

Conducted by Mrs. Harriet T. Clarke.

WHEN I AM OLD.

When I am old—and oh, how soon Will life sweet morning yield to noon...

When I am old—this breezy earth Will lose for me the voice of mirth...

When I am old—I shall not care To deck with flowers my faded hair...

When I am old—my friends will be Old and infirm and bowed—like me...

When I am old—I'd rather bend Than sadly o'er each buried friend...

When I am old—oh, how it seems Like the wild lullaby of dreams...

When I am old, perhaps ere then, I shall be missed from haunts of men...

Ere I am old—that time is now, For youth sits lightly on my brow...

Ere I am old, oh let me give My life in learning how to live!

A Little While.

Beyond the smiling and the weeping, I shall be soon; Beyond the waking and the sleeping...

Beyond the blooming and the fading I shall be soon; Beyond the shining and the shading...

Beyond the rising and the setting I shall be soon; Beyond the calming and the fretting...

Beyond the gathering and the stowing I shall be soon; Beyond the ebbing and the flowing...

Beyond the parting and the meeting I shall be soon; Beyond the farewells and the greeting...

Beyond the frost chain and the fever I shall be soon; Beyond the rock waste and the river...

CATCHING THE SCHOOLMASTER.

'Young and handsome?' 'Yes, just as nice as can be.'

'Why, of course. He is too young to be married.'

'Then let's see who'll catch him,' laughed the pert girl of the village.

'You won't,' said pretty Jessie Warner.

'And why not, I wonder?' 'Because I—I don't think he's the kind to be caught that way.'

'Oh, you're going to try the coy and retiring young woman are you?' said Frank.

'I'm not going to try anything,' was the response. 'He has only been here a few days.'

seemed determined not to be 'caught.' In vain invitations poured upon him to parties, to all the Baywood gayeties...

'He's just a poke,' said Kate, pointing, 'and I do hate a poke, young or old.'

One pleasant evening, several of the girls met together in the sitting-room of Dea. Tuffs. Now the deacon was a cripple, and as he had been chosen postmaster, and could not go out to the office, the office came to him.

It was a pleasant room, and generally quite well filled with applicants for letters. As was often the case in these informal little meetings, the master was the subject under discussion.

'Have you caught him yet?' asked one of the girls of Frank, slyly.

'Oh, Jessie, here, seems to be the favorite,' said Frank, 'He has eyes only for her. Hope she appreciates the attention. He ought to be good to her or maybe his supplies would be cut off.'

'Of course I appreciate his kindness,' said Jessie, with a laugh. 'Why, only think! he's going to teach me French!'

'Indeed! The district doesn't pay him for giving you private lessons, though?' said Frank, almost angrily.

'Certainly not,' replied Jessie, 'but his time is his own out of school hours. Of course I will try to return his kindness.'

'I don't doubt it; but pray tell us in what way?' asked Frank, ironically.

'Oh, I put flowers in his room to make it look cheerful, and on the table, or make a little bouquet for his coat,—that is, I did make one, but he would not wear it,' she added.

'Quite sentimental! You have the coat clear before you, haven't you?'

'Well, if you mean he boards at our house, and no must be treated kindly, yes. The night you were all at the dance, he took mother and me to ride.'

'So that's the reason he didn't come to my party!' cried Frank, her eyes red as well as her cheeks.

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time playing the free young gentleman among us.'

'Has he shown any special attention to you, or trifled with any of my young flock?'

'He is certainly trying to with Jessie, sir.'

'O Frank, how can you say so?' cried Jessie, her face ruddy, her eyes sparkling indignantly.

'You might have told us before!' cried Frank, with a scowling face. 'You, too, Deacon Tuffs, ought to be ashamed of your conduct, for of course you knew it.'

'To be sure I did. Didn't I answer all your questions, young lady? I thought I would let you run on awhile, and get all the nonsense out of you.'

'Then the minister read Frank and the girls a short lesson, ending with these words:

'When you are old enough and wise enough to have homes of your own, you will wait till some worthy man throws out the line and catches you.'

'And I am sure you will find in the young woman who is coming a beautiful, discreet and lovable companion; and although none of you have caught the schoolmaster, you ought to catch many a wise lesson from his manly, modest demeanor, as well as from his instruction from the desk.'

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