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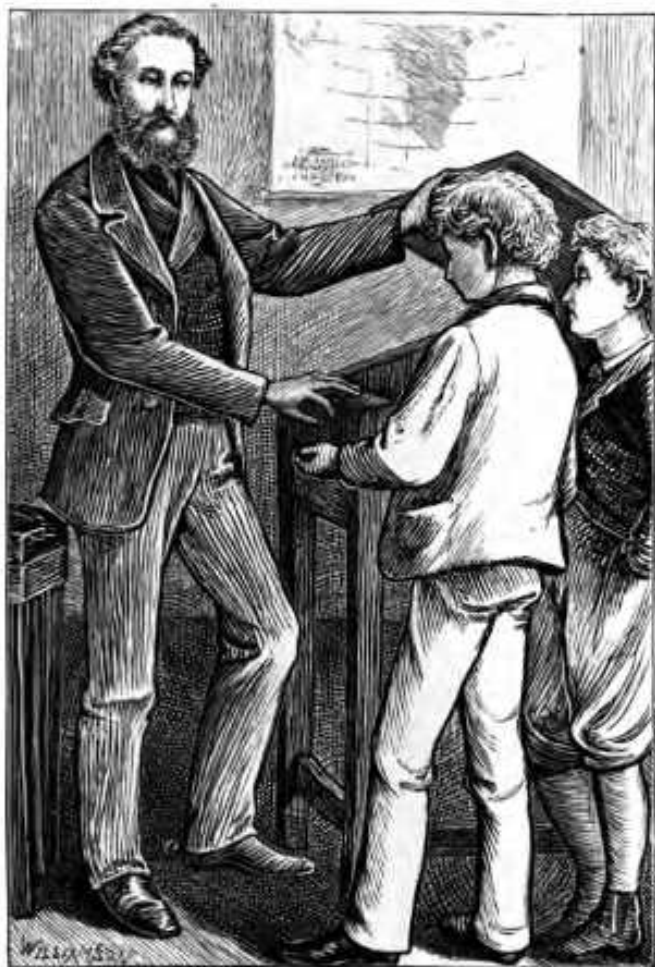
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'We have long had it in our minds to offer you a little testimonial, for we have never had a kinder master.'—FRED GRAHAM'S RESOLVE, page 10.

(Frontispiece.)

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FRED GRAHAM'S RESOLVE.

CHAPTER I.

FRED LEAVES SCHOOL.

WHEN I first knew Fred Graham, he was a bright-complexioned, blue-eyed, flaxen-haired young Saxon of sixteen, finishing his education in an excellent school a few miles out of London. He was the frankest, merriest-hearted boy going; as good as he was bold, as kind as he was courageous, and, what is rarer still, as studious as he was clever and talented. He was a youth of whom any father in the three kingdoms might have been justly proud; and our master, Dr. Wat-

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rington, who had been his instructor for two or three years, thought most hopefully, and even ambitiously, of the future before him.

He was the son of wealthy parents, and in due course might expect to become a wealthy man himself; but I never knew a lad who prided himself less on his social position and his great expectations. I never knew one more ready to help those who, towards the end of the week, 'ran short;' or one who was so quick to forget a kindness he had himself shown, while he so faithfully remembered the slightest kindness done to himself. Need it be said that he was a general favourite?

One of the first things in his character which left an indelible impression on my mind, and which knit my soul to his in ties as dear as those which bound David and Jonathan together, was his unostentatious, delicate kindness to Mr. Fairhurst, our writing master. There is seldom a school, whatever its reputation for respectability, in which some

