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She Hath Done What She Could.

She breathed a prayer to the Master,
A feeble, broken prayer,
'And yet its answer bore away
Her neighbor's load of care.

She spoke a word for the Master,
A simple little word,
And yet a lonely sin-sick soul
Found comfort as she heard.

She did a deed for the Master,
'Twas but a humble deed—
And yet it fitted perfectly
A weary sister's need.

She gave her mite to the Master,
A mite was all she had—
And yet, oh, wondrous power of love,
It made the Master glad!

—Waif.

Remember the Birthdays.

(Mrs. Carrie Ashton-Johnson, in the
'Observer.')

Birthdays are milestones on the journey of life which should never pass unnoticed. It takes very little to make a child happy, and the memory of those pleasant occasions remain with us forever. Poverty is no excuse for ignoring these days. The writer remembers well an illustration of this point, which is well worth relating.

A large family who were never anything but poor, and yet who got the most out of life, had the most delightful birthday celebrations. In order to do it the most rigid economy was practiced in other ways. The

gifts were always trifling, but each member of the family remembered the occasion. There was always a pretty frosted birthday cake and an extra good supper. Usually one or two friends were invited in to help celebrate. The good mother whose thoughtfulness was manifest through every day's service was a burden-bearer, who seldom saw or knew a moment's rest, and yet would never have thought of letting a birthday pass unnoticed. I feel sure that her loved ones have memories of those 'good old days,' which are worth far more to them than worldly wealth.

Surprises add much to the enjoyment of little folks, so if the plans can be kept quiet it will add interest to the festivities. Only goodwill and thoughtfulness are necessary to make a happy birthday.

A bunch of flowers, a pretty blossoming plant or fern, a basket or box of confectionery, either home-made or otherwise, a book, or year's subscription to a good magazine, or some little gift which has been especially desired, will afford a great deal of pleasure. Above all do not forget a little card or note of greeting which after all is the best part of the gift. For the benefit of those who must depend upon quotations, a few are given below, which are especially suited to birthdays:

'Many birthday greetings I send you, also that many more birthdays may you live to see, and may they bring increased joy to you.'

'God crown to-day with happiness
And each succeeding birthday bless,
And all your heart holds dear.
God bless and keep you, as you climb
The ever sunny heights of time
As year speeds after year.'

'All hail to the day of your birth on this morn,
For your health and prosperity always I pray.
May your life be all roses and free from a thorn,
May you have many happy returns of the day.'

'And as years roll round
With unwearying ground,
And old age creeps on as we travel our way;
Yet still with a wish that life only can bound
I'll wish you a happy return of the day.'

'Just a simple token,
Sent in Friendship's name,
Wishes that unspoken,
Still a hearing claim;
Wishes and a greeting,
Tender, loyal, true,
From a heart that's beating
With a thought of you.'

'Best wishes I bring from one
Who loves you dearly,
And begged me not to forget
To tell you clearly,
These wishes are from the heart,
And not words merely.'

By no means should the older members of the family be forgotten. It is quite as important to have unselfishness taught at an early age, and even the little children should be taught to save their pennies and buy or make something for papa and mamma, and the dear grandma and grandpa.