

REPAYING THE DOCTOR

The doctor looked at his watch, stood up and went to the sick girl's bedside. She was sleeping quietly. He felt her pulse again and smiled at the old woman.

"She'll be all right," he told her, "Just see that she gets plenty of rest."

The woman stood beside him bowed her head. "Doctor, " she said, I don't know what to say." "Oh, there's nothing to worry about," he answered.

patting her on the arm. "I'm only glad to be of help to you and your daughter." "How can we ever repay you?" she asked him. "We're poor, but you can have any of the things you see in this humble home."

"There's only one way you can repay me as well as my companions. Make your town a healthful place to live in by building a good drainage system. Dig some canals from the pool of water in your backyard so the dirty water will flow into the street canals. You can do this and tell your neighbors to do the same. Are you willing to do that?"

"Gladly, Doctor," the old woman answered.

"Then I'm well repaid," the doctor's quick reply. He picked up his bags and left the house light heartedly.

Questions:

- 1. According to the doctor, how can the woman and her daughter repay him?
- 2. Who will benefit from the doctor's request? Is it he or the woman and her daugther ? Explain your answer.
- 3. How can you repay the good things given to you?
- 4. Explain this "Little Things Matter"