

The Rival Clansmen:

A Scottish Vendetta.
CHAPTER VIII.
AN UNHEEDED APPEAL—WHERE IS FLORA.

Two days have passed since the occurrences mentioned in the foregoing chapters took place, and we now introduce the reader to a new scene—Droghdaire—the residence of Donald Cameron, situated in the centre of the now famous strathpeffer, about a couple of miles from Dingwall. Droghdaire was an old-fashioned, though substantial looking building, situated on the northern slope of the valley, and the view it commanded was very different from that to which its owner's eyes had been accustomed for a day or two back. At Loch Maree all was bleak and sterile—a wilderness of mountains, each looking more formidable, if possible, than its neighbour; but here it was quite different. Away to the south were gentle sloping hills, rich in agricultural worth, while the husbandmen were all around merrily preparing the soil for the reception of the seed; on the left the sea, studded with many sails, rolled gently up the Frith of Cromarty; while to the north Ben-nevis, surrounded by other giant mountains, reared his bald broad head to the sky.

But it is night, and we must notice the inmates of the castle. In a low room on the second floor were seated Donald Cameron and Ian M'Leod. The room was furnished in a style which showed that Cameron was not altogether lacking in taste. The windows were heavily draped with bright crimson cloth, while the walls were finished with a lighter hue, and decorated with splendid paintings. A brilliant light lit up and richly mounted chandelier depended from the roof, and the furniture was massive and richly draped.

The two men were seated on each side of a heavy table made of polished oak, which was placed in the centre of the room, and before them were a large punch-bowl, tumblers, and glasses. Judging from their reddened, inflamed faces, the pleased look about their eyes, and the thick manner of their speech, we should say they had sat there for some time, and had been partaking deeply and freely of their libations.

"I say, Cameron," exclaimed Ian, "it's nearly nine o'clock, and that minister hasn't arrived. I hope he hasn't forgotten that Flora and I are to be made one to-night."

"Oh, no; never fear. John Fender's not the man to stay away from where there's likely to be a glass of good whiskey got. He will remember that, though he should forget all about the marriage."

"I shall be triumphant to-night, Cameron; but I shall have a fuller triumph in a day or two hence. Do you know I am glad I did not take the life of Hector M'Leod when we first met. Had I done so I would not have had the pleasure of seeing his mortification when he learns that Flora Macgregor is my wife."

"M'Leod is in my way at present," muttered Cameron. "I tell you I would hand him over to your tender mercies tomorrow if I could only be assured that I could induce his father and his aunt to agree to my purpose without further communication with him."

"I will starve him out when I have him in my power," was the reply of Ian. "And I will visit him every day to taunt and mock him. When do you leave for Castle M'Leod?"

"To-night. All that delays me is your marriage. I think it wise to bring it off to-night, so that we may be no longer pestered with doubts and fears about it."

"You are right, Cameron; you are right. Tomorrow Miss Flora will not toss her head so high. Tomorrow she will no longer dream of union with Hector M'Leod."

And both laughed coarsely. At this moment a ghillie entered the room and announced that the Rev. John Fender walked below.

"Show him up; show him up," cried Cameron, while Ian rubbed his hands with irrepressible glee.

In a few seconds more the ghillie re-entered, followed by a man dressed in a clerical suit, and with a downcast, cringing carriage. This was the Rev. John Fender, of Dingwall. He was a reddish-haired, reddish-faced individual, the red culminating strongly at the point of his proboscis, with little, sharp, restless eyes and with an assumed expression upon his face of wit and shrewdness. He bowed profoundly as he entered the room, and extended his hand fawningly to Cameron and Ian, who both rose to receive him. Then he seated himself at the table, and any one gifted with the slightest penetration could in a few seconds have seen in his deportment that Mr. Fender was a sneak—one who loved the flattery of the great—or those he considered great—and who was ever ready to do whatever was asked of him without putting inconvenient questions.

AUCTION SALE OF FARM STOCK AND IMPLEMENTS.—The undersigned has been instructed by Mr. John Inglis to sell by public auction, on his farm, lot 7, 1st con. Erin, on TUESDAY, the 25th Nov., the following stock and implements: 1 span mares in foal, aged horse, colt 1 year old, 2 spring colts, 6 milk cows, yoke steers rising 3 years, 3 steers rising 3 years, heifer rising 3 years, pair of twin heifers coming 2 years old, 4 calves, 6 sheep, thoroughbred improved Berkshire boar, out of Allan Simpson's imported boar, improved Berkshire sow, 2 spring pigs—improved Berkshires. Implements—Reaper and mower, nearly new, seed drill, Democrat wagon nearly new, 1 lumber wagon, pair bob sleigh, 4 ploughs, 3 sets double harness, set of double harness, fanning mill, turnip slicer, horse rake, grindstone, 2 sugar kettles, forks, rakes and other small implements. No reserve, as the farm has been rented for five years. Terms: For sums of \$5 and under cash; over that amount 18 months' credit on approved joint notes. Sale to commence at 11 o'clock, a.m. GEO. GIBBS, Auctioneer.

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