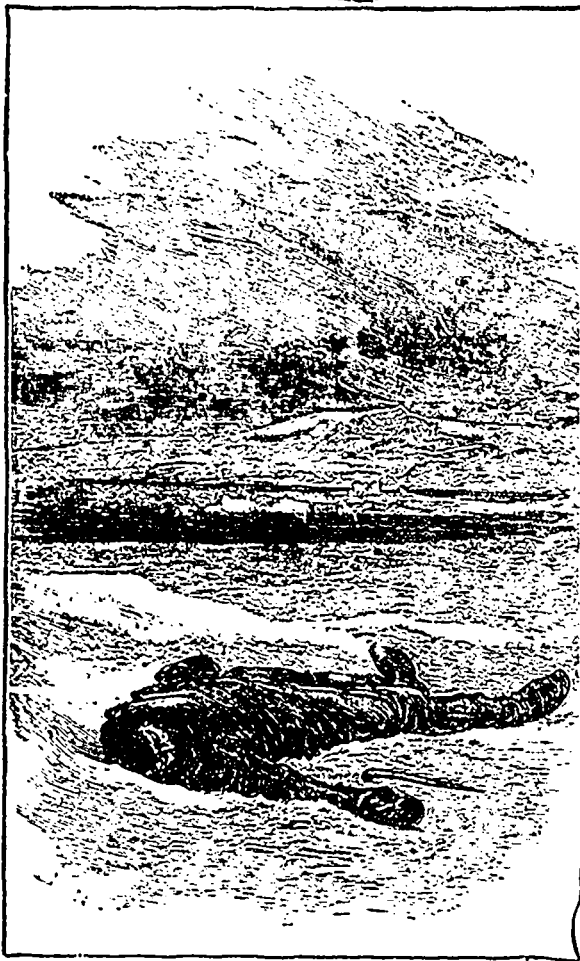




"LOST IN THE SNOW."

a hut about eight miles away, in another direction, where a poor man lived. To this they turned their course and reached it nearly worn out and frozen. It was a wretched little hut, but how glad they were to get there! They could not have held out much longer, and they would soon have all perished in the snow. And this sometimes happens. A Newfoundland clergyman was called, not long ago, to visit a dying man, who lived across a large bay that was frozen over. He reached the house safely and prepared the dying man for death, little thinking, perhaps, that his own death would occur first. But such was the case. He was overtaken by a storm and perished amidst the snow, where his frozen body was afterwards found. In cold winter weather we should not forget to pray for those who may be in the midst of dangers such as those we have now mentioned. It is a noble thing for men to risk their lives for Christ's sake, and it will be lovely for them to hear his beautiful words at the last, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

EPIPHANY.

CHRISTMAS is a beautiful time for children for many reasons. They have holidays then, and they get many nice presents. Brothers and sisters that have been away generally come home then, and home is made happy. And the Church makes it a day for children also. It is the birthday of the Saviour. They sing about Him and read about Him as a child. Every Christian mother likes to tell her children about the "Babe of Bethlehem," and about the Holy Innocents whose lives were taken "for Jesus' sake," and about the Epiphany when wise men came from the East and offered their gifts to the Holy Child. At Epiphany time Christian people are asked to give offerings and gifts for missionary work in foreign lands. And is it not right that this should be done? If we give gifts to one another, should we not remember the work that has yet to be done for the Lord Jesus on earth? Should we not remember all the thousands of little children who have no Christmas, because they do not know anything about Christ? Even children can do much good for missions—if they only will—by their prayers and by their gifts.

TWO LITTLE BAREFOOT BOYS.

SINCE I heard one of our bishops tell a story which I want to tell you. It is hardly a story, after all, for it is so short; it is only a little incident.

He said that when he was making his visits once upon a time in his jurisdiction, he came to a certain place where there was a missionary stationed, and this missionary had two sons, bright, nice boys. Of course they went to church when the bishop was there, as they went at other times; so he saw that they were so poorly off for clothes that they had to go without shoes. It was not only that they could not wear shoes every day, about the house or out-of-doors at play, but even on Sunday in God's house, even when the bishop came, they had to go barefoot—but still they went.

Now I think there are two lessons in this little story (which, as you see, is not exactly a story) that may be good for you to think about.

The first is for those children who have to wear patched clothes, and old hats, and shoes with holes in them, or, perhaps, are like these little boys, and have no shoes to wear. I know that sometimes these children make this an excuse for staying away from church. They say they are not fit to come; that the other people have fine clothes and theirs are not good enough; and so they stay away.

Those children must remember that they are God's children; that He loves to see them in