

**Guelph Evening Mercury**

**The Rival Clansmen**

A Scottish Vendetta.  
CHAPTER XVIII.  
PLANNING A MIDNIGHT ATTACK—A TERRIBLE MOMENT.

"I will try to drive away my fears then, dearest Hector," replied Flora. "It may be that they are, as you say, groundless, and I will strive to hope for the happy consummation which is now so near us."

"That's a good, brave girl," replied the young man, fondly imprinting a kiss upon the round, white brow. "My enemies and yours will seek a more favorable night than this upon which to make an attack upon Castle M'Leod. They could scarcely ever toil through the snow, it lies so deep; and if they delay until to-morrow they will require to come early. I saw old Mr. M'Veirlich this afternoon, and he says he will come over to breakfast with us in the morning. He preferred to do that rather than stay to be at the feast in the evening. The rev. gentleman, although kind-hearted and good-natured, is now aged and infirm, and would like to return to Brechin as early as possible in the evening."

"Oh, Hector, I am glad to hear it; for let me tell you I can only believe I am safe from the persecutions of these men when I am your wife. The ceremony cannot take place too early for me, though it were now. Once your wife, dearest, and then they are truly baffled, and can have no further purpose to serve with me."

"You forget Ian M'Kenzie's vow, Flora. That vow, my darling, is to deprive me of life; and, were my life taken, think ye would not Ian M'Kenzie have a double interest in obtaining possession of you?"

"But you will avoid meeting with him. He is a treacherous villain, and might take an unfair advantage of you."

"I doubt it not; but I do not desire to avoid meeting him. I have sworn to my kinsmen and to my kinswoman to do so; and a M'Leod cannot break his word any more than a M'Kenzie. No, my darling; as my father said that afternoon, he died, it is a feud to the death, and if I do not rid the world of Ian M'Kenzie my life is not for a moment safe. And, besides, he and his confederates have cost us some of the best blood and best men in the clan, and it would not be right to leave him and those who assisted him unpunished. It is but another indication of his cowardice, I believe, that when the struggle was waging in the corrie of Ben Slouch he was not to be seen; but when he fancied that the terrible and decisive blow had been struck, then did he appear pursuing my father, Gordon, and myself, I suppose with the intention of running us through. A pity it is that Captain Winterton did not succeed in overtaking the villains when he pursued them. He says they disappeared as if the earth had received them; but he will yet lend the M'Leods assistance in ferreting out M'Kenzie and the others, and in having them punished for the many acts of villainy they have performed."

"Ah! and my uncle may also fall into Captain Winterton's hands," replied Flora. "So long as his connection with the Caterans was kept a secret, then he was quite safe; but I doubt that he will now have to abandon Droghdaire. If he does not, then Captain Winterton will be sure to arrest him. You did well to tell the Captain, Hector; our safety demanded it, and not ours only, but the safety of society. But I am afraid he is too sharp not to suspect some such result of your escape and mine, and may keep himself in hiding. He is a villain; though he be my mother's brother, I cannot help regarding him as such."

"And he may be a deeper villain than any of us dream of," replied the young man. "The words of the Witch of Ben-Lair in the glade, that night we were being conveyed to Marubha's Ruin, spoke of something fearful he had done—some deed of ruthless bloodshed, it appeared to me."

"And he may have persecuted the old woman herself, Hector. A strange being is the Witch of Ben-Lair; but there is something about her I love and admire. She seems to have a kindly spirit within her, and to be upright and honest. I am convinced, too, she regards me with a peculiar affection, and, from words which have dropped from her lips at times, I feel impelled to believe that she knows something of the mystery of my parentage, which she may one day communicate to us. And I believe it the more readily that Donald Cameron seems so much to hate her. I think he is afraid of her."

"That Donald Cameron is afraid of her is, I think, quite apparent," replied Hector; and I think there can be very little doubt that she knows something concerning you of interest. She hinted as much that time we parted on the shore of Loch Maree. But there is a dread at my heart which I have never liked to utter; I am afraid she may have fallen into the hands of the Caterans who were concealed on the shore that night. I have heard nothing of her since."

"But would they not be afraid of her? You remember the men who accompanied us that night seemed to be terror-stricken when they saw her. She seems to be protected by the mystery which surrounds her."

"But they now hate her, Flora, as the one who has brought all their troubles upon them."

"True. Oh, I wish, dearest, we saw an end to all these persecutions! Generosity I know, says, spare Ian M'Kenzie; but, as your father says—and it is but common prudence—if Ian M'Kenzie's living is to endanger your life, then it becomes your duty to raise your hand against him in mere self defence."

"Even so, darling. Ian M'Kenzie has stepped beyond due bounds, and I can no longer act solely upon the defensive. I must, shortly, in the interests of my clan and my own safety, go forth against him. But, dearest Flora, on the eve of our wedding day these are unsettling harassing thoughts. Let us no longer think of them, but let us rather contemplate the future in the bright and glorious colours in which youth and hope ought to paint it."

"Gladly, Hector. I assure you I am full of hope; but occasionally a dark cloud crosses my vision, which I feel it impossible to shake off, and, really, the one seems as natural as the other."

The following story is from Colouge:—Two Indians were out moose-hunting last week, and on the trail of a large bull moose from an early hour in the morning until almost three o'clock in the afternoon, when they heard a great uproar in the direction in which the track led. The Indians soon discovered the moose fighting three wolves. One of the hunter's fired at the animal and brought him down. The other, who was armed with a double-barrelled gun, killed two of the wolves. The third wolf ran away. Arriving at the spot they found the snow beaten down for a large space round by the combatants, and four large wolves besides those shot lying dead.

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