

The Rival Glansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXIII.

THE BEGINNING OF THE END—JENAS ASCERTAINS THE DESTINATION OF CAMERON AND LAM—THE CATERANS OF BEN-A-CHERUI PRISONERS—CAPTAIN WINTERTON JOINS HECTOR IN THE PURSUIT.

"You look strangely at me, M'Leod," said the old woman, breaking a pause which had ensued when she concluded her story. "Have you aught to say?"

"I have to say," replied the young man, "that we can now bring home the cruel, villainous deed to Donald Cameron's door. To-night only I heard an old man who saw the bloody deed done tell of it. He has in his possession the weapon which pierced your son's heart, and on it are the initials of Donald Cameron. But more than that, he saw Black Cameron—though then he knew him not—and shall be able to identify him as the murderer."

The old woman sprang to her feet, and in a voice which showed her intense eagerness inquired—

"Who—tell me who it is that can say they saw the deed done?"

"Know you old Murdoch M'Donald, who dwells at Kinloch-Ewe?"

"Yes, I have seen and spoken with him, but he never uttered a syllable to enlighten me on this matter."

"But he knew not you were so deeply interested. You have spoken to no one, and, besides, Murdoch M'Donald was for a time at least afraid that suspicion of the guilt might alight upon himself."

"Upon him! How?"

Hector hereupon recounted the story as he had overheard it from the old man's lips, and when he had concluded the Witch of Ben-Lair, as we shall continue to name her, proposed that she and Hector should at once proceed to Kinloch-Ewe to speak to old Murdoch. To this proposal Hector willingly agreed, as he was eager again to take up the track of Cameron and Lam, armed as he now was with a new proof of the villainy of the former.

The old woman then wrapped herself up in such garments as she had beside her, to which M'Leod generously and gallantly added his heavy plaid. Before leaving the little hut, and while Hector was already on the threshold, she turned and, in a tone of sadness, said—

"Ay, dear old home, I go from you perhaps for the last time. My face is now set against the villain for whom I have been long searching; and I'll not turn back until I have accomplished my purpose. Every rafter and crovice is familiar; often has each seemed to my diseased mind as a living agent, who laughed when I laughed and sorrowed when I sorrowed. Despite the hours of terrible agony I have passed within your walls, I love you dearly. I loved to sit here and ponder and muse, and nurse my vengeance and weave my spells, while the wind tore and moaned down the glen, and the water dashed over the rocks and through the gorges, making sweet music for troubled brain. Nor need I say, despite the hours of terrible agony: it is because of them, for attachments formed through grief are stronger than those formed through love. I grieve to leave the scene of the hardest struggle of my life; but I go that the purpose of the struggle may be consummated. Come, Hector M'Leod; and now I bid farewell to Ben-Lair."

And they went forth and down the gorge on their way to Kinloch-Ewe. The walk was a long and laborious one, and to the old woman, and to Hector, fatigued as he was by his late exertions, one not soon to be accomplished. The morning had long dawned, and smoke was curling up from several of the huts in the clachan when they arrived at Murdoch M'Donald's. Hector knocked gently at the door of Murdoch's dwelling, when it was immediately opened by the old man, on whose face was a look of apprehension and anxiety.

The Sarnia Town Council have appointed a Vigilance Committee to watch the streets at night, in view of several recent incendiary fires in that town. The members of an evening book-keeping class, kept by Mr. R. McQueen, S. S. No. 12, Beverley, have presented him with a handsome and valuable microscope.

JIMMIE BRIGGS IN TROUBLE.—J. Kerby, of Niagara, assaulted T. P. Thompson, of the National, on Friday, knocking him down on Toronto street and kicking him. He was fined \$5 by the Police Magistrate on Saturday morning. Kerby threatens, if personal allusions to him are again made in the National, he will repeat his assault.

NARROW ESCAPE.—The Brockville Recorder says:—A young man named Connors, who resides near McIntosh's Mills, assisted in preparing for his last resting place the remains of a neighbor who died on Tuesday from typhoid fever. By accident a small quantity of blood from the mouth of the corpse came in contact with Connors' hands; in a few minutes the cords of his arms began to contract, closing his hands; sharp pains were felt ascending his arms; hands and arms began to swell, and it was only after the constant application of a strong solution of soda that the swelling was reduced and the pain relieved.

RESULTS OF THE TEMPERANCE MOVEMENT IN THE WEST.—The Cincinnati Gazette has returns from sixty-one cities, towns and villages in Ohio and Indiana, showing the results accomplished in those places by the women's temperance "crusade" up to about the 26th of February. The returns comprise fifty-five towns in Ohio. In these places 245 saloons have been closed; 91 drug stores have signed the druggists' pledge, and about 15,000 persons the total abstinence pledge. On the other hand there are 559 saloons still open. In Indiana 9 saloons and 9 drug stores have been closed, and 1,283 persons have signed the pledge. There are 53 saloons still open. In the aggregate 254 saloons and 100 drug stores have been closed; about 16,000 persons have signed the pledge. There are 612 saloons still open.

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