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east and west: gathering in groups here and there: passing in twos or threes: chatting or silent, according to their mood.

Amongst them Josephine and Louis took their way silently, each occupied with thoughts, which for the time being, at least, precluded speech. All day Josephine had waited with a sickening dread for this hour and now that it had come, strength seemed to have forsaken her. A knell sounded in her ears, paralyzing her will and choking utterance. "The last time, the last time" these words kept repeating themselves in her brain. She and Louis had prayed together for the last time; soon they would walk together for the last time; each minute in passing brought the hour of separation closer.

As for Louis, though he knew nothing of what was passing in his companion's mind, his own was troubled enough. When they had at last rid themselves of the crowd, he drew the girl's arm more tightly through his own, and said gravely:

"Josephine, I must speak with thee, I am much worried. It is not late, let us find