

The Rival Clansmen A Scottish Vendetta.

CHAPTER XII.

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

"Ah," he replied, "it is true that Highland honour looks to an a central line and true clannish blood in the ladies whom the sons of the clan may espouse; but I have seen this girl, and am pleased with her, be she who or what she may. I have ever counselled my son in anything, it was in this—to measure and value men and women for what they are in themselves apart from their surroundings or anything whatsoever connected with them. It is character which is the great distinguishing mark between man and man, and which distinguishes one woman from another. In making his selection, I believe my son has acted upon this principle, and in doing so he would have had my approval, even though I should have differed from him in his choice, which in this case I do not."

"I am glad to hear you speak the words," was the old woman's reply. "Listen, M'Leod. Perhaps the day is close at hand when I shall be able to prove that she is of noble blood, and her dower a handsome one; or, to speak more plainly, I am now able to prove it; but I do not judge that the proper time has come. Thus but this day that I learned she was the one I had so long sought; and I am now convinced from his movements that Donald Cameron knows more than he cares to let the world hear about her. That projected marriage by force between the girl and Ian M'Kenzie reveals the matter to me in a light not to be misunderstood. But M'Kenzie must be a heartless villain, indeed, when he could so cruelly betray and desert the poor girl whom we left in the Castle. My earnest hope is that her brother may take vengeance on the cruel, cowardly scoundrel."

"He I fear not, vengeance will overtake him, and that speedily," was the reply of the Chieftain. But further conversation was interrupted by the boats having now almost approached the landing place.

During the passage across the loch they had spread considerably, but as they neared the place where they had appointed to land, they had again drawn together, and now almost simultaneously greeted with their shouts on the pebbly beach.

The old Chieftain at once sprang ashore, and having assisted the Witch of Ben-Lair out of the boat, he addressed the men, said—
"M'Leods, we are now close upon the fastness of our enemy, and had better use every precaution. It may be better that we leave these boats there lest we may require to launch them hurriedly on our return. Concealed they might be safer, but I propose that we run the risk. Now, let us go forward warily. The Witch of Ben-Lair is to guide us."

A murmur of approval arose from the men as they started forward.
The point where they landed was just where Glen Letterewe opens upon the loch, within a few hundred yards of the spot where Gordon and Hector and Flora had so miraculously escaped from Ian and the M'Kenzies by destroying the bridge over the deep stream.

As he passed the spot, Gordon could scarcely help reflecting upon the turn which events had taken, and how strangely he had got mixed up with them. Here, little more than a week ago, he and the young Chief of the M'Leods were flying for their lives, pursued by the Chief of the M'Kenzies and a number of his followers; and now he was traversing the very same ground in the company of the M'Leods seeking M'Kenzie, his clansmen and those who might be in company with them, that their honour might be sustained and their vengeance wreaked upon those who had insulted Clan M'Leod.

When they reached the foot of the mountain some of the more lithe of the clansmen volunteered to ascend the shoulder until they arrived at the corrie, so that they might ascertain that all was clear before the whole party committed themselves to the ascent. If all were clear a stone was to be thrown down into the valley below as a signal to the others to follow.

Up the sides of the steep crags then did the clansmen climb, and were soon lost to the view of those below. The night was favorable for their purpose. A loud wind howled down the glen and through the gorges, drowning any sound that might be raised, while the sky was dull and cloudy, and little or no light was shed around. Nor was there danger of the moon's breaking through for some hours yet, for she did not now rise until the morning had well advanced.

Where the M'Leods had halted all was silent as death. Not a man spoke or moved, but all waited patiently to hear the signal from their companions.
It came. A rushing, whistling sound was heard on their right, and the sound of a stone striking against the rocks proclaimed to the clansmen that their companions had reached the corrie, and that all was clear.

Slowly, then, they commenced to ascend, the old Chieftain assisting with one hand the Witch of Ben-Lair, while another clansman on the opposite side also assisted her by taking her arm. The task was heavy and arduous, but the eagerness in every clansman's breast inspired him and urged him onwards, and they thought not of the fatigue nor of the toil.

To the Municipal Electors of the Town of Guelph.

GENTLEMEN,—I am induced, strictly by the solicitations 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 doing so I will only say that 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 property 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 appeal. If there were no other reasonable business engagements forbid it, I would therefore, I trust, not impute to you a tendency to neglect or discourtesy.

I am, Gentlemen,
Yours,
W. H. THOMSON.

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Guelph, Dec. 14, 1872

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