

IN THE KENTUCKY.

The Pioneer Heroines—The Women of Bryan's Station—A Deacon's Revision of the Church List.

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The ways are ways of pleasantness, and all the paths are peace, in this borderland—once upon a time the "Dark and Bloody Ground."

During the Summer days I am resting under the shade of the trees, trying to take life easy—quietly and monotonously as the running of a Summer brook through a meadow.

PRIMEVAL KENTUCKY. A gifted writer, of poetical temperament, traveled westward from the Atlantic seaboard, in 1733, and, having seen Kentucky in person, he wrote an elaborate and glowing description, in part as follows:

"Flowers full and perfect, as if they had been culminated by the hand of the florist, with all their captivating odors and all with variegated charms which color and nature can produce in the lap of beauty and elegance, devotees in rhetorical groves. Soft zephyrs gently breathe on sweets, and the inhaled air gives a voluptuous glow of health and vigor that seems to ravish the intoxicated senses."

"One by one shall our ranks be lessened. On by one will our comrades pass. As they join the silent army. In its bivouac 'neath the grass."

PROUD OF THE OLD KENTUCKY HOME. Every Kentuckian loves his native home and is proud of the land where the "meadow grass is blue." When he travels abroad in other States, or across the seas to foreign climes, wherever he may be, in urban or suburban communities, he is ever inclined to recapitulate, somewhat boastfully, if not arrogantly, the glories of his "Fayette."

THE WOMEN OF BRYAN'S STATION. Recurring to the epoch of the pioneer, I find that the women were not only fair and lovely, but they were also brave and true. Tradition and history recount numerous instances of the conspicuous fortitude and courage that characterized the women in the days of the settlement.

On the night of Aug. 14, 1782, Bryan's Station was besieged by a large body of Indians, headed by the notorious regeade, Simon Girty. The fort, so-called, was situated on the southern bank of Elk-horn, five miles from the settlement, and contained about 100 men, women and children, connected by narrow paths and garrisoned by probably 50 men.

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The garrison was supplied with water from a spring at some distance from the fort—an error which was a party of Indians were placed in ambush, Girty and the chiefs making preparations to assault the fort under the cover of darkness.

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The experienced pioneers felt satisfied that a powerful party was in ambush near the spring, but they supposed that the Indians would not be so bold as to attack the fort, and they were not prepared to take any steps to repel an attack.

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A FRIEND WITH THE COUNTERSING.

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gone to see Col. Sharpe more than once, and had begged him to inquire thoroughly of every deserter from Lee's army about Jones; for deserters were coming in every night, and he had returned without a word of news, and he had not even seen or heard of any of his friends there.

My anxiety became almost madness. Father was on the north side, and I could not see him, and I had not seen what was to comfort me. I knew something was the matter with Jones, and my mind became so restless that I could not do good work in the hospital, and my condition was rapidly growing worse. I thought of Jones, in prison, starving, in danger of his life from those Confederates; I felt sure they had taken him.

"Very early in the morning late in March I was greatly astonished to see Col. Sharpe come into my ward. I was more than astonished—I was terrified. He came at once, and said, 'Miss Khayme, are you strong?'"

"No, I had no heart—everything turned black before my eyes, for I knew what he meant, and I had strength enough to say, 'Anything but death, Colonel.'"

"Col. Berwick is in great danger, my dear young lady. Then I burst out crying, for these words really brought a light into my eyes, and I said, 'What is he doing?'"

"In front of our left, beyond the Weldon Railroad," said he. "How did you learn that?" I asked. "Some deserters from McGowan's Brigade told me that they had seen him."

"And you say he is in danger?" "Yes; very grave danger; no man could be in greater danger than he is."

"Where is he?" "In the hospital, my dear young lady. I have been to see him, and he is in a very bad way. He is very ill, and he is very weak."

"I have expected you to try it," he said, and oh! that gave me a little hope. "I came by Gen. Meade's headquarters and I have orders to help you in every way I can. I am on my way here now, and I will be with you in a few days."

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"Now," said the General; "Col. Paul has told me you are, but he has not told me fully as to your present condition."

He spoke wearily, yet with the utmost courtesy in manner and tone. And now I stood before him, he sitting there and I standing, and he clasped his hands together, with his head bowed, and waved his hands up at the sky and toward me, and then I saw no more.

"CHAPTER XL. ANXIETY. 'God's in his heaven: All's right with the world.'"

When I saw Dr. Khayme's ambulance, and learned from the gallant Col. Paul that Gen. Lee, at Lydia's appeal, had ordered the preparations made for carrying out the sentence of the martial law, the love of life returned to me in almost overpowering emotion, and for a moment I was almost unconscious.

"Yes, sir," was the reply; "I have tried though verbal orders from Gen. Lee. He was mine who was to follow, and I see that she has arrived."

"You were just in the nick of time," said Col. Brown. "I should have been here before you formed, but my horse fell and broke his leg and injured me a little, so that I was delayed. I think I was worse scared that hurt, though."

"What is the nature of Gen. Lee's order?" "A respite for a week," said Paul; then added: "His ambulance was in the ambulance up there, has the written order."

"An officer was now sent to the ambulance to get the ambulance, and I saw that she has arrived."

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