

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXVII.

Ian M'Kenzie's body was slowly borne back to Droghdaire and handed over to the care of the female servants of Donald Cameron's household that it might be decently arrayed in the vestments of the grave.

We need not attempt to picture the scene which took place within the walls of the Castle on their return. Some of the deeper, broader lines indeed we might draw, but to do justice to the details would baffle our pen. The horror and dismay which took possession of Donald Cameron as he saw the confederate with whom he had been but a few minutes before deeply plotting brought back a stark and mangled corpse; and the strangely balanced feelings which possessed poor Jeannie Gordon at the moment, as she saw the man she had loved and hated and now forgave cut down in the midst of his villainy, would require to be carefully described. Poor Jeannie—badly as M'Kenzie had treated her—remembered that he was the father of her child, and now when all his evil-doing was ended, she felt fain to clasp his stiffening body and strain it to her heart. "Poor human nature! Then how could we speak of the rapturous joy of Flora as she leaned on her lover's arm, and gazed so tenderly into his face? Or the emotions of Hector as he, with sparkling eyes and mantled cheeks, returned the gaze?—conscious, both of them, that now their trials were ended—that all were baffled who had so ruthlessly sought to injure them. And how felt the Witch of Ben-Lair, and Ned Gordon, and Anne M'Leod, and Captain Winterton, and old Murdoch, and his son? In some of them the feeling was that of satisfaction merely; but in others, in the Witch of Ben-Lair and Anne M'Leod, thoughts, painful and sad, brooded over the sensations of joy.

But we must pass it by. Captain Winterton had Donald Cameron secured in a room of the Castle until he should be ready to remove him to Inverness, and, then, in the name of his Sovereign, took possession of Droghdaire Castle and all that was within it.

Then, when leisure came, mutual congratulations and explanations fell from all their lips; for many things had occurred which were involved in mystery to one or other of the party.

It is needless for us to follow the course of the conversation—our end will be served by briefly summarising some of the points which may yet appear obscure to the reader.

And first, it is necessary to explain how Ned Gordon came to be alive and well, after it had been reported that he and his sister had fallen victims to the darts of the myrmidons of Ian M'Kenzie and Donald Cameron. The truth is that M'Kenzie, who had set the two ruffians after the Lowlander and his sister, had made a grave mistake. He had mistaken the character, both of Ned Gordon and his own kinsmen. He had given Gordon credit for less penetration and shrewdness, and his kinsmen credit for more fidelity than either of them possessed. As the ruffians stated, it was not long before they met Gordon and his sister in Edinburgh; but Gordon, who fancied he saw something suspicious in their conduct, took care to keep a wary eye upon their movements, and, playing them with drink soon wormed their secret out of them and had his suspicions confirmed. By the aid of a friend he managed to get the would-be assassins put into safe keeping until he had effected the purpose for which he had Jeannie had visited the metropolis. They found Mr. Blackie, the minister who had wedded Ian M'Kenzie, under the assumed name of Randal Murray, to Jeannie Gordon, and who at once stated that he had a perfectly distinct recollection of the marriage, and had the legal documents certifying the same in his possession. In order that the man might be identified, Gordon prevailed upon the aged man of God to undertake the journey to the far north, and he also left instructions with the friend who had assisted him that the ruffians who had come to assassinate him should be liberated after a day or two had passed, with injunctions given to them that they might safely report to Ian M'Kenzie that they had accomplished their mission. They wondered much that they should be so directed, but prudently acted upon the hint thrown out.

Being uncertain as to what might have transpired since he left M'Leod Castle, and having heard from Flora of the complicity of Mr. Fender, of Dingwall, with Cameron and Ian, Gordon, when he had reached Inverness, despatched a messenger to Dingwall for Fender. He however, concealed from Mr. Fender who it was that wished to see him, or upon what errand he was required. But when Fender had reached Inverness, and had met Gordon and Blackie, the latter, who had met him before, at once interrogated him as to his knowledge of the designs of Ian M'Kenzie and Donald Cameron, and sharply rebuked him for the part he had already played. Mr. Fender, of course, denied all complicity with the plotters, and pretended to have no knowledge that anything villainous or even clandestine was contemplated by these men. He satisfied Gordon, however, by stating that no marriage had taken place between M'Kenzie and Flora so far as he was aware.

Gordon wished to see Hector M'Leod and to assure him that he had now obtained full proof that it was not possible for Ian M'Kenzie to marry Flora Macgregor; and he wished to meet Ian M'Kenzie that he might put into effect the vows of vengeance which he had breathed against him.

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