### LITERARY.

### Visions of Life.

Methought that the garlands of life; With its silvery streamlets of joy, Would never succumb unto strife, And deceive an innocent boy. When I lived with the world and its

flowers.

And bask'd in a mother's fond smile, I laugh'd with the sunny bright hours buy her love with my gold? Howev.

For I felt that to live was a joy, And gloried in visions of peace, And none were so happy as I When school and its trammels did

Methought, when a youth, that to love ed. Was the sweetest of joys to be found; For the echoes from hill and from

Made love as a blessing resound. Then I gave up my heart with delight,

And revell'd with joy all the day; And wish'd every morn for the night That I to my love might away; For I felt that to live was a joy, And laughed at the strength of my

And none were so happy as I To think that we loved ne'er t) part.

Methought, when a man, that the his friend proceeded. crown

Of life would be easy to wear, And I laugh'd at the thoughts of re-From all the great things I would

dare. But garlauds of roses, I've found, Are rure in the battle of life, And visions of hope only wound,

Opposed to the armour of strife. Yet I feel that to live is joy, And smile at the hopes of the past And know when the body shall die,

The visions of heaven shall last. W. B. W.

# Pride and Jealousey

Or a Wronged Husband.

Continued.

The look was ungiven; and Hugh stood, regarding the frigic beauty of her nnmoved features, lineof deep anguish indented themselve upon his face. After a pause he turned, with a prond, bitter gesture from her, walked to the open window and stepped out upon the terrace. The eyos of Grace followed his retir ing figure, but with such a strange ex pression, so full of grateful love-love that had leapt over the frozen barrie of her pride, and was about to gush forth in all ils truth—when suddenly Hugh's voice fell upon her ear.

'Vain fool! he mused aloud, ! to stake my happiness on her, of dream that she could ever love me. Still know there is a womans true heart worthy to be won, hidden under tha unwomanly pride. But not for me ! fear. No, not for me!'

'Yes, for you!' The words came in a suppressee, low whisper to Hugh's startled senses. He re-entered th room, but it was empty. Grace was gon-

A few minutes later, and the silvery laugh of Clemency May brock, respond ing to her lover's sparkling humour was borne by the evening breeze into the room, rousing Hugh from his silent

'I can at least place a wreath on the crown of their happiness, 'he said half alcud. 'And I will do it.

They ascended the terrace steps Clemency leaning on John's arm with a look of loving trust in her uprais ed face, and resentered the drawingroom. The ineffacable light of aftection gleamed in their eyes unobscured by the faintest shadow, and that same light was fated to shed its lustre on their future through long bright gears to come.

' Grace uot here?' said Clemency in surprise.

ed levity. 'I am her ogic.'

'Yes, and we must be gone, too,' said Hugh. 'Come, my friend, I must aspirations are neither mean nor sortear you away from your smiling en- did; my ambition such as I trust, bes chantress.

they passed, into the Twilight street than wealth, more hallowed to me together, 'you have attended the end than fame. Others can wear the jewel NEW of ail your ardent hopes; your cousin you for instancewas full of gratitude for the noble sacrifices you have made?'

'Undeceive yourself, my dear friend, said Hugh,; 'my cousin has evinced

said John; 'and if she kuew all'- - real belongings. 'That she will never know,' replied

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Hugh, quietly.

· What you wish ?-- 'began John. 'I wish you to keep your promise,' interupted Hugh; 'you vowed to preserve my secret.

'I did,' said John; 'but I fear I have encumbered myself with a very stifling !oad.'

'You must endeavour to bear it, said Hugh: ! Do you think I would And vow'd they could never be- er, we will let that pass now. I have a proposal to make to you if you will accompany me home.

'Willingly,' replied his companior. They walked on together, until they reached Mr. Sherwood's temporary residence, where they were shown in-

· You have succeeded in unravelling the tangled skein of my late uncle's affairs, and everything s smooth now, said Hugh, motioning his friend into a chair, and tak ng one opposite to him. · Yes,' replied John , 'thanks to the great sacrifices you have made.'

'I have arranged with Sir Everard to his entire satisfaction,' said Hugh John Rudderforth cast a look of compassion at his companion, 'Oh,' continued Hugh, 'he was no:

so hard to manage after all. But now for my proposal. John bowed in acquiescence, and

honestly and worthily for many years. FLOUR, BREAD, The early prosperity of the bank owed much to your zeal. When reversecame, you stood like a faithful watchman to your post. My uncle was the victim of a too blind security. Hi hazardous speculations and lavish ex penditure ruined him; but you had no share in either. You recollect 1 told you I might have a fancy to tu n ng banker myself?'
'I do,' replied John.

Well, that idea I have abandoned, said Hugh.

'Indeed!' exclaimed John.

'Yes, in favour of another,' said Hugh. One who possesses great tal ent, a spotless reputation, and trien ability: Tell me, now, what capital graph Company, as tenants, rould be required in such an enter-

· By wisely limiting operations,' said John, 'fifteen or twenty thousand jounds would suffice.'

'The full extent of that sum is at your disposal, said Hugh. 'I do not understand you,' said

John, with a perplexed look. 'The upright man, who knows how to place proper bounds to his ambition und coutent himself with moderat gains, is safe,' said Hugh. ' You are hat man. I confide the sum of mon. y you have named to your keeping t is yours to trade with, and a moder te interest will suffice my wants. N bjections; they are useless, and I am bstinate. I know that an accident nay derange the finest calculations and confound the nicest points of pruc ence. But vicissitudes of that natur qually affect all human enterprises. 'he hand of the incendiary burns our louses, the earthquake swallows up ovr towns, inundations and blight la vaste our harvest fields and destroy

vhy one should cease to build, or for 'Have you considered,' said John n a voice of deep emotion, 'that the mly guarantee I can offer you is my

ur crops, still these are no reason

ntegrity?' 'I do not require a better,' replied Augh, frankly. 'You are an hones man, John Rudderforth and I am proud to serve you. If by this simple ect I lay the foundation of your future fortunes, a life-long happiness is reserved for one whose love will bless

your toils and brighten your home.' 'Time, not words,' said John, in oroken accents, 'must prove my gratitude; yet if heaven spares me your generous kindness will not have been

given in vain.' 'I know it, said Hugh, grasping his friend's trembling hand. 'Men ie 'No, replied Hugh, with ill-assum- who say that gratitude is a mere mockery. Life is a rough uncertain 'Gonel' exclaimed John Rudder- journey for us all. Here am I, the inheritor of a noble fortune—a fortune won by hard and honest labour; my fits a gentleman. Yet is there one 'Well, 'said John Rudderforth as coveted me, more priceless to me than wealth, more hallowed to me

What jewel?' inquired John. 'Loye,' replied Hugh; the love of woman. My proud sweet cousin—oh, how I loathe the false training that a proportionate amount of gratitude. shadows her true woman's nature, 'She has a good heart I am sure,' Vanite, frivolity and pride are not her

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