

Jock o' Rippon

other activities the Evil One had sent one of his satellites to enter into Sir Wilfred and to prompt all his mad doings; but that being brought so near to the burial place of our Saviour, the Demon, holding his throne in Sir Wilfred's body, had been shaken on it, and finally had been driven forth in confusion by the Sign of the Cross cut on Sir Wilfred and by his joyful surrender of himself to his Lord.

But Sir Andrew roundly asserted that Mallory had a noble heart in which no demon could for a moment dwell, and as for his furious fits and his mad doings, he had himself heard him hint of a stroke that he had gotten from the sun in the heats of Africa.

Then the Canon, after listening in silence to what these two had to say, gave his judgment thus: that Sir Wilfred was, like many others, part good and part evil. "Often," he said, "do I find in myself the old man of my earlier soldier life fighting with the claims and duties of my present sacred calling, and of that opposition my enemies have made much. But I pray that my end may be like Sir Wilfred's, for in him the good prevailed at the end."

Again after that all sat silent, musing on what had been said, until Margaret, who had a great purpose in her heart, thinking the time had come for it, said she and Bertha would go walk in the garden by the Skell, whilst the others debated those grave matters. But shortly after returning to the Hall she called to Sir John Draglea and asked him to come to the