

Children's Department.

SERVING TO-DAY.

If any deed of mine can make
Some brother's load the lighter;
If any word of mine can make
Some brother's face the brighter—
God help me do that deed to-day,
Lest waiting until to-morrow,
My brother shall have passed away,
And mine be greater sorrow.

THE NEW SCHOLAR.

Lena was not going to school this spring. She became very lonely sometimes in the morning before Josephine came home. Josephine tried to remember things that happened to tell her. To-day she had a big piece of news.

"There was a new scholar."

"How old is she?" asked Lena, much interested at once.

"About your age. Her name is Janet George. She and the family are going to live here."

It was great news to have a new scholar, but, after all, Josephine did not find very much to tell about her.

"No, she wasn't very pretty."

"Her nose is small and her mouth is big. Her hair is straight, straw colour, and her eyes are just like everybody's—sort of blue, you know, but not very blue. She's thin! She's skinny, really. And she isn't far on in her lessons."

"She's a very disappointing person," said Lena, rather indignantly. "When we haven't had a new scholar for ever and ever so long, she might be a different one."

The next morning, when Josephine started for school, she met the new scholar outside the gate.

"Why, do you live near here?" asked Josephine in surprise.

"Not very," said Janet. "I came to lend your sister a book. You know you said she was lonely while you were at school. This is a very entertaining book. Don't you think that she would like to read it?"

Josephine thanked her, and ran back to the house with it. Lena loved books.

"Where is the post-office?" asked Janet, as they walked on together.

"Straight past the school," said Josephine. "But it's pretty far."

"I started early on purpose. I want to put in a letter for Miss Carewe."

"Did you know Miss Carewe when you came?" asked Josephine.

"No. But she dropped her book, and I took it to her. After that we were acquainted. She's old, and she hasn't anybody to go on errands. I can, just as well as not."

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"Janet can't remember sometimes how to spell things or how to do her examples, but she can remember beautifully how to help anybody. I think, for her age, for a girl, she must be almost as good as Abraham or Isaac or Jacob. The minister himself says that she's good; he ought to know."

Lena laughed a little.

"Think how disappointed in her we were at first! Because her hair was wispy, and her eyes weren't very blue, and she wasn't far on. We didn't understand her, did we?"

"She is so pleasant," said Josephine.

"She is so daily pleasant. It makes you forget all about her not being pretty or—" Josephine did not like to say the other word, but Lena guessed it.

"I suppose," said Lena, anxiously, "that she will not be promoted the first of the quarter."

Josephine shook her head.

"Well, I don't care," said Lena.

"I just believe that in kindness and friendship and doing her duty she gets promoted every week."

THE ANNUAL REPORT.

The Dominion Bank held its thirty-fifth annual meeting on the 31st January, heard and adopted the report of the directors, and elected directors for the current year, who subsequently elected E. B. Osler, M.P., President; and W. D. Matthews, Vice-President. The thanks of the shareholders were deservedly won by the president and officers. Though the report is remarkably short, it certainly shows a remarkably successful handling of the bank's affairs. The realization of nearly half a million dollars' profit by the management during the past year, after deducting costs of management and providing for bad debts, no doubt in the opinion of the directors, amply proves that acts speak louder than words.

DEATHS.

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