

Could it be her prayer was answered *this way*? Must Mildred Monroe, who had everything lovely, have her prayer, too? Why she never meant to get money so. Ah! little one, that question of self-denial in Christian giving has vexed many an older heart than yours.

In the next twenty-four hours a hard battle was fought—and won, and when, at the close of the day, Mr. Monroe alighted at the station and was about to take his carriage for home, a covered basket was stretched out to him; two blue eyes, a little tearful, I must confess, looked into his, and a sweet voice faltered, "Please sir, here's my—the kitten, and won't you please have her fed meat sometimes, 'cause she gets tired of all milk!" "The kitten? Oh, yes! Thank you. She shall have good care. Here's the money."

And he was gone, thinking as he rode away, "I wonder why she sold the cat; she looked as though it broke her heart."

Mollie fled to her room, finding little comfort for the loss of the mew and purr she used to hear, in the green-back in her hand. But, next day, when she took the bill to Miss Price and told her the story, she smiled as she thought of how some child might be helped by that small amount.

It may seem silly to you, boys and girls, to make such a fuss about a cat. But to Mollie it was just as great a sacrifice as it would be for one of you to give up that new Safety that delighted you last Christmas, or the Kodak you were teasing all your friends with, this season. Could you do that?

Miss Price was a frequent visitor at Mr. Monroe's. So she took the earliest opportunity to call to tell them all about the mission movement, from the time little Della first aroused their interest, until "Kittie Gray" appeared at the Monroe home.

As she talked Mrs. Monroe thought of a mite box on her table—alas! far from full. A package of envelopes, labelled "For Home Missions," which he somehow always forgot to fill and hand in, came to Mr. M.'s mind. But Mildred left the room, and, when she returned, slipped into Miss Price's hand the three dollars remaining from her last allowance, whispering, "Please send it with Mollie's." Her parents, following her example, added their gifts.

Miss Price sent all these contributions, with a bright cheery little letter, telling how it all happened, to the Home Mission Treasurer. And it was such a pleasant story to tell that it has been written again, in the hope that all the lads and lassies who read it may be mindful of the loving Saviour who said, "Suffer the little children to come unto me," and will do their best to send that message to the forlorn little ones all over our broad land.

But I'm only a boy, and so many will die
Before I can tell of that home in the sky;
I want to do something to help them to day,
So I'll give all my pennies and then I will pray,
"O Father! send some one to help them just now
To turn from their idols—to Jesus to bow!"
I'll hurry and grow just as fast as I can,
And go there myself, when I am a man.

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