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A PRETTY GIRL'S WHIM.

It was a beautiful garden—a garden in which one might almost lose one's self among the heavy sweetness of the blossoming syringa bushes and the avenue of pink wisteria that wound irregularly here and there.

It was a July day. A girl lay idly in a wide luxurious hammock, her bright head on the soft tinted cushions, her deep brown eyes upraised to the whispering leaves above.

She looked the ideal of happy content as she lay there in pretty laziness one slim hand drooping over the hammock's edge. A great Newfoundland dog lay on the grass beside her as she gazed idly to and fro, trying affectionately with the dog's great, noble head.

Sometimes he would open his almost human eyes and look up at her silently, with a happy content that matched her own.

It was very pleasant there. The book she had been reading had dropped upon the grass and lay with crumpled leaves. A rosebud marked the place.

Wilma Pierce, whose summers were spent at her grandmother's quaint old country home, had come here a few days since, tired out in body and brain as only a young, hard working teacher can be.

Already the soothing quiet of the lovely place had done her good, and the brightness of complexion and the liltiness of form, which had been impaired by the year's hard work, were returning to her.

A silvery haired, sweet faced old lady came out of the wide hall door with a light wrap in her hand. She approached the hammock with anxious solicitude in her kind, old face.

"Child, it is cool for thee here; these must be more prudent with thyself."

She wrapped the soft, gray shawl about the girl's shoulders with loving, motherly hands. Wilma looked up and smiled protestingly.

"It isn't chilly, grandmother, dear—but I submit."

She took the wrinkled old hand in hers and held it gently against her warm cheek.

The old Quakeress bent her stately form and laid a soft, sweet kiss upon the girl's forehead.

"I must go in, dear heart; these had best fall asleep for a little if thee can."

The soft, gray gown swept across the grass, and the wearer stooped beside the door to pull a sweet, white rose that stretched temptingly toward her.

She went in, and the girl and her dumb companion were again alone.

By and by she fell asleep. The roses at her bare, white throat rose and fell with gentle regularity as her breath came and went. It was a pretty picture. Ronald Mitchell, coming quietly across the garden, thought so as he caught sight of it and paused involuntarily.

The dog raised his great, shaggy head and looked a silent welcome from his brown eyes. They were old friends—Ronald, the young farmer, and Rebecca Northfield's dog Don.

The young man stood breathless a moment looking at the sleeper, then with a softer light in his blue eyes and a warmer tinge on his smooth shaven cheek he went toward the house. He entered with the familiarity of a well-known and welcome friend, and sat down easily in a big, antiquated rocking chair.

Rebecca Northfield came into the room, her old face alight with welcome.

She came and laid her small hand on his shoulder. "Ronald," she said, "my grandchild, Wilma Pierce, is come. Perhaps it is not news to thee? She is a good child, Wilma is, but I fear she loves the world too well. There is little of the Quaker about her, Ronald."

He smiled. "I saw her when I came through the garden just now. She is unlike you in her dress, but her face has a likeness to yours."

They sat together in the quiet room and talked a little while. All at once a shadow fell across the bare, white floor, and they both looked up. Wilma stood in the wide doorway, her face a little flushed with sleep, her eyes dewy like a child's after a refreshing slumber. She held a yellow rose in her hand.

"Grandmother," she said, "all unconscious of a stranger's presence, as she looked half asleep at the flower; 'grandmother, what a lovely rose. Just see how—'"

"Wilma," the calm, sweet voice interrupted her, "come here. This is Ronald Mitchell, the son of my old friend and schoolmate, Eunice Sand."

Wilma advanced a little and held out her hand frankly, but when she met the intense gaze of the clear blue eyes above her a shy look came into her own and she withdrew her hand.

Ronald, watching her, wondered if her grandmother's remark about her had implied that she was a bit of a coquette.

She bowed once the old lady's high backed chair and fastened the rich rose in the silvery white waves of her beautiful hair. And then she went away, with a murmured word of excuse, leaving behind her a scent of roses and a remembrance of a fair, fresh young face rising flower-like above her pale blue gown.

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That was their first meeting. All summer the young farmer came and went at his own will and helped to make the old place pleasant.

They sang together in the garden. There was no musical instrument in the primitive Quaker household, but Wilma had brought her guitar with her. They sat together in the old summer house through long lovely afternoons, while grandmothers sat near with her homely knitting work.

They walked together in the great old fashioned garden and along the murmuring creeks, and sat idly on the little rustic bridge, watching the rhythmic flow of waters and the minnows darting in the cool, dark depths below. It was an idyllic summer. Both were happy. One knew why it was; the other only half guessed it.

Ronald Mitchell at thirty years had for first time felt his inmost heart stirred and thrilled by a woman's presence. He loved her with all the unwavering tenderness of a true man's first love.

One evening he told her. They were sitting together on a mossy log beside the creek.

Wilma had thrown off her white garden hat, and the late rose in her dark hair gleamed whitely like a soft star in the dark.

What caprice seized the girl? She listened to his eager words with averted face turned toward the dying sunset light.

When he had finished she did not answer.

"He takes too much for granted," she thought; "he is too masterful, he asks as though my heart was some light thing to which he had a right. I will teach him it is not."

She rose and turned to go. He caught her hands and detained her.

"Wilma, are you not going to say a word? Are you then the coquette I almost thought you that first day?"

His words stung her. She tried to free herself, and the rose fell from her hair. He picked it up.

"If you won't say anything, Wilma, give me this rose. Let it be a symbol of hope to me."

She matched it from his hand.

"When I am ready to answer you," she said, "I will send it to you," and then she slipped away and hurried towards the house. A spice of romance had always been part of her nature. Now as she slipped away she touched the senseless flower with her lips that trembled.

"I do love him—I do love him," she whispered as she sped along the shadowy path through the garden.

But the girl's willful heart was slow to yield. A week passed.

Ronald Mitchell came not once to the farmhouse. Rebecca Northfield wondered at his absence, and looked searchingly at the quiet faced girl. One evening she came into the quiet old room, with its sloping roof and lattice window, where Wilma sat reading.

"I thought I'd tell thee, Wilma, that Ronald is going away to-morrow. He is tired, he said when I met him to-day, and needs a change. He does look worn. I wonder why he keeps away from us."

She looked keenly through her gold rimmed glasses at the girl.

"I don't know, grandmother, I'm sure. He does act strangely of late. Will he stay away long do you think?"

"A month, he said," she answered.

"The girl drew a quick breath. 'A month,' she thought. 'In a month I shall be back in school.'"

Her heart beat quickly. After a while she took a little box from her bureau, and went down stairs and out into the garden.

She sat down on the log, and Don sat beside her, looking lovingly at the running stream.

She drew a little folded note from the box in her hand and opened it.

"Come to me," it said, and then in delicate tracery her name, "Wilma."

That was all.

The girl's eyes shone half mischievously as she fastened the tiny box to Don's silver collar with a bit of ribbon and a bright color gleamed in her cheek.

Then she folded her small hands together and looked seriously into the dog's great noble eyes.

"Good old Don," she said, "take it to Ronald—to Ronald—do you understand? He looked up intently into her face and trotted off silently."

Ronald Mitchell was in his room alone, one by one such articles as were necessary were being packed into his traveling bag.

A sudden patter on the stairs arrested his attention, and the next moment a familiar black head was thrust through the half open doorway.

"Why Don, old fellow? Come to say good-by? What's this?"

He unfastened the box and opened it. When he had unfolded the slip of paper and found the withered white rose he sprang to his feet. Then, to Dan's amazement, he bounded down the stairs and out into

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The summer twilight, the brave dog following at his heels.

If he found her on the mossy log beside the creek, looking expectantly toward him with the shy, sweet glow of love in her dark eyes and on her face.

Only Don was the witness of that meeting, but when a little later the happy lovers wandered up the sweetly scented garden, cool and shadowy in the gloaming, and grandmothers came to meet them with a glad surprise and a light of clam contentment in her serene face, all thoughts of the projected visit was banished, and the half packed traveling bag lay forgotten on the floor at home.

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NEWCASTLE, MIRAMICHI, N. B. METHODIST GENERAL CONFERENCE.

MONTREAL, Sept. 16.—In the presentation of home mission work, in referring to the condition of affairs at Oka, Rev. Dr. Sutherland said it was not necessary that he should rehearse the story of the persecutions to which the Indians at Oka had been subjected—destruction of their property by mobs, false arrest and the imprisonment of some of their number, and the fact that the government has not offered any adequate protection.

He could not refrain from calling attention to the latest phase of this affair, which appears in a letter addressed to the Indians from the office of the superintendent general of Indian affairs, informing them that no further aid will be given to any Protestant member of the band, unless they remove from the home of their fathers to a new reserve in Muskoka. So far as the indigent members of the band are concerned, such removal may be said to involve only sentimental considerations, but to others it means the surrender of lands to which they believe they have a just claim for a mere fraction of their value.

As the Protestant Indians of Oka are without exception Methodists, we submit that it is the duty of the entire church to stand by them in any just contention, and as the matter respecting their claim to the lands has not been settled by any competent authority, we further submit that it is the duty of the Dominion government, whose wards the Indians are, to have the question finally decided without delay.

MONTREAL, Sept. 18.—The special committee on the use of tobacco reported:—

That whereas the attention of this Conference has been called to the great and increasing evils arising from the use of tobacco, especially among the young people of the present day, and whereas our young people naturally and properly look to their leaders in the Church for advice and example on this and other important questions.

Therefore be it resolved: That this conference do its utmost to uphold the use of tobacco, as destructive of the physical constitution and especially ruinous to the young. We emphatically and earnestly recommend that every official in our church be urged to be a total abstainer from its use, and alarmed by the growing use of tobacco among the young of our country we earnestly recommend that no one shall have a place in our Sabbath schools or in the educational institutions of our church, or in our ministry who is not a total abstainer from its use, and we further recommend that our people all use their influence to have the teachers in our public schools and higher institutions set the example of total abstinence from its use.

Geo. DOUGLAS, Chairman.

The report on Memorials was read by Mr. J. Rutherford, in which the matter of precedence was taken up as follows:

The order of precedence.—That whereas the constitution of the Dominion of Canada contains nothing of the union of church and state, but recognizes all Christian churches as standing on a ground of perfect equality; and, whereas, in the table of precedence we have the following order: The Governor-General, lieut-governors, archbishops and bishops, members of the Cabinet, etc., etc., thus ignoring the very existence of those Protestant Churches which represent the majority of the people of this Dominion, and whereas, in aforesaid order of precedence pre-eminence is given to archbishops, the appointees of the Privy Council, thus degrading the clergy of all Protestant Churches; therefore resolve that the General Conference, representing the largest body of Protestants in the Dominion, records its emphatic protest against the aforesaid order of precedence, regarding it as invasive of the principles of religious equality recognized in the constitution; and (b) that this Conference memorialize the Governor-General-in-Council, Senate, and House of Commons with regard to the aforesaid obnoxious order, asking for abrogation of invidious distinctions implied therein.

MONTREAL, Sept. 19.—The report of the committee on the course of study called for long discussion. Rev. Dr. Burns' speech went to show the danger of admitting scholars and keeping out preachers if the examinations were too abstruse. Dr. Burns wanted the admission of preachers to be in accordance with the law of nature rather than have classical knowledge as the test. A full hour might be 98 in Greek and Latin, and not be able to speak at all. The committee's report was defeated by about two to one.

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A warm and animated debate took place at the evening of the itinerancy question. The report favored the election of such legislation as would permit a minister to remain in a circuit for four years. It being put to the conference, it was carried by 131 to 104 that there be no extension beyond the present period of three years.

MONTREAL, Sept. 22.—Conference went to work again this morning, committees of groups C and D being in session, each sitting with closed doors. A number of reports were brought in, adopted and are ready now to go before conference for final action, while a number of others were advanced a stage in the legislative slow march. The Committee on Temperance will report against the recommendations that came up from the Montreal Conference as being too cumbersome, and laying too great a burden on the pastor, who would have to superintend their enforcement. The committee on the state of the work have under consideration the deaconess question and the memorials asking for the establishment of the order, the principal one coming from the Montreal Conference, and which has Dr. Douglas as mover and Dr. Alexander as seconder. On the whole the report will be favorable to the establishment of the order, but it is thought that it will be some time before it is carried out. The consolidation of treasurership was another matter upon which a committee was working. At present the general church funds, amounting to half a million dollars, are annually, are divided between nearly thirty officers and it is now proposed to consolidate the funds and place them in charge of a board of directors. The report, containing many matters of detail, will be in favor of the scheme. The Committee on Education met in the church parlors, Dr. Douglas, Dr. Burwash, Dr. Shaw, Dr. Inch and others being present. There was a Conference of the heads of the church colleges to arrange an equitable division of the Educational Fund, the claims of the Wesley College, Winnipeg, being recognized. Another subject under discussion was the time to be accorded to probationers who hold Canadian university degrees. Another important committee at work to-day was that on "Civil and Religious Liberty," having under consideration the Oka Indian question, especially in reference to their removal to Muskoka. A lengthy report has been drawn up and they were discussing it section by section. It is said to be opposed to the pretensions of the Indian Department, and will likely give rise to a lengthy debate in conference. At this afternoon's session at five o'clock Dr. MacVicar will be received as the fraternal delegate of the Presbyterian church, and this evening will be devoted to a reception of Dr. Sichel from the M. E. church of the South and also a delegate from the Epworth League.

MONTREAL, Sept. 23.—Dr. Sutherland gave long explanations concerning his negotiations with the government about the Indian schools, but no conclusion was reached. The committee on the consolidation of the treasurership reported, recommending placing all the financial business of the church under one management. An animated discussion followed. The report, the amendment and the amendment thereto were successively rejected and the present state of things allowed to continue.

Dr. Perry of Chicago, editor of the Epworth League Herald, was introduced and gave an interesting account of the progress of the Methodist Episcopal church. There are now 3,700 branches, with membership of 225,000. Some of these are in India, China, Japan, Norway, Sweden, Germany and Italy, with three in the city of Rome. The Epworth Herald when issued the ninth day had paid subscribers to the number of 26,000. In Canada there are 150 branches.

The committees on Christian union, itinerancy and statistics reported the value of church property \$1,000,000; raised for all purposes during the quadrennium over \$8,000,000. Quarterly bureaus were almost not to invite ministers before the third quarterly meeting of the third year of the ministerial term, and all invitations to be laid through the stationing committees.