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Where love would enthrone her Redeemer

## THE CHRISTMAS-TREE.

It was Christmas Eve, and it was a bitter, bitter night. The snow had been falling steadily all day, and toward night the wind had risen, till it was really fearful to hear it moaning, and sighing, and howling around the house, as it tore up the masses of snow and flung them against the windows, or threw them into great heaps like miniature hills

Many an old lady, as she sat knitting before her comfortable fire, on hearing a louder, fiercer howl of the wind, exclaimed : "God pity the poor this bitter night!" But how does God pity the poor? He does not send down bread and meat, and warm clothing from heaven to supply their wants; but he puts it into the hearts of their brethren and sisters of the human family to visit them in their afflictions. Ah ! "the poor ye have always with you, and when ye will, ye may do them good." The moaning and howling of the wind passed almost unheeded in the brilliant parlor of Mr. M---where a group of happy children are assembled around the Christmas tree whose top reached to the lofty ceiling, and whose branches, illuminated by many gay-colored wax tapers, hung laden with tokens of affection from one member of the family to It would take a long time to eneumerate the beautiful things which were on the Christmas-tree. There were presents for grandma and father, and mother, made by busy little fingers; there were toys and candies, and baskets and boxes; there were dolls seated among the branches, and hanging from the end of some of the boughs were little purses with half dollars in them, presents from grandmamma to each of the children. After the presents had been distributed and sufficiently admired, and thanks and kisses had been exchanged, the children engaged in a merry game, in the midst of which little Ellen, who had been running through the folding doors, came hastily up to her mother, and whisper-"Mamma, there is a poor little girl out in the hall by the stove. She seems almost frozen, and when I offered her some of my candy, she thanked me, but said she would rather have a piece of bread. What a strange child, mamma, to like bread better than candy !" " Perhaps if you had nothing to eat all day, you would like bread better than candy, too, Ellen," said her mother, rising to go and speak to the child, the children all following her into the hall.

ma, may I give her my half dollar Do, mamma, let me give her n half dollar."

The children soon saw that the father was putting on his great co and overshoes, and tying up his fac as if preparing for an encounter wi the storm. Crowding round his they exclaimed, "Why, papa, a you going out this dreadful night

Their father said to them in a lo tone: "Do you think we cou sleep comfortably to-night, childre or enjoy our warm fire, if we thoug a sick woman and her little childr were perishing in the street? would not do to trust this child wi money; but I must go with h and see if her story is true, their wants must be relieved."

"Then, papa, you will take half dollar to help pay the re won't you?"

"And mine?" "And mine "And mine?" shouted other lit voices. the shall sill to need add

"Yes, children, you shall ha the pleasure and the benefit of g ing," said their father; and orderi Patrick to take his hand sled full

"Where do you live, my child ?"

"In Fisher's Lane, ma'am !"

"Father's been dead a year,

wood, and a basket full of prov ions, Mr. M — started out wi the child, who was now wrapped a comfortable, warm shawl.

The children were allowed to up till their father came home, an very, very glad were they to her that the poor child Lad told th truth, and that their father had no left the family till they had bee made quite comfortable, and Patric had brought a doctor to see the sid woman.

There were at least two happ homes on that Christmas day. " G thou and do likewise," and yo shall receive the blessing of Hi who has said: "Inasmuch as have done it unto one of the least these, ye have done it unto me."-The Register.



It was Christmas Eve, but th weekly prayer-meeting was to held as usual, and Mr. and Mr Heston allowed no triffing thing keep them at home.

At the church door they we accosted by one of the brethren, wh inquired :

"How much are you going to giv me toward the steel engraving v have purchased for our pastor' wife ?'

"I think perhaps I ought not t give you any thing this time."

It cost Mr. Heston somethin to say this, for, though he wa not rich, he was a generous man his name was rarely lacking from subscription list. But he was no prepared for the storm of unkin words and unjust insinuations whic his partially declining to subscrib toward this gift called forth.

I will not tell you what thi solicitor said, for you would hardl believe the words would come from Christain lips. to black the back

Mr. Heston went into the prayer meeting, but there was little joy in the service for him. He had no yet learned to rejoice in tribulation to take all such burdens as some thing to bear for Christ, and his heart was sore.

It had been one of his hard days At ten in the morning there had been presented at his office a note for \$500, which his book-keeper had neglected to enter upon bills pay able. Fortunately the money wa in the bank and he had only to drav a check for it, but the circumstanc annoyed him. Later in the day h remembered that he had promised on that date, to settle a claim agains him for \$200 which a young man in a bank for whom he had gone a bondsman had stolen. Still late there came a heart-breaking lette from an old college chum who wa out upon the frontier in charge of poor struggling church. It was a answer to a barrel of warm winte clothing and Christmas goodi which Mr. Heston sent his friend thinking he might enjoy them, bu never dreaming that he was reduce to utter extremity. As he folded the letter something very like tears glistened in his ey strong man though he was. took out his bank-book, added it carefully, and then drew a check f \$25. He could not take the tin to write a letter, and the sheet paper accompanying the check co tained only three words to h clerical friend :

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ma'am, and mother's lying very sick. She thinks she is going to die."

"Did your mother work when she was well ?"

"Oh ! yes, ma'am, and I never had to beg a bit, till since mother's been so ill."

"And why did you come out this stormy night ?"

"Oh! I've had to take care of mother and the little ones all day, and to-night the landlord-he's a very hard man, ma'am-came in and said, if the rent was not paid tonight he would put us all in the street, for another family wanted the room, and mother said there was no way but for me to come out and try to raise the rent."

"How much do you owe ?" asked Mr. M-

"Half a dollar a week; we owe for four weeks, sir."

"Have you any wood ?" "Only some bits I pick up about the street, sir."

"Have you had food to-day !"