

males, but as time wore on and a new generation sprung up, the young men, scions of an adventurous stock and reared in temperance and hardihood, found their isolated life too tame for them, and sought more stirring occupation elsewhere. The proportion between the sexes rapidly altered, and at the time of Captain Denham's visit women were considerably in the majority. The greater number of those who left Tristan in the *Geyser* were young women, and many of them went into service at the Cape, where there still remained some of the relations of the earlier settlers.

All this time the settlement maintained an excellent character. Glass, its founder, a Scotchman born at Kelso, seems to have been a man of principle, and of great energy and industry, and to have acquired to a remarkable degree the confidence of the community. He maintained his position as its leader, and represented it in all transactions with outsiders for thirty-seven years. The colony had always been English-speaking, and had strong British sympathies; and "Governor Glass," as he was called, had received permission from one of the naval officers visiting the island to hoist the red ensign as a signal to ships. This was the only quasi-official recognition which the colony received from Britain after the withdrawal of the troops in 1818. Glass died in 1853, at the age of sixty-seven years. He had suffered severely during his later years from cancer in the lower lip and chin, but he retained his faculties and his prestige to the last, and his death was a great loss to the little community. A general account of Tristan d'Acunha is given by the Rev. W. F. Taylor, in a pamphlet published in 1850 by the Christian Knowledge Society. Mr. Taylor speaks most highly of the moral character of the flock to whom he ministered for five years; indeed, he goes so far as to say that he could find no vice to contend with, which is certainly extraordinary in so mixed an assemblage. It may be accounted for, however, to a certain degree by the compulsory sobriety of the islanders, who