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## PREFACE

### TO THE SECOND PART.

THE words of the anthem in the concluding chapter are taken from a sermon by Canon Knox Little, "The Vision of the Truth," preached in St. Paul's in Lent 1883, and published in *The Witness of the Passion*. They are so exactly in accord with the message which the shadowy Beings of my tale seem to have left me that I cannot force myself to coin another phrase.

J. H. S.



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PART SECOND.

I.

15 THERE was no change in the bright sunlight or in the festive colours of the gay crowd. The grass was as green, the sky as blue, the rushing leaping water sparkled as before, nevertheless a sudden change and deadness fell upon the garden and its throng of guests. The hush that had preceded Mark's appearance was of a far different kind. That had been a silence