

came to bring 'peace on earth, goodwill toward men;' let us each try how far we can send the Christmas message, and how many hearts and homes we can brighten with it, for His sake."

"Why, Reggie, you talk like a book," said Ernest, springing to his feet.

"Well, it is not often I speak to you like that, Ernest, so you must mind me all the more when I do," replied his brother.

"Well, I'm off for a romp in the nursery," cried Ernest.

"And I must go to mamma," said -Connie, so Reginald was left alone.

He lay quietly for some minutes watching the snow-flakes falling on the trees outside the window, which could be only dimly seen through the gathering darkness; and as he watched, mournful thoughts filled his mind. "Yes," he said to himself, "*they* can work, *they* can do something for Him; but I must lie here a useless log, *I* who would have worked so hard; oh, it is hard,