

Jeannie Sinclair,

OR
THE LILY OF THE STRATH.

CHAPTER IV.

A BIRTH AND A DEATH IN THE KEEPER'S HOUSE.

Doctor Mapp sat alone in the dark wainscotted dining-room of Baigley Castle. Though alone in that great room he was snug, comfortable, and seemed to be enjoying himself. A huge fire burned brightly in the huge old-fashioned grate, and its blaze did more to light up the dingy room than did the rays of the three candles which were stuck in the richly-carved silver candelabra which hung from the roof above the massive mahogany table. A large high-backed leather-covered easy chair was drawn close to the table, and herein sat the Doctor, with a bowl of steaming toddy close to his elbow. Decanters of various wines also stood on the table, but these he did not apply to. Indeed, he drank but sparingly of the liquor he had brewed for himself, being rendered forgetful thereof by the subject of his cogitations, which appeared fully to occupy him.

The doctor was a little slim man, with a sharp face and restless eyes, which roved to and fro over the portraits in oil which covered the wall above the fireplace. Not that he was examining these portraits either generally or particularly for his gaze was abstracted and pre-occupied. The expression of his sharp face, too, was at the moment of a doubtful and dissatisfied character, plainly intimating that the course of his reflections produced misgivings in his mind.

By-and-bye he quitted the chair, and walked to and fro in the room with his hands behind his back—this being his custom when meditating any matter; and, as was also his custom, he put the result of his thoughts into audible words.

"It will be a girl," he muttered. "I am certain it will be a girl. All the signs give indications of it. Sir Ferguson will be disappointed, and I will be disappointed, too, for thereby I miss the chance of five hundred pounds, and the chance is one that won't return. Her ladyship's age precludes the hope that she will bear another child. Very unfortunate, very unfortunate indeed, both for Sir Ferguson and me. My bare fee is all that I need expect—he told me that plump and plain; and in his chagrin and mortification he will keep his word. Confound it; why could not fate have ordained that the child should be a boy? I'll not abandon the hope till sight gives certainty; yet I fear—I do very much fear. Heigho! five hundred pounds would be such a lift to me."

Without so much as taking one sip of his toddy, the doctor moodily quitted the room and went up stairs. Ere many minutes had passed he came down again, and taking up his hat from the table in the hall, he let himself out by the great door.

"I can't be wanted for an hour at least," he said to himself, "and I may as well step up to the keeper's house and see what kind of a case Mrs. Carrick has on hand."

Notwithstanding that Mrs. Carrick interfered to a material extent with one branch of the doctor's professional occupation, he and she were very good friends. Those cases in which she was employed to the entire exclusion of his services were among the poorer families in the Strath, who could afford to give very little by way of a fee. Most of those who could better afford to pay, engaged the doctor as principal, with Mrs. Carrick as nurse on the occasion; hence these two were frequently brought into close contact in the sick room, and intimate relations were established between them of a cordial character, these being all the more easily maintained by an exhibition of good sense on the part of the female practitioner, which prompted her never to presume on her knowledge of the business on hand so far as to interfere with the doctor's procedure by way either of unasked advice or officious observation. She invariably conducted herself as the doctor's assistant and subordinate, and nothing more, and on more than one occasion he had been indebted to her shrewdness and clear apprehension for valuable aid.

Therefore, we say, the doctor and the midwife were very good friends.

Ten minutes' brisk walking brought him to the door of the keeper's but, from the one window of which the light came. Lifting the latch softly, he softly entered, and, in the interior apartment, came upon a sight which to any but a professional man would have been interesting in the extreme.

On the low pallet bed, and beneath its dingy coverlet, lay the poor unknown girl, deathly pale. She raised her eyes languidly as the doctor entered, gazed at him a moment, then closed them again—closed them in utter weakness and exhaustion.

Mrs. Carrick sat on a low stool, by the fire which she had kindled, and an infant on her knee. She had just finished dressing it in the baby-clothes she had brought with her from the Castle, and when the doctor bent over it, he looked upon as plump and rosy a face of infant innocence as a child of one hour old could present. It was full-sized, had a dark complexion, and locks of silky black hair peeped from under the white cap which covered its little head.

The doctor regarded it with marked admiration, and Mrs. Carrick's face reflected a look of the same description.

"A boy or a girl?" said the doctor, interrogatively.

"A laddie," was the answer.

"Thought so, returned the doctor, and the words were accompanied by a sigh. He wished at the moment that a child of the same sex would make its appearance that same night at Baigley Castle, and the sigh rose at the thought of the unlikelihood of such a happy event.

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