

is no one thing that has gone deeper and further in giving them the strong hand that triumphs in the evil day, and the pure heart that can enjoy earth's pleasures to the full, than the mother's wisdom and the mother's love, which took time to tell them the story of God's loving ways with men.

What Do You See When You Shut Your Eyes?

Advent

I was strolling one day in a city park, when I passed a very pretty girl about ten years old who was sitting, with a brother, a little younger, on a seat beside the path. It was in the autumn, and they had been gathering acorns, and they had in their hands some of the very longest ones I had ever seen. Some of the nuts were nearly if not quite two inches long, and as they were only partially ripened, the green and the bronze blended together in the coloring so that they were very beautiful. I paused a moment to admire them, and as the little girl looked up in my face, I said, "How long they are; I never saw any quite so fine!" She smiled back happily in return, and said, "Yes, they are. We gathered them back there under those trees."

I strolled on down the path and came up under the trees from another direction, and was poking my cane about, gathering some of the acorns, when, hearing a little rustle behind me, I looked up, and there was the pretty young girl I had seen a few moments before resting by the path.

"O!" she exclaimed, "are you gathering acorns too?" I replied, "Yes; I have some little people of my own at home."

"Have you a little girl?" she asked.

"Yes; I have a little girl, but she is not so old or large as you are."

"Well, then," said she, "you must take these acorns, for I am too large to play with them now."

"You must keep them," said I, "and I will hunt up some of my own."

But she urged, and I saw she was going to be grieved if I did not take them, and so I said, "Will it make you happier if I take them?"

"O, yes!" she said eagerly, "If you take

them, when I go to bed to-night I will shut my eyes, and see your little girl playing with them, and then I will be so glad that I gave them to you for her."

What a pretty thought it was the little girl had, and what a nice thing it is to do some act of kindness every day, so that when we shut our eyes at night we can remember somebody whom we have made happy that day. If one can do that every day of their lives, they will have a glorious road to look back over when they get old.

My Share

I have no lands, I have no gold;
Fame's way my footsteps miss;
But I've my baby girl to hold,
My little lad to kiss.
To helpful heights I may not reach,
Or tides of error stay;
Be mine the sweeter task, to teach
Their unstained lips to pray.

God Redeeming His People

Answer - Del

Last Quarter we saw how God's people were carried away captive to a strange land. There they remained for seventy years. But God did not forget them. He was planning all the while to bring them back to their own home. This Quarter we are going to study the wonderful story of how He did bring them back. And at the end of the Quarter, we shall have two Lessons specially about the great Saviour whom God sent into the world to deliver us from sin, and so prepare us for the home above. The Quarter's Lessons will tell us about GOD REDEEMING HIS PEOPLE:

1. By punishing their oppressors.
2. By delivering them from danger.
3. By giving them freedom.
4. By enabling them to rebuild the temple.
5. By giving them the Holy Spirit.
6. By defeating plots against them.
7. By guiding them to their own land.
8. By answering their prayers.
9. By warning them against intemperance.
10. By making them brave.
11. By sending them His Word.
12. By promising them a Saviour.
13. By saving them from sin.
14. By showing kindness to them.