

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER X. A REVELATION—NED GORDON AGAIN THWARTS IAN M'KENZIE—BROTHER AND SISTER MEET—FORWARD TO CASTLE M'LEOD.

"I should, indeed, be glad," she replied, "as much, however, for Jeannie's sake as for my own. I earnestly trust that I shall not again be in their power until it is too late for them to think of forcing me into such a union as they propose. God knows, it may be contemplated to treat me as they have treated your sister."

"But what is M'Leod's asked Ned? "A prisoner in the hands of Ian M'Kenzie and my uncle, Donald Cameron of Droghdaire, and leader of the Caterans of Ben-a-Chruil."

"When was he taken prisoner?" "Not many hours after you left us."

"Ah, I mind soo. I was on my way to Achnasheen the morn' when I met him galloping along. Had I jalloosed that Donald Cameron was your uncle in pursuit o' you I might hae turned back."

"I would that you had done so, for shortly after M'Leod was attacked by Cameron, assisted by Ian and a number of men, either belonging to the Clan M'Kenzie or to the Caterans."

"And whaur did they tak him till?" "He and I were taken together and thrown into underground dungeons beneath Mairabha's Ruin, the haunt of the Caterans. But the same night on which we arrived there a strange woman whom we met on our way to the dungeon—named the Witch of Ben Lair—sent the soldiers to the place, and necessitated the Caterans removing. I was taken by Cameron to Droghdaire, where I have just escaped, but I know nothing of Hector. There was a fearful struggle between the soldiers and the Caterans. I overheard the men talk about it afterwards, and they blamed the Witch of Ben Lair for informing upon them, and were uttering terrible threats of vengeance against her."

"The Witch o' Ben Lair?" repeated Ned. "I hae heard o' the name, but in a' my travels here about I never saw her fae my kennins."

"There is one thing which puzzles me not a little," said Jeannie, "and that is the different names by which we have known that wicked villain. I understood his name to be Ransal Murray, while you two appear to have known him by the name of Ian M'Kenzie."

"I know him as Ransal Murray, too, up till a week ago," replied Flora. "But that was certainly an assumed name, as he is beyond all doubt the son of the old Chief of the M'Kenzies of Lockmaere, and now the Chief himself. Before he attacked Hector M'Leod, in the hut he announced that his name was not Ransal Murray, but Ian M'Kenzie. I cannot imagine why he should have gone under an assumed name, unless it may have been to assist him in his falsification towards you."

"It may have been so; but that will not save him from the responsibility of his misdeeds," said Jeannie.

"It will no dae that na," put in Ned. "By my faith, it wad be a bonnie set o' d' tae let him af merly because he said his name wis something that I wisna. But am ayin—an aye through-thir that I forgot a' about it—hoo ye anything to eat?"

"Our little store is done," replied Flora.

"Dod, issa that swif! You manna think an a thochless muckle smupp no tae hae spoken o' that afore. Here see, There's bread an' cheese, an' beef, an' mutton. Tak' yer fill o' them, an' ye'se get water i' the loch to wash them doon; or, if ye think ye wad like it, I've a drap stronger thing in my flask."

As he spoke, Gordon drew from a bundle which was slung over his shoulder a heterogeneous supply of eatables, which were a very pleasing sight indeed to the two poor girls, whose fare during the past day or two—and in Jeannie's case much longer—had been of a very meagre and slender kind. They hastily applied themselves to the meal, while Ned loudly blamed himself for not having brought forward the eatables much earlier.

This finished, Jeannie, at her brother's earnest solicitation, told him the story of her wanderings, and how it was that she came to search after the villain who had so cruelly deserted her. The story was one of grief, and pain and suffering, and during its recital many tears were shed by Flora and by the strong man. But in the great joy which brother and sister felt at being reunited after so much trial on the one hand, and patient, anxious waiting on the other, these griefs and sorrows, though not dissipated, became lightened.

Having ascertained from Flora her destination, and the object of her journey, Gordon generously agreed to accompany her—repelling, however, the grateful girl's thanks with the observation that through uniting with M'Leod of the way by which he was likely to come soonest face to face with Ian M'Kenzie.

And so, all being now well rested, and feeling it to be imprudent to remain longer in the place where they had met, they arose and proceeded towards Castle M'Leod, which, however they were to reach at a critical moment and in strange company.

FARM FOR SALE—Situate within five miles of the Village of Harriston, being sixty acres of the southwest corner of Lot 16, in the 6th concession of the township of Minto, containing 60 acres. The land is all cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. There is on the premises a good log house. For particulars and terms of sale, apply to John Darroch, Esq., of Minto, or to Messrs. Dunbar & Merritt, Solicitors Guelph.

VALUABLE FARM FOR SALE IN PIKINGTON—The Executors of the Estate of the late Patrick O'Brien offer for sale a valuable farm of 100 acres, on Lot 14, 1st con. Pikington. The farm is situated about half way between Elora and Guelph. 90 acres are cleared, and in a good state of cultivation. There are a frame dwelling house and barn on the premises, also a good orchard. For particulars, apply to Patrick Nagle or John Murphy, Executors, Guelph P. O.

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FARM TO RENT—Being the rear half of Lot 10, and half of Lot 18, in the 9th concession of Pashin, containing 120 acres, about 100 acres cleared. It is well fenced, and the land in a good state of cultivation. There is a new log dwelling, and an ordinary good barn and stables. The farm is well watered by ever-falling springs. For further particulars apply by letter post-paid to Mrs. B. M. Murphy, Aberfoyle P. O., November 27, 1873.



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