

nesses, measles and whooping-cough, and the outside worries in the parish. Also a want of sufficient money to feed and clothe the little ones comfortably. You see, in a clergyman's home, money is just as much needed as in other homes. Mamma used to think, though she never said so, that if she only had a little more money she would be perfectly happy.

Papa Jones was always busy. He had his sermons to write and a large parish to keep in good running order. So papa must not be troubled because Ethel's boots were wearing out, or Charley needed a new suit, or because of baby's "dreadful looking" carriage. Papa liked to see his family well kept, but he must not know the worry of planning to provide for all the growing wants, in addition to the parish cares.

The Jones were a very happy family and took great interest in each other's joys. When Charley had a new suit he must show it to papa immediately, and the whole family would form an admiring group around the owner of the new suit. New suits were no: a common occurrence. Mother used to wish and wish that baby could have some new dresses, brother's old ones were so shabby, and as for the carriage, she did not see how it would hold together until baby could walk. But the baby did not care for torn frocks or a shabby carriage. She only wanted love and she had it.

One day in the spring when baby was nearly a year old, a lovely thing happened. Mother had bathed the baby and was dressing her, when papa came up with a letter. In the letter it said that an old friend of mamma's father had left her several hundred dollars. Such joy in that house that day! Papa should have his rubber coat and the type-writer table that he had needed for so long. Ethel should have the long-desired doll from Chicago, and a carriage for it. Charley jumped for joy at the promise of a velocipede and other longed-for toys.

And baby! Mother tossed her up and said, "Baby shall have a lovely new carriage and every thing she wants. And we will all go to grandpa's in the fall."

A few days later came another letter which was disappointing. The money could not be paid until all affairs were settled. Well, it was sure to come some day, so they all made the best of

it. For weeks this happy family hoped each mail would bring the desired letter. At last they gave up thinking about it. Baby did not care. She was just as happy as could be. She had some new dresses, and could use her own little feet, and holding mamma's hand could walk about the lawn and even on the sidewalk. The days were beginning to grow cool. Papa was home again after his summer rest. Ethel had started to school and Charley went each morning to the Kindergarten. Again a letter came, saying that if certain enclosed papers were signed and returned, the money would be paid immediately. Again excitement in the Jones' family. The wants were just as numerous now as in the spring, though of a different kind. But the children's promises still held good.

You may be sure that those papers were signed and returned in the next mail. Baby knew now what doll meant. When papa came home he had brought Ethel "The Eight Cousins," Charley, some reins and a whip, and baby a jointed rubber doll. Baby loved that doll and carried it about everywhere with her, even to bed. Ethel said, "And mamma, when we go to buy my new doll's carriage, with springs and a parasol, just like a real one, wont you buy baby one of those cute little ones for her doll and we can take our babies 'up and down' together?" And the loving mamma said, "Yes." Alas! The next day there was no talk or thought of money. The baby was ill. The strong, sturdy baby that had kept so well all through the hot summer, lay in mamma's arms, rarely taking her eyes from mamma's loving ones. Sometimes she would wake from a light sleep and feel stronger for a short time. Then she would hold up her doll to be kissed and say, "poo doll, poo doll." We said so often to her when she had had the whooping-cough in the spring, "Poor baby," that it was her favourite expression if she wanted sympathy. This baby was seventeen months old!

The next day the money came, and nobody cared. It might have been a fortune and still no one would have cared.

In the bright parlour, in her last white bed, covered with beautiful white roses, lay the still smiling baby.

Baby had everything she wanted for all eternity.—A. O. J. in *Parish Visitor*.

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