

there are heaps of other things you must learn. Building huts and shooting and fishing are all very well, but you don't suppose your father for instance, stopped short at these amusements. You have got to read and write, and you must get into algebra and Latin and Greek. Oh, they are all very tiresome things, my lad, but you must do them; you must work at them and master them, or you'll never be a man like your father. Miss Green can teach you these things, and I suppose that is why she is coming."

"I see," said Ronald; "but you do not suppose, Uncle Ben, that father did not teach me to read and write; I was in my Latin grammar, though I did not care for it.—Oh, yes, it may be well for me to go on with these lessons with Miss Green, but Aunt Eleanor said she was coming to teach me different things—she was coming to teach me things that father had—had neglected. It was very stupid of Aunt Eleanor to say that about father, for he never did neglect a thing that a boy should really know; and what vexes me about Miss Green is that she will never understand the way father taught me; and perhaps she too will say like Aunt Eleanor that he neglected me, and I don't think I could quite bear that. Of course, if a man were coming to teach me, a man like you, for instance, Uncle Ben, a man who was a hero and very brave, he would understand father's way at once. Of course you can't expect me to like to have a woman to teach me if she quotes proverbs about little boys being seen and not heard, and if she runs down father's way, I'm afraid I shall get into a passion if she does, and I don't want to, for Dad used always to say that it was not at all brave to lose one's temper."

"I lose mine sometimes," said the Major; then he added, with a sort of sigh, "you are quite right, Ronald, women are kittle cattle and hard to deal with. I daresay it will try you a good bit having that old maid about you, but I see nothing for it but for you to put up with it as best you can."

"Yes, Uncle Ben," said Ronald in a cheerful tone, "I'll certainly do my best; and I'm very glad to see things in the same way as I do. It's the greatest comfort to me to have you in the house with me, and if you'll only grant me my favor I'll get on very well with Miss Green."

"Well, my boy, you're a queer little chap, but what's the favor; out with it. I can't interfere with Miss Green nor your aunt; you understand that?"

"Oh, yes, Uncle Ben, I quite understand I'll soon tell you what I want you to do. I want you to go on preparing me for the time when God will send for me to go up to heaven to be with Dad and mother. You don't know, perhaps, Uncle Ben, that my father has promised to go to the gates every day with mother, and to look out for me. It is not likely that God will keep father and mother long waiting. He will soon see that I have had enough of being alone,

and he will send for me; and what I am so anxious about is that Dad should not be disappointed when he sees me. I mean that I should not have gone back in anything. You see my father was so very brave, Uncle Ben, and he had such a splendid way of doing things, and he was always trying to teach me to be brave and to do splendid things too. I could not talk about this to any one but you, Uncle Ben, but you have led such a grand life, you will quite understand. Some of the brave things of course no one can help me with but God. I mean keeping my temper, you know, and being unselfish, and trying to be a gentleman all round; but there are other things that Miss Green can't help me in—fishing, for instance. Can you fish, Uncle Ben?"

"I abominate the sport," said the Major.

"Oh, well, I can land a trout all right, and I could manage a salmon if he were not so very strong that he would be much more likely to land me; but I know the way the things is done. And I can get on with my cricket when Guy and Walter come home, unless you would like to take a turn some fine day."

"No, I'm obliged to you," said the Major; "cricket was never prescribed yet for rheumatic gout such as mine."

"Well, Guy and Walter will be coming back at Christmas," said Roland, still cheerfully, "so I must not fret too much about that. Then there's my riding. Bob is rather frisky sometimes; but he must be very lively to throw me. Don't you like galloping as fast as ever you can across country, Uncle Ben? Isn't it grand to feel just the same as if the horse was running away with you?"

"It may be to you, boy, but not to a crippled old soldier who was never much of a rider in his best days."

(To be continued.)

We Christians should hail all efforts of every sort for making men nobler, happier, better physically, morally, intellectually; but let us not forget that there is, but one effectual cure for the world's misery, and that is wrought by him who has borne the world's sins.—*Dr. McLaren.*

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