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THE CHRISTMAS ANGELS.

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Again, as of old, the shadows fold, and the midnight sky is clear and cold ;
Again, as when the shepherds watched, the peasants sleep with their doors unlatched :
Serene and still over vale and hill, over palace gateway and cottage sill,
In snow-white fleece lies the wintry peace, and the angels hasten to do God's will.

Ever they keep above our sleep a vigil tender and sweet and deep,
But they waken us now from the skies aglow, and the sound of their wings goes to and fro,
Hark to the song of that seraph throng, who nearest of all to the throne belong,
Hither they come to heart and home, with hail to the right that shall smite the wrong.

Glory to God ! They send abroad harpings of heaven on earthly road.
Lifting the name on their fanning flame, as peace and good-will their notes proclaim,
Sending afar without a jar, wherever our Father's children are,
The word of grace from the Father's face, thrilling in music from star to star.

Sing to us, angels of Christmas, sing, while sweet in the day dawn our glad bells ring !
Slug of the Love that comes from above, brooding and soft as the breast of the dove.
While we swift forget the pain and fret, and the pitiful thing to which life is set,
And leave at the manger all thought of danger, and worship the Child, God's children yet.

MRS. E. S. NICHOLLS, who was for several years a missionary in Africa, and of whose addresses favorable notices have been in the LINK, purposes visiting Toronto, and would like to have an opportunity to speak to our Circles and would be glad to correspond with them to that effect. She has spoken in many of the churches

in the East, and has high testimonials as to the value of the information given concerning work in the Dark Continent. One writes, "At our open meeting it was our privilege to have Mrs. Nicholls, who gave us an address on her work in the heart of Africa and exhibited an interesting collection of curios, which made it one of the most profitable and inspiring meetings ever attended. Any Circle or Church would do well to secure an address from her if possible."

Mrs Nicholls' terms are five dollars for an address with special arrangement for Young People's meetings. Mrs. Nicholls may be addressed Box 5254, Cannington, Ont.

MISS CARMICHAEL'S friends will be pleased to know a note was received from her when they were nearing Bolivia. All were well, and had on the whole a pleasant passage. Stopping at some of the ports, she writes : "We are getting a glimpse of South American life, which impresses me as being quite as bad, if not worse than what I have seen among the Chinese. South America may not want, but it needs the Gospel of the Grace of God. I am so glad that God has given me the privilege of witnessing for Him here."

When we pray for our missionaries in India, let us remember the lone one in South America.

WHAT we need in the Christian Church to-day is a revival of the patriotism of the Kingdom of Heaven. The commonwealth of love for which Christ lived and died is world-wide. We cannot love any part of it rightly unless our thoughts and our desires reach out to that larger whole to which it belongs. Indifference to missions is the worst kind of treason. Enthusiasm for missions is the measure of both our faith in Christ and our love for man.—Henry Van Dyke.