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Little Helpers.

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Christmas Morning.

"Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which has come to pass."—Luke 2:15.

Through the vaulted azure ringing, As when bringing, On that first glad Christmas morn, To the hearts of shepherds lowly Joy most holy, List the tidings—"Christ is born,"

Son of Man and Prince of Glory, Ages hoary Hailed the promise of his reign; Saviour, sung by prophet sages, Endless ages Know in Him their Hope again.

Yet afar from pomp and splendor, Only tender Mother-homage to him paid; Poor, unnoticed and a stranger, In a manger Find the God Incarnate laid.

Speed we thence on thought's swift pinions, O'er dominions That, with distance vast, divide, Bearing to that shrine a treasure, Beyond measure Choice all other gifts beside.

Gold of love for love divinest, Love sublimest, Humbly offer to Him there; Myrrh of life for life up-taken, Life forsaken, Frankincense of praise and prayer.

Laud and honor, exaltation, Adoration, Be to Thee, O Infant King, 'Till with angels, blessed forever, Ceasing never, We Thine advent anthem sing.

Gretchen, in New York Observer. Making Little Heathen Happy.

Mrs. Bryan, one of our excellent missionary workers among the Indians, tells a sweet little story of how a poor Indian girl, dying with consumption, was made to smile with love and joy.

The girl had been attending Seminole Academy, but had to be taken home to die. Miss Marvin, another teacher—then in the same school—went one day twenty miles to visit the dying child.

Mrs. Bryan sent along a beautiful doll which some loving child had sent out, with many other nice and good things, from Baltimore, to encourage, please and instruct those poor creatures.

"Miss Marvin said when she gave the doll and other things to the girl, she never saw such a perfect picture of delight on any face before. She died and, no doubt, according to their custom, the doll and other nice little things are now lying in the grave with that silent child.

It will doubtless be gratifying to the little girls who dressed those dolls to know that one served to brighten the last days of a very lovable little Indian girl, and one who loved her Saviour, too." Could not the little girls in many of our towns fill a box with their own spare clothing, which they have outgrown, or make some new things, and by a little self-denial send many pleasant and useful things to help brighten and instruct those poor little souls who are struggling up from ignorance and darkness into light and joy?

Books, pictures, toys, little articles that are dear to us, are the very things they need. Let us help make them wise and happy. Send by express to Mrs. S. J. Bryan, care of Rev. W. S. Derrick, Sa-sak-wah, Seminole Nation, Indian Territory, via Eufala, on M. K. & T. R. R.

Quilts.

More than a dozen nice quilts—some of them fine—were made by the women and girls in the White River conference during 1884 and devoted to the cause of missions and other good purposes. Two were given to Rev. E. M. Baker and family, whose house and all they had (as well as themselves) were blown away by a cyclone. One was given to Rev. C. B. Mosely, a student in Vanderbilt University. Another was sent to Sister Beasley, together with a sum of money. Others are on hand to be sold or sent to our missionaries in the Indian country.

Well done, good women and children! Of you it may be said: "She hath done what she could," and the blessing of Him who saw the poor widow casting in her mite will follow you, if you be not weary in well-doing.

BRO. GRANADE:—My little granddaughter, Clara Bell Robertson, is very much grieved because she cannot send you the missionary money that she had been working so cheerfully for and saving so carefully during the year.

She had two dollars and fifteen cents in her jug, which stood on the mantelpiece. The first of November she missed it and we have not seen or heard of it since. Of course it was stolen. She sends you 30 cents by Sister Suddarth and regrets having so little, but it is the best she can do now. GRANDMA.

Searcy, Dec. 2d, 1884. Clara Bell, be more careful next time, but let us up our heart's treasures where thieves do not steal.

DEAR BROTHER GRANADE:—I procured a lot of little banks and appointed the following boys and girls, ranging from 10 to 14 years old, as little bankers, and while it does not foot up as well as we hoped for, yet it is a respectable showing and teaches us not to despise the day of small things.

We raised this money to help Dr. Patterson in Mexico, but have learned his church and mission rooms are paid for; hence we turn this over to the Foreign and Domestic Missions. I have promised these Little Helpers that you would publish their names and amount in the children's department of the ARKANSAS METHODIST, which I hope you will do and very much oblige these Little Helpers and your brother in Christ, JAMES A. ANDERSON.

The following are the names and amounts: Jimmie Garretson, \$ 15. Annie McKenzie, 1 15. Laura Hudson, 1 60. Birdie Carmack, 55. Willie Botts, 1 70. Emma Fowler, 40. Roena Adams, 65. Willie McBryde, 85. Cassie L. Davis, 1 85. Whole amount, 8 90.

DEAR BROTHER GRANADE:—I send you the proceeds of my missionary collection jug, 75 cents. That is the very best I could do here. The people are not interested in the education of the heathen as they should be. I am very sorry that it is no more, but hope you will not think me careless nor indifferent as to my duty, for I have done all a little boy could do. I hope to be more successful next year if I live. I want you to help me by your prayers and good advice and council. I have been going to Sunday school and day school this year and have learned very fast. I am beginning to cipher and write some, and read my Testament very well.

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