### FIRE AND SWORD:

A STORY OF THE MASSACRE OF GLENCOE.

CHAPTER XXVIII. A GLEAM OF HOPE-THE BOW IN THE

CLOUD,

the men of the Glen.

The deed was not justifiable, judged by the present day morality, however much the braggart and guilty Sergeant merited his death; but in view of the extraordinary and revolting circumstances which occasioned it, the deed receives a palliation which half condones Viewed, however, in the its crime. Viewed, however, in the times in which it occurred, the avenging act of Malcolm Macdonald against Ser-

jured Sergeant had now gone to his last account, and the avenger was once more a fugitive with blood on his hands and pursuit in his rear. He was, however, less even than merely anxious as to the possible results. In the death of Helen Cameron he had received what to him had proved the unkindest cut of all. And his kinsmen, the clansmen, too, were all dead or scattered with land or property wasted, purloined or utterly destroyed.

"If the dogs had given us a chance—fairplay only," answered Malcolin, "we should have sold our lives and heritage to much better advantage. I fought may way through the redcoats to the cover of the hills, reserving my life for the accomplishment of a merited revenge, and look ye John, I have had it!" and drawing his sword from the scabbard he showed the tough old boatman the blade still stained with the upwined helped of Sergeant Bar-

What mattered it, therefore, whether he lived or died? He was ready to die, if need; but he preferred yielding up his life to the destroyer of his kinsmen as dearly as possible. He would die sword in hand, and, like a true Glencoe man, with the evidences of his valor stretched lifeless around him. But before the and same he was resolved on the condense of the condense with emotion, the honest old eren and Uncle Sandy, and his aged father, should perchance the soldiery have chosen to leave their remains exhave chosen to leave their remains exposed on the withdrawal from the disoff the victims?" added the ferryman,

Sweeping down the open hill-path converging on Glen Nevis, on the night of the fatal affray with Sergeant Barber in the oll roadside inn, Malcolm Macdonald burned over his prostrate body. But if did not fly far from the locality of the there is justice in heaven - as I am sure fort William garrison, but contented there is—the murderers will not go unahimself with seeking a few hours rest in "lown" spart of the Glen named till the hill tops and thrust its gleaming shafts of light into the deep recesses of the gloom-invested Gloom. the gloom-invested Glens.

At the foot of the deepest part of the ravine, in a recess of the rock amply was not so complete as Breadalbane, shaded by a profuse growth of ash and Glenlyon and the devil could have wishalders, the fugitive found a spot wherein to rest himself till dawn, safely screened from sight and from the piercing keen-ness and fury of the wintry blast. From his snug, though rude place of

shelter he could distinctly hear the wind shelter he could distinctly hear the wind wrestling with the beech and alder trees which shaded the lower slopes of the giant glen wherein he sought to rest himself. But above all the war of winds and trees arose the increasing voice of the mountain cataracts as they rushed precipitately down the ragged sides of mighty Ben to throw themselves in the rapid and narrow channel of the Nevis. Otherwise, the deep solitude of the spot dearly, too, as the gashed bodies of many the lonely hill; neither was heard the sweep of a solitary hawk-eagle's wings overhead. The grey mist of snow which filled the skies had blotted out moon and stars, and darkness and silence held twin-reign while Macdonald slept.

"Had we but fair play and no treachery," rejoined Malcolm, "Breadalbane's minions would have fared worse. But with nothing at hand but our dirks and a few odd claymores, the fight was unequal and cowardly on their side. On

on the lofty hill-tops, and with it the fugitive awoke from a deep sleep, and, brushing the frost-rime from the exposed parts of his limbs, he arose to his feet and proceeded at once to descend the long, deep Glen.

The snowfall had been a comparatively light one, lasting only a couple of hours during the fore part of the night, and his progress consequently was not much impeded thereby.

A mile or two of the Glen path, and he re-emerged on the open road, along

A mile or two of the Glea path, and he re-emerged on the open road, along which he sped with a strong, firm stride, his splendid physique remaining unimpaired notwithstanding the excitement and exposure to which the extraordinary incidents and adventures of the past week had subjected him.

Thence he swept round the head of Loch Leven, past Kinlochmore district, and was presently once more within the

still loved native Glencoe.

Descending towards the north-western

still smouldering ruins of the burnt clachans, who fled towards the cover of the hills on his approach; judging him a military officer, elected by the tools of a sanguinary Government, to spy and report their movements. Bereaved of their property by kinsmen, and robbed of their property by "What!" ejaculated the speak-

To say that Malcolm indulged in a weak luxury of burning tears would be beside the truth. But if he shed no weak tears his eyes were somewhat moistened with a filmy shade while he remained stant far by, in the midst of which all vision of his present surroundings died away in a swimming and confused maze.

If the fatal fend with the guilty Sergeant had wanted justification in his

geant had wanted justification in his exhausted with his unconscious burden, mind he had that justification now; the at the shepherd's very door, and died mere so that a few minutes afterwards he stood by the ashes of his own ruined he stood by the ashes of his own ruined the stood by the ashes of his own ruined to the shepherd's very door without speaking one word."

the north side of the Loch with a pair of beautiful antiered stags in his boat, the Malcolm passi nately wring the honbeautiful antlered stags in his boat, the property of a neighboring laird, who had that doy shot them north of the Loch in the wilds of Gamasnahar, John, the honest old ferryman, although a Macdonald, wretched and hitherto despairing soul. had escaped the general massacre of his kinsmen, presumably on the grounds that he had been resident for years at North Ballachulish, and was not, there-

coming up to the old ferryman. "I willcross the Loch with you. I mean to
reach and settle in the Lochiel district (CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.)

among the Camerons."
"God bless us, Malcolm!" exclaimed the old ferryman, "is this yourself I see or is it the wraith of Malcolm Macdonald -so wan and sad ye look ?'

"It's just me, John, and not an ounce "And, godsake, Malcolm-since it's

Rightly'or wrongly, however, the perjured Sergeant had now gone to his last Glen?"

with the unwiped blood of Sergeant Bar-with the unwiped blood of Sergeant Bar-with the unwiped blood of Sergeant Bar-ber.
"Brave lad!" said the old Macdonald,

fore the end came he was resolved on secretly returning to the ravaged Glen to assist in the interment of Helen Cama long, rueful look in the direction of

> putting the remark in the form of a ques-Alas! yes," replied Malcolm; "shot life.

burned over his prostrate body. But if there is justice in heaven - as I am sure venged."
"God send them a reckoning soon

"And it is well that the work of death ed it to be, Malcolm.

"True, John ; but how few, alas, have escaped; whom the soldiers' bullets spared, the snows of the hills have de-

Otherwise, the deep solitude of the spot was undisturned. Not a fox howled on a dead redcoat can this day testify.

reign while Macdonald slept.

The light of morning broke at length on the lofty hill-tops, and with it the first are lost from a deep sleep, and the lofty hill-tops, and with it the first are lost from a deep sleep, and the lofty hill-tops and lost from a deep sleep, and lost from a deep sleep.

and was presently once more within the hill-shadowed Pass of his ravaged, but still loved native Glencoe.

John? Did he fall early, or was he spared to perish in the snows?"

"Alas, yes, Malcolm; he died through

Descending towards the north-western opening of the Glen, he there noticed several human figures—the residue of the murdered clansmen—flitting about the still smouldering ruins of the burnt clark who fled towards the cover of the burnt still smouldering ruins of the burnt clark who fled towards the cover of the burnt still smouldering ruins of the burnt still s

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Over him, and

"What!" ejaculated the speak "What!" ejaculated the speak er, stopping abruptly in his narrative, as the young Highlander clutched him excitedly by the arm, his eyes glowing with a strange wild light. "What would you Malcolm? Are the redocats about?"

"Nay, nay, John," quickly replied the other, who saw in the ferryman's disclossing the residence onto University. Licentiate of the Royal Color and Tesidence of the Royal Color and Tesidence and T

house at the Crags.

Alas! that, too, was destroyed. The burning torch had finished the work of death and destruction begun by the cruel "not that; but what of Ronald and bullet."

Other, who saw in the terryman's disclosure a bow in the dark cloud of his heart-sorrow irradiated by a gleam of hope; "not that; but what of Ronald and Helen Cameron?"

Did he see her perish

"And the girl ?" excitedly questioned

ne stood by the asnes of his own runed paternal home, and was aware that the bedy of his aged and inoffensive father lay under the fallen-in rooftree.

With a muttered imprecation directed at the heads of the titled Court favorstate the received at the heads of the titled Court favorstate.

"And the girl?" excitedly questioned Malcolm.

"Thank God, the brave conduct of Ronald was not done in vain—the lassie still lives."

a hill path converging on the "Ferry" the secret of Malcolm's excitement over the discovery at a glance, 'for which Reaching this point he was fortunate in finding old John, the ferryman, just landing, he had come straight over from had your names on her tongue shortly

At last, after five days of patient and unwearied watching and waiting, Malcolm had avenged the murder of his betrothed, and his slaughtered kinsmen—

that he had been resident for years at North Ballachulish, and was not, therefore, properly accounted a tenant of the Glen.

"A cold day, John," said Malcolm to sight round the head of the paid con-"A cold day, John," said Malcolm to sight round the head of the said con-

Where Sir John Got Left.

Hon. Oliver Mowat has crossed swords with Sir John in the Mercer case and de-feated him handsomely. The Mail has been wont to brag that Sir John never was mistaken as a constitutional lawyer That Sir John is shrewd and cle geant Barber was in the highest degree magnanimous and heroic.

Rightly or wrongly, however, the permagnanimous and heroic. Blake has only been maintained by tho sycophants whose flattery is always ful-some in proportion to their expectation of reward. In the Mercer case the opinions of Mowat and Blake were in direct opposition to those of Sir John.
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With a muttered imprecation directed at the heads of the titled Court favor-seekers responsible for the great crime whose commission and pathetic effects he had thus stood witness to, the solitary fugitive turned slowly away, and sought to be solid ferryman, who penetrated the honest old ferryman, who penetrated in the property of James Jenkin and Issae Fisher. Will be cry of frenzy in his voice.

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"Lives," ejaculated Malcolm, with a cry of frenzy in his voice.

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