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very nicely made and trimmed; but we put that at the back of the tree, because it would not have looked pretty in the front, amongst the toys.

We had about a dozen little boys and girls at our party. Of course Lucy Walters was there, and a cousin just as old as herself, who was staying with her, and the doctor's little boy, and Pansie Aidel and her brother, and several other children, whose names I have forgotten now. They were all very nicely dressed, but I thought no one looked so pretty as our own little Callie. She had a clear white muslin frock on, with a broad blue ribbon sash, and blue ribbon in her long fair hair, and white shoes with blue rosettes on them, and her cheeks were so rosy and her eyes so bright. At first she was very shy, for she had never seen so many children together before, and she kept very close to mamma, but she soon felt all right again and made friends with most of the children, especially Pansie, who was such a dear, kind little thing, that every one loved her.

The children came at six, and we were to have supper in the morning-room at seven, and at eight we were to go into the oriel room, and see the