

mine for the ill we all did thee. 'Tis all the better that thou art to keep our house than that I should have kept it, seeing thou hast suffered, so thou hast thy just reward. Tell her I said it, that thou wert more worthy of her and of all than I could be. I go to carve me a new name, and chance a new fame ; or if not, at least to die.—Your brother Hugh."

But I did not altogether lose sight of him. By mine influence and that of his mother's family, he had a place among the leading soldiers at the Court, and rose in favour with the King ; and going with the young Prince James, our cousin, into France, was imprisoned with him in England ; but returning at last he married a great lady, and founded the cadet house of our family of that name.

But I have other matters to relate. Six months after, I was married in great state to her who hath been my friend and comforter ever since ; and we have done much by our lives to change the nature and reputation of our place and name in this country from that of mere savage warfare to the gentler arts of peacc. In all this she hath been my guide and companion. My mother's remains I had removed to a vault, which I built in the castle chapel, where she sleeps near that other great and proud woman, my stepmother. So strange is the mutability of chance and the obliviousness of time and death. Mine uncle, the great MacLeod, hath still dwelt with his own people, and hath waxed greater than even his mighty forefathers in the pride and power of his race