

Two Words.

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Two words in our language I'd have you recall,
Quite common words, too, in use by us all,
They sound much alike to those of our nation,
One, condemnation, and two, commendation.

"But unlike in meaning," I hear you exclaim,
That is true, I reply, and you are not to blame
If at the first glance their import so strike you,
Thinking them different, once I was like you.

Sometimes, however, their meanings get muddled,
The ear is correct, the mind is befuddled,
We bear condemnation from one as a friend,
And are angry again when others commend.

If evil men praise, it is but a stigma,
The wounds of a friend need be no enigma,
They are faithful and true to you and the blamer,
The one who commends may be the defamer.

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HOW WE CAN SHOW OUR RELIGION AT HOME.

Eph. 6. 1, 2; Col. 3. 20; 1 John 3. 18.

A religion that nobody knows anything about is not worth much. Some one has said that he would not give much for the religion of any man or woman whose very dog and cat were not the better for it. Certainly at home our religion should be known and seen.

Among the marks of true religion indicated in our topic texts to-day are obedience to parents. "Obey your parents in the Lord." That is, in everything which is in harmony with the will of God render them honour and obedience. If, however, they should tell you to do that which is wrong, you owe a higher allegiance to your Father in heaven.

"Such obedience," says St. Paul, "is well pleasing unto God." The thought that we whose sins have done so much to grieve our heavenly Father, can yet give pleasure to his loving heart, is one that should inspire us with a holy ambition and an earnest purpose to glorify God with our bodies and spirits, which are his.

The beloved disciple John, who leaned upon our Saviour's bosom at the feast of the Last Supper, who seems to have drunk most deeply of his spirit, when he was an old man nearly one hundred years of age, used to go about saying, "Little children, love one another." In the passage from his letter quoted in our topic he says, "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth."

Kind words are precious. They never die. We sometimes hear it said, "They are worth much and cost little," but if they are only words and nothing more, they are not worth much. "Let us not love in word, neither in tongue, but in deed and in truth," supplement them by our acts of kindness and deeds of love from day to day.

A FUNNY CUB BEAR.

The funniest model in my experience was a cub bear; and, during his visit to the studio, we laughed more than we worked. While his antics were very amusing, it was the indescribably funny expression he always wore which kept the studio in such a state of hilarity. "Unbeknown" to us, one day he got out; and, walking along on his hind legs in a ridiculous shuffle, effectually blockaded the hallway, until we came to the rescue of the frightened people. It was not the only time he fell into trouble. When we first came into possession of little Bruin, we sent the studio boy with a large market-basket to bring the treasure up-town. The boy was cautioned to be very careful of his charge; in fact, he was cautioned too much. On the elevated railroad train that boy fairly ached to get a look at the bear, and so opened the lid the tiniest bit and peeped in. Instantly the animal thrust his whole head out, to the great astonishment of the lady passengers, among whom he created a small panic. It is needless to say that both bear and boy were put off at the first stopping-place.—St. Nicholas.

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They talked, and the talk drew near to the inevitable question: "O Madame Goldschmidt, how was it that you ever came to abandon the stage at the very height of your success?"

"When every day," was the quiet answer, "it made me think less of this (laying a finger on the Bible) and nothing at all of that (pointing to the sunset), what else could I do?"

A BOY'S RELIGION.

It was the late Henry Drummond who once said to a great company of boys: "Boys, if you are going to be Christians, be Christians as boys, and not as your grandmothers. A grandmother has to be a Christian as a grandmother, and that is the right and beautiful thing for her; but if you cannot read your Bible by the hour as your grandmother can, don't think that you are necessarily a bad boy. When you are your grandmother's age, you will have your grandmother's religion."

Now, there is a great deal in the above for a boy to take to heart; for some boys have the idea that they will be expected to put aside most of their propensities, if they take upon themselves the duties of Christian boys. This is a mistake. No one expects, no one wants them to give up the natural rights and feelings of boyhood. They are not to be in the least grandmotherly or grandfatherly, but they are to be happy in the way in which God intended that all youth should be happy.

One of the truest-hearted Christian boys I knew is also the merriest. No one would think of calling him "grandmotherly." He reads his Bible, too, and goes regularly to church, to Sunday-school and to prayer-meeting. He is at the same time such a good ball-player that he is always chosen first when the boys are choosing sides for a game. And no boy of his age can excel him at football or at tennis. And they always say of him: "Harry plays fair, he does!"

He is the life of the social gatherings he attends, and his reputation for absolute truthfulness is such that the teacher of the school he attends told me, not long ago, that on one occasion, when the boys on the playground were hotly discussing a certain matter and there had been charges of falsehood made and still more hotly refuted, one of the boys said: "Let Harry M— tell the straight of the story. He knows all about it and he'll tell the exact truth." It is a fine thing for a boy to have a reputation like that in the community in which he lives.

At another time the pupils in Harry's room had met to select some one of their number to present a certain request to the principal of the school, and Harry was immediately chosen, "because he is so sort of gentlemanly," as one of the boys said. This was a tribute to the unflinching power and influence of real courtesy, and true courtesy is a marked trait of Christian character.

Harry is a Christian boy in a boyish way, which is quite as charming and impressing as the grandmotherly way of being a Christian. All Christianity is based on right thinking and right living, without regard to age. Each decade of life has its own particular joys in the Christian life. They are all God-given, and none are sweeter than the joys of true Christian boyhood.—Reformed Church Messenger.

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