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THE GREAT COMMAND.

“GO YE INTO ALL THE WORLD, AND PREACH THE
GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.”

To Thee the high and lofty One be all the glory given,
By all the tribes of men on earth, and all the hosts of heaven;
To Thee in gratitude we'll raise our noblest, loftiest songs,
To Thee, the Lord of heaven and earth, to whom the praise be-
longs.

At Thy command to preach Thy word, and, trusting in Thy name,
Thy faithful servants have gone forth the Saviour to proclaim;
To distant heathen lands they've gone, where sin and darkness
reign,

The story of the Cross to tell, and loose the captive's chain.

Though long the day, and dark the clouds, and high the moun-
tains rise,

That hide the promise and blessings of Jehovah from our eyes;
Our faith, the certain evidence of things as yet unseen,
Looks forward to a brighter day and a more glorious scene.

The dawning of a brighter day already we behold,
And thousands of neglected ones are gather'd to Thy fold;
And soon the tribes of all the earth shall Thy salvation see,
And myriads more, in bondage now, Thy Gospel shall set free.

With great success Thy servants bless, and let Thy Gospel run,
Hasten the latter day, O Lord! and let “Thy kingdom come;”
Thy kingdom stretch from sea to sea, and over all extend,
Till every heart shall own Thy sway, and every knee shall bend.

Thou God of Missions, bless the work; the Missionaries bless;
Continue, Lord, to favour them with visible success;
With self-denying patient love and with untiring zeal,
With sympathy for precious souls, O God, their spirits fill!

Then, when their happy toil is o'er, the work of mercy done,
Thou'lt send for all Thy faithful ones, and call Thy servants
home;

Upon the burnish'd sea of glass, to stand in robes of white,
Adorn'd with golden crowns, and waving palms, and glory bright

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PREFACE.

SOME people, when they are going by the railway, get quite impatient, if they are kept waiting a little while before the train starts. They want to be off in a minute, and long to hear the shrill sound of the whistle, (though it is never a very musical one), and the command of the superintendent, "Go on!"

And there are some readers, ay, and young readers too, who are very much like these good folks,—and they are in such a hurry to get on with a book they are going to read, that they have not patience to stop and read the Preface. That seems to them as bad as waiting for the train to start. They want to get into the very heart of the book at once, and fancy the Preface is something very tedious, and not very important.

Now, I intreat you to be wiser. Do not be in such a hurry. *Always read the Preface*; it explains the book, and then you will know exactly what to expect. I dare say you have read all the Numbers of the *Juvenile Magazine*, and I hope that you have been pleased with them. I have just two or three things to say about them, and a little about what you may expect next year. It is very difficult to please everybody with *every*

PREFACE.

Number of the Magazine, and *every* article in it. But I am glad to find so many are pleased. What I try to do is to put in something to suit all the different readers, from three or four years old to twelve and fourteen, and some a little older still. Many communications have been sent for insertion, from which I have made the best selection I could of what was simple and pointed, instructive and attractive. Many write who forget it is for *Juveniles*; and others, as if it were *only* for babes, and some overlook that it is to be *Missionary* in *all its character*. But sincere thanks are due to all who make an effort; and none, it is hoped, will be much disappointed, if they do not find themselves in print.

The Magazine has obtained a sale beyond expectation. If demand be an index of approval, *two hundred thousand votes are* in its favour. Such a widely-extended means of interesting the young is worth a careful effort, not only on the part of the Editor, but of the best writers for youth in the empire. If Ministers take pains with a sermon to be preached, it may be only once, to a congregation of 500 people, would it not be worth their while to prepare a piece with great care, now and then, for insertion in this "Juvenile Magazine," where it would command the attention of 200,000? This number, however, may be greatly increased, if the Magazine be adopted with the

warmth of interest expressed in the following extract of a letter from a Correspondent :—“ Permit me to say, that I have read with admiration the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine* from its commencement, and have all along regarded it with increasing interest, viewing it as having been called forth in the good Providence of God, and destined to render important service to the cause of Missions, and more directly identifying therewith that interesting portion of the religious world—the *YOUNG*. Oh yes, it would seem in my humble opinion happily calculated to beget and foster a love for Missions in, their tender, yet ardent minds. It first captivates, and then enlists, them in the service. How desirable this, and how delightful! How well pleasing to God! How full of promise to His church—His one universal church! Oh! it was a high and happy day for the Missionary enterprise, when the first thought of the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine* was awakened in the mind of its originator! I have thought it might likely be a gracious answer to prayer—the prayer of faith—devoutly offered in the closet by some child of God on behalf of the heathen world. Suffice it, it is of Him ‘from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed,’ and to Him alone be the glory!”

One aim of this Miscellany must be, to guide the vigorous efforts of the young in their early

Christian benevolence. The first object to which we invite them at this moment is a *Juvenile contribution to the Jubilee Fund*. With that they will well commence the New Year. Then, for continuous and systematic effort, it may be hoped, they will undertake to collect a sufficient sum to pay the Annual Expenses of the "John Williams." A plan for this will be given in an early Number next year. And, in addition to that, the Editor has a favourite notion, that the readers of this *Juvenile* might almost support the two Mission Schools at Walthamstow, (so far as they depend on voluntary contributions), the one for the sons, and the other for the daughters, of Missionaries, just by giving one halfpenny each every Easter Monday and every Michaelmas Day. We must say more about this delightful scheme at another time. In closing, the Editor again solicits the warmest efforts of his young Friends for a NOBLE JUBILEE COLLECTION, and begs them to read and learn the preceding Hymn on THE GREAT COMMAND—TO PREACH THE GOSPEL TO EVERY CREATURE.