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### A NIGHT WITH A MADMAN. ❁ ❁ ❁

lowered as if by magic, and were soon swiftly leaving the ship, heard, though hardly seen, and dashing on towards the blazing beacon, that floated nearly a quarter of a mile off. The buoy seemed to be playing a little game of bo-peep with us, at one moment flickering and shining gaily on the summit of a wave, and the next dipping down and hiding from sight behind it. Ten long minutes passed away, and then the light on the life-buoy disappeared—it had burned out, or been put out—and we continued to gaze at the place where the boats had last been seen. A quarter of an hour, then five minutes, and now we could hear the measured thud-thud of the returning oars. As soon as they were within hail, "Boat ahoy!" shouted our commander, and down the wind came the answer: "Ay, ay, sir. All's well."

It was curious to mark the revulsion of feeling in the minds of the men on deck, now that they were assured of the engineer's safety. Before this, it was: "Poor fellow!" "God help him!" "He was a jolly nice gentleman;" "Mind when he gave us the grog, Bill?" "That I do, Jack;" etc. Now it was: "Confound the fellow!" "He's a fool!" "He's mad!" "Serves him right!" "It'll teach him manners;" etc.

Poor Wheeler was now handed on board, more dead than alive, properly brought round, then placed in his hammock, with a couple of sentries to watch him.

"Where did you find him?" I asked of the cockswain.

"Astride of the life-buoy, sir, grinning like a baboon."

He never properly recovered till sent to hospital. He told me afterwards that the reason he tried to kill me was, that, being about to take his own life, and considering me his only friend, he wished to have my company through the dark valley of death.

As for myself, my head soon healed, although to my grave I shall carry the scar—the effects of spending a night with a madman.

**THE HON. DAVID MACKEEN.**  
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the intelligence that enable him to become a successful man. Mr. MacKeen's reading must have given him knowledge that the less studious cannot possess. It must have cultivated his mind to a degree that would not be otherwise possible. This then is another characteristic.

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