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Guelph Evening Mercury

OFFICE:.....MACDONNELL STREET.
SATURDAY EVENING, JAN 25, 1868.

LIFE.

In Earth's "event" - the Race of Life - For ever its with toil and strife,
That maketh here must share;
With one great goal in view
For all, its struggle to the how
Start equally and fair.

One starts with plenty, pomp, and pride,
As some late pilgrim's heir;
Another trudges by his side,
With scrip and wallet bare.
In each of state one more must strive,
Which Fortune drives with care.
Yet without compass and aim
At that goal, to all the same -
To those unknown or known to fame;
Of bold, of true, of cowardly, of lame,
Of all who strive in life's great race,
Who'er their path, who'er their place,
However they may fare,
The honest, true, and manly heart
Will land as safely there,
As vice, though it all gaily start
In gilded process and parade.

Oh, ye who claim no heritage,
No trappings of the great,
But nobly on your merits wage
A war against the fates,
When grief within my bosom swells,
With you I'll prove my fate;
That mystic sympathy that dwells
In hearts oppressed with care,
And though Fate's kindly smile
On hearts where fond affection dwells
In life's rough road and wear,
Hope's voice comes, low and clear,
With cheerful sound, like silver bells,
And bids one never despair.

The combat, then, ye vigorous ones,
And life's stormy ups and downs;
Take comfort, hope, and cheer,
Sink not in health's cruel frowns
Ye grieved, ye despondent ones,
The cross of care that here you bear,
Thereafter yet will shine more fair
Than all the stars of those who wear
Earth's crown of glory.

What though on tide of trouble driven,
Though land your lowly lot,
Still strive, as noblest men have striven,
With patience, murmuring not,
The palace and the hovel share,
Than humble peasant's cot!

And dwellers' hearts the deep dark shade,
Of Fate, on whom is heaviest laid,
Blind Fortune's hand, oh, understand,
'Tis so that for you may be made
More joyful the reunion.
Of spirits free from thrall,
And sweeter the communion,
Where many a broken heart is bound,
In the great beyond has found
And many a long-lost friend is found.

The Maiden's Choice

OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters.

How grand and sublime it was when the solemn sound of sacred song broke the silence of the wilderness, and the sweetly-mourning strain floated over the moorlands, it is impossible to describe. The hills, the valleys, and the woods, all seemed to be in a state of worship, and as the hearts of the people went forth in the music of their lips, they rose in holy exaltation above the fogs and sorrows that had long been their portion, and felt a joy of soul which the power of persecution could not destroy - a sense of Divine favor - an assurance of Divine protection, which fortified them against all the power of their enemies. For well had Mr. Gordon chosen the words of their anthem of praise in the old and rapturous Song of Zion.

"I to the hills will lift mine eyes,
From whence doth come mine aid;
My safety cometh from the Lord,
Who heave'n and earth hath made.

"Thy foot he'll not let slide, nor will
He stumble that confides in thee;
Behold, he that keeps Israel,
He slumbers not nor sleeps.

"The Lord thee keeps, the Lord thy shade,
On thy right hand doth stay;
The moon by night shall not smite,
Nor yet the sun by day.

"The Lord shall keep thy soul, he shall
Preserve thee from all ill;
Henceforth thy going out and in
Shall keep thee from all evil."

Then came the prayer, in which the minister seemed to storm the portals of heaven for blessing. The worship of the sanctuary conducted in such circumstances as it was that day, could not possibly be accompanied with lukewarmness, formality, or indifference. A terrible vital earnestness characterized the whole of it. That open temple which formed their house of prayer seemed the very innermost gate of heaven, and the opportunity was one which must be seized with vehement enthusiasm. There was no rant, no fanatical enthusiasm, but a fervent pouring forth of supplication in language as choice as it was vigorous. The prayer was followed by the sermon, and that was an edifying treat, as the Covenanters would represent. It is natural to expect that these preachers in the wilderness should oftentimes break out in bitter invective against their persecutors, and at times, we suppose, they did; but if we examine those specimens of their sermons which have come down to us, we shall be surprised to find how seldom their enemies are alluded to, and how exclusively the confine themselves to the spiritual profit of their hearers. This was the case now. The listeners were pined with words of comfort in their affliction, and earnestly brought to cling closer to the truth, certain that in the end their night of weeping would be turned into a morning of joy.

The minister, with his eyes fixed on the lips of his hearers, and his hands clasped in prayer, every hearer hung upon them with rapt attention, both for the life and strength that were in them, and for the words of comfort and spiritual instruction and enjoyment might not soon return. Breathlessly and with absolute attention, they listened to the minister, whose face, under the inspiration of the hour, was radiant with a better light than ever shone on his features. He spoke as if he were alone in the universal attraction. It is true his attention to the service did not prevent him from keeping a watchful eye across the moor and along the base of the hills, but he was spell-bound, and from that moment no watch was kept.

Mr. Gordon himself was the only one whose eye was in a measure free, for while he spoke he turned towards him, and occasionally in an abstracted manner, it travelled towards the hills around. Suddenly it was caught by a gleaming dash from the shoulder of the hill behind, and on looking full round he saw the sunlight dancing on drawn sabres, and a band of mounted dragoons plunging towards them down the height.

All at once he paused, and the startled audience following the direction of his gaze, saw likewise the advancing troops, nimbly leaping on the spots of firm ground, and avoiding the treacherous holes whose depths would have swallowed them. All could not escape, however, for the troopers were close upon them, and as they dashed into their midst the half of them had reached the place of retreat.

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