

shape the world after you and I are gone out of it, and we have no right to handicap him beforehand by letting his mind be prejudiced by our quarrels. For the prejudices of childhood become the politics of maturity. And, indeed, your duty does not end in this merely negative process. You have even now to stimulate in the child the will to forgive,—the spirit of positive goodwill towards enemies. And you will all along remember that the ground of the spirit and the will to forgive is the love by which you are forgiven. "Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you." And never, never forget that no enemy needs your forgiveness as much as you need God's.

### THE WILL TO RESPECT.

III. And last of all the will to love contains the *will to respect*. And that rules out all those divisive tempers like suspicion and contempt, by which we are so easily overcome. Right through our Lord's life you will find a consistent will to respect other folk, to make allowances for their frailties, to put the best construction upon their actions. He set His face steadfastly against the spirit which suspects and despises other people. One of the pits into which we are all liable to fall is that of belittling in our own minds the man who does not belong to our tradition, the person who is