POETRY.

When were the Good Old Times.

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Will some one tell us when?
For I've look'd aback five hundred years,
And I can't think they were then.
Ino' masks and mummeries went round
And loud rang the Christmas chimes,
While the blazing yule-log sparkled brightThose were not the good old times.

For the richer man oppressed the poor, And the mail-slad baron bold Extorted riches from the hind, And left him to the cold; And the priests of Christ were bishops ston Who fought and wrote love rhymes, And kings were ten times worse than they— Those were not the good old times,

When Towton's rout, and Hexham's fray, And Bosworth's bloody field, Made the land groan for many a day, And rent fair England's shield; And farther back, "neath Richard's crown, When England's youth rode forth To spear the turban'd Moslem down, Mail'd scourges of the north.

Nor 'neath the Conqueror's iron sway, Or gentle Affred's reign, For though he was full wise and good, We were pillaged by the Dane. Nor when the Roman conqueror Drove Briton from these climes, And stopp'd the Druids' bloody rites— Those were not the good old times.

Jeannie Sinclair,

THE LILY OF THE STRATH

At length he had gained the seclusion of his chamber, and cool in duduge in something like leisurely reflection. The deed was done Sir Fergus was dead, and nothing now stood between him and the title and estate. Nothing—yes, one thing—only one, yet he shuddered to think what it was—the gallows. The game he had been playing for the greater part of his life was played out now; the stake appeared to be within his grasp, and yet, if discovery should be made, he would lose it, and lose his life too, at the hands of the hangman. Decidedly this was no pleasant possibility to contemplate, but hardly had it presented itself than he lightly dismissed it. Discovery was, in his opinion, impossible. There was small chance of the fate of Sir Fergus ever being known, or his body found, but should it be by any extraordinary accident recovered from the well, no proof of foul play could come along with it, and it would be concluded that by accident he had fallen into the abyss. Virtually, therefore, Baigley Castle and the estate were now his. Virtually he was Sir Lynedoch Sincluir, and he had no doubt that in a short time he would shake off the disturbing thoughts and feelings which clung to him, and lose the memory of his crime in the solid rewards which it yielded. However, he was restless and anxious in an extraordinary degree. In a few hours at latest the non-return of the Baronet at the Castle would there create wonder, and as time progressed that wonder would deepen into alarm, and the conviction be produced that some untoward thing had befallen him. The news of his disappearance would ensue, and a search be instituted. He was even prepared for suspicion of some kind falling on himself, and trusted to his strength of will to meet it with haughty indifference and angry scorn, secure in the conviction that no proof could be had against him.

That night the slumbers of Lynedoch Sinclair were none of the soundest. He was early astir, and ascended to the top of the tower to watch there for any signs of the measures that were be

and, in the event of his death, his successor in Baigley.

The day wore on, however, and no one came near the Tower. Lynedoch's restlessness did not abate, for suspense mingled with it, and an intense curiosity to know what surmises and conjectures were afloat. In the afternoon John Cross had gone with the pony to Sinclairtown for provisions, and he eagerly waited for his return, expecting that he would be fully primed with the news of the extraordinary event, which must by this time be filling the Strath with consternation.

In this Lynedoch was not disappointed. Trom his watching place he saw him far off, urging the pony homeward at greater than usual speed, and when John reached the vicinity of the Tower be found his master there, apparently sauntering amlessly, but in reality way-laying him to obtain the expected intelligence.

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