

secret. In England she saw more specialists who all agreed it was leprosy with which she was afflicted. On arriving in India she wrote home to her loved ones all the hard truth, and then boys and girls, something beautiful happened. When God's children in America, and indeed all over the world, heard Miss Reid's story they sent up such a mighty prayer to God to stay the dread disease that the windows of heaven were opened and showers of blessing were poured upon this noble woman.

Would you like to hear what Miss Reid herself says about it? Here is an extract from one of her letters dated Sept. '93. "My good health is a marvel to all, but I receive it and delight in it daily as a most precious gift from the Great Physician whose I am and whom I hope to have the blessed privilege of serving here among these poor dear ones for many years to come, if He purposes to use me thus through even a long life time, "As He will; My times are in His hand."

You will be glad to know that Miss Reid's home is cosy and comfortable, made beautiful by quantities of flowers and commanding a fine view of the mountains. Miss Reid is very happy and wonderfully successful in her work and the poor lepers, you may be sure, thank God the day long for their gentle friend.

Would you like to hear more of this dear woman than I have time to tell you? Then write to Mrs. John Stark, 124 Park Road, Toronto, the President of the Toronto Leper Mission; and she will send you some little-books, one of them containing Miss Reid's picture; and should you ever feel as though you would like to give something to the lepers (the work is now undenominational) send it also to Mrs. Stark and she will see that it goes to them.

Yours and all Band Children's friend,

L. S. KING.

A PRESENT HELP.

There is never a day so dreary,

But God can make it bright;
And unto the soul that trusts in Him,
He giveth songs in the night.

There is never a path so hidden,
But God will show us the way,
If we seek for the Spirit's guidance,
And patiently wait and pray.

There is never a cross so heavy,
But the nail-scarred hands are there,
Outstretched in tender compassion,
The burden to help us bear.

There is never a heart that is broken,
But the loving Christ can heal;
For the heart that was pierced on Calvary,
Doth still for His people feel.

There is never a life so darkened,
So hopeless and so unblest,
But may be filled with the light of God
And enter His promised rest.

There is never a sin or a sorrow,
There is never a care or a loss;
But that we may carry to Jesus,
And leave at the foot of the cross.

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