

Not So Old!

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"No," said Evelyn Gray, but with definite determination. Her white, shapely hand was faintly extended to displace that of Nat Morton from the left rear door of the automobile in which she was a solitary passenger.

The young man stared plaintively. His companion, Gerald White, uttered a low whistle. "I thought we were friends," he observed in accents indicating positive heartbreak.

"The best in the world, I hope," responded Evelyn, "but I am designated by my sister, Mrs. Waverly, to use her car solely for the aged and decrepit."

Immediately Nat Morton drew back with serio-comic mien, stooped his shoulders and assumed the pose of an octogenarian, while his companion counterfeited a painful limp.

"It won't do!" cried Evelyn, shaking her head laughingly.

Not a wheel was turning on the local street railway pending a receiptship. Woodville had to walk or rely upon a lift from wagons, trucks and other motorless vehicles. Evelyn lived with her sister, whose husband was a man of considerable means, and as the young girl was quite an adept at the wheel Mrs. Waverly had asked her co-operation in carrying into effect the promptings of a humane impulse.

"Help those who need help, dear," directed Mrs. Waverly. "Many a weary old person will need a lift that long jaunt," and faithful Evelyn heartlessly passed by youth and beauty and took in Mrs. Babson, and then an aged pedestrian. They were just nearing a pretentious residence, long vacant, but, Evelyn had heard, recently rented by a stranger, a Mr. Thurston, when there came down its steps slowly a man whom she decided must be the gentleman in question. Every movement on his part indicated age, weakness or the convalescent, for head and shoulders were closely muffled up. Evelyn circled to the curb.

"There is a vacant seat left, sir," she said. "If you are going down town you will be very welcome to it."

The object of her interest and charity murmured half audible thanks and got into the vacant seat. With her passenger complement filled, Evelyn made no more stops until the business center was reached. She delivered Mrs. Babson and her companion of the rear seat at the destinations they named, and was about to inquire as to that of the remaining passenger when, turning a corner, a gust of wind blew off his head covering. To the surprise of Evelyn, a face young, shapely and handsome was revealed. She caught the hat before it blew free of the machine and restored it to its owner a trifle embarrassed, for with quiet, quizzical eyes her Mr. Thurston was scanning her closely as he said:

"You have certainly been an angel of mercy to me. If I did not feel a hundred years old convalescing from a three months' siege of sickness, I would not have intruded upon you."

"Oh, not that," declared impetuous Evelyn. "You are doubly welcome to the trifling lift I have given you."

"I am due to sign some papers at my lawyer's office," said Mr. Thurston. "He is Mr. Dacre."

"I know where he is," said Evelyn. "If you are returning home later I might call for you. I shall make two more trips," and with eyes and voice the invalid gratefully accepted her kindly offer.

"I must find some way to reciprocate," he spoke as Evelyn delivered him back. "You see, I have purchased the old Randall house here in order to have my widowed sister and her brood of little ones make a home for me, and when she comes she will want to join me in my thanks for your great thoughtfulness in my behalf."

The day was full of many interesting experiences for the volunteer in charity's service, and Evelyn chatted volubly in going over them for the benefit of her sister.

"Why," spoke Mrs. Waverly with animation, as Evelyn mentioned Mr. Thurston, "I heard who he was today. It seems that he is a man of very extensive means about to retire from business. Is he young, handsome, companionable, and the polite sister viewed her sister speculatively.

"I saw very little of him, as he was all muffled up," responded Evelyn, but she saw more of him before the week was out. She was on foot when a fine limousine glided to the curb near her. It contained her invalid passenger and a lady and two little children.

"I hope you are going fifty miles," called out Bartley Thurston, and introduced his sister and insisted on driving Evelyn on a shopping tour she was making, back home again, and, altogether, it was a sociable, pleasant occasion.

Bartley Thurston fast found his way back to health. His physician had advised the open air, and in his anxiety to repay Evelyn for those free rides he invited her to some delightful motoring tours.

"I say," observed Nat Morton to Gerald White one day as the Thurston limousine sped by, "there's our peerless Evelyn with her devoted millionaire. As one aged and decrepit, he certainly makes a fine match for our dear favorite eh, Gerald?"

BETTER PROVISION PROMISED PASTORS

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While the salaries paid the ministers of Baptist, as well as other churches in the South, has been far too small in the past to enable them to lay aside a competency for old age, a long step in remedying this situation is promised in the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, which proposes to raise \$2,500,000 for the relief of aged ministers during the next five years, and then bring this sum up to \$5,000,000 during the two years immediately following the campaign.

Looking to the adequate care of hundreds of aged Baptist ministers and ministers' widows in the ranks of the Southern Baptist Convention who are now in need of financial assistance, this body, at a recent session, authorized the creation of the Relief and Annuity Board at Dallas, Texas, with Dr. William Lunsford as corresponding secretary.

Heretofore the average annual salary of Baptist ministers in the South has been less than \$500, meaning that a large number of preachers received considerably less than that sum, making it necessary that they engage in other occupations during the week in order to support themselves and their families, and rendering it practically impossible for them to lay aside any money as a support for their old age.

The establishment of the Relief and Annuity Board and the decision to raise \$5,000,000 during the next seven years for the relief of the aged ministers already in need of assistance and the more adequate care of the men who hereafter give their lives to the Christian ministry without an opportunity to save up a competency to tide them through sickness or care for them in their declining days, has met with a cordial reception at the hands of Southern Baptists, and it is believed the provision of better treatment for the ministers in their retirement will not only tend to cause young men to look with greater favor upon the ministry as a life work, but will bring the members of local congregations generally to see the need of paying pastors more adequate salaries before these pastors become old and helpless.

By the addition of an annuity feature it is possible for retired ministers to receive an annuity of \$500 after they have reached the age of 65, and provided they have been in the ministry for thirty years. If they have served less than 30 years the annuity is reduced by a certain proportion. To participate in this annuity a minister must make monthly, quarterly or annual payments sufficient to bring in an income of \$100 per year when invested, on the principle of regular life insurance, while this is supplemented by \$400 provided by the denomination. A minister's participation in the annuity fund is in addition to his claims upon the relief fund.

If the minister is disabled at any time after joining the annuity fund, he will receive a certain annuity throughout the period of disability. If he dies his widow will receive an annuity of 50 per cent of what would have gone to her husband as long as she lives, and should the widow die her annuity will be divided among minor children until they become self-supporting, marry or reach the age of 21.

The board has received an endowment of \$100,000 from the Baptist Sunday School Board at Nashville not included in the 75 Million Campaign, and this sum will be divided equally between the relief and annuity departments. This enables the board to begin work immediately and assistance is already being given to 255 aged ministers and ministers' widows.

Daily Thought. Wind puffs up empty bladders; opinions, fools.—Socrates.

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1st. Tract—Bounded on the North and South by the lands of W. J. Godwin, on the West by the land of Dr. J. H. Mitchell and on the North by the lands of J. R. Godwin, containing 12 acres, more or less.

2nd. Tract—Bounded on the East and South by the lands of J. T. Godwin, on the West and North by the lands of Preston Arline, containing 5 acres, more or less.

3rd. Tract—Bounded on the West and South by the lands of W. J. Godwin, on the North and East by the lands of J. R. Godwin, containing 2 acres, more or less.

4th. Tract—Bounded on the North by the Betsy Brantley land, on the East by the lands of Anthony S. Godwin, on the South by the lands of Dr. J. H. Mitchell and on the West by the lands of Henry Copelan containing 24 acres, more or less.

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