



RECTITUDE IN A SUNDAY SCHOOL BOY.

A boy, about nine years of age, who attended a Sunday school at Sunderland, England, requested his mother not to allow his brother to bring home anything that was smuggled when he went to sea. "Why do you wish that, my child?" said the mother.

He answered, "Because my Catechism says it is wrong." The mother replied, "But that is only the word of a man." He said, "Mother, is it the word of man which said, 'Render unto Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's?'" This reply entirely silenced the mother; but his father still attempting to defend the practice of smuggling, the boy said to him, "Father, whether is it worse to rob one or to rob many?" These questions silenced both his parents.

THE HONEST BOY.

Among the recollections of my youth, there are none more vivid than those of one whom I will call James Simpson, a young but now an elderly man, whose years are not far from my own. He had been taught in childhood by pious parents, and knew his duty as well as any boy of the school to which he and I were sent when we were about a dozen years old.

James had a tender conscience. He would not do the wrong thing when he knew what was right; and though the other boys sometimes laughed at his squeamishness, as they called it, he said that if the boys laughed at him, God was pleased with him, and he

thought that of more consequence. I recollect a Saturday afternoon, when we were all off in the woods gathering chestnuts, and had received permission to get as many as we wanted in the woods of Mr. Richards, but not finding them as abundant there as we expected, we were quite disposed to cross the hill, and try the trees on the farm of another man, to whom we had made no application. The whole party agreed to it except James and one other. They stood out decidedly, and when it was urged that the owner would have no objection to our getting them, James, who was always ready with a reason, said that was an argument against stealing them. It would be wrong to take them, he said, from a man who