



A Scottish Vendetta.
CHAPTER XI.
CASTLE M'LEOD AND THE CHIEF OF THE CLAN—DONALD CAMERON VISITS THE CASTLE—HIS PROPOSAL IS REJECTED—A CRITICAL MEETING—NEED GORDON AGAIN OF SERVICE.
"Be calm; I only desired to point out a possible extremity were everything else to fail. Not that I contemplated it as a matter of fact at all. You know I love your sister and desire her hand, and it would scarcely require me without the love I bear her for the sufferings and the indignities which I have born at the hands of your son. You must give these things your attention M'Leod."
"Will nothing else cause you to give up my son than my sister's hand?"
"That is the only condition I can offer."
"Would you have no pity on an old man's grey hairs?"
"I have only sympathy with those who sympathise with me," was the reply.
Again for a time the old Chieftain was silent, as he paced backwards and forwards across the floor. At length he turned to Cameron, and said—
"This is a matter which I cannot decide myself. Will you retire a short time until I summon my sister. If she be willing to unite with you I may agree, but not otherwise; so help me Heaven."
"I will gladly withdraw in order to allow you to have an interview with your sister," replied Cameron, rising to his feet with alacrity, for he believed he saw signs of breaking down in M'Leod, and that he was likely to see his proposal, in the circumstances in which the M'Leods found themselves, thankfully accepted.
Ringing a small bell which stood on a table in the centre of the room, a ghillie was summoned, whom M'Leod at once ordered to show Cameron to another apartment, and to send his sister to him immediately.
The moment they had gone the old man's form heaved with the terrible agitation which raged within his breast, and as he flung himself into a chair, he sobbed aloud, wailing in the distress of his heart—
"Ah, my Hector, my noble boy, are you too, to be made a victim of man's infamous machinations? My very soul spurns the thought of yielding to the scoundrel's desire; and yet the stake is my own son, and it is hard, hard to give up the last."
As the afflicted father sat there and mourned he did not observe that his sister had entered the room, nor did he recognise her presence until she, stepping forward, entwined her arms around his neck, and said tenderly—
"My brother Malcolm, what distresses you?"
"Other men's villainy, my sister. Read that note." And he handed her the letter which he had received from Cameron.
"And what does he desire?" asked the lady, after she had perused it.
"What he has asked and been refused before—your hand in marriage, my sister."
"What?" exclaimed the lady, an indignant flush crossing her face. "Does Donald Cameron dare to again press me with his advances? And does Hector approve of that as stated here?"
"I cannot believe it, Anne. Hector could not have known what he was to do."
"And what are the consequences to be if I refuse to wed him?"
"My son dies!" and as the old man uttered the words he looked up sadly and anxiously into his sister's face.
"What would he take his life?"
"I am convinced he would."
"Ah! Malcolm, he dare not. He knows you would at once deliver him up."
"Ay; but what will have happened ere then? My son will be dead. Nay, my sister, his plot is cunningly contrived. He believes the weapon he brings against us is of sufficient power to make us yield."
"And I am placed in the position of saying whether I will save Hector's life or whether I will allow him to die?"
"That, my sister, is the condition which Cameron imposes upon you. But I do not desire that you should yield to him, either for my sake or for the sake of my son. I would not that you should render your life miserable by agreeing to wed Cameron; and yet, if not, how is Hector to be saved?"
"Enough, my sister. Let not your mind be distressed. I am satisfied with your answer, and do not blame you for your decision. A desperate alternative is before me, but I will accept it."
As he spoke, the old Chief rose, with an expression of calm, stern determination upon his face.
"Nay, brother, I am loth—"
"Say no more, sister. From the bottom of my heart I did not desire that you should consent to the proposal of this villain. Had you done so, it might have furnished an easy way out of the difficulty but one which, I fear, would have tarnished the honour of the M'Leods. Leave the room now, Anne; I would give Cameron my answer. Direct that he be conducted hither."
Newbridge.
LIZEL SUTT.—Mr. Joshua Kassell, of this village, has entered a suit against *The Brussels Post* for an alleged libel published in that paper in the early part of November. The damages are laid at \$1,000. The facts of the case are these: Mr. Kassell became insolvent, and the assignee stored a quantity of goods, valued at about \$400, belonging to the estate of Mr. Kassell, in a small closet under the stairs in the hotel of Mr. Lasham, of Brussels, for 70 days. Mr. Kassell having arranged matters with his creditors, obtained the goods; but for their storage Mr. Lasham asked the large sum of \$40. Mr. Kassell offered \$20, thinking that amply sufficient. As his offer was refused, he started home towards night. Mr. Lasham and a Mr. Martin, also a hotel-keeper, started in pursuit, but missing Mr. K. on the way they went on to Newbridge. The following day Mr. K. arrived, and ultimately settled with them for \$25, remarking that he would give them the extra \$5 for the trouble they had taken in following him. They went away apparently satisfied. Upon these circumstances *The Post* had a paragraph, stating that Mr. Kassell had run away without paying his debts, and implied that he had done so with a fraudulent intent; hence the present suit. Mr. M. C. Cameron, M. P. of Goderich, has been retained for the prosecution.
Railway.—It is confidently asserted that the Stratford & Lake Huron Railway will pass through the village, and about two and-a-half miles east of Fordwich. If this village gets a station it will put some life into the place.
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