprisoned in the Tower of London, and was executed, after being murdered, by order of Elizabeth, her rival, the 7th February, 1587, the 45th year of her age, after eight years of captivity.

The George Douglas who thus rescued

Queen Mary, and to him the lock of her hair was presented before or after that event, was, as Stuart informs us, 'detached privately to France. He had attended her with fidelity from the period of her escape from Lochleven; and while she desired Charles IX to receive from him the detail of her misfortunes, she recommended him in the strongest manner to the protection of this monarch. The part of the latter which refers to him is finely characteristic of her gratitude for the service he had rendered to her, and of the warm benevolence of her temper.'

I hope, therefore, that readers will find it very natural that Mary should have favored her young deliverer with a lock of her hair, after such 'a hair-breadth escape,' and will accept the genuineness of the interesting and valuable souvenir in the possession of J. C. B. Washington, Oct. 2, 1875.

PRESENTATION.—The St. Catharines Journal.—Friday, after the evening service in St. George's church, a number of the congregation assembled in the vestry for the purpose of bidding good bye to Dr. Jones, who for some months back has officiated as rector. The reverend gentleman has made warm friends here, and it was not, therefore, surprising that a tangible expression of their regard should be made in the shape of an address expressive of the esteem in which he is held and a purse containing \$123. The reverend gentleman, although taken completely by surprise, made a suitable reply to the eulogistic address. It is gratifying to note such pleasant relations existing between pastor and people. Dr. Jones leaves for Goderich in a few days.

A PLEASANT SURPRISE.—A pleasant surprise greeted Mrs. Jones—wife of Dr. P. O. Jones, for the last year acting rector of the parish of St. George's in this city—on the occasion of her taking leave of the choir of the church prior to her departure for her new home in Goderich. By many acts and words, as well as by her assistance in active choir work, Mrs. Jones has gained the esteem and affection of the members, who begged her acceptance of an elegant silver cake basket as a memento of their appreciation of her efforts in their behalf. Mr. Hunt made the presentation, tendering to the recipient the best wishes of all her future work. In reply, on behalf of Mrs. Jones, Dr. Jones took occasion to impress upon the choir the necessity and duty of unanimity and earnest co-operation as the best means of success in the work that lay before them.—(St. Catharines Journal.)

What Will He Do With It?

Now that Premier Mowat, by his persistence and tact, has secured for Ontario undisputed possession of her Northwest territory, the question arises 'What will he do with it?' Emigration has long been diverted from that section of Canada by the uncertainty which existed regarding it. Now that Ontario's rights are recognized, the Mowat Government might be relied upon to secure the settlement of the territory by judicious judicious of its resources among the farmers of Europe. Ontario farmers who wish to engage in pioneer work, but are afraid to go to Manitoba and the Canadian Northwest on account of the monopoly policy of the Macdonald administration, can find a home on the fertile lands of Northern Ontario. There is no longer any reason for emigrating to Canada West. Northern Ontario is no colder than Dakota, and it is not liable to be devastated by tornadoes. The exodus of farmers will be diverted toward the free grant lands of this province, and so will cease to be an exodus and become merely a migratory movement. The result will, of course, be a greatly extended field for the manufacturers and wholesale men of Toronto, Hamilton, London, and other cities in Southern Ontario. If Mowat has been defeated, the territory would have been governed by Manitoba, which has no capital with which to develop it. The people of Ontario need have no fear as to what Mowat will do with the territory. He will manage it in the interests of his province; but while looking after the commercial interests of the province by promoting immigration and checking the exodus, the Premier might provide for the intellectual development of the people by setting aside a large part of awarded territory for university purposes.—(Toronto News.)

The Monk's Lesson.

There was once an old monk walking through a forest with a pupil by his side. The old man suddenly stopped and pointed to four plants that were close at hand. The first was just beginning to peep above the ground, the second had rooted itself pretty well into the earth, and the third was a small shrub, while the fourth and last was a full sized tree. Then the monk said to his young companion:—

'Pull up the first.' The boy easily pulled it up with his fingers.

'Now pull up the second.' The youth obeyed but not so easily.

'And the third.' The boy had to put forth all his strength before he succeeded in uprooting it.

'And now,' said the master, 'try the fourth.'

But lo! the trunk of the tall tree, grasped in the arms of the youth, scarcely shook its leaves, and the little fellow found it impossible to tear its roots from the earth.

Then the wise old monk explained to the pupil the meaning of those four trials:—

'This, my son, is just what happens to our passions. When they are very young and weak one may, by a little watchfulness over self and the help of a little self-denial, easily tear them up; but if

we let them cast their roots deep down in our souls, then no human power can uproot them.—The Almighty hand of the Creator alone can pluck them out. For this reason, my child, watch well your first impulses.'

Macdonald's Victim.

A few years ago John Shields was a respectable grocer in Toronto. There was not word said against him more than against any other Toronto merchant. Last week one of the Tory M.P.'s engaged in the Muskoka contest publicly repudiated Shields and declared that if the gang came into the constituency he would leave. This may have been genuine or not, but it shows where Shields stands, or rather lies. In an evil hour he entered the service of Sir John, and now his own friends give him the cold shoulder. The way of this transgressor is truly hard.

A few years ago Big Push Wilkinson was a respectable minister in one of the Methodist churches. He gave up the ministry and went into the service of Sir John A. Macdonald, and the effect of 'evil communications' has since been apparent. Where is he now? What is he now?

A short time ago Bunting was a respectable business man engaged in sugar refining, at which it is said he made a good deal of money. If Bunting were to say all he thinks he would say that doing Sir John's work is a rather dangerous kind of business.

The list might be indefinitely extended. Faquier, the disqualified, might be added. The work that degraded these men was cut out of them by the Chief. He prepared it for them and often superintended it personally. They and two many others are his mere tools. When they have served his purposes he will cast them aside with a little compunction as one casts aside an old shoe. They and their connections suffer—and most of them are very respectably connected—but the arch-trickster laughs at his victims with a callousness that baffles all description.—(Stratford Beacon.)

St. Ann's Victory.

Mr. John Morrison, well known in St. Ann's, N. S., had serious kidney complaint that bordered on dropsy. After hope had nearly fled, he was cured by Burdock Blood Bitters.

Poisonous Plants and Flowers.

There are many plants whose leaves, flowers and seeds contain virulent poisons, which every one should know, so as to avoid them and keep children from them.

Buttercups possess a poisonous property, which disappears when the flowers are dried in hay; no cow will feed upon them while in blossom. So caustic are the petals that they will sometimes inflame the skin of tender fingers. Every child should be cautioned against eating them; indeed, it is desirable to caution children about tasting the petals of any flowers, or putting leaves into their mouths, except those known to be harmless.

The elder contains a deadly poison in its leaves and flowers, and is said to be a dangerous plant for the parlor or dining room. The flower and berries of the wild bryony possess a powerful purgative; and red berries, which attract children, have proved fatal.

The seeds of the laburnum and catalpa tree should be kept from children, and there is a poisonous property in their bark. The seeds of the yellow and of the rough-podded vetches will produce nausea and severe headache.

Fool's parsley has tuberous roots, which have been mistaken for turnips, and produced a fatal effect an hour after they were eaten.

Meadow hemlock is said to be the hemlock which Socrates drank; it kills by its intense action on the nerves, produced complete insensibility and palsy of the arms and legs, and is a most dangerous drug, except in skillful hands. In August it is found in every field by the seashore and near mountain tops, in full bloom, and ladies and children gather its large clusters of tiny white flowers in quantities, without the least idea of their poisonous qualities. The water hemlock, or cowbane resembles parsnips, and has been eaten for them with deadly effects.

The water dropwort resembles celery when not in flower, and its roots are also similar to those of the parsnip, but they contain a virulent poison, producing convulsions, which end in death in a short time. The fine-leaved water dropwort and the common dropwort are also dangerous weeds.—(The Druggist.)

Loss and Gain.

CHAPTER I.

'I was taken sick a year ago with bilious fever.'

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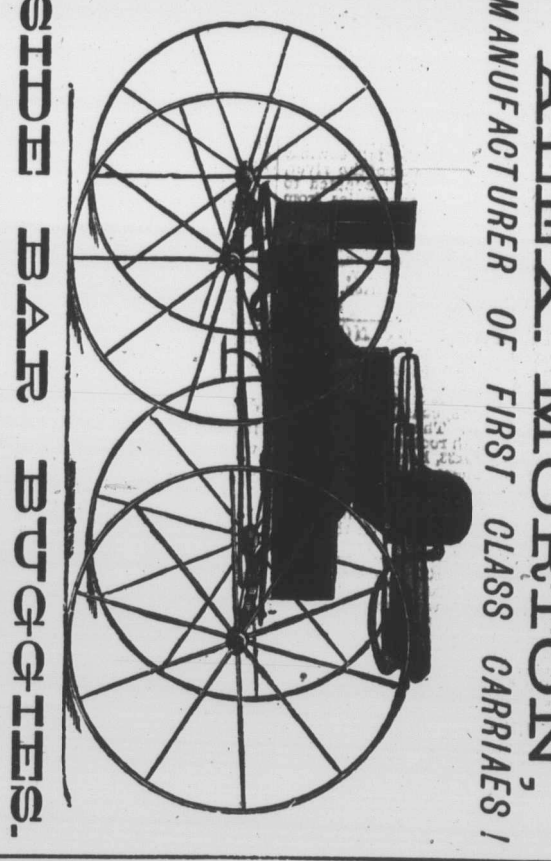
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