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OBJECTS

To maintain the Girls' Club Room.
 To scatter Sunshine everywhere.
 To feed and clothe some hungry child.
 To gratify the wish of some invalid.

THE CHILDREN'S VOICES

Through the softly falling twilight,
 Come the children from the play,
 Telling in their eager voices,
 Of a bright and pleasant day.

Blessed children! In the future,
 When the years have come and gone,
 How we'll long to hear their prattle—
 Every happy, merry tone.

Let us make their home so happy,
 Whilst they're still within our care,
 That they'll always think of home-life
 As the spot where all was fair.

THE WINTER'S WORK

Dear Friends:—The Sunshine Fresh-Air Work will soon be over and already we are making great preparations for the winter work. Thousands of garments will be necessary to take care of the work this year. The Guild has grown beyond my wildest dreams and there is scarcely a day that does not bring in a dozen new workers all anxious and delighted to help share our burdens. The Magazine Bureau will help greatly this year. The paper pattern exchange has already proved a help. Any mother or girl wanting

advice on matters of dress or how to cut up and make the various garments can have all necessary help at the Bon Accord or by writing to me. Dressmaking is also part of the work.

There are a number of garments, pinafores, rompers, night-dresses, etc., laces (crochet) on sale. Children's dresses also will be on hand and will be sold at moderate prices. profits will go to help the Sunshine work. The girls are preparing to have a great time at the formal opening which will take place at an early date. Thousands of books and magazines are necessary to furnish the Sunshine libraries through the country and to send out to cheer our lonely ones in camps, on farms, and also at Headquarters.

I cannot close without thanking my loving readers for their kindly and loving support.

Never a call has gone unanswered and one and all sent with such willing and delightful messages. In taking up the winter work with such true and devoted friends my task is light, the burden being shared by so many.

MARGARET.

A NEW BRANCH

My heart was gladdened yesterday by three dear girls who came into Sunshine and brought two dollars with them that they had made by giving some little entertainment to their young friends. The time is now drawing near when much help will be necessary and I hope the example set by these dear children will be followed by many Sunshiners through the country and thus help to scatter the sunshine on many darkened lives. God bless their efforts and help on the Sunshine work.

THE CONSTANT COMPANION

When all the heart of me is sore with trouble,
 And all the day is dark and drear with dread,
 And all the way is rough with thorn and stubble,
 And sorrow follows every path I tread,
 What would befall me, did no heavenly hand
 Uphold me as I cross the weary land?

When the snow wraps the world to white effacement,
 And death hangs low in elemental frost,
 When the blast blows to bitterest abatement,
 And no light gleams, and all the signs are lost,

What would befall me, did no heavenly form
 Unseen, unheard, go with me through the storm?

When azure heaven and sunshine make sweet weather,
 And south winds cur' about the blushing rose,
 And love and joy and laughter sing together,
 And when I wander, thither pleasure goes,

What would befall me, did no heavenly smile
 Shed greater sunshine round me all the while?
 —Harriet Prescott Spofford, in Christian Endeavor World.

JUST A LITTLE

Ease the burden of the world
 Just a little every day;
 Let Joy's banner be unfurled
 Over all life's thorny way.

There is waiting now for you
 True and tender words to speak;
 Some brave deed to haste and do,
 Something to uplift the weak.

You may give a thought in smiles!
 You may press a hand and bless—
 Lead one to God's afterwhites
 By a moment's tenderness.

WANTED FOR SUNSHINE

Books, magazines, music, paper patterns, clothing of every description, babies

first clothing, books and shoes, Northern Messengers, Pleasant Hours, and readers to take "Emergency Fund" cards.

GIFTS TO SUNSHINE

Parcel of clothing from Ingleside of pictures, frames and seven steel engravings for Girl's Club room. Very handsome paper and music stand. 24 parcels of clothing and papers, books etc.

PAPERS ARE USEFUL

Dear Margaret:—I am sending you by to-day's mail a small bunch of Sunday School papers and a few Messengers, and cards. Although this donation is very small I hope it will help some one.

WELL WISHER.

Nings. Yes, indeed, the papers are a great delight to our children and in fact nothing is too small as they all fit in to some corner.

MARGARET.

A LITTLE WORKER

Dear Margaret:—My little daughter has been reading your Sunshine page with great interest for a long time, and wished to help some of the dear children, and sent for a membership card in spring. She has been saving up her money since then and while she never received the card, I will send the money now, as I hope it will help to make some little child comfortable. She is seven years of age, but writes well and will write to you later when she has saved up more towards your good work. Enclosed \$1.00 and a little ribbon.

MRS. WM. AGAR
 NORA'S MOTHER.

Ruddell, Sask. Dear Nora and Dear Mother:—Many thanks for your loving letter. Let Nora write without waiting to save anything more. Believe me the letters are a great comfort to me and help me greatly in my work. It seems so wonderful to think of the child saving her ten cent pieces to help others and a dollar means a great deal of help.

MARGARET.

WENT TO COUNTRY

A parcel of goods was sent from Ingleside. Sask. to-day an application was received from a farmer's wife for clothing, the wishes of this dear friend will be carried out and the clothes sent to the country. Sure I was from home when parcel was brought in but accept my hearty thanks for loving thought.

MARGARET.

THE RIGHT KIND

Dear Margaret:—I see by some of the letters in the Sunshine page that you would like some Sunday School papers and cards, so I am sending you some. I can send more like them if they are the kind you want. I would like to be a member of your Sunshine Guild. I always read the Sunshine page in THE GUIDE. Wishing you every success.

AMY BURDETT.

Foxwarren, Man. Dear Amy:—Hearty welcome to our Guild. I am sending card and button which I hope you will wear every day. New members must pay 5 cents for button. Many thanks for kind wishes. The papers and cards are just the kind needed.

MARGARET.

GONE TO VANCOUVER

Dear Margaret:—I was sorry not to see you to say good-bye. I like Vancouver well and everything looks beautiful, the gardens, flowers and fruit trees all are nice but sorry to say no Sunshine Guild and so many out here with no friends, how I wish you were here as there is a great work to be done. I want to see a sick woman here to-day and she had been very sick but had no Sunshine visitors. Write to me soon and God bless the Sunshine work. With kind regards to all Sunshine friends.

MRS. M. BAKER.

Vancouver. Mrs. Baker was the president of Weston neighborhood circle and left a short time ago for Vancouver. We have missed her kindly, cheerful spirit and all our Sunshiners will be delighted to hear from her. The true Sunshiner soon finds work ready for her kindly hands wherever she goes. I trust indeed before many days are over to open a branch at Vancouver.

MARGARET.

CLOTHES WERE USED

Dear Margaret:—I hope you will be able to find use for the clothes here sent. They are old, but I have mended them up the best I could. They are things that we have grown out of mostly. We found them when we were housecleaning.

KATIE AVERILL.

Clanwilliam, Man. (aged 11) A thousand thanks for the clothing, and all so nicely mended. Nothing is wasted at Sunshine not the tiniest scrap. Won't you try and form a branch of Sunshine?

MARGARET.

HOME OR BUSINESS LIFE

Dear Margaret:—I thought I should like to write to ask your advice upon a certain matter which troubles me. Up to November last I have lived on at home with my parents, then it became necessary for either my sister (younger) or myself to leave home to earn a living for ourselves. After considerable talking and thinking over it I decided, being the elder of us, I would go out and earn my own living. I tried to obtain a post in business as I am thoroughly capable, and know a great deal of bookkeeping etc. But I could not find one by correspondence, and the only thing that offered itself was the place I am in now, mother's help, with several children in the family. I cannot say I am unhappy, or anything of that kind for the people I live with are very kind to me, and I am as one of themselves in the house; but I feel my rightful place is in some business. Anything to

do with business routine attracts me at once. Before I left home I kept my father's books, and had a great deal of responsibility on me, and several times he sent me away for—say a week—to do work for him. This work I love and I feel that, as I have to work for my living why not in the way which appeals to me. Now, am I asking too much if I ask your advice upon how I shall set to work to obtain such a post, as I am here with very little time to myself—one evening a week—and I take it that one month would be the usual time for leaving. I am a Christian and if only I could get into business where I could spend in church work I should be happy. Please forgive my long letter as I feel so depressed I must write to someone, and I feel sure that you will help me as you have helped so many.

WINNIE.

I quite understand your desire for a freer life than a business career offers, but think awhile before you change your present occupation as mother's help. You say the people you live with are very kind to you, and, reading between the lines of your letter, I can see that your depression does not come from your home surroundings. As regards your desire for a greater scope of Christian endeavor, surely to spread the sunshine of happiness on the little ones placed in your care gives you a wide field, wide enough, I feel sure for any Christian to fill. Are you sure dear girl that your depression does not arise from a superficial and selfish desire for excitement and outings? Look well within your heart before you make any change, into a world, which though offering more change and excitement offers at the same time greater temptations and responsibilities. You have plenty of time before you, at the same time I should confide your desire and intentions to your present employer and I feel sure she will give you every opportunity of fulfilling your ambitions. If you find that you cannot, write again and I will do my best to help. Write often to me.

MARGARET.

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