******* Vernor, the Traitor

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Being the Memoirs of Patrick Vernon, of Irongray, Written by Himself, and Now Published by His Brother for the Warning of Others Alike Traitorous and Malignant, and for the Encouragement of Them That Do Well.

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Patrick and Robert Vernor are the eidest and the youngest of the seven sons of a Scottish Covenanter of Irongate in Galloway. It having been proposed by a minister that one of the sons go with a party to Holland, to study for the ministry, a family consultation is held in the preacher's presence. Patrick, eithough somewhat wild, is compelled by his love for a Covenanter has, Isobel Weir, who scorns his roystering ways, to announce his desire to become a preacher. His father grows sarcastic at the idea, and, to add to Patrick's anger, his mother brings in Robert as a candidate, whom she has found under a tree, praying. Patrick, who tells the story, scoffs at his brother's quiet ways. The minister finally selects Robert, Patrick quarrels with his father, and leaves for good the home to which he is heir. His other brothers follow him and comfort him. After parting from them, he meets Isobel Weir, taunts her with her regard for his brother, and announces his intention to become one of King Charles' troovers. He does so, and after much riding with the king's men he one day takes part in a raid on a company of Conventiclers who are holding a meeting. After the skirmish Patrick discovers that his father and brother, we're of the company. His father has been slain; and his brother, Robert, who has returned from Holland and becomes a field preacher, has been made a prisoner, repreach Patrick with his last hours? For there is much to arrange between him and Andro Gibson, my late father's lawyer."

"God wot, yes—an' it liketh you—go in and bide with him till he gets the garments for his martyrdom." Said Douglas. "I had not known you were so fon dy your kith and kin."

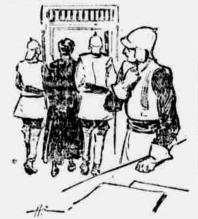
So he wrote me a pass. For the prison was held by a guard of the foot from Tarbat's country, ignorant landward-men from the north, who had no knowl-edge of use of the dragoons, and, in-deed, no good will to our colors.

Then I walked awhile on the banks of the river on the Galloway side of the bridge. And as I walked I tried to pray, but the words would not has returned from Holland and becomes a field preacher, has been made a pris-oner. Robert, and Isobel Weir, who is also a prisoner, reproach Patrick with his father's death and Robert's execution, which must surely follow his capture.

PART IV.

Then came Col. Douglas, and, as was usual with him, his orders were swift

and stern. tolk—we cannot have such with the troops. And bring the preacher to the tolbooth of Dumfries. He can be shot in the morning. But for the sake of the five hundred marks on the head of him, we must give him a trial and get the due certification. 'How now!" he said, "what's this? of him, we must give him a trial and get the due certificates for his death." So they gave isobel Weir leave to go, and, setting Robert in to the midst of the company on a masterless horse, we rode into Dumfries. Douglas stayed behind to direct that the wounded of



AND SO THEY TOOK MY BROTHER

his troops should be well cared for in the neighboring farm towns, and to leave a visiting guard to see that they were kindly treated by the country people, who had indeed small reason rmooth way which I have ever hated to love us.

And as we rode on behind my brother I had time to bethink me. The words of Isobel Weir pressed hard upon me harder, as I think, than even the sight of John Vernor, whom I had seen ly-ing dead on the moss. For I never greatly leved my father, and there is, so far as I have seen, no great instinct of affection in that relationship. For I find that as many sons hate their fathers as inordinately love them, while most are wholly indifferent as to

the matter.
But whenever I rode within earshol of the preacher, he was crying blood and vengeance on my head, till the lads of the escort fell to laughing. "Come nearer, Pat," they called, when we were out of hearing of the commander; "he has just taken a new text and is expounding your inequities under the head of filthy."

But God knows it was no such laughing matter to me. For all the months and years of recklessness and all the riding and killing came back salt and bitter on me. And my anger nod enstrangement at them of Iron-gray melted away. I minded only the early days and the still Sabbath morns of the old house-my mother sitting smelling at a spray of southernwood, my father standing by her with Bible under his arm, both of them waiting to take me by the hand and go our ways down the green loan, un-der the lilac bushes of the spring, to

the kirk of Irongray.
"Ah, God!" I cried in my misery, "keep any other poor soul from so go-ing against his folk. For me there is, I know, no forgiveness. But let none other in blind pride of heart drive devilward as I have done. It is true-true what the lad Robert says-my father's blood is on my head!"
So in this blank despair we came to

the prison, and the commander directed the jailer to put Robert in the thieves hole for safety, and not into the gener-al room, wherein debtors, ordinary sor-

ners and all the scourings of south-country rascaldom were put.

It was late in the afternoon, and as soon as Col. Douglas had supped he went over to call upon his crony, Rob-ert Grier, of Lag, who abode mostly by the White Horse, at the foot of the Ven-nel; and having sent for the Provost of the town and also for a guard to bring the town and also for a guard to bring the prisoner, they proceeded to try Rob-ert Vernor. It was a simple form, for the lad had gotten some iron in his blood over in Holland, and denied noth-ing. He owned that he had been preaching the doctrine of resistance. He would have none of the Test. He owned not His Majesty King Charles. The Duke was the devil incarnate in The Duke was the devil incarnate; in each of his first half dozen statements there was enough to hang a parish.

"It is well said," cried Douglas; "you are a manful laddle, and come, I hear, of good blood. Thou shalt have the estate, Robin Grier." he said, turning to Lag. "It lies contiguous to your own properties and policies—for the old man. Vernor, is killed in the skirmish."

But at this I stepped forward and sa-"May it please your excellencies," said I, "I have ever been a faithful soldier of his majesty's. I have now served with the colors four years with honor as a private of his majesty's dragoons. I am the eldest son of Vernor, of Irongray There is surely no reason why his estates should be forfelt, or that my patrimony should be taken away from me."

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This paper

morning.

I know there is the way of the Scrip ture—the preacher's way. And as I sit and think the old words come back— repentance—forgiveness—merey: "Come unto me, all ye that labor"—how run the words? But all these matter little to me now. They were not meant for a traitor and a parricide. Besides, what are words out of a book? I would give something to cover my father's face

leaped clear to my mind, shining in let-ters of fire like that writing on the wall at the king's feast in the book of

Daniel.

"Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sin." Surely it runs something like that.

. It has come to me. I see a possible chance. I will at least go and speak with my brother. I have the colonel's pass in my pocket.

. It is all done now save one thing, and may add a word or two to my paper ere the sun rise and they come knockere the sun rise and they come knocking at my door. I passed the guard with my mandate. They were drinking and carousing—the jailer with them. My brother received me with cursings and hateful words—as, indeed, was his right. But I told him the thing that I had come to do. I bade him put on my clothes and uniform and give me his clothing in exchange. He could then pass freely with the order which was in my hand, for none would be at the shooting that knew me—for our dragoons of Douglas' regiment were to march at midnight for Galloway.

"But mark," I said, "this is not for your own sake, Robert Vernor, nor yet because you are my brother. It is for the sake of the lass that put her arm

because you are my brother. It is for the sake of the lass that put her arm and hate now, for his tone changed whenever he knew that there was a chance of safety.

"And you," he said, "what will you "I will abide the morning-and the opening of the doors," said I, as lightly as I could.

"And they will find you in preacher's clothes!" he said. "Ah, well, I suppose they have found you too good a tool to punish you very severely for helping a poor field preacher and your

own brother to escape."

"Likely enough." said I, shortly.
And when he stood up in the regimental dress, and when I had done the sword and the spurs upon him and put the cloak about him, he looked none se about the shoulders.

I pushed him through the door and

heard him tramp into the outer hall, where the Northern men sat singing and carousing with the jailer.
"Never mind your d—d pass—we've seen it before. Open the door, Jock!" cried the failer, never looking up from the dice, and, as I well understood,

the dice, and, as I well understood, with his greed eyes fixed on the stake. Then I heard my brother's step die down the street towards the bridge end and liberty.

So here I sit. Will they pardon me for this? For the sake of four years of service will John Graham overlook this connivance at rebellion? But what matter, after all—Isobel Weir's curse is on me. She would not take it off. even if I lived to be a hundred, and released to her a score of lovers.

But there is the text. There may be something in that. "Without shedding of blood there is no remission." Therefore in the shedding of blood there is

fore in the shedding of blood there is remission—that seems clear. God help me! I think I can do no better. The



I PUSHED HIM TO THE DOOR. ing for me-they are lads of Tarbat's regiment, who know me not. It is not a long death. I have seen many die. "Make you ready! Present! Fire!" Half a dozen bullets splash on the wall, but, thank God! the other six will b in my sinful heart. "Without shedding of blood-"

I can hear them coming. May Ged forgive me—and Isobel Weir! I must hide the paper.

(Postscript to the Memoir of Vernor. the Traitor, written by Rev. Robert Vernor, his brother, after the glorious

strange; but Col. Douglas beat upon the table with his hand.

"It is true—and Pat is a good lad—I will not see him wronged. I myself will write of this matter to the council."

So he bade them to take Robert Vernor back to the prison and there shoot him instead of hanging him. And this was counted a great favor.

"Tomorrow, at the rising of the sun," said Douglas.

And so they took my brother out, "May it please you," said I, to those a good lad—I was found in a wall-press in the Thieves Hole of Dumfries, when it was pulled down by the order of the magistrates at the time when a more commodious and suitable prison was being erected. It purports to have been written by the hand of Patrick Vernor, who of a certainty aided me to escape from the hands of my cruel enemies. He was my brother. I judge him not. He has been for many years

in his own place. There are those who think well of him for the manner of his death, and indeed I myself am grateful, and also my wife, Isobei, though she never names his name. Yet what hope can any have of his salvation when it is well known that he died with a lie upon his lips—yea, even with plasphemy? For those that saw him put to death by the bullets of Tar-bat's fotomen, declare that when some bat's fotomen, declare that when some of them taunted him that he was a dumb dog and died withour a testimony, he cried out these words:
"Sons of dogs, ye lie!" (that was the expression he used). "I have a testimony. And it is this: 'Without shedding of blood there is no remission of sins.' Tell Isobel Weir I died for her. God have mercy on my soul!"

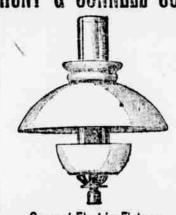
So with no more said, the officer wave the word. And thus was a wicked man

cut off ere be had lived half his days; as sayeth the Scriptures: "But the horn of the righteous shall be exalted," THE END.

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