

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XVIII.

PLANNING A MIDNIGHT ATTACK—A TERRIBLE SCENE.

"Yes, Gregor," said Ian, "speak out, and you will be well rewarded."

"Well, you must understand that my plan is simply that three or four trusty, determined men should go and gain entrance to the Castle secretly, and, watching their opportunity when all is safe and quiet, pounce upon those you want carried off or killed, and there and then accomplish your work and make off."

Ian and Cameron gazed at each other in astonishment. At length Cameron, finding voice, incredulously exclaimed—"Impossible! How could that be done?"

"It can be done easily," was the reply. "I say you must watch your opportunity."

"But how? Tell us how? How can three or four men gain access secretly to the Castle?"

"Easily enough, by a secret way which I know. McLeod Castle is an old one, and many queer things have been done in and about it, and the way by which I would be proposing to take the men who will do the work to the Castle has likely been used for a purpose much the same before this day."

"And are you sure it is still open, and that there is no obstruction in the way?" "It is still open, I believe; but that will require to be made sure of before we make the venture. You know the Hill of Skerryvach, upon the front of which the Castle will be built? Well, this passage will be entered at the back of the hill, and it leads right into—where do you think?"

"Into the Castle, of course," exclaimed Cameron.

"Yes," replied Gregor, "into the Castle, and by a concealed passage into what used to be the Lady Anne's bedroom. That, too, may be changed now, but it leads into the very centre of operations, whoever inhabits the room. The sleeping part of the Castle is much isolated—for greater security, I suppose—and during the day it is seldom that any one is near it. If we gained safe entrance during the afternoon, and knew exactly where the other bedrooms were, we could easily be concealed in them, and when all was ready—when each was asleep—the work would be done."

"By my claymore, a bold stroke," exclaimed Cameron; "but one which, if rightly managed, cannot fail. But we must have a confederate in the Castle, and how can that be secured?"

"I have it," exclaimed Ian, whose evil heart was bounding with intense delight as he contemplated the completeness of the plot. "I have it; I'll send a kinsman of mine, Angus M'Turk. He is a deserter from the army, and has been hiding with me for some time back. Hector and Flora both saw him that night my father died in the hut up the glen, but then he was disguised, and so disguised with dirt, that, if he were cleaned they would never take him for the same man. Besides he is as cunning as the devil himself, and would be sure to ferret out anything we wanted, and find means of communicating it to us. Donald Cameron, this is a sure stroke we are contemplating; if we well arranged there can be no failure this time."

"None," was the reply; "but can you depend on this Angus M'Turk?"

"Depend on him! Ay, to the very death. He is faithful as a dog, and has cause to remember a service I did him with gratitude. He would sacrifice himself for me if need be; and more than that, he is too, will be glad of an opportunity of assisting to repay Hector M'Leod for a knock he received from him in the hut that night we first met with young Chieftain."

"I know the man you speak of," said the landlord; "and I do not think any man would accomplish the work better." "That is good," muttered Cameron, rubbing his hands gleefully together. "But who are to be the men who are to do the deed? I will be one; will you be another, M'Kenzie?"

"Ay, and that gladly. Heavens, the very thought of such an opportunity causes the hot blood to rush through my veins with redoubled speed, and my heart to thrill with exquisite pleasure. I know not whether I would like best to stand alone by the bedside of Flora Macgregor, while she slumber on be all unconscious of my presence, ready to clasp her in my arms and bear her off; or to stand as an avenger over Hector M'Leod, with my dirk raised above his heart ready to strike the fatal blow."

Rockwood Items.

Last Monday evening the Good Templars had a very successful open meeting in the Town Hall, singing, recitations, and readings making up the evening's entertainment. Among the many who added their quota to the evening's enjoyment, it would be hard to particularize, but our old friend Martin Clary deserves special thanks for the amusing and ludicrous lecture that he gave, rendered more so by the life-like antics of the goings on of a drunken person. We hope soon to enjoy another like entertainment of the Good Templars, and we are sure that so long as they make their charge so reasonable they are certain of crowded houses.

On Tuesday evening the regular monthly teachers' meeting of the Presbyterian Sabbath School was held in Mr. Passmore's house. A fair representation of teachers present. These meetings, during the winter season, are held in the houses of the different teachers, and so far have proved a success, bringing the teachers more together and giving a good chance for any suggestions and discussions relating to Sabbath School work. The next meeting will be held on Monday evening, the 9th of March.

The Wesleyans are having nightly meetings in the Church just now, and we believe the Rev. Mr. Ball, of Guelph, is to give an address in that church on Thursday evening first (the 12th).

On dit that the Primitive Methodists are to have a tea meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday evening the 25th.

Just as the sleighing season is going on, orders have been issued by Mr. Nairn not to receive any more wood on the G. T. R., his contract being filled, and the company not requiring so much as formerly on account of burning coal. This is a serious loss to a good many, as the wood teaming was only in full blast when this order was issued.

One of our Rockwood citizens has been wide awake as regards the fuel question, for we believe Mr. Stephen Nairn has made a large investment in a coal company in the States, and we see in a Detroit paper that he has been elected a Director in the Western Transportation & Coal Company, so our consolation is, that if the coal wood business cannot be done in Rockwood something can be done in coal.

RANDEER.

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