

If she works industriously she may succeed in going across the rug once in an hour. Sara does not know how to work so well as Maro, for she has not been learning so long. Maro has been working on her rug for a year. In a few days it will be done, and then she will begin a new one.

Sara came to us only a few

'There were such grand dolls and other beautiful things ready to be packed at Mrs. Shaw's yesterday, my doll will look so shabby among the rest.'

'Never mind that, dear,' said her mother; 'I will tell you a little true story to encourage you while we go on with our needlework.'

'When I was in China we used to

so happy to hear about the presents; and I hope if she comes to-day she will come with me to school after the holidays.'

'But the present giving was drawing to a close when little Yung-oo arrived, in charge of a native servant—for these sisters belonged to an upper-class family. It was evident that the report of the "foreign" presents had brought the child, for she at once came forward to the table with a bright, expectant face; but, alas! our store was exhausted; and as the little one seeing this, turned away, sobbing, we sadly felt that our hold, of her, and perhaps of her sister also, was lost.'

'Teacher, we have found one present more!' exclaimed our native schoolmistress. "It was put aside among the paper wrappings."

'It was only a very rough wooden doll, not nearly so nice or so well-dressed as yours, Minnie. But if the English child, ten thousand miles away, who had sent it, could have seen the delight on little tearful Yung-oo's face when we called her back to receive it, she would never have asked, concerning any of her childish missionary efforts, "Is it worth while?"'

'Well, from that day there began quite a friendship between us and Ah-ling's relatives, and little Yung-oo was sent to a mission boarding school. And when I ventured to visit her mother she welcomed me cordially.'

'Several times, with our good Bible-woman, I took tea with her, and always on these occasions, when other Chinese ladies, living close by, were drawn by curiosity to join us, we had Bible-reading with a simple little explanation and prayer, and left Gospel books and tracts with them, for some of these ladies had learned to read. And the door to these precious opportunities of missionary service were opened to us by a little common wooden doll.'

'So, Minnie, we do not know how much good your small gift may do; but we do know because we have seen it, and, above all, because our God has said it, that the humblest offering made from love of him shall in no wise lose its reward.'

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WEAVING RUGS.

months ago, and did not know how to read, but now she has finished the primer, and is reading in one of the Gospels. Maro has been with us three years, and this fall she entered the first class of the High School.

How Dolly Went as a Missionary.

(Alice J. Muirhead, in 'The Child's Companion'.)

'I don't think, mother, this is worth going on with.'

Minnie was dressing a wooden doll in a pink cotton frock to send out in a box of presents for Chinese girls in a mission school.

have a Christmas treat in our chapel for our school-children and their parents. Part of our programme was the giving of presents from England to every guest present, old and young.

'We had a favorite scholar among our elder girls named Ah-ling, who was a true Christian, though her parents would not allow her openly to join our church, and were threatening to remove her from our school. On the morning of our Christmas festival she came up to me with a very happy face.'

'Teacher, I think my mother will let my little sister, Yung-oo, come to the treat this afternoon; she was