

JUNIOR RED CROSS IN THE PRIMARY ROOM

This organization, if I might call it such, has been the means of creating the greatest interest with little children of anything I have ever tried.

Early in the fall the children in my room grades 2 A and Third, became quite anxious to become a part of the "Helping Others" program, thereby in their small way doing what they could. The very first meeting, naturally, was one for explanation and election of officers. I had to preside, but I let them do their own nominating, vote as each wished, and count the votes afterward. The little fellows seemed to feel proud of themselves when they were allowed to stand and make nominations, etc. Today in their meetings they all appear very much at ease. A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and 2 captains were elected. The captains were to take charge of the pins entirely. They decided as they lost them so easily it would be better to keep them in a special box so the captains pass them once a week.

They have meetings regularly on Friday afternoon at 12:45. Usually lasting about 25 minutes. There is a program committee, who with me decide on the kind of entertainment. At all meetings the little president and secretary are in front. They carry on the business, I only take part when absolutely necessary.

Sometimes the entire program is called "Good Deeds" program. Each child tells a good deed for the week. To my mind this keeps ever in their minds the real meaning of Junior Red Cross, and motto, "I serve." Always the programs are a part of their words in English; for instance the story is told by the one who told it best in English. School News is an assignment I give them sometimes for busy words, the one written the neatest with fewest mistakes is read. There are so many ways in which the Friday afternoon program can be held aloft, with their interest growing all the while.

Beginning Monday of the week of Lincoln's birthday stories were read concerning his life, then for English they were reproduced. On Friday the best ones were used to celebrate his birthday. The following week the same idea was true with Washington, then we had a Washington and Patriotic program.

There are so many ways in which the two words "I serve" can be interpreted. Junior Red Cross does help thousands of poor, weak, sick, starving children. Then I have tried in a simple way to show it is a tool in the teachers hand. This little band of workers with the one high ideal of service can be counted on to do things right at home, in the school, things they never dreamed about before. Better results can be obtained in reading, English or any subject when the "Red Cross" is put before them. Honestly my children will almost work their "heads off" to be on the program. And only through best efforts do they get there.

They have given \$2.00 to help the Chinese children learn about Jesus and have a good Christmas. Filled one big Christmas stocking for the sick soldiers at Oteen. They sent a large box of fruit to a poor family in town at Thanksgiving.

Have "clean up" day on the play ground as well as in our room. Purchased a globe for our room.

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At present we are getting money to buy a picture by sell-candy to our playmates. They send fruit each week to members who are sick.

There is 35c in the treasury. Does Red Cross pay in the schools? To me it surely does. There is no better proof than the jolly smile on Johnny's face when he shows you he is even happier because he gave the orange from his lunch to a sick child who did not have one. We serve at home, we work in school, then the greatest service perhaps is overseas. Every child understands that he in part is doing some thing for people he can never see, still he smiles as he sings: "We help people over the ocean, We help people over the sea, We help people over the ocean, By sending them gifts can't you see?"

Red Cross! Red Cross! We aim to help others today, today, Red Cross! Red Cross! Our motto is service always.

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Death of Alex Futrell

Just at the dawn of a new day, March 12th, 1926, the death angel entered our home and took from us the dear husband and father; aged 69 years.

For a long time he had been in very poor health and for the last few months his sufferings were intense. He endured them with great fortitude, ever trusting in his Heavenly Father, knowing that He never forsakes His own. All was done for him that loving hands could do. Children, neighbors and friends were ever kind and helpful. Dr. Clifton Parker was especially faithful in attendance, endeavoring to alleviate his sufferings. Our Lord knew best, and took

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He was a loving husband, a kind and indulgent father, an ever faithful friend and a true Christian.

In early life he became a member of Hebron Baptist Church. Later he moved his membership to Ashley's Grove Church, remaining a consistent member until his death.

He was laid to rest in the family burying ground. The services were conducted by his former pastor, Rev. D. Cate, assisted by Rev. W. N. Sheppard. He leaves to mourn their loss a loving wife, two sons and five daughters and twenty-nine grand children.

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