

man he was when first discovered, keeping to himself, never attempting to read or write. Various stories of a mutiny on a vessel ; or a stolen heir being put out of the way ; of a nobleman whose estates are in the hands of another, are among the reasons assigned for the marooning of Jerome.

XII.—“ *A Digby Hero.*”

In a preceding chapter reference has been made to Captain Augustus Annand. This gentleman, at present residing at Digby, was attached to the Second Corps of the Army of the Potomac under General Hancock during the civil war in the United States.

On the 18th day of May, 1864, the Second Brigade, First Division of the Second Army Corps, attacked the breast-works of the enemy at Spotsylvania Court House, Virginia. Mr. Annand, who was acting as Assistant Adjutant General, was commissioned to carry an order to the officer commanding the Sixty-Ninth New York. In order to accomplish this task he had to face a heavy fire, the enemy being within a range of seventy yards. He succeeded in delivering the order and was on his return when a “Minnie” ball, hitting him in the leg, shattered his ankle bone. Being sent to Fredericksburg Hospital amputation had to be resorted to in order to save his life.

Capt. Annand was subsequently transferred to Washington, where he was honoured with a visit from President Abraham Lincoln, the Honourable Joseph Howe, then Commissioner of Fisheries, and Sir Edward Bulwer-Lytton.