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My Very Dear Darwin

In spite of your attempt at defamation Johnny Smith was a very nice boy. He went to school when he was told and when in school he learned his lessons. Where else but in school did he get that simple style that makes the story of his life so charming? Was it not in his primer and his first reader that he found the short words which are now the beauty of his pages. And is not his history the outcome of his teaching. And was this goodly-gordy youth become a great lawyer - known the world over? Did he not deliver youth from the gallows and is he not on his way to save heretics from the fire? How ungrateful some men are!

But me contrast with this glorious career the story of a bad boy who would not go to school. Who would not learn his letters. This boy when he was sent to school - ran away and got a job and when he did like his job he ran away with.