THE THUNDER STORM.

The storm-clouds swept the vault on high Where smoky vapors seemed to lie; Deep thunder roared, fierce blinding light Lit up the darkness of the night.

The thirsty earth, oppressed with pain, Seemed sighing, Give, ch. give me rain Swiftly it came with thunder crash And down the pouring torrents dash.

When night and storm have passed away How fair, how beautiful the day! Nature is smiling, and on high Who ever saw so blue a sky?

Refreshing coolness, depths of blue, The earth with beauty clothed anew, Are blessings hidden in disguise Beneath the storm-cloud's mysteries.

Sometimes amid the fearful gloom Of lightning flash and thunder boom, The Master's voice says, "Peace, be still, And the hushed storm obeys His will.

Serial.

JIM, THE PARSON.

"Brightside," "Hilda and [] Glenarchan," etc. BY E. REDELL BENJAMIN.

CHAPTER III

SHE FINDS IT.

form among the poor, and brought woman was ministering to the boy. have run into typhus; but taken at of Dulcibella's best frock in a drawer. this stage, we can prevent it."

wrote directions for medicine and for leaf of the Bible; she knew what it a warm bath; then turned to the lit- was. "To my dear boy, James tle sister, who were a startled ex- Thornton. When he was yet a great pression, somewhat as if she were way off, his father saw him, and had watching the progress of an earth-compassion, and ran and fell on his quake which she had caused.

"Now, my child, you look tired; lie down and rest, so that you can be father wrote that, sir; but when papa ready when your brother seeds was coming here he died, so he didn't "Please, sir," she answere not very tired, and Jim

leave me !" "My child, said the physician, " see you are a little woman. I am going to stay till the nurse comes; after that she may need your help."

"Yes sir; thank you, sir; perhaps this is the best time. Might I kiss Jim, sir ?"

"Wait till he can kiss again," he replied, trying to be cheerful and jovial.

May look hesitatingly at Mr. Thornton, and putting out her hand, said:

"Hadn't I better thank God first? Jim says there is something to thank him for every day."

"Yes, my child," was all the clergyman could say; but he kneeled down beside her.

hands, closed her eyes, and told her story to Him who marks the spar- But she can see out of the windows. row's fall:

for helping me. I have now how Who is taking care of him?" to take care of Jim ou for sending a doctor so and good. Thank you for my dinner, and for my friend who called me, and for Mr. Donnyson and the fire, and for Kate who gave me the pussy-cat, and for making churches so nice and warm, and for the ten cents. I'm sorry you had to make Jim ill; please send me money to pay the doctor, because I ean't take the rent-money, you know, and I haven't sold any papers. Please forgive me if it was naughty to sell old papers; please bless my friends-and-Jim, oh! do please make Jim well. Please tell father and mother that he will soon be well. For Christ's sake. Amen.

For some minutes there was no sound in that bare room, save the her claims, and the sun found his way eche of the prayer, but the lie looked upon lives rich with unnoticed

blessings, and asked forgiveness a T from which she had taken everything for Jim. Mr. Thorpton covered her with his overcoat, and looked anxiously at the flushed cheek and thin hands, "She is not ill, my dear sir," said the physician, "food and rest is all she needs. I will ask Mr. Donelsen to see about the nurse; it is not possible to desert such children. Whom can they belong to? That everything good that you have, if you

futively giving money to Susy-in a wild desire to do something for somebody-and was thankful to go for the nurse. Mr. Thornton watched the sleeping child. He had been in many a scene of deeper suffering, heard many a heart cry out in its own hopelessness, had seen many a child prematurely old from want and care; and he had given help and gone his way. Here he was chained: memory took him back to the time when he

the fevered tossing of their only son sheep over whom he rejoiced. -praying, "Spare him, good Lord." The prayer was granted and his pallid face smiled upon them. Why did little May, as she smiled in her sleep, take him back to that "long

to the present sorrew, and rousing from his reverie, he found occupation in supplying the immediate necessities of illness. At last all was done. The doctor had gone; the nurse had come; it was far into the night; he was very weary. He took the Bible from the bureau and began to read. Little May woke unnoticed; she looked around-all seemed strange and new. There certainly was a The physician soon came; he small bedstead, with mattrass and knew Mr. Thornton, and was glad to sheets, and Jim's dear head on a real assist him. After examining the pillow-a table with botties, tumblers boy, he said the fever was not and spoons, and in the air a delicious contagious, being a very common odor of lemons. A kind-faced on by insufficient food, fatigue, and On the bureau was a shaded lamp. exposure. "The boy is fearfully "It's the same old bureau, that's emaciated," he said; "and this might good," she thought, with a memory Her old friend was gazing on some-He gave the address of a nurse, thing that was written on the first neck and kissed him."

> May went to the reader. "Papa's ver get that kiss." She was suddenly clapsed in loving arms, and Mr. Thornton exclaimed:

"He was my own dear son, and you shall have the kiss I have kept so long for him."

Then the child knew their loneliess was over.

" Are you Jim's father too?" she

"I am Jim's grandfather; I am going to take you both to live with your grandmother and me."

"Grand, father-grand, motherthat's very grand, indeed. How

pleased papa will be."

"I hope he knows it, my child." "Of course he does. Dying is only going to a new home, where they keep the doors shut. If ma-ma hadn't Reverently she clapsed her little died when I was asleep, I'd have asked her to leave one of them open. She will be ever so glad I found you. "Dear Father in heaven, thank you Now, please, may I look at Jim?

> "A kind lady-you may call her sister Annie." van

"Oh, Jim, dear-" But the nurse held her back. "He is asleep do not waken him. Lie down again till morning." But the child was not sleepy; she yielded, however, to her grandfather's request, so that she might be ready to take

breakfast with him in the morning. With her sweet voice ringing in his ears like long-forgotten music, Mr Thornton went out into the night. It was a new experience for him to be walking the city streets long after midnight. He had no trouble in finding a hotel. He wrote a note to Mrs. Devereux, and a telegram to his wife; and then tired nature asserted through the curtains before he woke.

When he did, what was the sens of happiness which gave him new The little girl lay down on the bed strength? Had old age passed, and om which she had taken everything youth came back to him? Breakfast with his granddaughter was the first distinct form of new joy; and the boy who asswered the bell stopped to listen to the song of praise by which the toilet was being enlived.

"Ah! yes; come in-did I ring? Yes, yes, I remember. Breakfast for two, in an hour; private room

The sexton was found in the hall, heavenly host,' was resumed as he brushed his coat.

> "'I please!" laughed the boy-"he can have a boiled monkey, for what I care. Little astray in the upper works," he remarked to the scrub woman; "ordered for twoain't one of him."

> "'Nuther in 'nuther room, maybe.' "No; prowled in alone, about one o'clock.'' i als le not le neg

Little did Mr. Thornton care for the watchful world of hotel servitors. and his young wife watched all night Still singing, he went for the lost

Sister Annie had found a very short blue dress in the old trunk; the scarlet cloak over it made a gailyplumaged little bird. The face was bright, and the beautiful hair carefully brushed; even the old hat could not spoil the picture. A moan from the boy brought him

Jim was better-he had spoken to his sister; so everything was joyful. The child skipped around the whitehaired old man, as he tried to pilot her to the hotel, until their safe arrival there must have been through the care of some good angel.

Breakfast was hardly over, and May's wondering question answered, when Mrs. Deveraux was announced. Then themarvelous story was told her and she being one of those treasures of creation, an executive woman, had May in the carriage, and on her way to a furnishing store, before the child at all understood the new phase of life. Her new benefactor wondered at the mixture of sharpness of intellect and childishness, produced by the little girl having been so often left to her own resources, and was fascinated by the quick acceptance of her new circumstances, with a simplicity that never forgot gratitude. The child's heap of happiness was made too high for her to mount, when she was allowed to select an entire outfit for "Jim," She was dumb with joy.

Two weeks passed before Jim could sit up and have little May beside him, to tell in her own way the story of the coming new life.

"Then, Jim," she said, in summing it up, "there's the dearest old tower to the church; it was made a thousand years ago, or years and years; may be, it was left over from some other old church, and when grandfather's was built they hooked it on somehow. You can go on top, and sit on a flatporm, with a stone railing around it, and green vines grown on it."

"I think the roots must be in the ground and the vines climb up," said Jim. and make the mark

"Oh, Jim, how can they? Why 143 CAZES MEN & BOYS can't they grow on the railing? Anyway, it's lovely. Then the house is 400 DOZ, ENGLISH STIFF on the side—a big room for you, and 25 DOZ.: AMERICA a little one for me, and a beautiful 200 DOZ. GLENGARY CAPS. grandmother with white hair! She is 142 DOZ. GLOTH always making people happy. Then 60 DOZ. ALMA there is a Sarah who makes ginger- 24 DOZ. SILK bread, and a big black dog, and a cow that gives pitchers of milk, and white horse, and a Richard who takes care of everybody, and sweeps and dusts the church. The church door opens right in the garden, and, oh ! there's chickens and flowers, and a tub English, Lomoor Swede, Londonderry in the church. Did you ever hear such lovely things. Me and Dulcibella is going to live on the tower."

"Dear little sister!" said Jim, with •prayer of thanksgiving. "Our troubles are all over. Now say some thing for brother Jim; say, Dulcibells and I are going to live on the tower." May obeyed, adding, "You are most well, Jim, I known by that; you never would let me talk like Susy."

" No, dear, never," he said, with a kiss. "Do you known we are going next week, and this is the place mother used to talk about?"

"Yes, I know; and when we start she will say, 'There they go, the lear children; won't she, Jim, dear? Jim was too tired for more; he was left to rest, while sister Anne undressed the child, and laid her in her comfortable bed. She kissed her again and again, in memory of a little ister whom she once had on earth, and whom she had then in heaven.

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