

a shy bird, so it is often heard before it is seen; and what a beautiful sound it makes! Its call is a pure note like the "ting" of a silver bell. You will not be surprised if I tell you that it is called the Bell Bird. Now, just as a pure sound comes from the throat of the Bell Bird, so good words should come from our mouths. Do you know which words are bad words? Swear words, lying words, quarrelling words and boasting words are all bad words. The Bible says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good". That means you must not let bad words come out of your mouth, and that you must speak good words. Ask God to make you able to speak good words.

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### **Vanie's and Annie's Answered Prayer**

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LONG ago, in an American town, two sisters, one about five, the other older, went to a shop each Saturday for their mother. One morning they were returning home when Vanie, the elder one, became suddenly ill with very severe cramps. She was in great pain and could

not go a step further. There were only factories nearby and everyone was busy inside. Not a person was to be seen, and the girls did not know what to do. Annie was too shy to go into one of the factories for help, so they sat quietly for a while — at least as quietly as the pain would allow.

Suddenly Vanie said, "Annie, you know that a good while ago Mother told us that if we were ever in trouble we should pray, and God would help us. Now you help me to go on my knees and we will pray."

There on the street, these two children asked God to send someone to help them home. Then they sat down, waiting for the answer to their prayer.

Soon Annie saw a man come out of a factory far down the street. He looked around and up and down the street, and then went back into the factory.

"O, he has gone in again," said Annie.

"Well," said Vanie, "perhaps he is not the one God is going to send. If he is, he will be back again."

"There he comes again," said Annie. "He comes this way. He seems to be looking for something. He walks slow. O, he has gone in again. What shall we do?"

"That may not be the one whom God will send to help us," said Vanie. "If he is, he will come out again."

"O, there he is again," said Annie. "He comes this way."

He looked at them kindly and asked in a broken German accent, "Children, what is the matter?"

"O sir," said Annie, "my sister here is so sick she cannot walk and we cannot get home."