

the letter told how many nice things had gone in the box, and all that—but Ida did not wait to read it all; she ran to mamma and Tom, her eyes shining, and her cheeks like roses.—“Oh, listen! they have got my dollar after all. How can it be?”

They all listened to the letter and wondered; and oh how glad they were!

“Now, Ida, don't grieve any more; but do try not to be so careless!”

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He grew better: and the little prayer helped him to love and serve God. Learn the Collects, boys and girls; so that they will stay in your minds, and help you to live true and happy lives.—*The Shepherd's Arms.*

THE STORY.

Now, the time was drawing near when God would fulfil His Promise to send a Saviour for all the world.

Do you wonder if the people on earth then, knew that the great time was so near?

Perhaps some of them thought so; those who served God and listened to what the prophets had said. Others were careless and forgot how much they needed a Saviour.

About six months before the Saviour came, a little boy was born, whose name was John. God sent His Angel Gabriel to tell the father and mother that they should have this son, and that they must call him John.

The father's name was Zacharias, and the mother's Elizabeth. Zacharias was a priest; and he was in the temple doing his duty as a minister of God, when the Angel came to him. The angel told him that his son would be a good child, “filled with the Holy Ghost;” and that many people would be glad that he was born. Then he told the father why God was going to send him this son. He was coming to prepare the way for the Saviour.

Oh! was not that good news? The Saviour whom God had promised so long ago, was surely coming now! for this little boy who was to be born, was sent to tell the people so!



JOSEPH JEFFERSON.

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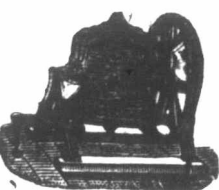
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