

freedom. Right grandly the people responded to the old man eloquent. James, confident of success, approached within a hundred yards of the southern gates, but he was met with a shout of, "No Surrender!" while a volley from the nearest gun killed a staff officer by his side. Through that desperate fight the women of Derry were seen behind the walls handing water and supplies to the men. Nothing was left to the besiegers but to try the effect of hunger. Every precaution was taken to prevent food from being introduced into the city—every avenue was closed and guarded. Presently a cry was heard in the British Parliament: Are those brave fellows in Derry to be deserted? The relief of Derry was despatched under the command of Kirk. Sentinels on the cathedral tower saw thirty vessels at anchor in the Bay of Lough Foyle. Presently the city was informed that Kirk had arrived from England with supplies. Hope gladdened the people of Derry. The distress was great; horse-flesh was the only meat; tallow was dealt out sparingly; the famine was fearful. The stock of cannon ball had failed, and their place was supplied by