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The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XXVI.

"THE DARKEST HOUR PRECEDES THE DAWN"—ARRIVAL OF FRIENDS—CAMERON AND IAN BAFFLED—A CHARGE, AN ARREST, AND A DEATH.

"Curse you, what do you mean?" roared Cameron. "Give me my weapon and begone."

"I must do my duty," said Winterton, calmly. "Here, lads," he continued, addressing the two soldiers, who stepped forward; "arrest Donald Cameron of Droghdairch on the charge of being the chief of the band of outlaws known as the Caterans of Ben-a-Chrui, and on the further charge of the murder of her son preferred by the Witch of Ben-Lair, otherwise Mrs Flora Douglass of Gowanybraes, in the county of Perth. It is impossible for you to escape from us, so you had better yield quietly and offer no resistance."

"Stay one moment," said the Witch of Ben-Lair, turning to old Malcolm M'Donald. "Is that the man, Malcolm, you saw do the bloody deed?"

"It is the same," gasped the old man gazing with an aspect of horror at Cameron as he uttered the words.

Captain Winterton's caution to Cameron to offer no resistance was scarcely needed, so completely did he appear to be cowed. He stood glaring around him his face white and bloodless, and his whole body quivering with guilty fear. The soldiers had him securely bound—his hands being fastened behind his back—before he recovered from the stupefaction which had come over him, or seemed to realise the position in which he was.

To Gordon, who had in the meantime released Mr Blaikie from the position in which he had been thrown by the Caterans, and to Flora Macgregor and Anne M'Leod the announcement of the Witch of Ben-Lair's true name, and the charge against Cameron for murdering her son, had come like a revelation recalling the whole course of the old woman's action towards the Cateran, and they wondered that she had been able to keep her secret so long.

But appearing suddenly to rouse himself, Cameron turned his bloodshot eyes to where Ian had been standing as he said—

"Baffled, by all that's eternal! My game's played out, M'Kenzie; you must shift for yourself——Gone! Ha! that is well; and Fender too. They have been fortunate at my expense."

"Gone!" exclaimed Gordon, looking round the room, and also missing M'Kenzie and Fender, both of whom during the struggle with Cameron had succeeded in passing out at the door unobserved.

"He'll no escape my vengeance, or he'll rin harder than I gie him credit for,' continued Gordon, darting towards the door. "Stay there, Jeannie, wi' yer freends, and I'll bring the villain back."

"The horses!" exclaimed Hector, "I hear the sound of a galloping horse."

"Confusion! he cannot have escaped,' exclaimed Winterton. Then turning to the soldiers he continued—"To the pursuit, lads. Ride him down, and I will guard your prisoner. Ten sovereigns to the first that reaches him."

In an instant the soldiers had disappeared, and Hector, who had rushed to the door after Gordon, saw M'Kenzie galloping furiously not more than two hundred yards off in the direction Dingwall quickly pursued by the Lowlander, who was in turn followed by the soldiers. Ian looked behind, and seeing that he was pursued, goaded on his steed to increased speed.

But a loud cry escaped M'Leod's lips as he saw the horse the fugitive rode suddenly stumble and roll to the ground, while Ian was violently dashed down beside it, and lay apparently lifeless.

Gordon and the others who had mounted were at the spot in a moment, and Hector, shouting to those within the Castle what had happened, at once darted off to the spot. As he drew near he saw Gordon and the soldiers kneeling beside M'Kenzie's prostrate body, and as he hurried up Ned rose to his feet, and turning to Hector his face grave and pale said solemnly—

"The VENDETTA is ended! A higher hand has interfered to avenge our wrongs *M'Kenzie is dead!*"

Hector looked at the body lying before him, and he knew the words were true. The face was covered with gore which slowly welled from a large hole cut by a piece of rock in his forehead. The limbs were motionless and the eyes fixed and glazed.

And thus perished the vile plotting and scheming of a villain whose sins had surely found him out.

THE DUFFERIN CURLING MEDAL.—It has not yet been decided what club has won the medal given by the Governor General for competition. In ordinary playing hitherto, all stones resting on the eight-foot ring counted, but now it appears some of the clubs made a good score by simply counting the stones that were clear of the ring. Subject to the old style, Arnprior made twenty-one points clear, Quebec claims to have made twenty-two clear, and Ottawa made only twenty clear, whereas in the first instance Quebec boasted of having made twenty-four points, including, of course, two stones which rested on the ring; but learning that Ottawa had twenty-five in a similar way, they then raised the objection. The question is to be referred to the Canadian Branch of the Royal Canadian Association for final settlement.

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