

How often did angels appear in connection with the birth of Christ?

What do we learn from this?

Did the shepherds see anything but angels?

What was the effect upon the shepherds?

What effect did the appearance of the angels have at other times?

What did the angel say to the shepherds?

By what sign were they to find the Saviour?

Who then appeared?

What were they doing?

What was the song?

What did the singers do when their song was ended?

What did the shepherds do?

What guided them?

Whom did they find?

What did they do after finding Him?

What is the duty of all who know about the Saviour?

What effect did the tidings have?

What did the shepherds do?

Have you heard the glad tidings?

Who have not heard them?

How may you make them known?

Are you doing what you can to make them known?

THINGS MONEY CANNOT DO.

Some boys and girls have an idea that money can do almost anything; but this is a mistake. Money, it is true, can do a great deal, but it cannot do everything. I could name you a thousand things it cannot buy. It was meant for good, and it is a good thing to have, but all this depends on how it is used. If used wrongly it is an injury rather than a benefit. Beyond all doubt, however, there are many things better than it is, and which it cannot buy, no matter how much we may have of it.

If a man has not a good education, all his money will never buy it for him. He can scarcely ever make up for his early waste of opportunities.

Neither will wealth itself give a man or a woman good manners. Next to good morals and good health, nothing is of more importance than easy, graceful, self-

possessed manners. But they cannot be had for mere money.

Money cannot purchase a good conscience. If a poor man, or a boy, or a girl,—any one, has a clear conscience that gives off a tone like a soundbell when touched by the hammer, then be sure he or she is vastly richer than the millionaire who does not possess such a conscience. Good principles are better than gold.

AFRICANER.

There was once a wild and savage chief in South Africa, whose name was Africaner. He was the terror of the whole country, and the English government at "the Cape" offered a large sum of money to any one who should kill him.

But Africaner was taught by some missionaries to know and love the Lord, and then he became good and gentle. The great Robert Moffat, then a young missionary, wanted to visit Africaner, and preach to his people; but everybody said, "He will kill you." This did not frighten Moffat. He made his way to Africaner's kraal, who gave him a kind welcome; and they were soon the best of friends. One day Africaner saw Moffat looking at him, and asked the reason.

"I was trying," said Moffat, "to picture to myself your carrying fire and sword through the country; and I could not think how a man with eyes like yours could smile at human woe. Africaner burst into tears. After a time Moffat took Africaner with him on a journey to "the Cape." He thought the governor would never believe what a changed man he had become unless he could see it with his own eyes. So he dressed Africaner as his servant; and they travelled on safely among people who would have been very much frightened if they had known who his servant was. When they came into the Dutch settlements, some of the farmers said they were very glad that Moffat had escaped from that terrible monster, Africaner! Others said how absurd it was to think that Africaner could be converted.