

AND THE YEARS GLIDE BY."

refined taste and abundant means could suggest or supply has been done to increase the natural beauty of their surroundings. Delightful drives, boating excursions upon the lake, long evening walks, and pleasant morning rides, succeed one another through the weeks of Jessie's stay; and the two girls enter into all these pleasures with all the zest and earnestness of girlish interest in "something new." They find time, too, for many long, quiet talks—talks in which they forget the gaiety of the present, and discuss soberly and seriously the great life-question of every human heart; that old, often-answered question, "*What is Life?*" that has puzzled many older and wiser ones than they, and which, alas! so many fail entirely in answering aright. But they have been taught its meaning through the unerring counsel of God's Word, and have, in their simple, reverent faith "sat at His feet" to learn, and be prepared for its fulfilment. How much beyond that wisdom which, through wearisome study and toil, has endeavoured to penetrate and comprehend the mystery of Him who was *God* and *man*, is the unquestioning confidence of those "little ones" by whom His praise is "perfected," for it is written, "Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, shall in no wise enter therein!"

Jessie's visit comes to an end, as the pleasant things of this life will do, and she returns to Toronto to begin