

POETRY.

Chastening.

O, Thou whose sacred feet have trod
The thorny path of woe,
Forbid that I should slight the rod,
Or faint beneath the blow.

My spirit to his chastening stroke
I meekly would resign,
Nor murmur at the heaviest yoke
That tells me I am Thine.

Give me the spirit of thy trust,
To suffer as I do,
To say, though lying in the dust,
My Father's will be done.

I know that trial works for ends
Too high for fancy to trace,
That oft in dark attire He sends
Some embassy of Grace.

May none depart till I have gain'd
The blessing which it bears,
And learn though I am certain'd
An angel unaware.

So shall I bless the hour that sent
The mercy of the rod,
And build an altar by the bent
Where I have met with God.

In the Firelight.

In the uncertain glow of comfort
I sit, and sit, and see
Dear dead faces in the firelight—
Dear dead faces lost to me.

Loving eyes glow in the embers,
Glow again, as in the light,
Of their own short summer sweetness,
Ere they closed on earth their sight.

Gentle laughter rings its joy-bells—
Ah, one voice of all the rest—
I can hear its mellow heart-tones—
Strikes a cold chord in my breast.

He it was whom I had chosen,
As himself had chosen me,
With a mutual soul attraction,
An all tender mystery.

Little Nellie's liping child notes
Peal in silver treble clear;
Ah me, laid beneath the grass turf,
She has slumbered many a year.

Dark-eyed Frank, who ever foremost
Was in rank of the four or five,
Shrouded lies in English colors,
'Neath the Alma's battle ground.

They are gone, those treasured jewels
Of a loving widowed heart,
And with their dear graves beneath us,
Life and I stand wide apart.

Want to me the ceaseless flowing
Of its river to the sea,
What the tumult, what the turmoil,
Since I live on memory?

But to pray in humble patience,
And to await, in humble trust,
The awakening of the righteous,
The reunion of the just.

Jeannie Sinclair,

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

Choking sobs were all the response which
Jeannie could make to these cheerful and
desponding words. William's own heart was
almost bursting, and he felt if he spoke
again at that moment his grief would unman
him. So the two went on in silence, till they
came to the gate in the tall hedge which sepa-
rated the field from the farm offices.

"Here, Jeannie, let us part and say fare-
well," said William, pausing and breaking the
long silence.

"Are you not going into the house?" she
fallerily inquired.

"Not yet," he replied. "Leave the door
on the latch for me. I will sleep, once more
in the dear home; to-morrow I will fulfil
my former intention of going to lodge with
Mrs. Carrick, and in a day or two—to prevent
suspicion of the true cause—I will quit the
strath. Heaven only knows if ever I shall
return to it."

"How sorry father and mother will be.
They love you very dearly."

"I am proud to think they do," he rejoined.
"Till I made their acquaintance I did not
know such worthy souls were in existence."
They relapsed into silence again, but stood
gazing at each other through the dimness of
the summer night, with a look on the face
of each unutterable meaning. It was a wist-
ful, tender, soul-spending look, for they
knew they were beholding each other for the
last time, and in these solemn parting mo-
ments the eyes might tell what it was forbid-
den the tongue to express.

Pure and holy was the impulse which
made William open his arms, and gather her
closely and tenderly to his manly breast, and
as in unresisting affection she laid her droop-
ing head upon his shoulder, it was in utmost
innocence of soul, and with an unreserved
fondness which their deep and true affection
justified.

"It is the first and the last," he whispered,
as he bent his head and fervently and pas-
sionately kissed her lips. These lips ardent-
ly returned the pressure, and in the quietness
of the onlooking angels saw nothing wrong.

"Farewell, dear Jeannie," he murmured,
"for dear you are, though I may not call you
mine. That Heaven's choicest blessings may
rest on you is my fervent, and will be my
perpetual prayer."

"And mine for you," she sobbed in reply,
"since Heaven wills our separation. May it
accept the sacrifice, and have each other in
its holy keeping."

"Amen," he breathed in lowest whisper.
"Farewell, farewell," were the last mur-
muring words which he uttered, as his en-
circling arms were loosened, and they re-
ceded from each other's side.

The gate was open, and she passed through,
and, crossing the ramparts of lawn, gained
the front door of the house.

On the threshold she stood for a moment,
gazing back. He was at the gate still, watch-
ing her with his eyes, and in the quietness
of the night she saw her white handkerchief
towards him with a wild motion, then rushed into
the house, and flew upstairs to thank him, un-
seen, behind the window curtains, for the
sight she saw was wrung her bleeding
heart with agony unendurable. He leaned
upon the gate, and it swayed to and fro under
the vehement sob that shook his frame.
Then she saw him raise his bowed lips, as his
folding his arms across his heart, he strode
away under the trees, and was lost to view.

With a low cry of bitter anguish, Jeannie
grasped the curtains, buried her face in the
folds, and wept as if her heart would break.
A soft touch made her start and look up.
By her side stood Miss Wilson, who, without
uttering a word, knelt down beside her on the
floor and put her arms tenderly round her.

Jeannie's grief more passionate vehem-
ent, and it was some minutes ere she wept
herself calm enough to speak or to be spoken
to.

"I need not ask you if the trying interview
is over," whispered Mary. "I see it is."
"All is over," sobbed Jeannie, with a
mournful wail. "We have parted never to
meet again."

"The pain is great now, dear Jeannie,"
said her friend, "but you have the consolation
of knowing that you have done right. I
pity, deeply pity both of you, and Mr. Deun-
man not less than you."

"Oh, it is terrible, terrible to lose him!"
sobbed Jeannie. "If you knew how he loves
me, and what a wound his noble heart has
received!"

"I can well believe it," returned Mary.
"Hearts like his, love and feel with equal
strength; but it will be better for both of
you not to cherish the memory of the past.
Come and lie down; you are wearied and
worn and need repose."

Without a word Jeannie suffered herself
to be led to her room. The violence of her
emotion had exhausted her physical strength,
and in a kind of prostration she lay upon her
couch, sleepless but quiet, except for the
long and heavy sighs which came mournful-
ly from her heaving heart. Mary watched
by her all night, and when the sun of a new
day rose upon the strath, it shone in through
the lattice upon the two friends lying asseps
together, their arms around each other, and
tears still lingering on the cheeks of each.

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