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SPEAK KINDLY.

A POOR boy went to a house asking if the mistress would please buy some matches. Harry, who lived there, happened to see the boy, and to hear what he had said. Harry simply said, "Go away." The poor boy turned away with his matches looking very downcast.

Soon after Harry thought he would like to have a run with his hoop; so he went and fetched it, but then remembered that he had lost his stick. He must have a good stick for a good hoop. He would go and ask his papa for some money to buy one. He found his father very busy reading. He made his request, but his father did not answer him. Presently he asked again, when his father said, "Go away."

Poor Harry now remembered that it was just the answer he had given to the poor boy with the matches, and felt how much better it would have been to have spoken kindly. He still wanted a hoop-stick, and thought he would go to the woods close by and try to break off a branch that would do for a stick. He was not long in finding one, but in trying to break it he found it was too strong for him. While he was still trying some one stepped behind



MARY AT THE SEPULCHRE.

and said, "I think I can break it." He seized hold of the bough and broke it off. Harry was surprised to find it was the match-boy, and before he could thank him for his kindness he had run away.

Harry now thought a great deal more of his rough answer, "Go away," to the poor boy, and he and his father had a talk over

out bravado or hesitation. There is no fairer sight than the sight of a bright, clear-eyed, honest, happy boy, while there are few sights more pitiful than the crouching, sneaking, lying, thieving, drinking, tobacco-chewing boy. We hope all the boys who read this paper will be bright boys, healthy boys, honest boys, Christian boys.

the matter, and father and son owned that they had been wrong, and hoped to speak kindly for the future.

Let us all learn the same lesson. If we do not want to buy of the poor people we meet with, let us at least speak kindly to them, for many of them have sorrowful hearts, and we should not add to their sorrows by harsh words.

BRIGHT BOYS.

HEALTHY boys are usually bright boys, but boys are not really healthy unless they are healthy in soul as well as in body. The boy whose mouth is full of vile talk, and whose heart is full of evil thoughts, may be sharp and cunning, and crafty and tricky, but he is not likely to be a bright boy. We miss in him the steady, honest glance, the clear, bright, earnest gaze, the fearlessness which looks men in the face, with-