

Children's Corner

WHAT THE LITTLE SHOES SAID.

I saw two dusty little shoes
A-standing by the bed;
They suddenly began to talk,
And this is what they said:

"We're just as tired as we can be,
We've been 'most everywhere;
And now our little masters rest
It really is not fair.

"He's had his bath and sweetly sleeps
Twist sheets both cool and clean,
While we are left to stand outside;
Now, don't you think it mean?

"We've carried him from morn till night;
He's quite forgot, that's plain;
While here we watch, and wait, and wait
Till morning comes again.

"And then he'll tramp, and tramp, and tramp
The livelong summer day.
Now this is what we'd like to do—
Just carry him away.

"Where he could never go to bed,
But stay up all the night
Unwashed, and covered o'er with dust—
Indeed! 'twould serve him right."

POOR SMITH.

Richard Smith and John Jones were great friends. They were alike in many respects, but there was this difference between them—that Smith was an ardent churchman and was inclined to take things seriously, while Jones did not go to church very often and was inclined to take everything more lightly.

One day these two friends happened to be strolling along together, when the conversation drifted around to this difference between them. Smith had been telling Jones that his course was all wrong and that he ought to change his views and go to church, giving his reasons therefor. To this Jones listened attentively, and seemed much impressed.

"Your argument seems very logical," said Jones when Smith had paused; "but," with a twinkle in his eye, "there is one point you did not mention which has just occurred to me, and on which I should like a little enlightenment."

"What is it?" said Smith. "I'll be very glad to explain it if I can."

"It is this," replied Jones: "How does it happen that a man may be a church member and a heathen at the same time.

"I don't understand you," said Smith. "How can a man be a church member and a heathen at the same time? You are joking. You know he can't.

"But I say he can. Take yourself, for example. I will emphatically assert that I can prove in eight words that you are a heathen; and furthermore I can convince you of it."

"I know you can't do anything of the sort. You are trying to put up a bluff. And to make you back down I will agree to this: If you can prove in eight words or in eight hundred that I am a heathen, to my satisfaction, I will give you a pair of gloves; but if you do not prove it, you must give me a pair. I hate to take the gloves on such an easy proposition; but it will teach you a lesson."

"All right, it's a go," said Jones. Smith looked surprised. He really thought that Jones would back down. "Well, how do you intend to prove that I am a heathen?"

"Are you a woman?"

"No."

"You must be a he then."

Smith looked stupefied for an instant. Then he laughed. "Ha, ha, ha! That was a clever one. You have won the gloves all right, and have proved your contention to my satisfaction. But I will get it off on some one else. Ah, there is Roy Green! I will spring it on him."

So they joined Green, who, like Smith, was a churchman. Smith plunged immediately into the subject.

"Jones has just proved to me that a man can be a churchman and yet be a heathen."

"What absurd nonsense!" said Green. "It cannot be proved. Of course, a heathen may attend church; but it can't be proved that all churchmen are heathen."

"I thought so a few minutes ago myself," said Smith, excitedly. "And so sure am I of this that I will agree to give you a pair of gloves if I cannot prove to your satisfaction in eight words that they are heathen; but, if I do, you are to give me a pair."

"Done," said Green. "It will be almost like robbing you. But, if you are willing, I am."

"All right," said Smith.

"Proceed to prove it," said Green.

"The men aren't women," said Smith.

"No," said Green.

"Then they are hes. Ha, ha!"

"But that doesn't prove them heathen." Smith looked dazed. "I guess I made a mistake."

Green chuckled. "I guess you did. Fork over those gloves!"

And Smith had to buy two pairs.

Smith went home chagrined, thinking where he had made his mistake. By and by it came to him. It would go better to prove that he was a heathen as Jones had proved it to him that way. He would get back those gloves yet.

The next day he met Brown. "Now is my opportunity!" he thought, and accosted Brown.

"Brown," he said, "I heard a clever one the other day, and that is how a man can be a churchman and a heathen at the same time. You know that I am a churchman. But did you know that I can prove that I am a heathen?"

Brown chuckled. "You don't have to prove it to me," said he. "I am perfectly willing to concede it."

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CRANBROOK.

Miss Stead of the Department of Agriculture at Victoria, has spent a few days in the city, delivering lectures on nursing and first aid work to the Women's Institute. Miss Stead reports having found the Women's Institute to be flourishing, with a membership of nearly 100. She states that, although a good deal can be accomplished in the larger town, it is really the aim of the government to deliver these lectures to people in the rural districts who do not have a doctor whom they can call at a moment's notice.

MAPLE RIDGE.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Geo. Abernethy, a Women's Institute will shortly be formed at Port Haney. Already more names

are on the list for membership than the required number. Mrs. W. A. Robertson is secretary for the present, and Mrs. Alec. Stevenson is president pro. tem. Mrs. Davies, of Chilliwack, is expected shortly to formally organize the institute.

TYNEHEAD NEWS.

The monthly meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the home of the president, Mrs. Bothwell. There were nine members present, and one visitor. The usual amount of business was done, letters read and disposed of, and nine pairs of socks were handed in. The secretary was asked to hold them till all the socks were ready, when they would be dispatched all at once.

There was some talk of a patriotic concert, particulars of which will be given later. The institute decided to make application for the travelling library, which will be greatly appreciated in the long winter evenings, by all the members. Dainty refreshments were served at the close, and the meeting adjourned to meet in November at the home of Mrs. J. Drinkwater.

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CRANBROOK.

A very interesting meeting took place in the Maple Hall Tuesday afternoon, October 5th, under the auspices of the Women's Institute. After the ordinary business had been disposed of Mrs. R. W. Russell read a most interesting essay on "The Origin of Thanksgiving Day" and "What We Have to Be Thankful For," dwelling especially on themselves as Institute members and the motto "For Home and Country." Mrs. Binning gave an illustration on the correct method of setting a dinner table as taught by Miss Goldie, the teacher of domestic science at the provincial college of agriculture at Olds, Alberta. This was followed by Miss Kimpton, giving a "Thanksgiving Dinner" menu, and discussions arose on the various dishes connected with the same and their recipes.

NELSON

The regular monthly meeting of the Nelson and District Women's Institute, held on Saturday, was preceded by a luncheon given in honor of the Willow Point Institute members and was attended by 70 members, 13 of whom had been enrolled since the last meeting. After the luncheon the members and their guests adjourned to the Knights of Pythias hall, where the regular business of the meeting was taken up. The report of the secretary-treasurer showed that as the result of the sale of refreshments at the institute's booth in the exhibition building at the fall fair, a net profit had been made of \$142.20, which it was decided to devote to the Red Cross Patriotic fund work. The report also stated that \$26.45 was received from the raffle of the mats donated by Mrs. I. L. Walker, Mrs. G. A. Hunter holding the lucky number.