

Jeannie Sinclair, OR, THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

William Denman—how shall we describe his pleasurable feelings on the return voyage? If the other two had cause for satisfaction and delight, not less had he. The dark cloud had vanished from his path likewise, for he was going back to the Strath in the full expectation of finding Jeannie Sinclair free to give her hand where her love had been already all but verbally avowed. Alas! we know in what ignorance he was cherishing this hope. He knew nothing of the startling event which had occurred after Maggie had despatched her letter to Watty—the return of the baronet safe and well. Had this news reached him his hopes would have been again dashed to the ground, but no second letter had been received from the Strath, and he could not possibly dream of the singular manner in which the life of Sir Ferguson had been preserved, or of Will Sanderson's subtle plot, by which the murder was looked upon as a certainty. Of these things William Denman knew nothing, else he would have been wretched and hopeless as ever; but believing Jeannie to be now within his reach, his thoughts preceded him on the wings of love to the dear roof-tree of the Holm, and the lovely one there, who was the treasure of his heart and the mistress of his soul. Next to the happiness of reunion with Jeannie, he thought with satisfaction of the rectification of matters he would make at the Abbey—the detection and removal of Jacob McQuirk, and the deliverance of his tenants from the oppressions under which the iniquitous factor was causing them to groan. Most bright and pleasant day-dreams for his youth to cherish! How can it surprise us to know that his noble nature glowed with calm, serene happiness under the radiant and benignant influences.

For many days the wind was fair and steady, and sent the Petrel through the water with beautiful activity. This progress homeward-caused the spirits of all on board to rise hilariously, and the younger portion of the voyagers prognosticated a safe and speedy voyage, but the old salts shook their heads dubiously, said the weather in these latitudes was not to be trusted, and warned their mates, for as smiling as it was, to look out for dirty squalls.

Instead of the hurricane old Ben prophesied, I think we will be brought to a standstill for want of wind," remarked Robert Douglas to the Captain, as one afternoon the breeze, which for a time had been gradually declining, died totally away, and the ripple left the water, leaving it smooth and clear as a mirror.

Captain Mungill smiled gravely, and cast his gaze slowly round the horizon till it rested on a dull hazy spot in the north-east quarter. He fixed his eyes thereon for some moments, and the grave expression of his face deepened rather than diminished.

"This calm, instead of falsifying Ben's anticipation, only corroborates it," he answered. "Before sundown we shall have it stiff enough."

"Do you mean a storm?" asked William, in a tone of surprise.

"A gale at all events, and I have seen a better appearance in the sky bring something worse. I wouldn't mind if it came from another quarter; but if it should prove what it threatens, we are like to be driven from our course. Anyway, I must make all snug, and so be ready for it."

"Is the Captain serious in what he says?" inquired Robert, as the commander turned quickly away. "Is it possible that in the midst of such serenity as this he can expect a storm? He must really be joking."

"He is carrying the joke a pretty far way, then, for he is ordering them to take in sail," responded William.

This was true. The command was given to furl all the lower and larger sails, and double-reef those aloft. And the sailors went about the work in a way which showed that they did not hear the order with surprise, or consider it unnecessary, as the landsmen did. In a few minutes the broad sheets of canvas, which had been flapping gently against the masts, were clewed close up and lashed to their spars, while the narrow strips of top sails were made taut as boards.

The ship was now almost motionless in the midst of a splendid scene, which must be horribly deceptive if a tempest was nigh. Behind them was the glowing west, burnished with the splendour of a gorgeous sunset. Around them was a silver sea, almost motionless in its glassy smoothness. In the clear azure above, the glittering stars were coming forth one by one. In one point only was there anything like an exception to the general beauty and calmness; and that was in the north-east, where, near the horizon, a dull haze had gathered, which was slowly but surely increasing in density, and spreading up towards the zenith.

The ship was wholly becalmed now, and every preparation having been made for the expected hurricane, almost every one on board was to be found on deck watching and waiting for its coming. The skeptical landsmen were gradually becoming converted to the belief that a gale was approaching, for that which had at first been a slight and almost undistinguishable haze, had deepened into a dense black cloud, and now filled the whole north-east quarter, and was every minute increasing and drawing nearer.

TO BE CONTINUED.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLIES.—The general assembly of the Free Church of Scotland met on the 20th May in the New Assembly Hall, Edinburgh. The retiring Moderator, Mr. Nixon Montrose, preached the opening sermon. The Rev. Sir Henry Moncreiff was appointed Moderator. The contributions and collections to the schemes of the Church for the year amount to \$18,868, being a decrease of \$3,667 over those of last year. The total income of the Sustentation Fund for the year is \$132,125, being an increase of over \$300 as compared with last year, and allowing a dividend of \$150 to each minister in the church. Nothing was done on the question of Union with the United Presbyterian Church, the report being laid on the table till next year, and the committee reappointed. The General Assembly of the Established Church of Scotland was opened on the 25th May before Her Majesty's Lord High Commissioner, the Earl of Stair. The retiring moderator, Dr. Barty, preached the opening sermon, after which Dr. Norman McLeod was appointed Moderator. Nothing of special interest marked the proceedings of the Assembly.

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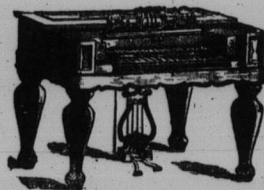
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