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## A KNIGHT OF THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY.

BEING A SHORT ACCOUNT OF CAPTAIN JOHN MACDONALD, LAIRD OF GLENALDALE AND GLENFINNAN.  
 BY MISS ANNA MACDONALD.

(Reprinted from the American Messenger of the Sacred Heart for January, 1892)

"Entreat that you will all give yourselves to God, for to Him we must all at last have recourse, I leave you my blessing."  
 About sixty-seven years ago, being just able to read with some ease, my eyes scanned the above words of Captain John Macdonald of Glenaldale, and his children. The memory of these words has since served as a light in the many darksome days of life. Having recently found the original instructions, and the Captain's letter or memorandum to his daughter Flora, I was so overjoyed at my fortune that I resolved to edit them; and this not merely as a tribute to the author, but still more from the conviction that "Words of life never fall without being taken up by some one." To the forcible and graceful pen of Miss Anna Macdonald, of the clan, and who with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Macdonald, of Charlottetown, Mass., visited the ancestral Highland home of the late Glenaldale, while on their European tour last year, I leave the task of presenting to the public a sketch of the life of the author and these letters.—AN AGED CLANSMAN.]

Last year the clan came into the possession of one of the descendants of Captain Macdonald, a letter, so interesting and so instructive, that it was thought a pity to keep it hidden among family papers. Thee, too, its publication would give to the Catholics of the United States and of Canada a chance to know something more of one whose deeds place him among the heroes of the Church in the New World.

In the history of the Scottish Highlands no clan is more honored or more famous than that of the Macdonalds. For centuries the great chieftains of this family, Macdonald, Lord of the Isles, and Macdonald of Clanronald, were practically independent princes treating with their king on almost equal terms. Powerful enough to awaken the jealousy of many of his neighbors, about six centuries ago, Clanronald was hard pressed by the surrounding clans. So to his younger son, a most intrepid and valiant man, he gave the estate of Glenaldale on condition that he would protect the borders of the Clanronald country. It was this commission fulfilled, that the delighted father added to his first gift the lands of Glenaldale. Thus, this John Macdonald, the ancestor of the subject of this sketch, became the head of another clan, he himself and his descendants acknowledging Clanronald as their chief.

The Macdonalds were ardent Catholics and devoted adherents of the house of Stuart, with whose fortunes those of this heroic clan were inseparably linked. The defeat of Prince Charles Edward in 1745, was for them, as well as for their daring young leader, fraught with most disastrous consequences. When Charles landed in Scotland, among the first to greet him were young Clanronald and his kinsman, Alexander Macdonald of Glenaldale, the father of Captain John. They accompanied the prince to Glenfinnan, Alexander's estate, where on August 17, 1745, the standard of the Stuarts, blessed by Bishop Macdonald, was raised.

All know the history of this most romantic and daring enterprise, and no one, whatever his political opinions may be, can help but admire the little army of Highlanders who thought neither lands nor life half precious enough to sacrifice in their prince's cause. After Culloden, Alexander Macdonald was the one, after his cousin Elms, to whom the prince chiefly owed his escape; though to all the Highlanders a certain amount of the credit of this feat, for many knew Charles' hiding place, and despite the large price set upon his head no one was base enough to betray his beloved prince.

It was in those troublous times that Captain John Macdonald, of Glenaldale and Glenfinnan, was born. For when the Stuart standard was unfurled on his father's land he was but three years old. When the persecution of the Stuart adherents had quieted a little, there being then no Scotch Catholic College, young Glenaldale was sent, at the age of twelve, to the Jesuit University of Ratisbon (Regensburg), in Germany. Having received his degree at Ratisbon, Glenaldale returned to Scotland, a most cultured young gentleman, numbering among his attainments the mastery of seven languages. He married Miss Gordon, daughter of Admiral Sir James Gordon, whose naval career is a brilliant page in English history. By this union Glenaldale allied himself with some of the greatest Scotch families. Captain Macdonald was selected from among the chieftains of his family to be "Cachal" or guardian, ranking, next to Clanronald as the head of his clan, and acting as chief should anything befall his superior chief. So, revered by his fellow-chieftains, Glenaldale was leading a good and useful life, until about 1770 circumstances arose which called him to even a nobler vocation.

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rendered practically destitute by their inhuman landlords. Bishop Hay, besides contributing out of his own slender means a sum which to Glenaldale seemed heroic, wrote a memorial. He addressed this to the saintly Bishop Challoner, Vicar Apostolic of London. Collections were taken up at the chapels of the Catholic embassies in London, and the proceeds of these, together with the contributions of D. Challoner's personal friends, made up a considerable sum of money. Of all the Scotch laymen, the one most deeply interested in the welfare of his poor co-religionists was Macdonald of Glenaldale. He was the originator of the emigration scheme, and was willing to sacrifice everything to make it successful. Of him Bishop Hay says: "Worthy Glenaldale: firm that he will sell all he has for that end (the colonization plan), and that he will himself go along with them. His conduct, indeed, upon this occasion is exceedingly edifying; he seems to have interposed all the zeal of princes, as well as of his ancestors."  
 So to Glenaldale, was the carrying out of the plan, and the relief of the persons.  
 In 1771 he bought a large tract on the present Prince Edward Island, then known as St. John's, to which he intended to personally bring his charges. Then, in company with Bishop Macdonald, he visited Ulster where he found matters much worse than he supposed. No one of the Islanders was able to pay anything toward the expenses of the journey; many of the mainland were; yet, as the sum of money collected was not in this case sufficient, it looked as if the plan of emigration must be abandoned. It would have been, too, but for the unparalleled generosity of Glenaldale. Rather than have the scheme fall through, he mortgaged the family estate at Glenfinnan to his cousin. As he was never able to redeem it, he thus parted with the home of his ancestors forever. When he arrived in Prince Edward Island, he had but five or six guineas in his pocket, and a debt of the purchase of the new estate he had bought there.

Thanks to his munificence, in 1772, the good ship Alexander, with one year's provisions, sailed from Scotland, bearing 210 later and nobler pilgrims across the sea. Glenaldale himself was detained in Europe until the next year. In 1773, after ordering (this time from Quebec) a third cargo of provisions and farm implements for the colonists, he joined his people journeying by way of Philadelphia and Boston, towns already dark with the threatening war-clouds of the Revolution. At the outbreak of our War of Independence, Glenaldale, in accordance with his royalist traditions, formed a company for the defence of Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia against the Americans. He was appointed captain, and he and his men conducted themselves with praiseworthy valor. Of him as a soldier and a man the following report by General Small to the English government speaks for itself: "The activity and unabating zeal of Captain John Macdonald of Glenaldale, in bringing an excellent company into the field, is his least recommendation, being acknowledged by all who knew him to be one of the most accomplished men and best officers of his rank in His Majesty's service."  
 As a reward for his distinguished services in every capacity, civil and military, the government of Prince Edward Island was offered him. As he would have been obliged to take an oath, then in force, acknowledging the king's supremacy in spiritual matters, Glenaldale declined the proffered honor. The advantages coming from a lease of 999 years. Many, in this way, prospered enough to buy land of their own.  
 Glenaldale rendered another great service to the young colony. By defraying the expenses of procuring a missionary for the Acadians, he induced this noble people, so important to the development of the resources of the country, to remain on the island.  
 Captain Macdonald was obliged to take many long and perilous voyages in the interest of his countrymen. It was while absent on one of these journeys that the charming letter was written by him to his daughter Flora, then a pupil of the Ursuline Convent at Quebec. If we had no other record of Glenaldale than this epistle, it alone would be sufficient to prove him as he was, the noblest of the noble, a perfect gentleman, a perfect Catholic, a white and spotless knight—sans peur et sans reproche.  
 What the descendants of the cousin to whom Glenaldale yielded his Scotch estates have done for the Old World Church, and what an ancestral home he was to leave the following sketch will give some idea:  
 Glenfinnan, the present home of Colonel Macdonald and the late Archbishop of Edinburgh, and the late Archbishop of Aberdeen, is situated about midway between Fort William and Alesaid.

(To be continued.)

## Torpid Liver

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