

the school. It's a plan of my own, and I believe it will answer; you need have no trouble with boys if only you find them occupation enough to keep them out of mischief."

"I daresay you are right, but I don't know what the Committee will say."

"We will chance that, sir," said Mr. Emerson. "And now may I ask where I am to board?"

"You will board with me. It is only about ten minutes' walk from the house, but I do not expect that you will remain here very long. I think even you will find the boys too much."

"Oh, I hope not. I have set my heart upon liking the place and the lads, and I think I have a recipe which will conquer them."

"What is that?"

"Patience, with myself first, and afterwards with them."

"Well," and Mr. Seymour shrugged his shoulders, "I trust you will succeed, but I doubt it. One of your boys is a regular scamp, a perfectly wild boy. I do not think there has been a piece of mischief for years which he has not headed; he is dreadful."