

They used to call me a handsome chap,  
I'm sure I'd be good to her.

"Life is beyond endurance"

He said, with a savage face:

"I'll have a woman before next Fall,  
Or I'll quit the blooming place."

W. W. ROGERS.

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## An Evening with Plato.

IN the bright parlour of one of our most attractive Island homes a little company of literary folk met regularly for the purpose of reading carefully-prepared papers, on various topics, and of talking over the latest matters of interest. The ancient, as well as the modern classics claimed attention during these pleasant gatherings; and one particular evening was given to a discussion of the philosophical teachings of Plato. Why should not such a subject be interesting to a company of average Islanders? It fell to the lot of the writer to furnish a paper on the assigned theme. The substance of this monogram is hereby tendered to the readers of our excellent PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND MAGAZINE. It may help to awaken thought and to stimulate research. We have reason to fear that far too small a proportion of general readers devote their spare moments to studies of so solid a character as those pertaining to the life and doctrines of Plato.

An acquaintance with the times and tenets of this distinguished philosopher is essential to a proper comprehension of Greek thought. Plato began life at Athens just at the time when the great Pericles was passing away, 428 years before the Christian era. It was a period of great intellectual activity and social progress, the influence of which was strongly felt by the youthful student of Grecian learning. He spent his early years in pursuing the usual courses of training in music, grammar and