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## CHRISTMAS CAROLS.

WHAT more charming Christmas custom is there than that of singing Christmas carols? See how Aunt Mary and her little nieces and nephew in the picture enjoy it. We have filled this number of the SUNBEAM with Christmas hymns and carols, and hope our little friends will have a good time singing them, and that this may be the best and happiest Christmas that ever they have known.



### WHAT THEY DID.

"HALLO!" cried Tom.

"What is it?" asked

Rose

"Come into the corner and I'll tell you," said Tom.

Then Rose and Tom put their heads together and whispered.

"Next Saturday will be Christmas," said Tom.

"We shall get lots of things," said Rose.

"The poor children over the way will not get anything," said Tom. "Just think, Rose, they never heard of hanging up stockings."

"Poor little tots!" cried Rose.

Then Tom and Rose whispered many other things. They ran to the playroom, and counted their toys, and put ever so many of these in a heap on the floor.

"We meant to keep them all our lives," said Rose,

"But now we have found something better to do with them," said Tom. "I wish that we had money enough for the other thing."

The night before Christmas they ran over the way and asked Grandmother Rule to

lend them four stockings. They filled the stockings with toys and games and picture-books, and hung them at the foot of the bedstead where the four children were asleep.

"Won't they be glad?" said old Mrs. Rule. "I will waken them at daylight."

"Grandmother Rule will open her eyes wide when she sees what is on the chair," whispered Rose. Mother and father had helped them with "money for the other thing," so that Rose and Tom could buy a big turkey too for the family over the way.

Hurrah for Christmas! What a glad day it was for all! But I should not be surprised to hear that Rose and Tom were made more glad by what they gave than by all the fine gifts that came to them.

Rose said, "Mother, I have chosen a beautiful text for the New Year—what Jesus said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive'"

### RULES FOR TO-DAY.

Do nothing that you would not like to be doing

when Jesus comes.

Go to no place where you would not like to be found when Jesus comes.

Say nothing that you would not like to be saying when Jesus comes.

THE LORD IS AT HAND.

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