Literature. Written for the "Agriculturist." THE TRAGEDY or ALDERNEY BREAKWATER BY R. C. H. (Concluded.) That was all. You can imagine ho every word she spoke cut deep into my heart, but it was the wrong time to show emotion, acts were needed now, not words nor tears. My first duty was to have her removed into a comfortable lodging and see her properly cared for. I had not yet told her of her father's death, and I dreaded doing so, but at last after a few days I told her all that I considered right. a small dungeon like hole, five feet by relented, but no, the effect produced was years I have had a man to sleep in the room At first she was inconsolable, passed from four, of the same height, as the arch. the direct opposite, my anger rose on find- with me, but I never let him sleep till one paroxysm of grief into another, but The walls were wet and slimy, and ing its object had escaped so soon, my that had come and gone again; but he at last became calmer and lay down. In the floor was covered with a soft unctuous blood ran like molten metal through my cannot help me, nothing on earth can, a little while, when she appeared to s'eep mud, through which numerons reptiles veins. I seized the corpse and drew it and God has forsaken me. I left her, charging the maid to watch her were crawling. That night when all others out. I upbraided it, cursed it, spat upon My friend paused. During the latter closely. I had not been long in my lodg- were quietly sleeping, I left my lodgings, it, and seizing the long knife with which I part of this recital, he had walked exings till I was hurriedly sent for. I re- taking with me a piece of rope several had provided myself, I severed the rope citedly about the room, but now he turned with all haste only to take her feet in length, a long keen knife, a lan- which bound it, and hid it rise. I tore the seemed completely exhausted. As he head upon my bosom and see her breath tern and some other articles I deemed gag from its mouth and bid it speak. finished, he threw himself into a seat, and was nearly dead when I arrived. wards the spot I had described. There storm and conflict, the sea roaring, the in agony of spirit. I knew not what to do, The shock was too great for me. For I left what I had taken with me, and re- winds raging, the thunders crashing my whole soul throbbed with compassion three weeks my life was despaired of, but turned. The following evening as dusk around me, so raged the angriest passions for him, but how could I console him I had a purpose in life a purpose that was drew on I induced Wentworth to accom- of my being. I drove the knife deep into make him believe it was but the phamlong atterward, I recovered I started at wat r, which he did quite readily. Once worked up to the highest pitch of excite- sorrow. I talked with him for some time last for London, as being more li ely to there I was satisfied he would never again ment, I seized it by the hair and in a mo- with all the solicitude and persuasive find some trace of Wentworth there than leave it. Arrived there we sat on loose ment had separated the head from the power I could command, only to find that some weeks but without success, until He had for some time previously been then in my madness I caught the body in avail. Leaving him at last, I went to my one day I met Dashwood, whom I told of low spirited and out of sorts, this evening my arms as though it were a feather lodging and meditated long and deeply Alice's death. He expressed great sor- he appeared to have recovered himself weight, laughing loudly, hilariously, I on all I had heard. I determined if I sow, and took much blame on himself for somewhat, laughed, joked and sang; hurled it out into the surging boiling could not save him, I would remain for a not exposing the heartless libertine when while I gloated over the change which hell of waters. A moment after a vivid time at least, and endeavor to relieve him he first joined us. It was a similar case, would so soon come. At last he rose to flash showed me the headless trunk float- if it were possible. A week passed over, he said, to which he had referred when leave saying the evening air was growing ing on the surface of the water. I im- a week which I had devoted entirely to cautioning me regarding him, but it had chilly. As he finished speaking I raised agined that I saw it swimming, that it was my poor friend, but all my efforts to draw FREDERICTON not been followed by anything like such the heavy black thorn I held in my hand trying to reach the shore. Imbued with him out of himself to cheer him, were serious consequences. He then went on and the next moment he was stretched this idea and determined that nothing useless; he remained in that same hopeto say that he had received a letter the sensel-ss at my feet. Quickly seizing the should save it, I sprang after it. But be- less, despondent state as at first. He conday before from a friend in the United rope I bound him hand and foot, and pro- fore I could reach it a wave struc'z me tinued to repeat that he expected each States, who had known Wentworth pre- ceeded to drag him to the cell which I in- back and I knew no more. When I came night to be his last. I feared that he viously, stating that he had met him in tended should also be his tomb. After to my senses it was broad day, the sun would be led to commit some rash act, Boston on a short time before, and severe exertion I was successful, and the was s ining brightly, and I looked around although he had told me that to attempt had spoken to him. I now had a fair arch villain had looked his last on day- not knowing where I was, but memory self destruction would be useless, that he clue, and immediately made preparations light, I intended him to remain here until soon returned, and with it the doings of could die in no way, but that which he to leave England by the next steamer he died of hunger and despair. Of his the previous night 1 found myself un- had already told me. I left word with his from Liverpool, which I did, and arrived rescue or escape I had no fear, the place able to rise, a terrible pain racked me servant to send for me at any hour of the safely in Boston. I called at once on was lonely at the best of times, but at this every time I tried to move. My head was day or night if anything unusual happen-Dashwood's friend, to whom I had a letter season of the year when severe storms bursting, I was oppressed with thirst. I ed. I was not to wait long; but two of introduction, and received the aggra- were so frequent few would care to expose again essayed to stand but the effort was weeks had passed, when about midnight vating intelligence that Wentworth, who themselves in such a place, as for his cries in vain and a groan of anguish escaped me. I was awakened by a loud and hurried was travelling under the name of Parker, I would take care there were none. I had Toward noon I succeded in crawling about knocking at my door : hastening to open had left only a few days before for New lighted the lantern and was watching for half the distance to the shore, when I re- it I saw his man with blanched cheeks, York. Thither, I at once followed, and the first sign of returning consciousness lapsed into insensibility. When I recover- and limbs trembling under him. He beghad the unlooked for good fortune to put when he opened his eyes. He did not ed I was in my bed with the phys cian ged me to come without delay for someup at the very same hotel in which he was speak at first, but gazed anxious y tround bending over me; as I opened my eyes thing frightful had occurred and that Mr. staying, and the next day saw lim for the at length memory returned, and fixing he turned to those standing around say- Markham was dead. In a few minutes I Fraser, Wetmore & Winslow, first time since the night he had struck his eyes on me with, under the circum \ln_{\pm} "He is saved, he will live." I was was in his room, and there, on his bed, me down. Oh! how I longed to fasten stances, supernatural calmness he asked afterwards told I had been found by la- with discolared face, with eyes bursting my fingers in his throat and rend him to "What does this mean" Then I spoke, borers who had gone to make repairs; from their sockets, with limbs drawn up, pieces, but I restrained myself, present- and bid him make his mind easy for I was that I was recognised and taken care of, and bearing every indication of having ing an outward calm while my very soul about to tell him a litt e story. I watched that my exposure had been followed by died a violent death, was what remained was being wrung with the violence of my him as I went on to tel of the poor girl brain fever, and that I had been delirious of the once gay and happy Charles Markemotions. I had not yet formed a defi- who had been the victim of an inhuman tor three weeks. I slowly recovered but ham. But a few words remain to be said nite plan of action, but was resolved that fiend, of the fathe: whose happiness had I could never revisit the scene of my mad- His servant who shared his room with the punishment should be in some legree been ruined and he driven to self des- ness; a complete revulsion of feeling en- him (as he told me he could not endure commensurate with the crime. It was truction; of the lover whose whole future sued and a horror laid hold of me. But sleeping alone), stated that this night his not my intention to deprive him of his had been blasted, but who had sworn re- Oh! Frank, the worst has yet to be told. master had retired as was his practice belife by a sudden blow, but that he should venge. A 1! Ah! I cried and that re- What I have suffered since is almost in- fore ten o'clock and laid quietly till eleven experience all the sufferings of mind and venge will soon be his. His calmness was credible, and may well be attributed to His master, he said, always dreaded that When a youth I had lived some few when he began to realise into whose hands But it is not, it is a fearful horrid, soul when it came, acting as though something months with an uncle of my own who was he had fallen. 'Hold! Hold!' he shriek- shuddering reality. As I threw that head- was there which frigtened him; on this a farmer in Berkshire Co., Mass, and 1 ed "In the name of the Great God, who less body into the sea a clock on the Is- night sud denly, without the least warnnow decided to introduce myself to him are you !" I answered "I am Charles Mark- land struck eleven, there was a moment- ing he gave a piercing shriek, sprang up in some way and pass myself off as a ham, who should now have been the happy ary pause in the storm, as though the in the bed and appeared combatting young farmer from that State. I succeed- husband of Alice Granby. Ah ! you start. forces of nature stood appalled at the some terrible foe. He (the servant) imed in doing so, giving my name as Simon There is slight resemblance between the ghastly deed that was being done. Holt; as I was suitably dressed, and as Lieut. whom you used to know so well, There was a silence as death, you know something of an actor, I had no and the verdent Simon Holt your present And the Storm King "held his breath heavily, a gurgling sound issued from his fear of discovery, especially as I had been companion. How do you like the inform- for a time," and I head the bell strike lips, and he was dead. changed so much by the tragic events of ation, are you not eager to recognise and as distinctly as if I had been standing in the past year or two, that he would have embrace your old comrade? ' God! God!" the tower where it hung. scarcely recognized me even if I had as- he moaned "I am lost." But since you And now let me pass on to the last sumed no disguise. I soon discovered are so kind he continued ironically, "per- chapter of this terrible tale. Nothing that he was low in funds, and that he was haps you will oblige by informing me as happened worthy of note until about three resorting to the gambling table to re- to the fate you have in store for me." months after, when I had sufficiently replenish his purse. We became great See, I said I will show you. Let me help covered to leave the Island. I had no prefriends, he taking me for a fresh hand, it you to sit up There now take a good monition of the terrible punishment would be an easy matter to fleece 1 a look around. This is your last home, here which 1 was to suffer. I had left the lowed him to borrow certain sums, and to I intend you to end your days, and here Island which had seen my great object win others from me, taking care that the I intend your carcase shall remain to the accomplished, and had sought peace and total did not exceed what I considered sound of the last trumph. Come how do rest in a small town in the South of Engnecessary for my purpose. It was not you like the prospect? He made no reply land, intending in a little while to run up long before he proposed a visit to Europe at first 1 thought he had relapsed into and visit my own property in the North. to which I consented. We went first to insensibility, and I sat watching him in I retired early as my custom was, and Paris where we remained but a short time silence. He was ghastly white, rendered was lying in my bed sleeping when I was and then at his request to the Channel Is- still more ghastly by the tricking of awakened by some unusual noise and lands. I found that his reasons for going blood which had escaped from the wound opened my eyes. At first I noticed noththere was to make it more easy to com- I had given him; huge beads of perspira- ing extraordinary, the moon was shining municate with England, at the same time tion gathered on his brow and rolled brightly into the room, and I rose for the he would be in hiding, for he was still down his face. "Markham! Markham! purpose of lowering a curtain of one of afr. id to make his appearance in his own he cried spare me, have pity on me, kill the windows. As I was in the act of lying country. At last after a visit to Jersey me if you will, throw me over into the sea, down again, the first stroke of eleven and Guernsey, one day early in October stab me, brain me, what you will, but do sounded from the neighboring steeple, Alderney, and there I was avenged, and no Come, come, old fellow I said you never horrified gaze which would have appalled pose. The island is small, the coast is misery you have inflicted. In the past feet, was the headless body of Thomas Loan & Investment Co. Stocks & and almost encircling it, except at one cast, wherever your hellish art could make hurled him into the sea. I was paralysed Bills Rec'ble (Marine Premium) 41,992 18 point where at great expense an magni- itself felt. Then you escaped, no shadow with fear, my blood froze in my veins, I Interest Unpaid and Accrued.... 12,179 74 tecting the best landing place, a wide your victims ever saddened your soul.- and I remained fixed, staring on the fearopen bay on the island Let me describe Now one of the injured turns the tables, ful object till slow y my senses left me, this work a little more fully, for it plays a has you in his power, and by the eternal, and I fell back on the pillow unconscious. conspicuous part in the remainder of my all that he can do, all the punishment he During the following day I almost sucstory which is drawing to a cose. The can inflict, all the horrors he can conceive, ceeded in making myself believe it was Bay is situated at the foot of a high rug- he swears that you shall suffer. His simply a frightful dream, but as night ged precipitous mass of rock on the sum moans had continued but he now yelled, drew on, a strange fear came over me, I mit of which is placed the strongest fort shrieked for that help which would never could not go to bed and face the thing in the English Channel, and is often come. Fearing that his voice might at alone. There was an entertainment given Standing here on the shore facing the sea the place, I, with the aid of a piece of in order to chase the matter from my the breakwater can be seen on the left wood and his pocket handkerchief suc. mind, but alas! how futile. By e even hand extending into the sea nearly a mile ceeded in effectually gagging him, and the entertainment was over, and I was and slightly curved, fully protecting the that soft, persuasive voice which had lured leaving the building, when I felt an arm harbor from the fury of the sea. The so many to their destruction was forever passed through mine, and turning to see structure is composed of solid granite, stilled. I now passed out through the who the person might be, for I supposed sloping from the bottom upwards, till it aperture into the larger space leaving myself unknown by any in the place, I reaches a few feet above high water mark the extinguished lantern inside, and then beheld the same awful visitor of the night at which point it is about thirty feet thick. spoke to him for the last time, telling him before. This time my tongue found ut-On this again rises a secondary structure I would come again the following night. terance and I cried aloud. I tried to some twenty feet thick by fifteen in that night I believe I was happier than If throw off the arm that was linked in mine, NORTH BRITISH & MERCANheight, and running the whole length to had ever been before. A fierce exultant but no, no effort of mine could disengage its furthest extremity. On either side of joy seemed to pervade my being. The it from its hold, and again I fell senseless this is a footway, sufficiently wide to al. next morning I gave out that Wentworth to the ground. Since then I have become low the laborers employed there to drive had left the previous evening on a accustomed to its presence as it makes its their carts. The inner side of this upper schooner, bound for Cherburg. This nightly visit, for it appears regularly as part is divided into numerous recesses, caused no surprise as he had stated he the clock strikes the hour. If in my bed ten feet high, six wide, and four or five might leave at any moment. That after- it sits beside me; if walking on the street deep. Soon after arriving on the Island noon black heavy clouds appeared, with it passes its arm through mine, and walks Wenthworth and I walked down the whole every prospect of a severe storm, such as beside me. No matter where I am it legth of this work to the extreme end, often occur in the Channel. As evening comes, I have tried every possible way we were taking, but I as usual was think- drew on it grew darker and darker, but to alude it, but vainly. In the crowded ing of my vanished happiness, and how still I made my way to the scene of my ball room, in the theatre, in churches, on much longer I should have to wait for the revenge. None but a madman could have the street, in the fields, on land or sea, fulfillment of my oath. When suddenly been induced to go to t at spot on such a anywhere, everywhere it comes. I have an idea flashed through my brain, I saw night. To go even a short distance on travelled thousands of miles, crossed oceans the way whereby I should obtain a fuller the breakwater in a violent storm is al. and continents, but as the clock strikes satisfaction for all I had suffered than most certain death. One sees wave after eleven it never fails to come. Now I exmy most sanguine hopes had led me to wave dash with relentless fury upon the perience no fear from its presence; I expect. 1 had bided my time, and not in long, thin line of stonework, which ex- have the same horror, but horror without vain. Here was the spot, and the time tends far out into the sea. Can the work fear. It cannot harm me yet; until the should not be far distant, on which the of human hands possibly withstand the time comes it is harmless. But the time ()^{NE and a hart for GRIND STONES.} foul wretch should suffer the penalty of fierce onslaught. Yet wave after wave as will come, and then oh God ! what a death his deeds, and the sufferings and death of they strike it, break, rise high above the to die. Let me tell you what the final end my loved one should be avenged. As the summit of the structure and fall roaring of all this is to be and I shall have done. S

full realisation of all that it was in my with baffled rage at their own impotentcy. When this ghastly horrid object first ap power to do burst upon me, and the op. The winds howl and rave about it, the peared the remants of clothing still portunity I had so long and earnestly waters beat and boil, the thunders crash, seemed to cling around its limbs, but sought appeared so near, I was, nearly over the lightening flash fire, all the elements gradually these remains disappeared as if come, I trembled vio'ently, my excite- seem combined, united for the one pur by decay, and the flesh upon its bones ment was intense, but it passed without pose of overcoming the mighty obstacle began to disappear in like manner as the CABINET MAKER notice by its object, who was enjoying the reared by man. Although the storm had clothes had done. Now it is simply a beautiful sunset and was turned fr m me scarcely commenced when I started it was skeleton with a rag of flesh adhearing looking out toward the sea. At ast by with the utmost difficulty, I could pass here and there. I shall live, if such an an effort I ca'med myself and sitting down the whole distance, but at last I had existence as this can be called living, till on a loose stone I soon had formed a plan gained the spot where my prey was hid- the last withered shred of flesh drops which, certain of success, 1 was anxious to den. It was long before I could light the from that skeleton form, and then -then put into immediate execution, but safely lantern; and then I saw that the object of I shall die. Great Heavens ! what a death. demanded patience, and I submitted, my hate was already dead. I cursed, I I tell you that then those skeleton fingers though the delay was like fire to my soul swore, unawed by the presence of the will twine around my throat, and I shall I have already told you of the arcned re- dead, by the mighty granduer of the die, die by the hands of the man I killed. cesses on the inner side of the breakwater. storm which raged around. I had but There is no hope. I shall be powerless These opening were all of simple con one idea, 1 had been cheated of when the time comes; the doom cannot struction, but the last ; this from the out- my revenge. One might have thought be averted, I shall have not much longer side appeared like all the rest, but on en- that in such a place, on such a night with to wait now, the end will soon come and tering it and walking to the farther right the furious elements warring around me, all will be over. It may be to-night, tohand corner you would notice a small and standing in the presence of death, I morrow or the next, but it will not be deaperture, through which one could enter should have been soft ned, I should have layed much longer. For the last three might be necessary, and proceeded to- My fury increased to madness, as all was buried his face in his hands and groaned pany me a second time out on the break- the senseless body again and again, at last tom of a brain sur-charged with grief and blocks for some time, he smoking a cigar. body and thrown it far out into the sea, in his present state, words were of no now gone, his courage had deserted him to the workings of a disordered brain. hour, and was sometimes much excited mediately rung loudly for help, but before



