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"D'aller faire le neutre ou l'indifférent sous prétexte que j'écris une histoire  
serait faire au lecteur une illusion trop grossière." BOSSUET.

"Quand on est malheureux, on n'a pas beaucoup d'amis."  
L'IMPÉRATRICE EUGÉNIE.

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# HISTORY OF MARY STUART.

## CHAPTER XX.

1581—1583.

POSITION OF MARY STUART—HER RELATIONS WITH HER SON—SHE CONFERS UPON HIM THE TITLE OF KING—THE DUKE D'ANJOU IN LONDON—AGITATION AMONG THE CLERGY—DEPARTURE OF THE DUKE D'ANJOU—PROJECTS OF LENNOX—STATE OF THE CLERGY IN SCOTLAND—SERMONS OF DURIE—CAPTIVITY OF JAMES VI.—DEFECTION OF THE EARL OF ARRAN—DEPARTURE OF LENNOX—HIS DECLARATION—GRIEF OF THE QUEEN OF SCOTS—HER LETTER TO ELIZABETH—FRENCH ENVOYS IN SCOTLAND—BEALE AND MARY STUART—JAMES VI. RECOVERS HIS FREEDOM.

IT is a sad thing to be a prisoner ; but, if imprisonment is irksome to all, it must be a thousand times worse for crowned heads. The fall from a throne to a dungeon is too violent for the poor victim on whom Providence has brought that misfortune to escape unhurt. Mary, however, had borne the disaster with magnanimity, and instead of being lowered, she had risen superior to her fall. If, at times, she uttered a complaint in her distress, ought it to be imputed to her as a fault? Nay, she ought rather to be the more honoured. Complaint is dishonourable only when it is out of place. At any other time, it shows that the victim feels her position, that she suffers and groans : in a word, that she belongs to humanity. If, notwithstanding her tears, she is resigned, respects herself, and admits no baseness, then, there are no terms to qualify, worthily, that heroism of suffering.

I know there are men of hard natures, austere manners, and a language still more austere, who blush to complain. They dream of unusual strength of mind, and Stoic indifference to pain ; they blame mankind for fretting at every ill " that flesh is heir to," and are disgusted with them ; they wish every one to be steeled in good as well as in bad fortune : but I know also that such extravagant firmness exists, as a general rule, only in books. I shall not, therefore, hesitate to describe the last years of Mary Stuart such as they were, and not such as severe and excessive philosophers would have them.