Guelph Evening Mercury

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER III. THE M'KENZIES BAFFLED—AN UNFORTUNATE GIRL—LOCH MAREE—DANGER AGAIN THREATENS THE LOVERS.

"How true it is that the course of true love never does run smooth!" remarked Flora to Hector, after Gordon had left, he they arm.in-arm slowly retraced their steps. "Just think of this poor unsuspecting girl loving, with all the love of a warm affectionate nature, this villain, this ville, this wolf in sheep's clothing, who only sought her ruin. Ah! how keen must her anguish have been when she tully realised that she had been betrayed! And how often is the wicked course repeated. Oh! I do feel grateful to the Great Ruler of my destiny that I have been so fortunate as to have received the love of a man whom I know that I can trust, who che ishes my affections, and who will not betray the trust I have reposed in him. And this I feel to be the more important as I look around me on so much deedit, and feel that I could have found no other so worthy of my love as you, my own brave Hector."

"Blessings on you, my darling," replied the young man, passionately. "You have made me proud, indeed, to think that I am considered se worthy of your esteem and confidence. It has been my aim sirce ever I knew you to prove worthy of your love, and I hope that I may never do aught unworthy of your most implicit confidence, nor cause you to regret the step you have now taken at my solicitation. I only hope we may be able successfully to carry out our intention. My father's castle is nearly thirty miles distant, which is much more than we can accomplish to day, and it is just possible that your uncle, if he has discovered the road which he took may be able to overtake us before we reach Castle McLeod. I do not think there is anything further to fear from Ian M'Kenzie; he will not be likely to molest us further in the meantime."

"I am much of that opinion. If so, it will surely show him that Providence is against him in the new quarrel he has raised and the vow he has ends of his own to serve. He told me that he intended so the own whose you will not permit him to take me?"

"I do not doubt but he will try to again recovery out wil

displeasure."

"Then will I endeavour to make your future such that you will never regret the step you have taken," replied Hector.

"I do wish that we were safe at Castle M'Leed," said the maiden after a pause.

"I have a strange fear, which I feel unable to shake off, that something may yet

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"I have a strange fear, which I feel unable to shake off, that something may yet occur to separate us. When Gordon was with us, and we were all chatting to each other at random, I did not feel it so much; but now that we are alone, and my mind is directed to the matter, I feel a vague sense of loneliness and insecurity steal over me. I think we should not longer delay here, Hector, dear, but should push on at once."

"Pooh, pooh! these are groundless fears, Flora, darling. It is the fray with Ian M 'Kenzie in the but last night, and the pursuit of us by him and his men, that has unsettled your nerves. And the sense of loneliness is simply because of your absence from well-known and familiar objects, and because you see all-strange around you. But do not be alarmed; with me you are quite safe. As to pushing on at present, I am quite agreeable to do so, and perhaps we may be able to procure a couple of horses from the landlord. With these we could easily reach our destination to-night, and they could be returned to-morrow. We shall now turn back, and I shall see about the animals. 'Twas a strange mishap that our own horses went amissing. I blame the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui for the deed.'"

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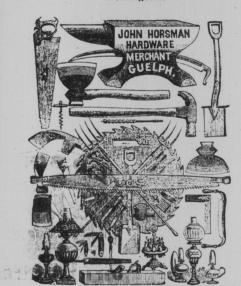
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