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IF YOU'RE GOOD.

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Santa Claus'll come to-night,
If you're good,
And do what you know is right,
As you should;
Down the chimney he will creep,
Bringing you a woolly sheep,
And a doll that goes to sleep;—
If you're good.

Santa Claus will drive his sleigh
Thro' the wood,
But he'll come around this way
If you're good,
With a wind-up bird that sings,
And a puzzle made of rings—
Jumping-jacks and funny
things—
If you're good.

He will bring you cars that "go,"
If you're good,
And a rocking-horse—oh!
If he would!
And a dolly, if you please,
That says "Mamma!" when you
squeeze
It—he'll bring you one of these
If you're good.

Santa grieves when you are bad,
As he should;
But it makes him very glad
When you're good.
He is wise, and he's a dear;
Just do right and never fear;
He'll remember you each year,
If you're good.

CHRISTMAS.

Whatever else the breaking
of the first Christmas morning
over the earth brought to the world, it
brought one new day for the children.
On Christmas Day children take possession
of the world's heart as on no other
day beside, and as no other person takes
possession of it either on that day or on
any other of the days of the whole year
round.

But while for children that first Christ-
mas dawn brought the fairest, kindest
day to the world which children have yet
seen, it brought more than a new day into
the world for its children, it brought a
new spirit toward them. It gave them,

for all days, for all their life, a new place
in the thoughts and hearts of men.

"Only a child." That was the language
of nations with reference to children. But
when God began his new kingdom on the
earth with a child, when his angels sang
the honours of a child, and foretold all
people's great joy in a child, henceforth
there was a freer, greener, brighter world



CHRISTMAS MORNING.

for the souls and limbs of children. The
spirit of that birthday of Jesus has wan-
dered all over the world, touching and
changing and beautifying everything,
bringing good-will to everybody, and
especially to children. Not in vain did
Jesus say, "Suffer little children, and for-
bid them not to come unto me, for of such
is the kingdom of heaven."

The Christian's is a life campaign.
Blessed is he or she who has entered upon
it while young.

HOLIDAY GREETING.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year to each and every one of our boys
and girls!

The Christ-child seems very near to us
at this season, when we celebrate his birth,
and sing our glad songs in praise of him,
and declare our love for him in kindly acts
toward one another. You know it was
the dear Christ who said, "By
this shall all men know
that ye are my disciples, if ye
have love one to another."

If we love him we shall love
one another, and every creature
God has made. And it will
not be love "in word" only,
but "in deed and in truth."

And so we can ask nothing
better for the SUNBEAM boys
and girls than that they may
love one another so much that
all may know they are indeed
Christ's disciples!

This will make sure a Merry
Christmas and a Happy New
Year.

"A bright, a blessed Christmas,
And a glad New Year be
thine,

And may the Sun of Glory
Upon thy pathway shine,
Each season show the clearer
The path thy Saviour trod,
And each Christmas find thee
nearer

The Paradise of God!"

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BOTH CANDID.

King Frederick VI, of Den-
mark, while travelling through
Jutland, one day entered a vil-
lage school and found the chil-
dren in it lively and intelligent, and quite
ready to answer his questions. "Well,
youngsters," he said, "what are the names
of the greatest kings of Denmark?" With
one accord they cried out, "Canute the
Great, Waldemar, and Christian V." Just
then a little girl to whom the schoolmaster
had whispered something stood up and
raised her hand. "Do you know another?"
asked the king. "Yes—Frederick VI."
"What great acts did he perform?" The
girl hung her head and stammered out, "I
don't know." "Be comforted, my child,"
said the king; "I don't know either!"