

She led me up to a very snug little room at the top of the house, prettily furnished, and the walls were hung with water-color drawings which I recognized at first sight. Here was the island of St. Elena, the sun setting behind it, the same as we had seen in Mr. Smith's studio nearly three years before. I turned to Fraulein Mayer and said, "You are discovered—I know now who the friend is that bought Mr. Smith's drawings, and paid him so well."

"Ach," she said, blushing, "you knew that; I did not know he had told you."

"Yes, we knew it," I said, "and we knew also that before he got that commission he was destitute and hopeless—O dear heart!" I sobbed, breaking down, "what is it you have done? When in his home in England all had forgotten him, you supported and comforted him in his last days. Tell me—did he know it at the end?"

"No, dear lady," she said; "why should he have known it? He knew that his pictures were greatly prized by the friend who had got them—what need for him to know more? You think the benefit was all on his side, but it was not so. To see him come in day after day—to have him sitting beside me—to hear him speaking so gently to all around—to feel that he knew I was lonely and troubled, and sympathized with me—that all was something I shall never have again in this world; but the memory of these days will live in my heart always."

"His end was peaceful—he had the faith of a child in the blessed CHRIST; and as for me," (looking fondly round her walls), "I have his paintings; and they are my dearest possessions in this world!" Mrs. K. MACWHIRTER.

DEATH closes all trials of the believer; but until death he is to have his armor on. There may be some reality of true Christian patience, and yet it may be very weak. We must learn to bear up bravely, and with the putting forth of a complete manful energy. Small encounters are useful in the raw recruit; they exercise him in the virtues which in process of time make him a soldier. He that bearded the lion and bear afterwards accepted the challenge of Goliath, though still a ruddy youth. Could we look on daily troubles as exercises set us by the Master, to fit us for the higher efforts of patience, we should be saved much repining and many groans. The great duty is always the duty of the day, of the hour, of this moment. If our equanimity is destroyed by the trifles of a life generally prosperous, what may we expect of ourselves in the water-floods of tribulation

which may yet roll in? Let us learn to bear with a hard hand on the helm, before the tempest arises.—Alexander.

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MEETING OF SYNOD.—The Synod of the Maritime Provinces in connection with the Church of Scotland was held in St. Andrew's Church, New Glasgow, on Tuesday evening, 28th ult. All the Ministers and most of the Representative Elders were present: as also Rev. J. Goodwill and Rev. J. Hutchison from P. E. Island. The sermon preached by Rev. Mr. Melville was one of his happiest efforts, for which he received the warmest thanks of the Synod. The new Moderator is Rev. James Fitzpatrick, B.A., of Saltsprings. The principal matters dealt with were the MONTHLY RECORD, Home Missions and Foreign Missions. The "RECORD" is in a flourishing condition, to which it has been brought by the devoted talents and skill of its present Editor, Mr. Melville, who, though strongly pressed to continue, feels obliged, by the pressure of other duties, to resign the editorial management; and accordingly, after the 1st January next, Rev. Mr. McMillan will be Editor. The circulation is considerably over 2000 copies monthly. Rev. J. W. Fraser entered on his duties as Convener of the Home Mission Board, as successor to Rev. Geo. Murray. A new departure is taken in Foreign Mission work. The committee is enjoined to