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BEING THE RECOLLECTIONS OF ELIZABETH RAY, SCHOOL-TEACHER.

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CHAPTER XVI.

"Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way."

LONGFELLOW.

Next morning was the eventful morning to me. After breakfast Mr. Morrison limped in with a stout hazel switch about five feet long.

"It is as thick as my thumb," he said, "and that is the lawful size for beating children, apprentices, or wives."

I should have liked to see him attempt to beat his wife with any sort of rod. I took it with thanks, telling him I was getting quite frightened.

"Don't say that," said his energetic wife. "Keep a stiff upper lip."

"Whale them well, whip in what you teach."

With this parting advice I started for school, accompanied by the two youngest children; the rest stayed at home to help in with the hay. The little girl, Alice, carried our luncheon in a little Indian-made basket. Arrived at the school-house, which was about a mile and a half distant, I found a

group of dark, red, and flaxen-haired children waiting about the door. Two men were sitting on the fence whittling. They shut their knives with a snap and jumped down on my arrival. Mr. McLennan was coming from an opposite direction, with the key in his hand. The two men he introduced to me as the other trustees. One of these gentlemen was very dark-complexioned, and his whole face was covered with a forest of short black beard, except a little semicircle of clearing, under his eyes, which looked out from beneath heavy black brows. Cheeks he had none, forehead he had none. I think he must have monopolized the beards of a cohort of his relatives to make such a one of his own. This hairy man was the chief speaker, and grumbled a little about my size and youthfulness.

"You are fery unreasonable, Norman, son of Malcom McInnis," said Mr. McLennan, my trustee. "You cannot expect a big teacher for the fery small salary. She will be bigger and wiser if God does spare her."