

The Rival Clansmen

A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XII.

A FIGHT—A TERRIBLE STRUGGLE—SHATTERED HEADS—BLOOD!

The darkness of the night gave the scene in the corrie of Ben-Sienoch a most terrible aspect that it would otherwise have worn.

The Chief of the M'Leods fought in the front of his clansmen, and constantly cheered them by his voice and heroic example.

The struggle is eager and desperate. Now the Caterans are pressed backwards before the claymores of the M'Leods, and now they have recovered, and with a wild shout hurl themselves upon their opponents with such fierce impetuosity as to cause the clansmen to waver and fall back, giving up the ground they had but a moment ago gained.

How wildly the combatants struggle! Here, two detached from the rest are cutting fiercely at each other. But now the claymore of the Cateran snaps across by the hilt. The M'Leod steps forward to cut him down, but as quick as the thought had suggested the action, the outlaw flings from him his broken weapon and target, and with a spring tiger-like in his suddenness, has with one hand grasped the uplifted arm, and with the other clasped his opponent round the body.

But the struggling mass of fighting men surges towards them, and while they hug at each other with wild frenzy and in the agony of despair, they are kicked, trampled on, mutilated, mangled, while yet holding each other, their life is crushed out, their cries and shouts to those struggling over them having been unheard and unheeded amidst the din of the raging conflict.

Here one lies with the blood flowing from his breast, and with the glassy stare of death settling upon his eyeballs. A foe stumbles near, and nerving himself with a last determined, fiendish effort, the dying man, snake-like, crawls towards him, and plunges a dirk into his breast—death stiffened the hand that dealt the blow before it could withdraw the weapon.

But still the struggle waxes more furious, and, were it not for the groans and the shrieks of the wounded, becomes more silent; for now the eagerness of the contending parties finds vent, not in triumphant shouts and cries, but in hard and stern work.

The Caterans fought with determination and a bravery worthy of a better cause, and had it not been for the superior numbers of the M'Leods, the day would have gone with them. But considering the importance of their purpose, animated by the presence of their Chief, and encouraged and roused on by the majority of their numbers, the M'Leods at length began to make an impression upon their foes, many of whom had already fallen. This was soon observed by the old Chieftain, who incited and cheered on his men to redoubled effort.

"Now M'Leods," he shouted, "the day is ours; down with the Caterans!" A wild cheer answered him, and the clansmen rushed forward. But at an apparently understood signal the whole aspect changed. The Caterans broke, and fled, spreading out over the corrie, and rushing down the mountain side with the fleetness of deer—each man apparently setting for himself.

Presentations in Eramosa.

The respective teachers of School Sections Two and Seven have been the recipients of presentations.

On Friday last, Mr. B. Cochrane, teacher of S. S. No. 2, Eramosa, was presented by the Trustees, on behalf of the parents and themselves, with a handsome writing desk, accompanied with an address expressive of their appreciation of his valuable services, thanking him for the deep interest he had daily exhibited both for the moral and intellectual welfare of his children, and for his impartial treatment of them; concluding with the hope that the harmonious feeling which now exists may continue, and that it may be long ere the ties are separated which bind them together as parents and teacher.

Mr. Cochrane made a suitable reply, reciprocating the kindly sentiments of his friends, and thanking them warmly for the hearty expression of their approval.

On Monday Mr. D. Talbot, teacher of S. S. No. 7, Eramosa, received a handsome farewell present from his pupils, accompanied with an address, in which the pupils expressed the deep regret they felt at parting with Mr. Talbot. Ever since he became their teacher, they said, the intercourse between him and them had been of the most friendly nature, and their progress had been most satisfactory to themselves and their parents, while his example of industry and morality has always afforded them a model well worthy of imitation. The address concluded with an earnest wish that the Ruler of all things might guide their old teacher and crown his future labors with success. Mr. Talbot replied in suitable terms, thanking the scholars for their past kindness to him, and for the warm interest in his welfare manifested on the present occasion.

MANUFACTURE OF COCOA.—"We will now give an account of the process adopted by Messrs. James Epps & Co., manufacturers of dietetic articles, at their works in the Boston Road, London."—See article in Cassell's Household Guide.

Ladies and gentlemen, strive to cultivate a cheerful disposition. Professor Tyndal says that "by sensible emotions nervous currents are generated which stimulate blood, and give vigour." The Boston Journal not only admits this as a fact, but further remarks: "That the more every living person acquires, the more importance to his health, and well-being than any other support." Disagreeable and morbid humors, and the various diseases, are produced in their system, and depend greatly on the state of the emotions.

The gentlemen of England have got as much as they can get of the American system of the American system of the American system.

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GEORGE JEFFREY'S, WYNDHAM STREET, GUELPH.

The Great Clearing Sale still goes on with unabated success. Upwards of 400 yards of Dress Goods sold every day at 20c and 25c per yard. A good assortment still on hand.

FURS—The balance of this Stock to be cleared out at cost. Ladies wanting Cheap Furs at unprecedented prices should call at once. FANCY GOODS—Now is the time to secure New Goods suitable for Christmas Presents. CLOUDS—The Largest and Cheapest Lot of Clouds in Guelph, at half price.

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As our Great Alterations must be Commenced early in January.

In the Wincey Department,

Winceys worth 11c per yard, we will sell for 9 cents; Winceys worth 12c " " for 10c; Winceys worth 15c " " for 12c; Winceys worth 20c " " for 15c; Winceys worth 25c " " for 20c

Real Aberdeen Winceys worth 30c, 35c, 40 and 45c, we will sell for 23, 28, 33 and 37c.

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You can buy a Scotch Granite Mixture Dress of 12 yds for \$1.25, worth \$1.80. A French Camlet Dress for \$1.50, worth \$2.25. A Beautiful Colored Crape Maritry Dress for \$1.75, worth \$2.50. A Splendid English Camlet Dress (STRIPED) for \$2, well worth \$2.75. A Magnificent Brocade Lustré Dress, WITH STRIPES, for \$2.25, cheap at \$3. One of the most handsome Dresses in Town, either in plain, striped or brocade, can be bought for \$3.25, would be cheap at \$4.50.

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Is full of New and Fashionable Goods suitable for the season. Every Mantle will be sold 25 per cent under usual prices.

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Wholesale and Retail Grocers, etc.

New Fruits, Teas, Coffees

Etc., Crop 1873, comprising

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Choice Gunpowder Tea at 50 cents per lb. Choice Young Hyson Tea at 50 cents per lb. Superior Young Hyson Tea at 75 cents per lb. Finest Young Hyson Tea at \$1 per lb. Choice Fresh Black Tea at 50 cents per lb. Finest Fresh Black Tea at 75 cents per lb. Selected Japan Teas at 75 cents per lb.

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Guelph, Dec. 14, 1873

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Fine Brown and Blue Beaver and Melton

OVER COATINGS

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They are made of Fine White Wool, warranted with no cotton, and

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Ladies Wool Mittens in all the plain colors, much warmer and less in price than gloves

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These were bought in Germany by a Dominion Emigration Agent, and will be offered by us retail at wholesale prices.

J. C. MACKLIN & Co.

GUELPH, Nov. 21, 1873

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