

auntie had a chance to open her mouth again he was out of the house, speeding away up the street.

He left his message at Jerry's home, and a few minutes later was breathlessly enlisting his startled mother's sympathy in old auntie's behalf.

"You'll go, won't you, mamma? You always go to see sick folks, you know. And make John take her a great big basket of things. If there's not enough in the house," he added, as he hurried away. "you can take what I'd eat at my dinner. I can get along without it. I've got to rush now; I'm late, I guess."

But though he ran every step of the way to school the last bell had rung before he reached there, and the black mark he disliked so much was placed against his name.

Mrs. Warren made her preparations for a visit to old auntie without delay. Her heart was very tender as the "big basket of things" was being packed.

"Old auntie shall be supplied with the best the house affords," she murmured softly, "and the dear boy will not have to miss his dinner, either."

A short time after, when Auntie Pettibone had been refreshed by some warm tea and nice toast, and was resting her aching head on the bag of hops which Mrs. Warren had opportunely placed in the big basket, her gratitude found audible expression:

"That chile's a born gen'loman," she said repeatedly. And as Mrs. Warren was about to take her departure, after administering some soothing drops and making everything about her comfortable, she broke out gratefully:

"Please tell him fur me, Miss' Warren, he's hoisted me out o' dark waters. Ole auntie'd done gone lonesome an' hungry an' sick all day but fur that bressed chile's white heart!"

When Mrs. Warren told Clint at noon about old auntie's gratefulness for her relief from pain and hunger, he found his last vestige of regret for the distasteful mark his manly act had brought him vanishing.

"I'm proud of it," asserted Mrs. Warren, earnestly. "I'd rather have that mark against your name to-day, and feel your heart was clean, than have Jerry's unmarried record for prompt attendance, and the black mark his heart is disfigured with because of his unkind, discourteous act."

In which Clint, after a moment's deliberation, heartily concurred.—*Observer.*

## WHEN I AM A MAN.

BY MRS. MARY B. WINGATE.

I want to be useful, and this is my plan,  
I'll go on a mission when I am a man.  
I'll learn every lesson and mind every rule.  
And make some one happy each day at my school.  
I'll read in the Bible and learn how to pray;  
If I would teach others I too must obey.  
Then, when I grow older, to India I'll sail,  
I'll ride o'er the billows and laugh at the gale.

ONE result of the Student Volunteer Missionary Union is the formation of a missionary settlement for University women at Bombay. Two sisters, the Misses Stone, have just left England as pioneers, at their own expense, of this movement, which, we trust, will prove a most successful and helpful one.

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