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To the Reader.

My Beloved has gone down into his garden to gather lilies. He is often so occupied, and He has been so lately. The particular occasion of what follows has, like all similar ones, a private sacredness; but the community of stricken parents—

IV TO THE READER.

parents who have been called to part with young children — will sufficiently appreciate the circumstances, and they will not deem obtrusive this call of sympathy from

THE AUTHOR.

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GATHERED LILIES.

I.

The Garden: Whose is it?

THE garden belongs to my Beloved, and he has a perfect right to all it contains. The great garden of the world is his — and his, not by discovery or conquest, but by creation. The right of free disposal of any part or any inhabitant is lodged with him. To us he says, " Occupy till I come ;" so that we have the use but not the ownership. What we hold is only in trust. That