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THE HUSBAND DECLARES HIMSELF.

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*A Story of London Life.*

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What truths from tribulation learned, unfold!"

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HER TRUE-HEARTED AND GIFTED FRIEND,

MRS. DAVID OGILVY,

WHO, THOUGH

ELEVATED BY POSITION ABOVE TOIL AND ITS TRIALS,

HAS EVER READY

A GENEROUS SYMPATHY WITH THE LABOURS AND SORROWS OF  
HUMANITY,

**The following Pages**

ARE AFFECTIONATELY INSCRIBED

BY

THE AUTHOR.





## PREFACE.

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THE Story of "Toil and Trial" is an endeavour to awaken sympathy for a class of persons,—numbered in the Metropolis alone by tens of thousands,—who appear to have been singularly neglected by writers of fiction, in this age when Fiction is the favourite vehicle for embodying and illustrating Truth. Yet, I trust, that I have avoided the error, to the brink of which earnest feelings are so likely to lead,—the error of writing in a partisan spirit.

I have striven to put prominently forward the great truth of social life, that the real and permanent interest of Employers and Employed is identical: and though, for the purposes of my Story, I have found it necessary to depict Oppressors, my Readers will acknowledge that

I have been careful to display the reverse of the medal. If I have thrown some little halo of interest about a suffering class, I have also represented individuals of it as unworthy of respect and confidence.

C. C.

BLACKHEATH,  
*Sept.*, 1849.