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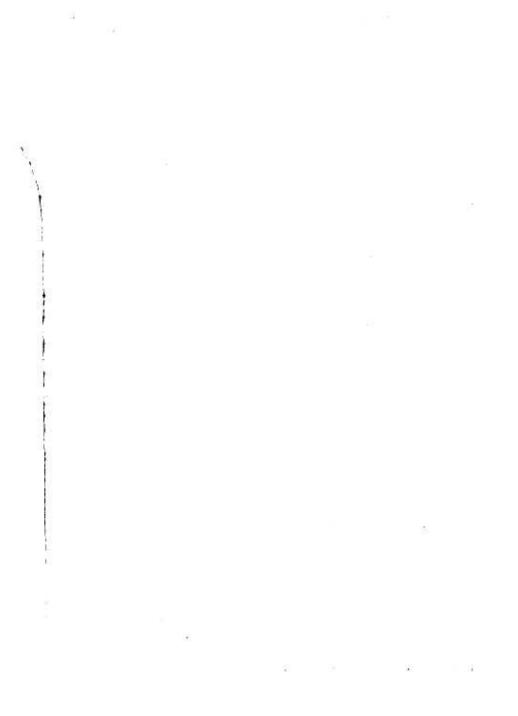
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THAT I LOST

THERE is, I think, an old epigram which says-

"That I spent, that I have ; That I saved, that I lost ; That I gave, that I saved."

And there is a rough truth under its uncouthness. But in a higher sense than the mere monetary one pointed out in the half-truth of the epigram, it is very true that, that I lost, that I have. No one who is familiar with sorrow is ignorant that sorrows have a way of turning to joys, and that the only loved ones that our hearts keep are those that we have lost for ever. The lover on fire with his mistress' charms knows no future; indeed, it is the secret of passion that it makes the instant everything, and has a fine contempt for what that ghost, to-morrow, may do. But the lover will have his eyes opened by the A

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