

## The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

### CHAPTER XII.

M'LEOD GOES TO THE RESCUE OF HIS SON—  
THE M'LEODS AND THE CATHERANS OF  
BEN-A-CHRUAI FACE TO FACE.

The shrill tones in which the Witch of Ben-Lair spoke caused her words to be distinctly heard by Cameron, who at once bounded off. In an instant he had disappeared through the gate leading from the Castle, and before old M'Leod, who was astonished by what he had heard, could bring his senses properly to bear upon the matter, the sound of the cataran's horse which had been left outside the gate, galloping away down the rugged path told that he had escaped from any danger which might have threatened him from the old Chieftain.

"What is it you tell me, woman? Is it possible that Cameron is allied with these rascally Catherans?" asked M'Leod, in an excited manner.

"Not only allied to them, but their leader and moving spirit."

"He looks villain enough for't," exclaimed Gordon.

"Would that I had known this earlier?" cried the chief. "Can you give me proof of it?"

"I have proof that suffices me; but I cannot give it to you yet. Nevertheless, what I tell you is true as I stand before you, and when I tell you so positively, surely you have no reason to doubt the words," replied the Witch of Ben-Lair.

"I doubt not you," was the half-musing reply, and for a short time the old man said nothing further.

"But," said Anne M'Leod, coming forward, and referring to Flora, "you said this young lady was his niece, and the betrothed of Hector M'Leod. It is so?"

Flora's companions were silent, and all eyes were turned upon her. Springing towards the questioner, and seizing her by the hand, she exclaimed—

"Yes, lady, it is true; and everything else the old woman has told you. I have come to seek that protection in the house of the M'Leods that I cannot find at home. But I come not only to seek your protection, but to obtain aid that Hector may be rescued from the hands of those who hold him prisoner, and with whom his life is far from safe. The man who has just left us is one of them, and is indeed, I have every reason to believe, the leader of the Catherans of Ben-A-Chruai."

"We know from himself that he holds my son prisoner," replied M'Leod, with much agitation. "His mission here was to tell us so, and to negotiate for his release, but his terms we have rejected. But this is not the place to talk of these things. Come into the Castle, and let us take counsel together. Conduct them up, my sister."

And turning, the old man strode into the Castle, leaving his sister to guide the others after him. Taking Flora's arm the lady led the way, followed by the Witch of Ben-Lair and by Ned Gordon and his sister Jeanne.

When they entered the room to which the old Chief had gone before them, they found him pacing backwards and forwards across the floor, with a heavily clouded brow.

Addressing Flora as soon as she had entered, he said—

"Young lady, you did well surely when you came to a father's house for succor to his son, and it shall not be denied. For a less stake I would not have hesitated to join issues with Black Cameron. But in there one among you who knows aught of where my son is held by him?"

Flora turned to the witch as she replied—

"By good fortune we met with one who professes to know, and who is willing to guide the M'Leods to the spot."

"Has by my elaymore, say you so? This is good news. Speak, good woman, and let me know where I may seek my son."

"Does the Chief of the M'Leods know the cave in the deep corrie on Ben Slengach?" asked the old woman.

"I do. I have entered it when a boy."

"Then seek young Hector M'Leod there, and you may find him."

"But surely you must be mistaken?" exclaimed the old man, with dubious looks. "The Catherans of Ben-A-Chruai do not frequent that place."

"They have passed only four days there," was the reply. "For years, I believe, they have had a secure retreat beneath Malrubha's ruin, and for years longer they might have remained equally secure had not I discovered that Donald Cameron was one of them. I sent the military to search them out, but the soldiers were defeated. The same night the Catherans removed to the corrie of Ben Slengach, and young Hector was led there by them bound."

"H! that explains the matter. But if Donald Cameron is your enemy, how comes it that you gave him an opportunity of escape just now?"

"I am, gentlemen, Respectfully yours,  
CHAS. RAYMOND.

Guelph, Dec. 10, 1873.

To the Municipal Electors of the Town of Guelph.

GENTLEMEN,—I am induced, strictly by the solicitation of many friends among yourselves, to offer myself to serve you in the Town and County Councils during the coming year as one of your Deputy Reeves. In so doing I will only say should you express your confidence by electing me I will honestly and faithfully endeavor to discharge the duties devolving on me, and use the position for no other purpose than that of forwarding according to my most careful judgment the prosperity of the Town.

During the last twelve years I have noted with attention the various current matters affecting our welfare as a community, and feel therefore somewhat prepared to take a share in directing our public affairs. It is impossible for me to make a personal canvass. If there were no other reasons, my business engagements forbid it, and you will therefore, I trust, not impute its absence to neglect or discourtesy.

I am, Gentlemen, Respectfully yours,  
CHAS. RAYMOND.

Guelph, Dec. 10, 1873.

To the Electors of the Town of Guelph.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been solicited by a large number of the ratepayers to become a candidate for the office of Reeve for the year 1874, I now beg to offer myself for that position.

During the six years I have served you in the Council (half of which term has been as Deputy Reeve) I trust my conduct has been such as to merit your approval, and entitle me to a further expression of your confidence.

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Guelph, Dec. 10, 1873

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Guelph, Sept. 29, 1873.

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JOHN TAIT.

Georgetown, Dec. 11, 1873.

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION.

Bread, plain and fancy, always on hand and delivered.

W. J. LITTLE,

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Guelph, Nov. 4th, 1873 dw

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Lower Wyndham-street, Guelph.

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Guelph, Dec. 1, 1873

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GUELPH, Nov. 21, 1873