## Jeannie Sinclair.

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

'I will see Helen, tell her of my plan and purpose, hear her own dear lips approve of t, and whisper a vow of constancy; then to he hills and glens of my native land I will

'Fare thee well, and if forever,
Still for ever fare thee well.'
'And, obdurate art thou as the granite of which these hills are composed, said Denman. 'But you will think better of it by-and-bye. You are too excited just now to look the thing calmly in the face. 'I will say good night now, and walk up to Cloverlea to-morrow, when I trust to find you more ready to listen to reason. I will make to you an explanation then, which, I think, will assist in modifying your views.'
'You will say nothing, my friend, which will make me alter my resolution,' responded Douglas, shaking his own head and William's hand at the same time.
'Nay, nay—be not rash. Sleep on it, and till to-morrow, farewell.'
And with a warm pressure of the hand, which indicated the strength of Denman's ffeendship, and the reality of his sympathy, the latter took his departure, and Robert Douglas was left to the solitude of his own sad thoughts.

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Matters hasten to a crisis, and force meto reveal myself, muttered Demman, as he wended his way-down the vale towards the Holme. The character of M'Quirk becomes more base and ugly the more I see of him. This fraud of the bond is something horrible. But how does it happen that the gentleman has so much money to lend? This precious seamp, Lynedoch Sinclair, seems to have dealings of the seme kind with him, for I cannot doubt it was he who held the conversation with him in the ruin. I begin to suspect M'Quirk has been making the rentroll bleed for his own behoof. Well, a day of count and reckoning is at hand for him, and out of his fear and confusion I may force him to do justice to Douglas. Foor fellow, how the fear of losing her he loves fills him with agony. The sight of his emotion has awakened anxiety as to my own fate, and cannot rest now till I avow my love to Jeannie, and hear my sentence from her lips. If it should be adverse—If she rejects—but no, no, I will not, dare not, think of that. By Jove, yonder she is, walking alone by the side of the stream. The opportunity is precious, and shall not be lost.

Instantly the youth quitted the bridle-path he was following, and vaulting over the fence, walked at a rapid pace down the slope towards the river, by the side of which Jeannie Sinclair was solitarily musing, unawar of his approach.

CHAPTER XV.

A SAD INTERVIEW BETWEEN WILLIAM AND JEANNIE, AND FINAL PARTING OF THE LOVERS.

beauty.

A something not to be understood—an instinct, a spiritual consciousness—for it could not be through the sense of hearing, William walked so lightly over the thick soft grass—made Jeannie aware of his presence, while yet he was some distance away, and turning hastily round, she beheld him advancing.

The first result was a thrill of joy; for what sensitive maiden could look upon the sight of such manly comeliness, without her soul responding to the sight by a sense of exquisite pleasure through all herbeing—a pleasure composed equally of pride and admiration? Jeannie's heart, therefore, gave a great bound of delight as she obtained the first glance of the bruth, smiling face of him she loved so truly, and the least instant that same heart was sinking beneath a surface of him she loved so truly, and the least instant that same heart was sinking beneath which immediately came surging against it. It was a bitter necessity which caused her to suppress and conceal the wretchedness within; but, in maidenly madesty and self-respect, she mast, and by the exercise of a strong resolution she managed to meet William with apparently her wonted calmess and cheerfulness—at least the noticed no change in her. Probably his own deep rush of thought and feeling prevented that.

Yet, in the heightened color of her face, her downeast, averted eye, and in the

Deuman would, in his ordinary frame mind, have read alarming symptoms, che would have called forth his anxious cager questioning. Anticipating and ecting nothing of the kind, he greeted with his usual frank openness of mana, and with more than his usual tenderness one and expression.

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