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Love possessing all her mind Love with every thought entwined Round the elm trees wandering As the clasping ivies cling.

Ye too—spotless virgins—ye Fair, and lovely who shall all Your own bridal day ere long Join with us the measured song Hymen—hasten, Hymen thou Guardian of the nuptial vow.

Pleased your summons to attend Hither he his course shall bend He who heart to heart unites Source of purest love's delights He whose smiles alone can shed Blessings on the Nuptial bed.

Mighty God of wedded love! To what other power above Should so apt the lover raise Votive Prayer, and song of praise Half so frequent at whose shrine Bends the votary as at thine."

These are but two specimens out of many others taken from this little volume, but they are sufficient to convey to us the cultured taste and refined scholarship of the author— It is often difficult, as any classical scholar knows, to render into good English prose some of the most touching and beautiful odes of the Roman poets, but to turn them into good English verse requires the imagination of a poet and a thorough mastery of the language of the original.

Judge Bliss survived for five years after his retirement from the Bench. His health did not improve, and I cannot find that he took any part in public affairs thereafter. He probably felt what all men feel who have led an active, and

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