**9) Lady Flora (plus Duchess and Windermere)**

**Duchess:** You have been entertaining them with your playing, and witty repartee, have you not Flora?

**Flora:** Yes, mama.

**Windermere:** The East End *is* an interesting problem.

**Duchess:** What change do you propose, then?

**Windermere:** I don't desire to change anything in England except the weather. I have heard tell that Lord Rufford has been a frequent visitor at Paisley House. Can this be true? Do you have an admirer, Lady Flora?

(Again Lady Flora looks as if she is about to respond, but the Duchess intervenes.)

**Duchess:** Indeed it is true. Why, I have been convinced on at least two occasions that Lord Rufford was to ask Lord Paisley for her hand, but she is such a talkative soul that Lord Rufford has not been able to get a word in edgeways.

**Windermere: (Returning to the conversation)** And have you decided whether you would accept him my dear?

(Pause. Lady Flora smiles.)

**Duchess:** Well, my dear. What *would* your answer be?

**Flora:** Yes. Mama.