

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'Yes, Dae ye no ken the meannin' o' thae grand Scotch words?'

'Because, when I cam' upon ye lyin' on the grass here, ye had sic a weasome look. And ye are nae mair like what ye was the last time I saw ye than night is like day.'

'In what respect am I changed?' asked the youth, with a wan smile.

'In a' respects,' answered Ned. 'Two weeks syne yer e'e was bricht, yer voice cheery, yer face lichtened wi' gladness, yer spirit free and joyous as the summer breeze, but noo yer e'e is dull, yer voice desponding, yer face shadowed wi' grief, and yer spirit heavy wi' sorrow.'

'I have had something to pain and disappoint me, Ned,' returned William, with a sigh.

'I think I ken what it is,' remarked Ned, slowly and softly. 'Dinna be offended at my freedom, Maister Denman. I'm no a' g'en tae idle curiosity or careless gossip. I think and I feel mair than onybody lookin' at the outside o' me wad suppose, and for you, Maister Denman, I have a true and sincere regard.'

'I am well aware of that, Ned, and am exceedingly gratified to think it is so. You are my friend, my sincere and true friend, and your acquaintance I value highly. If you could give me any comfort or consolation in my grief I would confide it to you, but no one can aid me, not even those who, like you, have a regard for me.'

'Dinna be owre shure about that,' said Ned, with an arcular air. 'If it's ony comfort or consolation for ye tae be tel't that Jeannie Sinclair will never be married tae Sir Fergus, then I say noo, that she never will.'

'You are a shrewd guesser, Ned,' remarked William, a heightened color flushing his face. 'I cannot and will not deny that you have hit pretty closely on the cause o' my despondency. But how did you come to think I had—a—a—love for Jeannie Sinclair?'

'Because I'm no blind, Maister Denman, and I binna seen you and her together sae aften without perceivin' what was what. I was glad tae think it was sae, for you twa were made for ane another. She's a prime lassie is Jeannie. They ca' her the Lily o' the Strath, and weel is she named; but, for that pairt o't, she might be ca'd the Lily o' the North, for in a' my wanderings, never did my e'en light on sic a bonnie lassie, but bonny as she is, she's even better than she's bonny. Sae sweet, sae kind, sae leal-hearted, sae guileless, and sae pure.'

'She is indeed all you say, Ned, rejoined William, with another long sigh.

'Guid as she is, though Maister Denman, I say it to your face, and that without flattery, ye are worthy o' her.'

'Why, Ned,' returned the youth, with a languid smile, 'I have formed an extraordinary high opinion o' me.'

'Nae higher than ye deserve, sir, I sae be bound. I likit ye, Maister Denman frae the first minute I saw ye, and what I have seen o' ye since has made me like ye mair; and I say again that ye are weel worthy o' the love and troth o' Jeannie Sinclair.'

'Worthy or not worthy, Ned, she is not destined to be mine,' said William, in a low tone, and turning away his head.

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