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Guelph Evening Mercury

SATURDAY EVENING, MARCH 20, 1869.

POETRY.

Written for the Mercury.

Our Hidden Life.

In every heart there is a well-spring,
Deep, unseen, 'tis hidden there,
Which in our thoughtless, flippant moments,
Whispers low beware, beware,
Pause and think what you are doing—
Are you doing this for Him
Who has bought, redeemed, and saved you,
Saved you from the first of time?
Surely 'tis a faithful warning—
Do we listen to the voice,
Showing 'tis our Father speaking—
Do we in our hearts rejoice?
Back through the vista of long ages
See Him plan this glorious scheme—
Plan to leave his Father's heaven,
Ruined sinners to redeem.
Is it not a glorious future
Lies before each faithful one,
When this sad, sad life is ended,
And the Saviour in His home.
No more sorrow, pain or sighing
That has haply been about us,
Safe with Jesus and our Father,
All is peace, and joy, and love.

Jeannie Sinclair,

THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

"Mr. Denman is gaun wi' him," remarked Watty.
"Sae he is, but he is just as little used wi' workin' as Maister Robert, and they'll baith need help. Noo, Watty, ye are the very man they require, for ye are strong and wellint, and I ken ye are as brave as a lion."
"Dae ye think sae?" said Watty, highly gratified. "I'm shure I hinna showna nuckle bravery tae ye."
"That was modesty," returned Maggie, "and I liket ye the better for it. Feint a nee ye wad ha' gotten the found side o' my heart, Watty, gif ye had been forward and up-settin'. But brave ye are, I ken brawly, and a mair faithful attendant Maister Robert couldna hae. Noo, Watty lady, wul ye gang?"
"Stop a wee; just ae word, Maggie. Has Maister Robert set ye on tae ask me?"
"No; he kens naething about it. Naeboddy kens; naeboddy but ye and me."
"It's just a oot o' yer ain heid?"
"The whole thing, Watty. I'm sae for Maister Robert and Miss Helen doon by the Abbey. It's for her sake mair than his ain that he's gain on this weary search for gold; for if he canna redeem Cloverlea within the year he'll lose baith it and her, and if ye love as ye say, Watty, ye'll ken what a thocht that is."
"And ye'll marry me when we come back?" cried Watty.
"I wul," answered Maggie, frankly holding out her hand.
"Then I'll gang—ay, suppose it was tae trowie Cloverlea. Maister Sinclair wul no be fond o' lettin' me awa, but I ken hoo tae manage that. I'll get Miss Jeannie tae work him, and very wellint she'll dae that, for I hae a guess that she has a deep interest in Maister Denman; and for his sake, as well as Maister Robert's, she'll like me tae gang wi' them. And Maister Robert will refuse naething that she asks. It's for a year—just a year, he added; a lang time tae look forrit tae, especially whan a'e's waddin' is at the end o' it; eh, Maggie?"
"It's like I'll find it langer than ye," said Maggie with a sigh, but immediately brightening she blushingly but warmly thanked Watty for consenting to undertake this serious and perhaps dangerous journey.
Watty was in raptures. Was this the Maggie that used to laugh and jeer at him so unmercifully, that never before would allow herself to show that she had any particular regard for him? Why, now she was actually tender and affectionate—serious, earnest, and apprehensive, fearing not to reveal how thoroughly Watty had gained her heart, or to show that she was a sincere, true, and loving woman.
And she was all the more ready to let her true feelings appear that she was sending Watty away to a foreign land, and on a dangerous mission. It was a sacrifice she was making for her master, for whom her woman's pity flowed gushing forth. And the idea of getting Watty to accompany him to California sprang into a consideration purely generous, and his disinterestedness no one could estimate who knew not how dearly and fondly she loved Watty.
Of the danger and difficulty of the Californian expedition Watty thought not himself. He would certainly rather remain at home and marry Maggie offhand; but since it was her will that he should accompany the two youths, he willingly agreed. For both the youths, but especially for William Denman, he had a great liking, and to serve them to his utmost would be to him a labour of love.
Next morning Watty made Jeannie Sinclair acquainted with what he and Maggie had settled on, and as he expected, she warmly approved of the resolution, and engaged to get Mr. Sinclair's sanction to Watty's departure. Next he went up to Sinclairtown to open the business to William Denman. The latter was delighted at the proposition. He saw at once how essential it was for Robert Douglas and himself to have an attendant such as Watty, whom he amazed not a little by engaging him on the spot for one year at a liberal allowance.
So it was settled, and the day drew near when the three travellers were to quit the Strath, and begin their long and important journey.

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