

KIND HEARTS.

It was a warm day, and a warm dispute was going on in the pretty summer-house in Mr. Mayne's garden, between Lily and Victor Mayne.

At first it was a half-laughing dispute, but it grew and grew, until Mrs. Mayne heard the angry voices and went out to see what could be the matter. But when she saw the flushed faces, and noted how high the tide of anger had risen in each little heart, she said: "No, I cannot hear your story now. You may both remain here without speaking for a half-hour. I will return in a few moments, bringing something which you are each to learn by heart, and recite to me at the end of the half-hour."

Lily and Victor were silent. They were obedient children, and did not think of resisting their mother's will. At the end of the half-hour they were ready to repeat the verse she had given them to learn.

They both looked a good deal ashamed as they walked slowly up to the piazza where Mrs. Mayne sat. But there was no shade of reproof on her face. Her eye and voice were as kind as ever, and she listened with the most pleased attention to the recitation, first from Victor, and then from Lily.

This is the verse they recited:

Kind hearts are the gardens,
Kind thoughts are the roots,
Kind words are the blossoms,
Kind deeds are the fruits;
Love is the sweet sunshine
That warms into life;
For only in darkness
Grow hatred and strife.

"And now, Lily," said Mrs. Mayne, "you may tell your side of the story first, as you are the lady."

"Oh, mamma," said Lily, "I haven't any side to tell! I got angry at nothing, and I am sorry and ashamed."

"And you, Victor?" said Mrs. Mayne, smiling.

"I was the only one to blame, mamma," cried Victor, eagerly. "If Lily will forgive me, I'll try and behave better another time."

And so it was all over, and kind hearts won the day!

WORTH IMITATING.

The life of the Princess Alice abounds in beautiful and suggestive lessons. There is one we wish mothers would learn. In a letter to the Queen she writes:

"The children are beside themselves with pleasure at the pretty country and the scrambling walks, but above all, at the wild flowers, about which they are getting quite learned. I find them in a book for them, and even Ernie knows some names, and never calls them wrong. All my children are great lovers of nature, and I develop this as much as I can. It makes life so rich, and they can never feel dull anywhere, if they know how to seek and find around them the thousand beauties and wonders of nature. They are very happy and contented, and always see that the less people have the less they want, and the greater is the enjoyment of that which they have. I bring my children up as simply and with as few wants as I can, and above all teach them to help themselves and others, so as to become independent."

CHURCH PROPRIETIES.

Upon entering your pew bow your head in earnest, silent prayer. Always rise at the ascription.

After service greet your friends kindly, but quietly.

Treat all visiting worshippers with courtesy.

Respond earnestly and clearly. If possible, attend both services of the Lord's day.

At the offertory say not "How little," but "How much," and remember that the sacrifice involved is the measure of your love for God.

THE SPORTSMAN AND HIS DOG.

A sportsman one day set his dog after a hare, "Hie at him! hie!" cried the sportsman; and the dog sprang forward with all his strength, hunted the hare, far over the field, caught him at last, and held him fast with his teeth. The Sportsman presently took the hare by the ears, and said to the dog, "Let go! let go!" The dog immediately let go, and the sportsman put the hare into his game bag.

Many people from the village had witnessed it, and an old peasant among them said: "The miser is just like this dog. Avarice calls out to the miser, 'Hie on! hie on!' and the blinded man obeys, and pursues with all his powers the riches of this world. But at last comes Death, and says, 'Let go! let go!' and the wretched man is obliged to give up, without even enjoying them, the riches which he has obtained with so much labor."

"Who heaps up treasures here must see the day
When Death will come, and sweep them all away."

THE WALNUT.

Under a great tree, close to the village, two boys found a walnut. "It belongs to me," said Ignatius, "for I was the first to see it."

"No, it belongs to me," cried Bernard, "for I was first to pick it up." And so they both began to quarrel in earnest.

"I will settle the dispute," said an older boy, who just then came up. He placed himself between the two boys, broke the nut in half, and said, "The one shell belongs to him who first saw the nut, the other shell belongs to him who first picked it up, but the kernel I keep for judging the cause. And this," he said, as he sat down and laughed, "is the ordinary conclusion of most law-suits."

"Persons who love the law too well"
The kernel lose and win the shell

A GOOD PLAN.

The children lived in a little cabin home, and all three of them—Nell, Rob, and Lizzie—were taking a gay "make believe" ride on an old log. Fido jumped and barked as if he enjoyed the fun as much as anybody.

A gentleman who was passing down the road stopped and laughed:

"Good morning little folks! That is rather slow riding, wouldn't you like a horse and carriage?"

"Yes, sir," said Robbie; "but we haven't any, and so we are getting the most fun we can out of what we do have."

Was not that a wise answer? How much pleasanter this world would be if all the little people—and big ones too—would stop fretting about the things they cannot get, and make the best of what they have!

Do you know any verse in the Bible that teaches us to be satisfied with what we have?

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