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they have made him mysterious, mystical. Why do we make him gross, material, and manifest when his mystery constitutes so much of his charm? A saint is elevated that we may emulate his virtues. Above all, in our Christmas preparations let us not forget to encourage the children in giving. Again and again we have seen their gladness in making others glad, yet too often we are careless about planning that they may have this privilege. Last Christmas some tots from three to six years old, all coming from homes of the deepest poverty, were asked to give some of the pennies which, strangely enough, such children always have for buying candy, to get a present for a sick child in a certain hospital. On the day of their Christmas festival nothing gave them such happiness as the opening of the gift their little sacrifices had bought for the sick child they had never seen. Their joy went up in a united sound that was almost a cry. I am sure that note of joy was echoed in the heart of the Lord Jesus himself, who came to our world not to be ministered unto, but to minister.

The delight of children in playing Santa Claus, concealing their preparations in a mystery like his, is boundless. As the years pass this mystical being comes to mean to them the true giving spirit, and there is no disappointing shock when some rude, unpoetic, but well-meaning friend tells them there is no Santa Claus. Thank God that in our good country there is a Santa Claus for every little child, but this does not necessarily imply that all are visited by a boisterous, rollicking, red-faced, big-wiskered gift-giver who crams them with candy till they are sick, and loads them with toys till their little mental apparatus aches with the effort to appreciate the beauty and comprehend the mechanism of the same, and till they are scolded for being cross and 'naughty' by some big people who don't

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