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THE CHILDREN'S CORNER

By Mrs. N. K. Wood

THE LITTLE CAPTIVE MAID

There was a General of great distinction and bravery invaded a land under orders of his king. He was held in high favor because he had once been the means of deliverance to his country from the enemy. He was a mighty man of valor and the king made him captain of his host and sent him out with a large band of warriors to invade a land and take the best of the country and even drive away from their homes many captives. This was a grievous time, for families were broken up, homes were destroyed and the people were powerless to help themselves, but fled to various places for refuge.

Among those led away captive was a beautiful child, and she was a Christian and loved God with all of her young heart. I fancy I can hear her pleadings going up to the ear of the Great Shepherd of His flock, and the sad, heartbroken mother mingled her prayers with those of her precious and, perhaps, only child, praying for the protection of the Unseen One, who knoweth His own.

This general was a great man with his master—perhaps the king's highest servant—so it pleased the king to grant his request when he told him they had a bright, beautiful child held as a prisoner of war, and he wanted her for his wife's little maid. Consent gained, he proceeded to free the child and take home to his wife a trophy from the scene of war. We can easily see that the hand of God was in the transaction, and their mutual love drew them closer every day.

Now, Bright Eyes (we will call her) saw a great deal of what was going on in this palatial home. The general was a leper, and that meant some day he would have to step down and out from his rank. So true to her faith, she said: "I wish my master were in my country. There is a great healer there who could cure him. He is called a prophet." By and by these words were carried round until her master heard and the king heard, and he said to the leper: "I will write a letter to the king of that country and send you to him. He will respect my request, I'm sure." The leper lost no time in making ready for his journey. He departed at length with ten talents of silver and six thousand pieces of gold and ten changes of garments, besides horses and chariots. When he reached the king's palace he presented his letter of introduction, which read: "I have herewith sent my servant to thee that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy." When the king read the message he rent his clothes (which betrayed his anger) and said: "He seeketh a quarrel with me. Doubtless he did think so, for not long since he had scourged the country and left his trail of brutality behind him. But prayer changes things. We can almost hear the plea of the little captive maid as she turned away from the last sight of her master's royal train, pressing on toward the last hope of healing.

Will not He who marks the sparrow's fall hear the faintest whisper of his child?

The old prophet knew how the king had rent his clothes and he said: "Let him come to me and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel." So the leper went with his train of distinction and drew up with all the dignity of a Latrap in front of the little house where the prophet lived. He sent his servant to announce his arrival. The prophet did not so much as lift a step toward the door. He only sent this message: "Go down to the river and wash. Dip seven times." The leper was in a rage. Doubtless he thought the prophet considered he needed a good bath, which was a reasonable conjecture. He turned away angrily, disappointed and chagrined, determined to go home, but one of his servants said: "Master, if the prophet had told you to do some hard thing you would have done it. Obey this command."

Something happened. The holy spirit in the captive maid touched the electric wire in her tender little sympathetic heart and the response came from the other end of the line on high. Only believe.

The leper went down into the river and dipped once, twice, three times. No better. Dipped again and again. No change. Six times—no change. Discouraged he was almost ready to give up, but seven times he said. So down he went, doubts and all, and when he came up he was sure enough every whit whole. His flesh was like a little child's. He was a new man. Rejoicing, he returned to the prophet to offer a blessing in the way of silver and gold, but the prophet

TORRANCE NEWS ITEMS

Mrs. Lucy Paxman of Lomita visited friends in Torrance on Monday.

Mrs. G. R. Steadman of Kern Court was a Los Angeles visitor on Monday.

Little Ruth Slye of Portola avenue is able to be up after being very sick with pneumonia.

Mr. Edward of North Arlington avenue has gone back to work after a two weeks' illness.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. William H. McLaren of Normandie avenue, Sunday, October 9, a daughter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Stablefelt and Mr. and Mrs. John Preston were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Probert on the Mojave Desert. Mr. and Mrs. Probert were former Torrance residents.

TORRANCE POSTMASTER IS ON THE JOB ALL THE TIME

Secretary of Fourth District Chambers of Commerce Alfred Gourdiere devotes much time to the promotion of his post office as well as the affairs of the whole Supervisorial District, as noted by the following correspondence:

Post Office Department
Second Assistant Postmaster-General
Washington
September 23, 1921.

Mr. Alfred Gourdiere,
Torrance, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gourdiere:
I have your letter of the 13th instant, enclosing resolution passed by the Fourth District Chambers of Commerce requesting improved mail service for certain offices located on the line of the Pacific Electric Railway along the coast in the vicinity of Los Angeles, and I am going to have the matter looked into promptly with a view to ascertaining what is necessary to bring about improvement in the service for the point mentioned by you.

Sincerely yours,
E. H. SHAUGHNESSY.

State of California,
Governor's Office, Sacramento,
September 28, 1921.

Mr. Alfred Gourdiere, Secretary,
Fourth District Chambers of Commerce,
Torrance, Calif.

My dear Mr. Gourdiere:
I beg to acknowledge your recent letters, which were on my desk on my return to Sacramento this afternoon.

I note what you have to say about the Redondo Beach-San Pedro Highway, and will be glad to call the whole matter to the attention of the State Highway Commission having charge of both location and construction.

I am always pleased to have you write me concerning anything in which I can be of help.

Yours very truly,
WM. D. STEPHENS,
Governor.

State of California
Department of Public Works
California Highway Commission,
Forum Building, Sacramento
September 29, 1921.

Mr. Alfred Gourdiere, Secretary,
Fourth District Chambers of Commerce,
Torrance, California.

Sir:
Your letter of September 15, addressed to Governor Stephens, enclosing a resolution adopted by the Fourth Supervisorial District Chambers of Commerce in support of the State Coast Highway between Redondo Beach and San Pedro, has been referred by the Governor to the Commission. We beg to advise you that the petition will receive our earnest consideration.

Yours very truly,
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY COMMISSION,
By J. F. Galvin, Secretary.

said: "I will take none." Then the new man said: "Will you give me two loads of earth that I may take back with me to build an altar, for thy servant will no more offer sacrifice to any other god, but unto the Lord. This one thing I ask: Pardon me when I go with my master to his worship in the house of Rimmon, for I am his servant and he leans on my hand to worship, and when I bow with him the Lord pardon me, for I will no more worship any but the Lord, for now I know there is no other God but the only God in Israel, and the prophet said: "Go."

May we not say: "A little child shall lead them." If any of my little friends will read the "Children's Corner" will tell me the name of the leper and the name of the healer I will tell you where the leprosy went when it left the man, and more of the story if you ask it.



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