

much with the bitter after Christ mas cold coming on."

"Right you are, Peters," said old Mary Cotter again.

"As the day lengthens
So the cold strengthens,

is as true a bit of proverb as ever dropped from the lips of a Bible Solomon."

"Well, dear," said the gentlest and smallest of all the almswomen—little Ann Beale—"I am glad to think as the twenty shillings is forthcoming, for I always sends ten shillings to my son, always, dearie, and he'll be looking out for it to-morrow or next day, and it would be a biting disappointment to him, dear, if it did not come."

"Why of course it will come," said Ronald; "it would be perfectly monstrous if it didn't; you may all rest easy on that score."

"Well, I'm glad to hear it," said Jane Perch, a sharp tempered alms-woman, "for what with the dinner and the half ton of coal apiece, I thought the lady was going to dook us of our rightful money. I want a pair of new blankets, for I'm shivering under the old ones these winter nights, and now I'll send to Conton for them, as the little master says I am sure of my money."

"Oh, there's not the slightest doubt," said Ronald; "and now that the table is cleared we'll look at the presents."

He began to untie his brown paper parcel, and the old women and Peters crowded round in a high state of good humor.

"They were meant for me," said Ronald, "so perhaps they won't be all quite suitable. Here's a tennis bat, a great beauty too, and I don't know which of you would like it.—It was the bat that made my parcel so very cumbersome, for the other things are smaller. Now, which of you will have it? You know, though you couldn't play with it, for I expected you are all rather stiff for tennis, yet you could hang it up on your wall, and it would look very nice, and you might make up a kind of story about it. I often do that. You might imagine, for instance, that this tennis bat had belonged to your dead husband, and that he had used it a good deal. You might imagine that he was a very famous tennis player; and wouldn't you feel proud of him, and wouldn't you love his bat! Mary Cotter will you have this nice tennis bat in memory of your poor husband?"

"No, I'm obleeged," said Mary Cotter, shutting up her thin lips very tight. "And ef 'tis me you thinks would sit down in a corner and make up lies about poor Jeremiah, you mistakes me very much, Sir Ronald."

Ronald looked a little distressed and puzzled.

"I am sorry none of you like the bat," he said. "I am greatly afraid that the presents that were meant for me won't be very suitable for you. I am ever so sorry, for I like them greatly myself. Now, see here, my Cousin Mary sent me this case to hold my pocket handkerchiefs. I think I'll give this to you, Susan Blake, and you must be sure always to keep your pocket

handkerchiefs in it; it's a lovely case. See, it's all lined with blue silk. It will hold about a dozen handkerchiefs nicely, and I don't suppose you have more than a dozen to use and a dozen in the wash, have you, Susan? And this dear little musical box, which only plays one tune, shall be for you, Peters. There, Peters, you shall strike up the 'British Grenadiers' whenever you feel a bit dull or lonely."

The rest of the presents, which consisted of a new edition of Grimm's Fairy Tales, The Arabian Nights, and a work on the proper management of dogs, cats, and rabbits, which had been Walter's gift, were presented to the other alms-women, who received them with dubious faces and no very strong expressions of gratitude. But Ronald, to his great delight, carried the tennis bat home.

(To be Continued).

HAPPY CHILDREN.

"I try so hard to make my child en happy," said a wearied mother, with a deep sigh, one day at her efforts.

"Stop trying!" exclaimed a practical friend at her elbow, and do as a neighbor of mine does." "And how is that?" she added dolefully. "Why, she simply lets her children grow and develop naturally, only directing their growth properly. She always threw them, as far as practicable, upon their own resources, taught them to wait upon themselves, no matter how many servants she had, and to construct their own playthings. When she returned home from an absence they await but one thing their mother's kiss. Whatever has been bought for them is bestowed when the needed time comes. Nothing exciting is allowed them at night, and they go to bed and sleep in a wholesome mental state that insures restful slumber. They are taught to love nature, and to feel that there is nothing arrayed so finely as the lily of the field, the bees, and the butterflies; that there is nothing so mean as a lie, nor any thing so miserable as disobedience; that it is a disgrace to be sick, and that good health, good teeth and good temper come from plain food, plenty of sleep and being good." In order to thrive, children require a certain amount of 'letting alone.' Supreme faith in the mother few toys, no finery, plain food, no drugs, and early to bed, are the best things for making them happy.—Selected

BAPTISED.

At St. John's Church, Cornwallis, N.S., on Sept. 10th, Miriam, 4 months.

At Westville, 11th Sunday Trinity, Sept. 2, Emily Wadden.

In Christ Church, Albion Mines, same day Henry Brooks.

In St. Stephen's Church, Toronto, on Sunday, 18th August, 1889, by the Rev Geo. Abbott Smith, B. A., Florence Evans Wood.

At Kingsport, Cornwallis, Sept. 1st, Bertha Church Ch school, Phebe Beatrice and Ralph Harrison, Bessie Blanche, Arthur Nathaniel and William Walter Smith.

At St. John's Church, Cornwallis, Sept. 6th, Mary Lucy Ann Schofield.

MARRIED.

DONALDSON-HOW—On Sept. 12th, at the Parish Church, Windsor, N., by the Rev. Fred J. H. Axford, Rector of Cornwallis, John, eldest son of the late Jas. Donaldson, of Cornwallis, to Mary Mattien Elizabeth, daughter of the late Henry How, Professor of Chemistry, King's College, Windsor, N.S.

DEVEBER-HEWLETT—On the 27th inst., at St. Paul's Church, St. John, N.B., by the Rev. Canon DeVeber, assisted by the Rev. William Holbrook, Gabriel De Veber, Esq., of Claremont, Gagetown, N.B., to Annie, youngest daughter of the late Ichd. Hewlett, Esq., of Hampstead, N.B.

WARD-HENDERSON—At Picton, Aug. 17th, George A. Ward, of the I. O. R., to Dollina Mary Henderson.

DIED.

BRINE—At Antigonish, on Sept. 2nd, after a protracted and painful illness borne with Christian resignation to the Divine will, and a cordial trust in the merits of a crucified Redeemer, Rosina A. Wollenhaupt, beloved wife of Rev. R. F. Brine, aged 70 years.

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