

THE DWARF'S SECRET.

CHAPTER VIII. THE INVOLVABLE SECRET.

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"O God most good!" he said aloud; "God of mercy and of clemency, receive into thy arms those men whom thou hast so suddenly withdrawn from life..."

"The night passed solemnly in the chamber of death," Sulpice prayed aloud by turns, and the others answered...

"But under such circumstances—our afflictions will not lessen your anxiety, sir; my father's friendship for you must survive him, for we are heirs to it..."

"I can bear no more!" she cried. "My God! it is too much for a feeble creature. You are a saint, Sulpice, but I am but a woman, and my strength has given way..."

However exhausted in mind and body, the Abbe Pomerol was none the less resolved to settle everything which his father's sudden death had left unsettled...

"Then," said she, "I must dry my tears; if Xavier were to see me so overcome, he would believe his case hopeless..."

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"I remember him so, Sulpice," she answered, "and yet my eyes seem to fix themselves upon this photograph, as if it would reveal the secret of our father's death..."

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