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On the Death of an Infant.

Hattie, in thy childhood gay, Ere thy young feet had learned to roam, from the paths of truth to stray, Thy Saviour took thee safely home.

And often to thy visions free Came voices from their happy band— so thin the veil that had hid from thee The glories of the better land,

And though we mourn that from our sight Thy sunny smile is hid for aye, And that those eyes of heavenly light nd that those eyes of heavenly light No more will open on our day;

O! we rejoice that from the cares Of all earth's children thou art free, And that the Tempter's wiles and snares Shall have no power over thee,

hose happy children are crowned, And walk on streets of shining gold,

Those harp-strings echo sweeter notes Than mortal ears have ever heard— Vild music that triumphant floats O'er seas of crystal softly stirred.

Where sliver streamlets gently flow Through valleys of eternal bloom; Where fadeless roses brightly grow And fill the air with rich perfume.

There cruel death can never stray, Where there are known no broken ties, and God himself shall wipe away The tears from all his people's eyes.

O. may we when earth's storms are o'er And life's rough billows cease to play Meet those we, love to part no more Through one eternal, blissful day

# The Maiden's Choice

THE LAIRD OF BIRKENCLEUCH.

A Tale of the Covenanters. YALTY VERSUS LIBERTY-ANDREW AND MAR-JORY IN PERIL-CHARLIE ALLAN AND THE

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Well, Marion, asked Waiter, as they cantered homewards, 'what are your thoughts about the way our honeymoon has begun?—You remember how as we sat in the arbour in the manse garden, and watched the golden saunset, we pictured to ourselves bright visions of the happy future—full of peace, and love, and jet.

'All, butched, was before these and troubles came upon the land,' she answered. 'We could not anticipate the harsh and stern acts of the ruters. What a course locking and imperious man is Sir James Turner!'

'He seems a man well suffed to the work he has undertaken. He thinks and feels only as a soldier; yet! have been told he has literary tastes. 'Tis a pity that in the military profession all individual humane feeling should be sunk, and that it should be made the excuse for deeds of cruelty and exaction.'

But why should my non-attendance at the parish church rate a suprison of my averty, and so give an officer in His Majesty's service who has a grudge against me the means of gratifying his feeling, by using his position of military command to insult and degrade me, as Allan has done this morning?

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Beg rer parties. Miss Marion—Mrs Elliot, I mean—rer father is a very fine min, and there analogy I respect better, but it was wrang o' him tae leave Greystone, and gang oot wi' the ither cantankerous ministers. For my pairt, I'll be true tae my allegiance, and I promised Sir James Turner tae persuade you tae be the same. 'What! have you seen Sir James?' exclaimed Walter, in surprise. 'Seen min,' schoed the Barenet. 'Puddin's and painches! Seen him! Where wad Jou and the young ledds has been at the moment if I hadna seen him? Weel on for Dumirles, I'm thinkin'. To be sure I saw him at the hunt in the Muir, tell't him the hale story, redd up the character o' his grand Captain tae him, and, got him the promise tae set ye free. Did he no tell ye?'

'Never even hinted it,' rejoined Walter.' Then it is to you we are indebted for our liberty, and not to that sense of justice for which we have been giving the Commander arealt. Accept our thanks, Sir Gilbert—our sincere and grateful hanks. Sir Gilbert—our sincere and grateful hanks. 'What for a said-the Baronet, this ruddy face growing redder as he spoke.' Dae ye think I was gaun to see the son o' my best freend luggit awa' tae prison for nae wrang dune, and no dae my best tae free him, withool lookin' for or wantin' shanks'. Only, ye ken, I promised tae Sir James tae mak' ye, a fast friend o' the Governmenters'.

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—and gie nae coontenance tae the Covenanters.

'Oh, these are the conditions on which our release has been effected? Pardon me, Sir Gilbert, but we cannot accept liberty on such terms. Rather than implement them we shall return and put ourselves again in the hands of the soldiery.

'The deevil's in the callant!' said the Baronet, in a tone of versation and alarm. 'Ye are surely very fond o' a jail, when ye must gang an' spend yer yery honeymune in it.'

'No, I have as great a dislike to a jail as most people, but if we have escaped it on the understanding that I am to hear the curate and renounce the Covenant and, its adherents—a clear conscience is dearer to me than a prison is disagreeable. and its adherents—a clear conscience is dearer to me than a prison is disagreeable. You have meant well and kindly, Sir Gilbert, in what you have done, but I cannot compromise either, you or myself, and there is nothing for it but to return to Sanquhar. What say you, Marion?

TO BE CONTINUED.

ELORA MILITARY CONCERT. - This concert has been postponed to the 27th instant

COUNTY MEETING .- The Loyal Orange County Lodge for the County of North Wellington will meet at Whyte's Hotel, TO CALIFORNIA Fergus, on Tuesday the 4th of February next.

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SETTLERS POURING IN.—The Listowel Banner says:—Nearly every day, during the past two or three months, we have noticed quite a large number of teams

as a solidier; yet, have been told he has lifterary tastic. "His a pity that in the mulitary profession all individual humane fealing should be sunk, and that it should be made the excuse for deeds of cruelty and exection."

But Sir James is not without some sense of justice; observed Marion. 'He has set us at liberty.'

Not willingly though, I could see. He would gladly have approved of Charlie's act, and followed it up if there had been any decent plea for so doing, but of the country with an insulting warning, which coavined me how much our liberties are in danger.'

How much less leniently would the speakers have judged Sir James Turner had they known that their liberty was due, not to any sense of justice in the mander the Commander, but to the vigorous and indignant representation which had been made to the him by Sir Gilbert Barton. This, however, there ye are relief by which continued and the commander. Do to to the vigorous and indignant representation which had been made to the barront, eithently waited learn, for at a sudden turn of the road they came upon the Barnot. 'Gladen's waite exclamation that burst from him the was sented upon the bank.

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'Other year, ye twa stupid gowks, that canna fare weel whan ye may, but man in yersel's into the net o' rebellion, that canna fare weel whan ye may, but man in yersel's into the net o' rebellion, that canna fare weel whan ye may be the country to the country t

Because a body that disna gang tac hear the curate is set doon as Covenaries, and ye ken that they are rebela.

'Yes,' replied Walter, gravely, 'such rebels as the three Hebrew children, who would not worship the 'golden image which Nebuchadnezzer set up; or as banie, who prayed to God in disobedience of the King's command. These men were rebels—were they, Sir Gilbert's 'Weel, no exactly,' replied the Baronet, scratching his head in perplexity,' but, then, the Covenanters'—

'Are rebels precisely of the same sort, cried Walter, warmly.

Whisht, ye fule—for ony sake, whisht,' wid the Baronet, looking along the road in alarm. 'If ony body but me heard thae words they mich breed ye muckled lil. I'm nae chapper o' logic, thank God, but what ye say is nonsenge, as plain as a pike staff. The King o' Babylon was a heathen, but His Most Gracious Majesty King Charles—Heaven bless and preserve him—is a Christian, and he disna prohibit his subjects frae worshippin' God, but the clean opposite.'

'Ay, but only as he directs, and not as the people believe to be right, retorted Walter. 'Obedience to the King as a 'temporal ruler is what all are ready to yield obedience to thim as a religious dictator.'

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