

## BOYS AND MOTHERS.

Sometimes boys think mothers are in the way; that they would have more liberty if it were not for their mothers. Mothers have such searching eyes, eyes that seem to look right into the heart, especially if there is anything hiding there that mothers should know about; and this is troublesome. If boys would only understand that it is love that makes the mother's eyes so keen, her voice so anxious, her questions so searching; love that knows all the temptations that may come to a boy, and the trouble if there is no wise confidante about it. It is not the anxiety of a Paul Pry, but the loving guardianship of a mother.

The wisest and best men have honored their mothers. Few men who have accomplished a special work in the world do not give credit to their mother for the help and inspiration that made their work possible. When the late President Garfield was inaugurated, the first person he saluted was his mother, showing plainly the place she held in his heart, his life.

The world honors and respects the man who honors and respects his mother. The neglect of a mother stamps a man or boy as heartless, ungrateful, if not cruel. The truly great men have never forgotten those to whom they were most deeply indebted. Many letters have been written about mothers, but few that show the sorrow that comes if the full measure of a mother's love has received no return until too late to make it. The poet Gray, in 1765, wrote the following letter to a friend:

"It is long since I heard you were going into Yorkshire on account of your mother's illness, and the same letter informed me she was recovered. Otherwise I had then written to you only to beg you would take care of her and inform you that I had discovered a thing very little known, which is, that in one's whole life one can never have any more than a single mother. You may think this obvious and what you call a trite observation."

I was at the same age (very near), as wise as you, and yet I never discovered this (with full evidence and conviction I mean) till it was too late. It is thirteen years ago, and it seems but as yesterday, and every day I live it sinks deeper into my heart."

Mothers cannot force boys to see their worth. Just stop and think what your life would be without your mother. Then remember to give in return love, courtesy, and obedience. If you treat your mother in such a way that you show your love and respect for her, you will acquire the habit of treating every woman courteously, and earn the title of gentlemen.

## "A LITTLE CHILD SHALL LEAD THEM."

Little Jamie went to spend Sunday with his uncle in the country, and on his return home had much

to tell of all he had seen and done.

When Sunday evening came, as he stood by his papa's side after tea, he said:

"Oh, papa! Do you know they did the *nicest* thing at Uncle John's last Sunday! After supper he made them all come into the parlor and he took the big Bible down, and read to them, and they sang a hymn, and then he prayed with them. Wasn't it lovely? Let's do it here, papa; it was such a good idea, and I know you'd like it. Uncle John called it *Family prayers*."

There was nothing to be done but follow the little fellow's suggestion. So the "big Bible" was taken down in this home also, and Family Prayers established.

This is a true incident, and occurred not many weeks since.

## RESTLESSNESS.

The human family are restless and uneasy. Men are restless, women are restless, children are restless. One of the hardest things in the world is to make a child keep still, and rest. It is the same when they grow up. You remember the time when you could not rest at home. You were not satisfied; you could not be contented with anything. Somehow or other, things did not suit you. You did not like the place, or the work, or the surrounding, you did not like the restraint and the counsel, and the prayers, and the admonitions. You wished to go away, and you went away. You went to the country, and you went to the city. You went from one place to another, back and forth, but you did not find a place to rest. There are men who have been in many cities and in many countries, but they have not found a place to rest. They have followed many callings, they have tried pursuits, and yet never have been contented.

The trouble is within. God is the home and resting place of His creatures, and no creature of His can rest when estranged from Him.

"The world can never give  
The bliss for which we sigh."

And happy is the man who can say with the Psalmist, "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee."—*The Christian*.

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