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## THIRD BOOK.

### 1.—LITTLE HANDS MAY GIVE GREAT HELP.

*creep-ing*      *char-i-ty*      *anx-i-ous-ly*  
creep-ing      char-i-ty      anx-i-ous-ly

*gro-cer*      *i-dea*      *mon-ey*      *rab-bit*  
gro-cer      i-dea      mon-ey      rab-bit

*fu-ne-ral*      *sac-ri-fice*      *joy-ful-ly*  
fu-ne-ral      sac-ri-fice      joy-ful-ly

“Mamma,” said Mary Lester, creeping up to her mother’s side one morning, and looking anxiously in her face, “I do so wish you would give me some money !”

“Tell me what you want it for,” said her mamma.

“I want to give it to poor Hannah Jackson. Her little girl was here a short time ago, and she came and stood beside me whilst I was feeding my rabbits, and what do you think she said ? her mother was sitting at home crying, because she had no money to pay her

bill at the grocer's, and he will not wait any longer for it."

"I am very sorry for poor Hannah Jackson," replied Mrs Lester, "for she works hard and is very steady and careful. She would not be in need of money now, if she had not had to nurse her husband through a long illness and then pay his funeral expenses."

"Then," said Mary joyfully, "you will give me some money to give her."

"No, dear, I think not," replied Mrs Lester. "I will tell you why I say I will not—you are nine years old now, and ought to be able to understand that you must not content yourself with giving help which costs you nothing. Unless you give her some of your own little store of money, or some help from your own hands, you are in reality giving her nothing."

"But, mamma, I have no money, I have spent it all."

"Then, Mary dear, if you spend all you have on yourself, and then come to me for more whenever you are sorry for any one, I am the one who gives and not you, and your charity costs you no sacrifice of any kind."

"Then what am I to do?" said Mary looking ready to cry.

"I do not know, you must either save some of the next money you get to give to her, or find some way of helping her with your hands, or you must give up the idea of doing anything for her."

"I *will* do something," thought Mary, "if only I can find a way." She went into the garden, and tried to think of every possible way of helping Hannah