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The development of the heart is Education; that of the intellect is Instruction.  
JAMES PAUL.

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1873

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# FIRST READER.

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## THE TWO BIRDS.

green  
sweet  
breath

heard  
thought  
judge

please  
brown  
wrong

A LARK and a green-finch were hung up at a man's door. The lark sang a sweet song, and as it sang, the man's son, a boy of nine, heard it. "Which of these two," thought he, "sings such a sweet song? I must see it." To please him, his papa took both the birds down, and said, "Now, here are both—which do you think sings such a sweet song?" The boy did not take a breath to think of it, and fix it in his mind. "It must be the one that is such a nice green. You may be sure it cannot be that brown one; it is so plain!" But he was wrong. Don't judge of things by their looks.

NOTE.—This reader begins with words of ONE SYLLABLE and passes to words of TWO SYLLABLES farther on. Some Riddles are given, as in German Readers, to quicken thought in the children.



## THE BOY AND HIS DOG.

teach	while	could
tricks	taught	stream
learn	stand	young

*Boy.* Come now, my dog, to me, and I will teach you to sit up, and to do your tricks.

*Dog.* Ah! have I to learn, and I so small? Wait till I grow big, won't you?

*Boy.* No, dog. You will learn best if you learn while you are young. It will be hard for me to teach, or for you to learn, when you are old.

The dog was taught his tricks, and could soon stand, and sit on his hind legs, at a word. He could leap into a deep stream, and fetch out a stick at once; and when the boy saw what joy the dog had, and how wise he had grown while still young, he tried to get to know much while he, too, was young, and he grew to be a wise and good man.

WRITING COPY.—1.

*Always act kindly.*

I WILL NOT HURT MY OWN  
DEAR DOG.

stroke  
treat

think  
tail

know  
pain

I WILL not hurt my own dear dog,  
But stroke and pat his head ;  
I like to see him wag his tail ;  
I like to see him fed.

I love him much, for he is good,  
As you will think him too ;  
For, don't you know, that he will mind  
What he is bid to do ?

I will not hurt my own dear dog ;  
Nor will I give him pain ;  
But treat him well from day to day,  
And he'll love me a-gain.

WRITING COPY.—2.

*Be always true.*

## THE TWIG KATE HAD.

fruit  
laugh

strong  
twig

might  
plant

Two maids, Jane and Kate, were on their way to town, each with a great load of fruit on her head. Jane gave a sigh and fretted all the time, but Kate had a laugh and a joke at each step. "How can you laugh so?" said Jane. "Your load is as great as mine, and I am as strong as you are." Said Kate, "I have laid a twig on my load that makes it light. Do you the same." "What?" said Jane. "That must be a fine twig to have. It might make my load light too, if I had some of it; tell me, what do they call it?" "It is a twig from a plant that makes all loads light—GOOD WILL."

WRITING COPY.—3.

*Care is before cure.*

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