

A GOOD EXAMPLE

Some kind friend has just sent me an express package of missionary magazines and papers. Of course, there were some stories I wanted to tell you that are too long to copy, so sit down around my chair and listen: Once upon a time lived a wee laddie, who was a great favorite among the young people of Ourtown. He went by the name of "Toots." A missionary from China was going to speak one evening, and, as the young folks were waiting outside the church, they saw Toots marching along up the street and asked where he was going.

"To hear the China-man. Muver told me, but she can't come, for she has to finish Miss Tucker's dress," was the answer.

"So you will go and hear him yourself and tell her about it; but what are you holding so tightly in your hand?"

"My penny," said Toots, "it is all my own for the China-man."

"He will get plenty of money," said Ted, "so you keep yours for taffy, little man," and he added with a laugh, "we are going to give him money, so you can keep your treasure."

Toots looked doubtfully at the bigger boy as he wondered if his penny was not worth giving after all.

An older friend named Jack watched a sorry look come over the bright face, so said, quickly, "But your penny is such a beautiful one, Toots, just go in and hear the China-man talk; then you can decide what to do."

So they took the wee tot near the front of the church that he might see the queer-shaped shoes and other curious things from China. Toots did not understand all that the missionary said, but he learned that many boys and girls in China knew nothing about Jesus and the Heaven that He had promised to prepare for us, and, oh, how he wished that he could give a hundred pennies instead of one to help the missionary in his work.

Jack was coming with the collection plate. The big fellows were putting on their gold and silver for China. He only had one cent to give, but if he could pray a little prayer with it, that might help. Not "Now I lay me" this time, but—what was the Bible story mother told about the man at the gate of the temple? So when Jack held the plate to

him, Toots bowed his head; in a sweet, clear voice, he said: "Silver and gold have I none, amen!" and dropped his precious penny on the plate.

Everyone heard the child's prayer, and how the money did pour in! It was the biggest collection ever taken for missions in Ourtown, and the minister quoted this text, "He called a little child and set him in the midst."

Was it not better than if Toots had followed Ted's advice and bought candy for himself?

So many people all over Canada are making sacrifices this year to help the brave soldier boys who have gone to the battlefield to defend the Empire.

They are freely giving of their best that this cruel war may soon be over. Wonder if we are in danger of forgetting our promised money for the boys and girls our missionaries are giving their lives for in India? Like little Toots, we want a share in this work of telling the heathen about Jesus. The Salvation Army set us a good example with their Self-Denial Weeks.

If each Mission Band would deny themselves candy, ice-cream, car-rides, and other pleasures for one week and put the pennies saved into their mite-boxes, it would make a great big difference in our mission treasures when the conventions are held this fall.

One little girl told me she had "almost forgotten how candy tasted" since she joined the Mission Band. Like "Toots," she had learned the blessedness of giving for Jesus' sake, and many older friends will yet confess that "a little child did lead them" in work for missions.

Work and play, and give love, sympathy and money, dear boys and girls, and you will hear the Master's voice saying, "Well done!"

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