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## "ANNIE LAURIE'S" STORY.

### WRITTEN BY WILLIAM DOUGLAS TO A REAL ANNIE.

A Story of a Stern Parent and an Ardent Lover-The Lives of the Lovers and How the Famous Song Came to be Written And Given to The Public.

MONIAVIE, Scotland, Sept. 21 .- Two of the most fadeless songs of human affection were written by Scotchmen in the eighteenth century. These are: "John Anderson, My jo, John," and "Annie Laurie." Both were written near the banks of the songful Nith in Dumfriesshire. Both were written by almost strangers to their temporary environment. Both were written as true peans of joy out of almost inexpressible human happiness. And both gained their deathlessness from their directness, brevity and simplicity, which ever most powerfully appeal to the universal human heart.

Robert Burns wrote "John Anderson, my jo, John." from a hint he received out of the old doggerel rhyme upon one John Anderson, the town piper of ancient Kelso, preserved in Bishop Percy's old manuscript of about 1560. The first two lines of the rhyme were :

" John Anderson, my jo, John, cum in as ze gae by, And ze shall get a sheep's heid weel baken in a pye;" but its matchless picture and lesson of changeless connubial affection and loyalty was the legitimate outgrowth of his own noble and contented life with "bonnie Jean" on the Ellisland farm, shortly after Burns' removal from Ayrshire, beside the river Nith, about eight miles above the city of Dumfries. The tew years passed by the bard and his family here, were years of unalloyed happiness and content; and this poem, written in 1789, is the clearest, sweetest note to reach us out of the brief Eden of that idyllic time.

"Annie Laurie" was written a little more than half a century earlier, in Maxwelltown, in Nithsdale, by William Douglas, to a real flesh and blood Annie Laurie, on the occasion of his departure from Maxwelltown, after a period of stealthy trysting and wooing, which left the Annie Laurie of the song his betrothed. This William Douglas, who never wrote other immortal lines, was a native of Fingland, a wild little district of the parish of Carpshairn, in the just as it stood in Burns' time, in which, northern part of the adjoining shire, or stewartry, of Kirkcudbright. There is little stewartry, of Kirkcudbright. There is little known of his people. However, through Maxwell, landlord Hyslop and his wife Meg his native talents he became cadet to the and their siren barmaid, "Anna of the noble Queensbury family, and their patronage and support gained for him the position and associations of a gentleman of rank. and associations of a gentleman of rank. At an Edinburgh ball he met and became ary night in 1796, upon the straw and re-fuse, just at the edge of Shakespeare street, to their utmost capacity. Many handsome costumes were worn, but want of space prevents a description of them. The presents, which were displayed for At an Edinburgh ball he met and became enamored with Annie Laurie, daughter of Sir Robert Laurie, baronet, of Maxwelltown. She was born at the old manor 21st of July following; and there just back house of the latter place in 1682. Sir of this sad spot on Burns street, in the Robert, not fancying the prospects of young Douglas as a dependent of the Queensbury family, and noticing that the love affair between him and Annie was becoming serious, suddenly left Edinburgh and returned with his family to Maxwelltown in Nithsdale, hoping thus to separate the lovers and end an unfortunate attachment. Had everything gone to the liking of the baronet. the world would have missed the sweet old song. Douglas shortly learned of the whereabouts of his inamorita and the farm-home of Burns, but turning to the promptly followed. He remained secretly at Maxwelltown for months, and the lovemaking went on famously betimes among beside Cairn water. Here you will tarry the glens, braes, woods and shadowy ruins with which the locality abounds. Douglas possessed Jacobite affiliation, and rumors "Jeanie Deans," immortalized in "Heart possessed Jacobite affiliation, and rumors suddenly coming from the North of an impending Stuart uprising, he hastened to table tombstone waa written by Scott him-Edinburgh to be near the scene of action. But before quitting the side of his Niths-dale love, he secured "her promise true." In the elation of joy upon this achievement he wrote, and left with his betrothed the immortal lines, as imperishable as any that Robert Burns ever left to Scotland and the world. But, save in reminiscence, it was not to happen that "her promise true ne'er forgot would be;" and William Douglas declined to "lie down and dee" on account of Annie Laurie or any other Scottish lady fair. Douglas' adherence to the Stuart cause brought him under the ban of the authorities, and he was soon compelled to escape to France, where he remained in exile for a few years, until he could secure, through the powerful Queensbury family, his par-don from the government. There is no the inspiration of love, that Douglas wooed proof that either "jilted" the other. Per- and won and lost, and that Annie Laurie haps Annie Laurie was as canny as her chose to contentedly remain, the honored father, Sir Robert, who was a staunch Jacobite hater. Perhaps Douglas found interesting temporary attachments, in Paris. Perhaps each unconsciously drifted away from the other through the deadly political and religious rancor of the time. It is ing which gave birth to this sweetest and

## sharp though roundly pointed; the lips though closed, were beautifully rounded, full and widely parted at their edges; the nose, and the archings from its bridge, strong, tull, and as exquisitely moulded as

the most refined Grecian type; the forehead high, wide and straight from the nosetip; and the eyes large, full and tender; while this remarkable face and head were crowned by a mass of wavy, golden-brown

hair. With all her impressive beauty she seems to have been a most commonplace personage. and while capable of awakening sudden and mighty flames in the breasts of ordinary Scottish tolk as well as poets, to have been herself devoid of any of those mental or spiritual qualities capable of elevating her character to the realm of romance or heroism. She is known to have placidly enjoyed, as many young women great number of love affairs; all of which seem to have been turgid and rampant on the part of her male admirers, aud received and benignantly tolerated on her own, her "promise true" evidently having been Blaney rather widely distributed in southwestern Scotland; until warned by advancing years she became the wife of a man with no more poetry in him than a kail-yard wall, but with broad acres and plenty of "siller," Alexander Fergusson, laird of Craigdar-

roch, Glencairn parish, Dumfriesshire. The whole region roundabout the scene of this romantic episode between Annie Laurie and Douglas and of the latter's poem is exquisitely beautiful and is wondrously rife with poetic and historic interest. Much of its poetic glamor is of course due to the personality and pen of Burns. Every object you look upon from Dumfries to Craigdarrach has been given almost individuality, life, and certainly undying interest from his personal association or the magic of his muse. From the ancient Observatory in the Maxwelltown opposite Dumfries, which must be kept distinct in the mind from Annie Laurie's village birthplace of Maxwelltown, a few miles distant, one can see and feel the tenderness of complete identification. The eve ranges to the east over and beyond fair Annandale ;across Kirkcudbrightshire.to the west, to the noble hills skirting Ayrshire; to the north, up dreamland Nithsdale to the far, dim turrets of Drumlanrig Castle, and to the south

to the vast expanse of Solway Firth, where to the right of Nithsmouth, looms grav-

There, too, in Bank street in the "Wee Vennel," in whose upper three little rooms of exciseman; the old "Globe Tavern," just as it stood in Burns' time, in which, unhappy as is the fact for contemplation, one seems now almost to hear his thrilling voice, mingled with the laughter of Syme, Maxwell, landlord Hyslop and his wife Meg and their siren barmaid, "Anna of the gowden locks;" the little close behind the "howf" or tavern, where poor Burns, brain-beclouded and bewildered that bitter Janu-ary night in 1796, upon the straw and repoet's time, Mill street, in the veritable cottage where he lived and died. Every square yard of Dumfres town is aglow with some touching reminder of Burns.

## SOCIAL AND PERSONAL. (Continued to Eighth Page.)

#### ST. MARY'S, N. B.

Oct. 3.-Captain William A . Barker, of Barker's Point, who had been ill for several months, died on the 19 ult. The funeral took place on the following Thursday. After prayer at the house, the remains were taken to the church at Lower St. Mary's where a most impressive and touching address was given by Rev. J. R. Parkinson. The little church was filled with the friends who had assembled to pay the last tribute of respect to the deceased. The coffin was entirely covered with floral offerings, some of which were very beautiful, testilying to the high esteem in which Mr. Barker was held. Mrs. D. Coombes presided at the organ and played the hymns and dead march in her usual faultless man-The sympathy of the community is extended to the widow and children in their sad affliction. Mr. now do before entering matrimony, a very Barker was captain of a volunteer company for several years.

Miss Julia E. Peppers has returned from a pleasant visit to friends in Boston.

Miss Moody is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. William

Mrs. John Kyle has friends visiting her.

Mrs. Bradley, mother of Mr. William Bradley, of Gibson, died at her son's residence on Wednesday morning

Mr. G. A. Johnston went to Jemseg on Thursday take charge of a school there. Mrs. Thomas Robinson, o' Blackville, is visiting

old home at Robinsonville. Mrs. Charles Brown had a severe attack of hem

orhage last week, but is better to-day. Mrs. Byram, who has been quite ill for some time,

Miss Bidden spent a few days at home recently. Miss Nellie Hoben, who lately retired from the staff of the school here, was presented by her pupils with two very handsome silver toilet boxes, pre vious to her departure for Presque Isle, Maine. The presentation was made in the principal's room, in the presence of a number of visitors. Speeches were made by Dr. Mullin, Rev. Mr. Davidson, Mr. Simonds and Mr. VanWart. Miss Bessie Burpee is Miss Hoben's successor.

Miss Florence Carman left for New York a short time ago, where she intended spending a few weeks with friends before going to other points of interest r an extended visit.

Mrs. Hielner has returned to Boston. The Women's Aid Society intend holding an "Old Fashioned Farmers' Supper" in the hall con-nected with the episcopal church on Thursday eveng. An entertainment will be provided after the apper, in which much local talent will be exhibited. Mr. Edward C. Barry, of Lower St. Mary's, who

went to Boston this summer, has gone to Pennsylvania. Dame Rumor says that a gentleman from the up-

per part of the province is soon to rob us of one of our most charming young ladies, a member of the

St. Mary's R. C. church was the scene of a very pretty wedding one morning recently, when Mr. Patrick Bolan led to the altar Miss Maggie Grannan. Rev. Father Keirman performed the ceremony in mother at Royal Road, where a sumptuous dinner was served. The presents were numerous and beautiful. Mr. and Mrs. Bolan will reside at St.

mony to Mr. Nelson Foster of Upper Maugerville, Sunbury county. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Howne at the residence of the bride's will be greatly missed in musical circles; but St. Mary's loss will be Maugerville's gain. Mr. and Mrs. Foster will reside at Upper Maugerville. OAKLAND.

community in the death of their little son, who died last week after a short illness. Mr. and Mrs. John McGovern are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the arrival of a Mrs. Charles King has moved to his cottage in Kingsville.

Mrs. William Evans has returned home after a three months visit to her sister, Mrs. Henry Hebert, Worcester, Mass. Miss Susie Ferrick spent a few days last week in Kingsville, the guest of her sister, Mrs. John Lee.

#### HILLSBORO, N. B.

Oct. 3 .- Mrs. G. L. Brown of Petitecodiac is visiting Mrs. Curry.

Mrs. B. C. Mowat and little daughter, of New Westminister, B. C., 1s the guest of Mrs. J. T. Steeves, Millbrook Farm.

Mrs. G. D. Steeves, who has been visiting friends Mr. H. N. Steeves who has been absent a number

f years, is visiting his father, Mr. Asa Steeves. Miss Addie Jump give a recital at Hopewell Cape, which was a grand success. Miss Jump who is an eloquitonist, intends giving two other re-citals, one, which will be held in Albert and another at Hilsbore. The following was the programme: 

Reading—The Light on Dead Man's Bar..... Miss Addie Jump. Vocal Solo—Love's Sweet Song..... Miss Condon. Reading—Minuet enchore, Luttle Wilhe Drew.... Miss Jump. Vocal Solo-Going to Market ...... Miss Geldert 

HAMPTON.

Oct. 4 .- Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Calkin spent Sapay here the guests of Rev. Wm. Tweedie. Miss Fannie H. Barnes has returned from her visit

o St. Martins. Mrs. Samuel Howard, Mrs. Philip Palmer, and Miss Bessie Peters, left for Moneton on Tuesday to attend the annual meeting of the Women's Mission-ary society of the methodist church.

Mr. Charles K. Leonard, who has spent the sum-mer in the U. S., has returned home. Rev. Geo. M. Young, of Upper Kent, is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. H. D. McLeod at 't a sholm."

'Asholm.'

Among the visitors in town on Tuesday were Hon. A. S. White, Mr. Geo. W. Fowler and Hon. C. N. Skinner, of St. John, in attendance at the county

Mr. E. G. Evans and Mr. T. A. Peters, left on Tnesday for Chicago, via Montreal and Boston. Mr. Frank A. McCully, of Moncton, was in town on Monday.

#### APOHAQUI, N. B.

Oct. 3 .- Mr. W. Campbell, Moncton, visited his parents on Sunday.

Miss Keiver, Penobsquis, is making Mrs. Fred Gross a visit.

Miss Nina Sinnott returned to Moncton on Wed-nesday, to spend the winter with Mrs. E. Sherard. Mrs. W. Tyng Peters and daughter, Miss Julia, are spending a few days with Mrs. G. Ellison. They returned to St. John this evening.

Mr. Seth Jones, Sussex, spent Sunday at his par ents' home here. Miss Alice Pearson returned to Newton, Mass.

last Thursday. Miss Ida Pearson accompanied her and will spend the winter in Spenser with her brother, Mr. John Pearson. Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Huestis, Halifax, spent Friday





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Pilgriming from Dumfres a distance of but twelve miles to Craigdarroch, the home of Annie Laurie from the time of her marriage to Alexander Ferguson in 1709, until her death in 1761, at the age of 79 years, you cross the "new Brig" to the west, and are at once among the braes of the Dumfries Maxwelltown.

If you proceeded five miles further on this highway you would reach Ellisland, on the west bank of the Nith, for many years left you enter a lovely region, and in half an hour's walk come to Irongray Church of Midlothian," and the inscription on the self. It is now but a short and a sunny distance to the real Maxwelltown of Douglas' verse, to Moniavie and Craigdarroch. Midway between Dunscore and Moniavie s still more ancient Glencairn, for more than a thousand years site of the parish church. It was at Glencairn church that Annie Laurie was baptized. The entire region is one of the most beautiful in Scotland, and full of relics of feudal wealth and power. An hundred hills, many crowned by the still noble ruins of massive square keeps, are in view; scores of misty, opulent dales and glens greet the eye; and well-kept farms and dreamful olden hamlets are interspersed with splendid seats of lairds and country gentry. It was in such a spot, whose countless verdure-covered "braes" wife of a country gentleman, rather than share the fortunes of a poet's and a political

adventurer's doubtful career. MILFORD. The old manor house of Maxwelltown is gone, but many relics of the heroine of the Oct. 2 .- Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Woodman left last song are religously preserved in the neigh-Wednesday for Chicago to visit the World's Fair. doubtful that Annie Laurie ever received another missive from her impassioned poet married life and widowhood, for "she sur-Mrs. Luther Jordan, of Indiantown, spent a day last week with her friend Mrs. William Graffam. lover after the one containing the ballad, vived her husband, Alexander Fergusson, which must ever preserve the memory of and became the lady bountiful of Niths-Mr. and Mrs. William Irvine intend leaving for Chicago with their son-in-law, Mr. George Mills, of both. And it is certain that the pair nev-er again met after the sadly blissful part-son estates, but a short distance from her that place on next Thursday, where they intend to Chairman of School Board, Manchester, N. H. This is in the line of solid progress. Give your children a piano and a typewriter, if you can afford both, but the latter anyway, Among all the instruments now extant the reside in future. Miss Grace Irvine is spending a few weeks at birthplace, now owned by Capt R. Cutlar tenderest of songs. Is is said that it was first given to the public by Lady John Scott, sister of the late Duke of Buccleugh, who slightly rearranged the words and the craigdarroch House, as well as tho exten-Sheffield, the guest of Mrs. Camp. Messrs. P. Evans, C. Delaney, T. Boyce, W New Yost Writing Machine Birch, D. Conners, J. Terrey, T. Evans and T. Lee, spent a few days last week at Grand Bay on a shoot-Mrs. P. Graffam has returned home after a two is conspicuous for its complete adaptation to the purpose. music, and who secured their publication sive Georgian pleasure grounds in the rear ing excursion. tor the benefit of some charity in behalt of of the mansion. Craigdarroch House and widows and orphans of the Crimean war; its environs possess countless relics of the months visit to Ellsworth, Me. Master Lewis Graffam has returned from a visit but there is no substantial proof that the flesh and blood Annie Laurie of yore, but Mister Lewis Chinam has retained in the rise o Elisworth, Me. Mrs. Caprice, of Carleton, was the guest of Mrs. I. E. Hobart for a few days last week. Mrs. John McFadden and her little daughter, of words and the tune are not now precisely the romance you have built about the enas they came from the soul and the pen ct tire character of the heroine of Douglas' ink ribbon; solid and scientific construction ; ease of operation. immortal verse fades away as you come to Buctouche, after spending the summer with her the ardent Jacobite lover. The portraits of Annie Laurie, preserved the spot where she lived and died. Had Messrs. C. Collins, P. Doyle and D. Delaney, spent a few days last week at Golden Grove on a at Craigdarroch and Mansfield, seats of she been the genuine myth instead of a spent a lew days last week at Golden Grote on a shooting expedition. A dance is held every Monday evening in Milford hall, under the management of Messrs. A. Lord and H. Downing. The Misses McGuire, of Kingsville, entertained a few of their young friends last Friday evening. Mr. Dennis Mullaney intends soon moving into his her descendants, show her to be a woman genuine personage, the lovely fancy which of slender physique, with a peculiarly slight invests the heroines of poets with tender IRA CORNWALL, General Agent for the Maritime Provinces, and willowy figure. Upon this was set a attributes could never cease its witching head whose profile is as markedly classic as | conjurings. As it is, if you come here, ever was shown upon ancient carving or modern coin. The neck was long, with that graceful swelling from breast to throat and was addicted to taking snuff. new house at Pleasant Point. Messrs. H. Doherty and George Johnson intend leaving for the World's Fair next week. Mr. and Mrs. J. Collins have the sympathy of the EDGAR L. WAKEMAN. so loved of the artists; the chin was almos

BAIE VERTE.

Oct. 3.-Miss Kate Sutherland, of Aulac, is i town, the guest of Mrs. Kent.

Miss Lillie Johnson, of Mount Allison, returned to Sackville, on Thursday

Rev. Dr. Stuart and Miss Hattie Stuart, Sackville, were in town on Wednesday.

Rev. Wesley W. Hamilton, Bayfield, is the guest of Mrs. Fawcett. Mr. Hamilton has just returned from the World's Fair.

On Wednesday evening, Sept. 27th, the methodist church was the scene of a happy event, the marriage of Rev. William J. Bartlette, of Trinity Bay, Newfoundland, to Miss Alice Wood, only daughter of Mr. W. Wesley Wood. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Dr. Stuart, assisted by Rev. Mr. Thomas, and Rev. W. W. Hamilton. The bride who looked very charming in a white satin dress, veil, and orange blossoms, and carried a bouquet of white roses, entered the church leaning on the arm of her brother, and proceeded to the altar, while the choir sang the hymn, " The Voice that Breathed O'er Eden." The bridesmaids were Miss Lille O'er Eden." The bridesmaids were Miss Lille Fillmore, who wore a pale blue satin dress, lace trimmings, and natural flowers, and Miss Lillie Johnson, cream cashmere dress, lace trimmings, and natural flowers. The groom was supported by Mr. Frank Wood, of Philadelphia, brother of the bride, who arrived from that place this week, to be present at the ceremony, and Mr. Albert E. Wilson, of St. John. The bride was the recipient of many sifts, including a bandsome silver tea service from gifts, including a handsome silver tea service from her many friends in Baie Verte. She is one of Baie Verte's most charming young ladies and will be greatly missed by a large circle of friends. Mr. and Mrs. Bartlette left on Thursday for their home in Verte in the service of Mewfoundland, amid showers of rice and old slippers. Mrs. Stephen Goodwin, left for Ohio on Thursday to spend the winter with hcr daughter, Mrs. Simp-son, and was accompanied by her daughter Clara, as far as Boston. Mr. Jack Phalen is home again. Mrs. Muttart, returned from P. E. Island on Sat-

urday. Miss Copp, Brooklyn, was in town on Sunday. Mrs. Albert. Copp, and Miss Silliker, went to Moncton on Monday for a few days. Mr. Frank Wood, and his mother, Mrs. Wesley Wood, left for Philadelphia on Monday night's train. Mrs. Arthur Cassey, and Miss Copp, of Amherst, were in town on Thursday.

were in town on Thursday. The Harvest service held in St. Luke's Church on

Sunday evening; was very good, the church looked very pretty. Services were con ucted by Rev. Mr. Scovil, who delivered a very impressive sermon. OMEGA.

with their daughter, Mrs. G. F. Dawson. Mr. J. A. Sinnoit spent Tuesday in Hampton. CHATTERBOX.

MUSQUASH.

Oct. 3 .- The annual fancy sale and high tea of St. Anp's Guild, was held in Knight's Hall on Wednesday last and was a perfect success in every way The hall was handsomely decorated with flags,

Japanese ornaments and spruce. Rev. H. M. Spike returned home last week after an extended trip through the United States. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Clinch and Mrs. C. Clinch, left on Tuesday last for Boston, the home of the latter. Mrs. Chas. Clinch will travel through a num ber of the Western States before returning home. Mr. Fred Bedell spent Sunday with his parents at the "Willows." The Misses Carrie and Nellie Reynolds of Lepreaux, were the guests last week of Miss Bal-Mr. C. C. Ludgate is spending the week in St. Mr. George and Miss Nettie Anderson visited the and so nervous that the slightest noise made him start and tremble. He tried doctors and many remedies without receiving benefit. Three bottles of Hawker's Nerve and Stomach Tonic and a box of Hawker's Liver Pills cured him and restored him VIVE



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