

TWO BOYS.

Max and Archie are twins, and, as everybody says, are "as much alike as two peas." And yet the other day, when I heard their father say, "Those boys are as different as night and day," I was not surprised, for I knew he wasn't thinking of their brown hair and eyes, and their red cheeks, or the shape of their faces, and their size; for in all these things they are so much alike that only those that know them well can tell one from the other. But Max has a pleasant, sunny disposition, and is good tempered and obliging; while Archie, I'm sorry to say, is quarrelsome, and is often seen pouting and sulky when he cannot have everything just as he would like it.

The children they play with all like Max the best, and no wonder.—Are they not very different? But there is something in which these brothers are exactly alike that I want you to think of. God loves them both alike. Jesus died to save them both, for both are sinners, and have broken God's law. I do not think well-behaved Max cares any more about this than poor naughty Archie does.

Sometimes people say to a naughty child, "God will not love you if you act so." I think it would be better and truer if they would say, instead, "God loves you so much that it makes him very sorry to see you act so." It is the badness in people that God hates, and never the bad people themselves.

He wants all boys and girls, whether they are pretty good or not good at all, to be his children, and he will forgive them, and help them to fight against their sins and conquer them, if they want him to, and ask Him to do it "for Jesus' sake."

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If any of them get vexed you will hear a voice that sounds as if it were made up of a snarl, a whine and a bark. Such a voice often speaks worse than

the heart feels. It shows more ill-will in tones than in words. It is often in mirth that one gets a voice or a tone that is sharp, and sticks to him through life, and stirs up ill-will and grief, and falls like a drop of gall on the sweet joys at home. Such as these get a sharp voice for use, and keep their best voice for those they meet elsewhere, just as they would save the best cakes and pies for guests and all sour food for their own board. I would say to all girls and boys, "Use your best voice at home."

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This so enraged the father that he seized her by the neck, took her before the idol, and, having first bowed reverently before it himself, forcibly bent the child's head several times, striking it so violently on the ground that it bled profusely, the child crying bitterly the whole time. But she smiled happily enough when this was related in school, and said that she did not much mind, adding: "I cannot believe that trees and wood and stone will save me."

—Charles Lamb said "What would I give to call my dear mother back to earth for a single day, to ask her pardon upon my knees for all those acts by which I grieved her gentle spirit." It is said of Senator Hill, that when too feeble to walk into the parlor to view his mother's portrait, he would have himself carried in, and after gazing for a time, would say "I shall soon be with her again." When on his death bed, Rev. Dr. Adams of New York, remarked: "I owe everything to the judicious training of my parents. Serious, earnest in their own religious life, they never made religion repulsive. My mother's influence was specially gentle and wise." After referring to his attention to his mother's grave, Thaddeus Stevens remarked in his will: "I do this out of respect to the memory of my mother, to whom I owe whatever little prosperity I have had on earth, which, small as it is, I desire emphatically to acknowledge." John B. Gough said in reference to his mother, before a large audience, "I stand before you to-right to declare that if I have ever accomplished anything in the world, if I have ever done aught of good, what I am and what I have done by the grace of God, has been through the influence of that mother."

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