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Guelph Evening Mercury
OFFICE.....MACDONNELL STREET.
TUESDAY EV'G, APRIL 14, 1868.

The Maiden's Choice
OR, THE LAIRD OF BIRKENLEUCH
A Tale of the Covenanters.

"A conventicle sermon, my men!" roared Charlie, with a sneer. "A veritable Dutch homily on the virtues of patience. Fly ye haven't time to listen longer, but we must saddle and away. However, our Dutch parson may have an opportunity of exercising his new calling before the Council, who will doubtless do full justice to his merits."
"You hope to gall me by your taunting mockery," returned Walter, turning upon him an eye of perfect calmness and serenity. "In that you will signally fail. When last I suffered at your hands I was impatient enough, and my dearest hope was retaliation. You have not my anger now, nor even my contempt, but my pity and compassion; and did I deem it possible to awaken within you a better life I would earnestly strive to do it. But that I feel to be hopeless, and I leave you to run your course, and reap what you have sown."

"Capital!" roared Charlie. "You affect to pity me, to be indifferent to anything I can do. You lie, Elliot, you would retaliate if you could; but since you are muzzled, and can't bite, you are trying to make me believe you have no teeth in your jaws. But I know different."

"Despicable, cowardly, cursed ruffian!" roared Sir Gilbert, his white lips quivering with the intensity of his anger.

"Nay, let it pass," said Walter, in a perfectly unruffled tone. "I assure you his vulgar language touches me not."

"Oh, sneered Allan, no more does the insolence of a poltroon, nor the impotence of a bully touch me."

"O, for the chance of horse-whipping him," said the Baronet, grinding the words from between his set teeth.

"Jackson, look to the prisoner," ordered Allan. "See him set on the horse behind Sloggan, and securely bound."

"At this command the Sergeant and Sloggan laid violent hands on Walter, and were about to bind his arms with a cord, when Rover sprang upon the latter and gripped him by the throat. The trooper roared with pain and terror, and his comrades rushed forward to tear the enraged animal away. With much difficulty he was choked off, but the moment he was set free he made another spring, and Sloggan and the rest falling back appalled, the enraged animal took up his position by his master's side, and growled and showed his teeth with fierce determination.

Charlie swore an oath, and drew a pistol from his belt with the intention of shooting him, when Walter uttered a commanding word, and he crouched calm and submissive at his feet.

"Puir beast," sighed Sir Gilbert, "if he kenned what ill he has done the night he wad gang and droon himself!"

"It is for the good he has done that I spare him," said Charlie, "but if he turns rebel again I shall put a bullet through his head."

And with the pistol still in his hand, he motioned for Sloggan to advance again and bind Walter's arms. The instant he came forward with a cord in his hand Rover again growled threateningly, but a stern order from the master he had betrayed, accompanied by a slap in the face, quieted him and he allowed the process of binding to proceed.

At this juncture a white form glided across the hall, and Helen stood before Charlie with her hands clasped beseechingly.

"Oh, be not so cruel and vindictive," she pleaded. "Mr. Elliot has done nothing to deserve such wrong. His deed has been a noble and a generous one. Emulate his greatness of soul, and magnanimously let him go."

"Ho! my sister-wife, have you the presumption to appear in his behalf—you who are in the same conspiracy? Egad, I have half a mind to carry you along with him, as a punishment for giving me the slip on our bridal night!"

"Helen it was madness for you to come here," exclaimed Sir Gilbert, as he hastily drew her away.

"Many thanks for your kind desire and brave courage," said Walter, bestowing on her a grateful smile. "But Sir Gilbert says truly. This is no place for you."

"Oh! Mr. Elliot, cried Helen, with streaming eyes, 'I was partly the cause of this. It was I who wrote the letter.'"

"And I am glad you did so," returned Walter. "Glad, notwithstanding this mishap, which, whatever may be its results, cannot weigh against the effort to do right. Farewell, Miss Helen, we may not meet again but may you be as happy as your admirable conduct merits."

"No more of this," roared Allan, stepping rudely between them. "I have no time to spare for compliments and gratitudes. Away with the prisoner and get to horse instantly!"

"Farewell, Sir Gilbert," said Walter, trying to stretch forth his bound right arm.

"Farewell for a time," responded Sir Gilbert, taking his hand, and wringing it hard. "But I will be in Embro' afore you."

"You may spare yourself the long ride," cried Allan, with a mocking laugh, as he roughly motioned to Walter to leave the hall. "As he was passing out, Helen rushed forward, seized his hand, and carried it to her lips, then sped with rapid steps across the hall, and vanished in the darkness."

The operation of mounting was soon performed, and Walter was securely bound to the horse behind Sloggan. Rover again ran the risk of slaughter, for he persisted in following the procession, and again had Allan the pistol drawn from his belt to shoot him, when Walter authoritatively ordered him to return home. The faithful animal received the command with a cowering look, and an expression of deep disappointment and sorrow. He did not, however, venture to disobey, but, with a wistful look, he turned round, and with drooping tail and hanging head, went slowly off in the direction of Birkenleuch.

The troopers with their prisoner took the road to Sanquhar, where Walter was to be lodged for the present, previous to being conveyed to Edinburgh.

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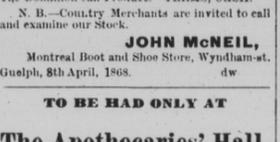
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Guelph, April 8.

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Toronto, 1st April, 1868.

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Guelph, April 2, 1868.

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Guelph, March 24th 1868

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Guelph, 1st April, 1868.
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Guelph, 1st April, 1868.

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ESTABLISHMENT.

GUELPH, ONT.

1868.



JOHN HOGG

AT IT AGAIN.

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JOHN HOGG.

Guelph, 3rd April, 1868.

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Toronto 26th March, 1868.

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