

Arkansas Methodist.

LITTLE HELPERS.

UNCLE HERVEY, EDITOR. CABOT, ARK.

GOOD SEED BRINGS GOOD FRUIT.

Away over in that heathen country Japan, some missionaries have started a christian school at Yokohama. A young girl who had just entered school, received a message that her father's house, which was some distance away, had been burned up, and that as he was too poor to pay her board, she must leave the school and go home. This made her very sad indeed, for she had great hopes of learning. But the other girls in the school had learned to love this girl so well that they went together and told the teacher that they would give their little spending money each week, to pay her board. The little girl was very happy at that. Her parents agreed to the arrangement, and she went on with her studies.

Some time after this, a friend from her home town visited this missionary school and there received a new testament as a gift. When he went back home the people—who had never seen God's word before—gathered around to hear his story. He told them about the good school he had seen, and showed them the new book that had been given him. So greatly did the people become interested in this wonderful book of truth and life that they come in crowds to hear the Mayor of their town read it. They sent many thanks to the Missionary, who sent the book, and said: "Now we know what made those girls so kind as to give up their own comfort and good things, to keep the distressed girl in school. It was the Bible. There is no book like it. It makes the people kind and good."

And so it does everywhere to all who read it, love it and live by it. Do you wonder whose money bought that blessed little book that did so much for those little girls and their people? Never mind, the Lord knows. Only let us keep on sowing the precious seeds of truth—keep sending out the "wonderful words of life," and our reward is sure. "Sow beside all waters."

From an Old Boy.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—As all the other boys call you—a copy of the Methodist fell into my hands to-day; and I saw that all the good boys were sending you silver dimes to pay off the Missionary debt of the church. I thought you would allow me to help in such a laudable undertaking. So herewith, please find my dime. Some of these boys have to go three and one-half miles to Sunday school. Well, that is a good long way to go, but I walk four miles every day, and am 79 years old, and could walk three or four times that far if I had occasion to. I was never sick a day in my life. Perhaps they would like my recipe for this longevity and good health. It is this; I never used tobacco, and am strictly temperate. With the kindest regards to your little contributors, and a God bless their noble cause, I am very truly yours. HARRY H. MATTESON. Buffalo, N. Y.

Well, little folks, what do you think of that! Seventy-nine years old and still boy enough to join our Little Helpers and send his dime. And one secret of it is he never used tobacco nor strong drink. Well done, Harry, you are more than welcome among us. Many thanks, dear old boy, for your example. We hope to meet you in our Father's house.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—We are two little girls, aged five and two years. Enclosed please find 10 cents each, for the Missionary debt, and may God bless you in the work. Come to see us this Summer and preach for us—we so rarely hear a good sermon. We have no church yet, the place being new, but we are going to try hard to build one this Fall. Pray for us. Yours lovingly.

ETHEL AND MINA RENFROWE. Rison, Ark., July 19, 1886.

Uncle Hervey would be glad to be with you and preach for you, and help you build that church. You are welcome among us. Now, while you are young is the time to begin to be good and do good.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—There are four more children, three little sisters and one brother, who want to join the Little Helpers. We are aged 14, 11, 9 and 7 years. Enclosed you will find four dimes, and I will tell you how we made the money. Mama said if we would tend the cows well and make a surplus of butter, we could sell it and send the money to help pay the Missionary debt. We made enough in one week. We milk five cows night and morning. We go to literary school all the week and to Methodist Sunday school on Sunday. With love to you and all the Little Helpers, we close. Mamie, Lewis, Daisie and Dottie Machen. White Hall, Ark.

Well, now, isn't that nice. Four little workers come at once, who have set such a good example by earning their own dimes by useful employment. Now, have you all given your loving, trusting hearts to the Savior just as certainly, fully and willingly as you gave the dimes. See to that my dear little ones.

I tell you, the dimes are coming in right lively now. Who comes next? I am dropping them into a tin bank until conference.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I see in the ARKANSAS METHODIST, where you call on the children to help pay a Missionary debt. Enclosed you will find a dime, which I hope will do some good. I would like to be one of the Helpers. I have a Missionary hen and five little chickens. Hoping all the children will send you a dime, I remain your little friend. LEWIS F. MONROE. Washington, Ark.

Yes, one dime from every boy and girl who sees the ARKANSAS METHODIST would help a great deal; and then every heart and voice and life fully given to our Lord, would be a holy power.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I have been wanting to write to you a long time. I am clerking in a store. The other boys are helping papa make a crop. My little sisters are helping mama with the work, so we are all busy. I have just returned from St. Louis, where I had an artificial eye put in the place of the eye I lost some time ago. I do not look like myself with it. It cost me thirty dollars. My colt is growing and I can ride now.

Let me tell you something. I have been stealing out and smoking. But the other night as I was going home, I thought I would quit it. So down on my knees I went for a long time; and now I am done with it. I am NEVER going to TOUCH it any more. I want you to pray for us, and help us to live right, so that when we come to die, we can have a home in heaven. Amen. Good bye. Your Dear TEL.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I am reading your letters in the METHODIST, and seeing your call for help from the children, I will send two dimes, one for my little sister Edia. She is three years old and I am eight. I and mama and sister go to Sunday school. Brother Maynard is our pastor, and we all love him very much. I have been going to school to Miss Mollie Smith. We all love to go to school to her, for she is so kind to us. Will start to school again in September. Your Little Helper. LENA A. HIRST. Pocahontas, Ark.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I see in the ARKANSAS METHODIST, where you call upon the children to help you. I enclose you a dime, which I hope will do some good. I see a good many names ahead of mine, but I hope I won't be the last. I am just nine years old. I have a Missionary egg. I go to Sunday school every Sunday, but I can't say I know my lessons well. I will get as many names as I can to help you. I remain ever your little friend. RICHMOND THOMPSON. Washington, Ark.

Dear Uncle Hervey:—I send you a dime to help pay the debt of the Board of Missions. I was late in sending it, but it is "better late than never." This is the second time I have written to a paper. Both times I wrote to the ARKANSAS METHODIST. I joined the Little Helpers under Brother Granade. Hoping you will publish my letter, I remain, your Little Helper. SAM'L W. PRESTON.

A Call to the Children. Dear Children of Arkansas:—As it was late in the year before I began to work for you "Little Helpers" I thought we would not make any special effort to raise missionary money through the paper this year. But here is a work so nice, so easy, so much needed, and promising such rich blessings that I dare not withhold it from your loving hands. It is this: A SPECIAL CALL

Is now made for ONE DIME from all who are willing to help pay the Board of Missions out of debt. We will help. Won't we? "Yes," says many a boy and girl, who reads the ARKANSAS METHODIST. Well then let's get right about it now. Who will be the first to send? Earn a silver dime yourself or get it in some way; write "Uncle Hervey" a little letter, slip the dime in and mail it to Cabot, Ark. Now don't wait, or forget, nor become discouraged, nor think it too small a thing, nor let some one else do your part. I will count and keep and forward from time to time, all that may come, and publish your names. Get nine others to go in with you and send one dollar in paper. Tell it to your Sunday school and it can be done very easily. We MUST do our part. UNCLE HERVEY.

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