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SATTRDAY EV'G, MARCH 7, 1868,

POETRY.

A Thousand Years Ago.

The sun went down in red and gold,
I watched it from the hill,
With purple clouds, like banners rolled,
Whose tops are rusty still.
Where are the eyes that oft of old
Have watched in weal and woe,
While the sun has set in red and gold,
A thousand years ago?

A linnet perched upon the bush,
And sang in thrilling strain,
Duetting with her neighbor thrush,
Till the soft air thrilled again!
And all the wood with music rang,
Their voices echoed so—
Who listened while the linnet sang,
A thousand years ago?

Where are they, all whose beating hearts
That lived and throbbed like ours;
Who acted out the separate parts,
And used their varied powers;
The hearts that gasped and thrilled and burned,
And writhed in passion's glow;
Or with the tenderest pity glanced,
A thousand years ago?

Where are they?—Haply over some
The "dust to dust" was said,
Who slumber each in hallowed tomb,
Till angels wake the dead.
Some linger in the dreamless sleep,
In ocean's coral waves;
And mighty, fragrant forests weep
Their dew on others' graves.

But all their souls, we must be sure,
The grave can never hold;
Th' immortal essence will endure
When hearts and hands are cold.
They may be floating round us now,
Above us and beneath;
The very breeze that fans our brow,
May be a spirit's breath.

I doubt not but they mark with sighs
Our faults and follies all:
O! sad to think, some spirit's eyes
Grow dimmer when we fall!
Like us the end of time they wait
Their final doom to know:
Whatever was their earthly state
A thousand years ago.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

The noise of wheels sounded without, and a carriage was heard to draw up at the church door. This was supposed to be the bridegroom and bride, and all eyes were turned to the entrance in expectation of seeing them make their appearance. Those who entered, however, were not the happy pair, but Sir Gilbert Barton and his solicitor—a lawyer from Glasgow. They walked along the middle passage, and took up a position near the pulpit.

The Baronet's face, usually so jolly and good-humoured in its expression, was uncommonly grave and stern, and he saluted the curate only with a stiff bow. A minute or two of awkward silence followed, which was put an end to by the entrance of Charlie Allan and a group of brother officers. Charlie was dressed in new, flaming uniform, and his not unhandsome face wore a look of high satisfaction. His eye quailed for one moment before the angry and scornful glance of Sir Gilbert Barton, but, vexed with himself at being betrayed into this guilty consciousness, he bit his lip and returned the Baronet's glance with one of bold and insolent assurance.

Allan and his friends had scarcely taken their places when Jabez Cringan appeared at the far end of the passage leading Helen by the hand. A strange appearance the old miser made in the new suit which Charlie had insisted on him procuring for the occasion. It accorded so ill with his lean form and sallow visage, and his own distress of mind at being so extravagantly clothed made his aspect the more ridiculous. Had there been no one by his side to take the gaze of the people from himself, he would have been the cause of not a little laughter; but the vision of white and delicate loveliness presented by Helen drew all eyes upon her, and murmurs of admiration passed from lip to lip as they moved up the passage.

Helen was very pale, but was quite calm and composed. She trembled a little as she advanced, and more so when she caught sight of the severe reproachful look cast on her by the Baronet. Then did a deep crimson gather over her marble brow, and her eyes became fixed on the ground. Nor did she raise them when Charlie took her hand and led her forward to where Briar stood ready to begin the service.

At this moment, unseen by any one, a ghastly spectral face showed itself by the side of a pillar in a far and dark corner of the church, and its ashy whiteness and fearful expression was all the greater contrast to the gloom by which it was surrounded. Silently it seemed to have come out of the deep shadow, and in utter stillness glared with lurid eyes on the group around the pulpit, never moving, never changing, while the service proceeded.

Briar went through that service calmly, mechanically, and without a pause, and it was soon over. Charlie Allan and Helen Cringan were pronounced man and wife, and the officers crowded round them to offer their congratulations. Sir Gilbert and the lawyer stood aloof, and Jabez Cringan watched them keenly and anxiously, getting extremely nervous and fidgetty when the ceremony was over and the group was moving away from the altar. At this point, his avarice overcame all sense of decorum, and, darting to the side of the Baronet, he feverishly whispered—

'The legacy, Sir Gilbert. Where is the legacy?'

But the Baronet paid no heed to the eagerly asked question. He took the lawyer's arm and followed the party along the passage towards the door of the church—the excited miser tugging at him all the way, and vainly soliciting an answer to his repeated question.

In going along the passage the newly married pair walked first—Helen leaning on her husband's arm. Raising her eyes for a moment, her gaze was drawn by a mysterious attraction towards a white object in the shadowy gloom of the distant corner, and to her consternation and horror she recognized the blanched distorted face of Richard Wayland, with his awful gaze fixed upon her.

She started back with a low scream, and closed her eyes with a shudder. Charlie turned towards her with astonishment, and asked what was the matter.

She cast another terrified glance towards the fearful corner, but the white face was gone, and only the dim, dark outline of the pillar met her view.

'N—nothing,' she faintly replied, in answer to Charlie's interrogation. 'It—it was a sudden spasm; but—'tis gone.

'Ah! the ceremony has agitated you a bit—made you nervous, I suppose—but, take courage, it is over now, and we shall soon be at Birkencleuch."

In the porch they were brought to a standstill by the lawyer who stept before them.

'Be kind enough to step in here for a few minutes,' he said, pointing to the open door of the vestry. 'There is a little business which requires to be transacted.'

'What business?' demanded Allan, rudely.

'The payment of Lady Barton's legacy to Helen Cringan, who is now your wife.'

'Oh, we can't bother with that, pay it to her father.'

'Yes, pay it to me,' cried Jabez. 'You hear him, Sir Gilbert, I am to get the money?

'Your pardon, sir,' rejoined the lawyer,' addressing Allan. 'But the money can be paid only in your presence,' and yourself and the lady require to sign the discharge.'

With an impatient 'pshaw,' Charlie led Ellen into the vestry, and they were followed [illegible] Sir Gilbert, the lawyer coming

He then advanced to the little table which stood in the middle of the apartment—and on which writing materials were already placed—and drew from his pocket a parchment and a small bag of gold. As he laid the latter down on the table its chink made the miser's eyes gleam, and he stood as if barely able to restrain himself from pouncing upon it.

The lawyer slowly unfolded the parchment and placed it before Charlie for signature. The latter without even a glance at the body of the document, took the pen and wrote his name; then he handed it to Helen, who tremblingly did the same.

Jabez Cringan could restrain himself no longer, but making a clutch at the bag, was arrested in the act by the cool imperturbable man of law

'It's mine,' hissed the miser most frantically.

'It is not,' returned the lawyer. You are not the legatee.

'But I am to get it. They have promised it to me.'

'They are free to dispose of it as they please, after it is legally paid; but the lady alone must receive it.'

And lifting it as he spoke, he handed it to Helen, who took it mechanically. She had not held it a moment in her hand when her father made another clutch at it, and this time triumphantly possessed himself of it. In a twinkling he had untied the string, and pouring the yellow contents into his palms sat down with gloating eyes and shaking fingers to count it.

'Well, I suppose all the business is settled,' replied Charlie, with nonchalance.

'No juist yet,' said Sir Gilbert, speaking for the first time, and forthwith he drew a sealed packet from his bosom.

'This is for you, Helen,' he said. 'I got it among my mother's papers, wi' directions beside it to the effect that ye wasna to get it, and no even ken aboot it, till yer waddin' day. What is in it, I have not the slightest idea, but I hae obeyed the orders, and as this is yer waddin' day I now deliver it into yer own hand.

TO BE CONTINUED.

BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.—The Board of Agriculture met in the board-room, Agricultural Hall, in Toronto, on Thursday evening for the purpose of organization. The members present were—Hon. D. Christie, Hon. A. C. Burnham, and Messrs. Thomas Stock, John Shire, Col. R. L. Denison, W. F. Stone and Professor Buckland. Hon Mr. Christie was reappointed President, and Hon. Mr. Burnham, Vice-President. It was decided that the Provincial Exhibition should commence at Hamilton on the 21st of next September. A committee of the Agricultural association was appointed to prepare a prize list. The Fruit Growers' association and the Mechanics' Institute will be each empowered to prepare prize lists, subject, of course, to revision by the Board of Agriculture.

THE CASE AGAINST MR. TYNG.—The Board of Presbyters appointed to try the Rev. Stephen H. Tyng, Jr. of New York for the violation of a canon of the Protestant Episcopal Church, in having preached in a Methodist and Episcopal church outside the bounds of the diocese without the consent of his Bishop, have brought their labours to a close. They have found Mr. Tyng guilty and have sentenced him to receive a public admonition from the Bishop, in accordance with the provisions of the diocesan canon.

DIFFICULTY ABOUT A POLICE MAGISTRATE.—The town council of Port Hope recently petitioned the government to appoint a police magistrate, representing that the town had the required population and nominated Mr. David Marshall. The government granted the magistracy but gave it to Mr. Bethune. The town council got angry, and now declare that they will not pay his salary, as the town has not the required number of inhabitants to warrant the ministry in appointing a police magistrate. What childishness. The fact of the government refusing to appoint the nominee of the council is by no means pleasant or complimentary to the judgment of the Port Hope councillors, but that body must grin and bear it, and pay their police magistrate.

TORONTO AHEAD.—The Ottawa correspondent of the *Globe* says:—There is said to be a hitch in the negotiations with the Imperial Government on the North-west question. The address passed last session was transmitted through Lord Monck to the Colonial office; but the vigour in Sir John's administration has, possibly, shaken the purpose of the Imperial Government. The silence of the Ministrerial organs on the subject has rather an omnious look.

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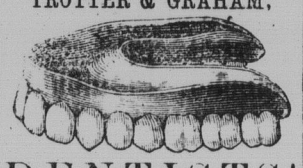

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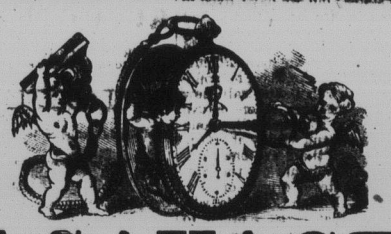

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