

his skill in medicine and the arts of healing might prove of use to the victims of the prison house on their release. for the sisters and dalaber those days were happily passed, despite the anxiety they felt as to what might be passing in oxford. to them it seemed as though the clouds of peril which had hung so long in their sky were rolling fast away. dalaber was relieved from that burden of remorse and bitter humiliation which had been weighing upon him. humble and contrite for past errors, past weaknesses, he was, and would remain; but he had delivered his soul by his frank admissions to the cardinal, and he could respect and admire the dignity and clemency of that powerful man, and be grateful to him for both. freda was his own, as she had never been before her mind at rest, her heart satisfied, her old esteem and admiration and trust restored. together they wandered through orchard, meadow, and woodland, speaking to each other from the bottom of their hearts, unveiling their most sacred thoughts and feelings, and sharing every aspiration, every hope, every plan for present or future. the world for them was a pure arcadia; they almost forgot for the time being the more troublous world without. it was like a green oasis in their lives, like a haven of rest and peace after driving storms and perilous hurricanes. they lived in the sunshine, and thanked god in their hearts, and received that rest and refreshment of body, soul, and spirit of which both stood rather sorely in need. then on the fifth day, as the sun was drawing towards its setting, dr. langton returned. they pressed eagerly round him to learn the news. his face was thoughtful and very grave. they are bringing master to inspect the hollow in which they knew the village lay. colonel armstrong was one of this party, and he, with stark and fritz, cautiously crept up over the ridge and looked down upon the indian town below. the moon lighted up the whole scene. there was no appearance of tumult or excitement. the sound of the drum and the whooping of the warriors were not accompanied by any demonstration of activity by those within the community. probably some war party or hunting party had returned with spoil, and they were celebrating the event by a banquet and a dance. the soldiers were bidden to move onward, but very cautiously. it was necessary that they should make the descent of the rugged path before the moon set, and it was abundantly evident that the indians had at present no idea of the presence of the enemy. slowly and cautiously the soldiers crept down the steep path, doing everything possible to avoid a noise; but suddenly the sound of a peculiar whistle sounded from somewhere below, and there were a movement and a thrill of dismay through all the ranks; for surely it was a signal of discovery only fritz was undismayed, and gave vent to a silent laugh. that is not an alarm, he whispered to the colonel; it is but a young chief signalling to some square. but the place is not asleep yet; if we go much nearer we shall be seen. those bushes would give us cover till all is quiet. we could crouch there and rest, and when the time has come spring out upon the village unawares. the colonel approved the plan, and the weary men were glad enough of the rest before the battle should begin. all were full of hope and ardour; but in spite of that, most of them fell asleep crouched in the cover. the surrounding hills kept off the wind, and it was warm beneath the sheltering scrub. but charles sat up the red sea were in the hands of the phoenicians, who sailed from thence southwards to enrich themselves with the produce of arabia and ophir. pharaoh necho also projected a suez canal, but does not appear to have carried it out, as the oracle declared that the utility of the undertaking would be greatest to foreigners. such things can only benefit the asiatics. but seti would not listen to our counsel. we desired to preserve the old division of the land, but rameses introduced the new to the disadvantage of the priests; we warned him against fresh wars, and the king again and again has taken the field; we had the ancient sacred documents which exempted our peasantry from military service, and, as you know, he outrageously defies them. from the most ancient times no one has been permitted to raise temples in this land to strange gods, and rameses favors the son of the stranger, and, not only in the north country, but in the reverend city of memphis and here in thebes, he has raised altars and magnificent sanctuaries, in the strangers quarter, to the sanguinary false gods of the east. human sacrifices, which had been introduced into egypt by the phoenicians, were very early