

OFFICE.....MADONNELL STREET.

MONDAY EVEN'G, JUNE 23, 1868.

The Braes of Yarrow

An Historical Tale of the Sixteenth Century.

In another chamber Gilbert had just risen from the couch on which he had been resting for a few hours, and had, with the aid of a bucket of water procured by Andrew from the water-cart which had just passed, washed himself, when he too was startled by the loud knocking on the outer door.

Andrew entered the room hurriedly.

"Something awsome is the matter now," he said, "here is an officer of the Queen's Guard wants to see ye."

"Admit him—stop, give me my belt first."

Andrew handed him the belt, which he had been cleaning, and just as Gilbert completed his attire by buckling on his sword Andrew ushered in the officer. A tall gentleman, with an abrupt unpleasant manner, which contrasted oddly with a kindly face—

"Master Gilbert Elliott?"

"The same, at your service," returned Gilbert, bowing.

"Captain Lindsay desired me to deliver this, and to enquire when he might expect you to report yourself?"

Gilbert was somewhat puzzled to know what Captain Lindsay wanted him to report himself for. He, however, took the despatch which his visitor presented to him, and upon opening it read his appointment as a gentleman of the Queen's Guard. With the first flush of surprise and pleasure this unexpected piece of good fortune inspired, was mingled the consciousness of the additional power this appointment would give him to support the cause of Lady Spens.

"I thank you, sir, for the good tidings you bring me here, and, as your comrade in arms, salute you."

"Your answer to Captain Lindsay?"

"I will report myself within the year."

"Good, I salute you, comrade."

The officer extended his hand, which Gilbert shook heartily.

"Do I join you at the castle or the palace?"

"At the palace."

"The officer inclined his head stiffly, wheeled about and departed."

As soon as Gilbert had reported to Lady Margaret the good fortune that had befallen him he proceeded to the palace, and, upon inquiring for Captain Lindsay, he was taken by a soldier to the guard-room. There he found the gentleman who had brought him the commission in conversation with several others. The officer in his abrupt way introduced Master Elliott as one of them; and then led him into another department where they were alone together.

"I desired to see Captain Lindsay," said Gilbert looking around.

"I am he."

"You—I was not aware—"

"No matter. I desired to be the first to see you, and therefore delivered your commission myself."

"I am honored."

"No. I desired to judge for myself whether or not you were worthy of the place you have obtained. I am satisfied."

"Thank you," and Gilbert bowed somewhat slightly.

The captain proceeded without noticing the interruption.

"To-day your uniform will be prepared; to-morrow, at eight o'clock you will take your place among us. At ten we attend the King and his royal mother through the park."

"I shall be ready."

Thus the interview closed, and Gilbert departed with a smile, for it appeared to him that much of the captain's harshness was assumed in order to conceal a kindly nature.

As he was passing through one of the courts a page touched his sleeve.

"Master Gilbert Elliott."

"I faith," said that gentleman laughing as he turned to the page, "Master Gilbert Elliott appears to be in request in those quarters. That is my name, my man."

"This way then."

"At your service."

Gilbert followed the page to the other side of the court, then along a number of corridors, wondering all the while what was going to betide him now, till he became aware that he was in the royal residence.

The page opened a private door and closed it after them. They passed up a winding staircase into a narrow corridor. Here the page requested him to wait a few minutes and disappeared. Presently he returned and conducted Gilbert into a richly furnished chamber, where he left him without a word.

CHAPTER XII—IN FORTUNE'S WAY.

But lively was the mingled thill,
That chased the momentary chill,
For love's keen wish was there,
And eager Hope and Valour high,
And the proud glow of Chivalry
That burned to do a vi dare.

—The Bridal Triumphant.

"Well," said Gilbert, clasping his hands behind him after having gazed for several minutes in dumb amazement at the door of the chamber where the page had left him, "one would enjoy this position considerably more if one could only make out its meaning. Marry, here is a bouffon for a Queen, and surely some lady inhabits it, if one may judge by this harp, these music scrolls, and this tambour frame. Then why am I brought here?"

That was precisely the question for which he could not devise any answer. So, like a wise man, he began to pace the chamber and to try to fix his thoughts upon some other subject than the meaning of his presence there. He soon, however, found that tire-some work, and advanced into the deep recess of the window to seek some amusement there.

He looked out upon the private gardens of the palace and discovered a group which interested him. The group was composed of a number of ladies and gentlemen, among whom three figures attracted his special attention.

The first was that of a child, scarcely two years old, a bright-eyed, happy faced, fair-haired little fellow, who was apparently in high delight with the jewelled belt of the sword of the gentleman who carried him. This gentleman was the second attraction to the observer. He was tall, of well made figure, with keen bright eyes, and all the bearing of noble blood and high rank.

TO BE CONTINUED.

HORSE THIEF CAUGHT.—On Wednesday afternoon a young man named Jas. Stull hired a horse and saddle from Mr. Mahon Havens, proprietor of a livery stable on King street, to go a few miles West. In place of doing so, Stull started East, and on reaching Homer, Mr. W. B. Havens had his suspicions aroused and followed Stull, who rode at a very rapid rate. At St. David's, Mr. Fitch asked him why he was in such a hurry. He replied that he was after a horse thief, and desired to overhaul him before reaching Brother Jonathan's farm. While the two were talking Mr. Havens arrived and at once arrested Stull, taking a fine revolver from his pocket. The accused was brought here and placed in the lock-up. It is said that a watch disappeared mysteriously some time since while Stull was stopping at Griffith's Hotel, and that the Guelph Gazer was relieved of his presence by a breaking out. If this is so it will go hard with Stull. At the Police investigation no positive testimony could be found against him and he was acquitted.—*St. Catharines Journal.*

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