

## CHAPTER II

### STUDENT AND TEACHER

A.D. 1858-1887

"Now in thy youth beseech of Him  
Who giveth, upbraiding not,  
That His light in thy heart become not dim,  
And His love be unforgot;  
And thy God in the darkest of days will be  
Greenness, and beauty, and strength to thee."

—BERNARD BARTON.

FOR some years Mrs. Tilly, who had been well educated, kept a day school for girls at Forton, so that the first few years of Elizabeth P. Tilly's school life were spent under the immediate tuition of her capable mother.

She had a naturally quick and intelligent mind, and was fond of reading and thought; and hence she made rapid progress in all her studies.

About three months after the event recorded in the previous chapter, in July, 1857, her parents again removed to London and settled at Stepney Green, E.

After a time spent in London with her parents, Elizabeth returned to Forton to a school for young ladies conducted by her aunt, Miss Tilly, where she remained for three years.

She was conscientious and painstaking in her work, which laid the foundations of a sound and practical education. She then became governess to some children for the next three years, 1861-