

lative was an old uncle of their father's, who had been very kind to him in his youth and had settled to make him his heir, but when he found his nephew determined to become a clergyman instead of entering his mercantile house, he had given him up, and said that he would never see him again. Arthur and Herbert had never seen this old gentleman and did not know where he lived, so that on the death of their father they were left entirely friendless. Mrs. Dixon was written to by several people upon the duty of befriending her orphan nephews, and as she had a great eye to appearances, she wrote to offer them a home in her house; but having done this, she thought that she had done all that was necessary on her part, and she felt the two boys a great incumbrance, and made herself appear as a martyr on their behalf. Dr. Johnstone, being an old friend of their father's, wrote to Mrs. Dixon offering to educate the eldest boy for nothing, for his father's sake, so Arthur