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CHAPTER I.

WILL ROSE BE THE FUTURE MISTRESS OF BRERETON?

FOR reasons previously explained, neither Mrs. Brereton nor Rose had seen Mr. Warburton since the commencement of his illness.

But an urgent message was now sent by him through Stanley, begging them to come to Beaucliffe; and they at once responded to the invitation, and found him looking much better than they expected.

He came down to the drawing-room, accompanied by Lady Starkey, and appeared particularly pleased to see Rose. He asked her how she liked Brereton, and when she replied, "Better than any other old house she had ever seen," he said, "Strange! Mildred could not bear the place. How her dislike to it originated, I cannot imagine, but she never would pass a night there."

"I think it charming," rejoined Rose, "and shall be very sorry to leave it."

"Then why leave it?" said the Squire. "Why not remain now you are there?"