

Sister Belle's Corner.

(For the little folks who read this paper.)

DEAR BOYS AND GIRLS,—Did you ever hear of a donkey that helped to raise money for the heathen? A preacher in England held a children's missionary meeting one day. He talked to the boys and girls about the heathen who live in India and China. While he told of their wretched condition without the true God, a dear little boy in the front seat listened very eagerly. He had learned to love Jesus as his Saviour, and it made his heart sad to hear about the heathen children who had never heard of Christ's great love. When the preacher asked how many children would try and earn some money to buy Bibles for the heathen, all the little folks held up their hands. Little Johnny wanted to help in this good work, but his mamma was very poor. He was puzzled to find a way to earn the money he wanted to give. At last he thought of a plan. The people of England used bits of marble or free-stone to polish their hearths, and scour the floors. The marble-cutters made these stones while carving their work. Johnny had a favorite playmate called Neddy, a little donkey. So he thought Neddy might help him earn money. He harnessed him up, and put a great many of these door-stones in his cart. Then he drove about the streets calling out "Who wants to buy some door-stones?" Very soon his load was all sold, and another, and another. Then he counted his money and found he had earned fifteen dollars. He went to the preacher's house, and asked him to send that money to the heathen. The preacher asked his name, so he could tell who gave the money. When Johnny understood what he meant, he said, "Please put it down to Neddy and me, for I could not have carried the stones without Neddy."

So you see the donkey's name was put down with his little master's as a worker.

Here is a short poem you might learn to recite at the Mission Band:

Sweetly over Judah's valleys
Sounded far a voice of old,
Like a strain of angel-music
Floating down from gates of gold,—
"Let them come, the little children,
Hinder not their eager feet,
For of such my Heavenly kingdom;
That is service glad and sweet."

So we see there's room for children,
And there's work for them to do,
All our hearts and hands enlisting,
May we to that work be true!
In the great and glorious army
Battling with the hosts of sin,
We can march with banners flying,
We can help the victory win.

For a cry of deepest sorrow
Comes across the oceans blue,
"Ye who know salvation's story
Haste to let us hear it too!
Send, oh, send the blessed gospel
O'er the darkness of our night,
Till our gloomy shadows vanish
In its full and glorious light."

For these poor, blighted millions
We can work, and give, and pray,
And our gifts and prayers united
Help to speed that happy day—
When, no more their idols worshipped,
Jesus only shall be king,
Tens of thousands voices ringing
Shall His praise victorious sing!

Oh, 'tis sweet to work for Jesus
As our youthful days go by,
Sweet to send the cheering tidings
Of the Home beyond the sky;
And, when earthly days are over,
On its glory-lighted shore
May we join with them in singing
Of Christ's love for evermore.

May all my friends have a "Happy New Year" while working for, and trusting in Christ Jesus!

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