

would, and I don't care; I shan't ask her," said David.

"I never should go anywhere against my mother's advice," continued James, "and I respect her feelings. I shan't go on Sunday."

"And you can't go any other day, because you have so much to do," added David.

"Rather than go on Sunday, I shall not go at all," was James' emphatic reply. "If I had no scruples of my own about it I would take no comfort, feeling that I went against my mother's wishes."

This emphatic refusal ended the matter. It was an illustration of the noble character of James. Boys, respect the Sabbath, and your mothers, and like the heroic boy, frankly and openly resist all temptations to wrong doing, and never consent to anything that would be displeasing to your parents. That noble boy, whose example we hold up for your imitation, was James A. Garfield.—*Rural Home.*

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