

Now Johnny and the other monitors did not interfere after the fight had begun, and some have thought they were to blame for not doing so ; but the fact is; they knew how headstrong, boastful, and ambitious Louis was, and that there would be no use ; and then, as the fight went on, there was a secret feeling of satisfaction that Louis had got his deserts, and that the bully of the school was at last checked and subdued, which they thought a good thing for the school in future. Alec could not contain his satisfaction, for several times during the fight he patted William on the back.

Painful though the fight was to witness, it seemed as if justice was being done, and a good lesson given from which all boys might profit. Even Joseph, whom William had lately beaten, could not help feeling this.