

Chapter XVII.

JOY ALL ROUND.

It would be impossible to put into one chapter all those things which followed upon Julian's success; but his very first act was to summon his mother that she might share his triumph. Their meeting was a most affecting one, not easily to be set down in cold black and white. The mother was proud of her little knight; joyful, too, but fearful at times of the effect of success upon the character and future career of her boy.

At the request of Mr. Mortimer, she consented to take up her abode with her son in the mansion at Pine Bluff, with the stipulation that Julian should return to college and continue his education. From the very first the mother and son were full of projects which had for their ultimate aim the good of the greatest number. For Mrs. Robert always insisted that the fortune had been left them merely in trust, and that they had to consider