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IN SPITE OF ALL.

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CHAPTER VIII.

Now that Michael knew he could not see Beattie again there was nothing to keep him in London. Indeed he longed to escape from it to his own home. He was in no mood to seek any of his friends, and he felt the impulse of his childhood to go to his mother when he was hurt return to him. She could not cure the pain but she could sympathise; and now, as then, although pride would bid him conceal from others that he suffered, there was no sacrifice of dignity or manhood in telling her that he was in need of comfort.

Accordingly he telegraphed for the late train to be met, and bought the return ticket with which, in doubt as to the period of his stay,



"SHE KNELT ON IN THE MOONLIGHT, SILENT AND THOUGHTFUL."

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