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IMPATIENCE.

"O DO make haste, Jamie! I never saw so tiresome a child. Can't you hurry?" exclaimed Rosa Aldworth as her little brother, a child of four years, appeared toiling up a long staircase with two heavy books.

Rosa caught them from him with an impatient air, and the little fellow, who should have been rewarded with a kiss and a smile, shrunk back abashed.

"Come here, Jamie," called Mrs. Aldworth from the sofa, where she lay a helpless invalid. "You have done well, and pleased mamma. Rosa knows it, though she speaks sharply."

"But, mamma," put in Rosa, "I cannot bear slowness; it tries me dreadfully." "And I can't bear hurry, it tries me dreadfully," returned the mother, with a smile. "A great French doctor used to say to his pupils, 'Don't be in haste; we can't afford to be in haste!'"

"How funny!" exclaimed the little girl. "I don't think so. Whatever is done in a hurry is seldom done well. In the life of him who is our Great Example we trace no bustle or fuss; yet he had a great work to do on earth. My little daughter, guard



against an impatient spirit, which needlessly wounds others, renders you unamiable and unlovable, makes you altogether fretful and unhappy. Remember, strength to overcome any bad habit or cherished sin can only come from above."—Our *Darlings*.

PEACE-MAKERS.]

"You are a bad girl. I hate you!" said Ellen. "O please don't say so! I don't want you to feel so. I want you to love me," replied Agnes, and her eyes filled with tears as she looked at her angry playmate. Ellen's conscience troubled her, but she said nothing, and went away. She could not forget what Agnes had said, however. She thought of it all day, she dreamed of it all night. The next day she overtook Agnes as she was going to school. Her voice trembled as she said, "Please forgive me for my angry words yesterday. I am sorry that I was cross and spoke as I did." "Dear Ellen," replied Agnes, "I am so glad that you love me. Do let us always be kind to each other." Was not that a pleasant way for two little girls to speak to each other? That was Christ's way; his teaching is that of love and

tenderness - returning good for evil. O my children, you must do that if you would be Christ-like.

"I HAVE four good reasons for being an abstainer," said Dr. Guthrie. "My head is clearer, my health is better, my heart is lighter, and my purse is heavier."