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## *THE LESSON OF THE TREES.*

The tall trees stand without fear, without pain,  
    Though summers gather their gold and go :  
For life is a thing to be lived ; it is gain :  
    In the bounty of June or the winter's snow ;  
They are earth's, they are God's, and whatever may be,  
They stand, as we ought to do, straight and free.

ARCHIBALD LANFMAN.