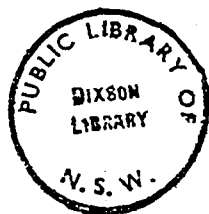
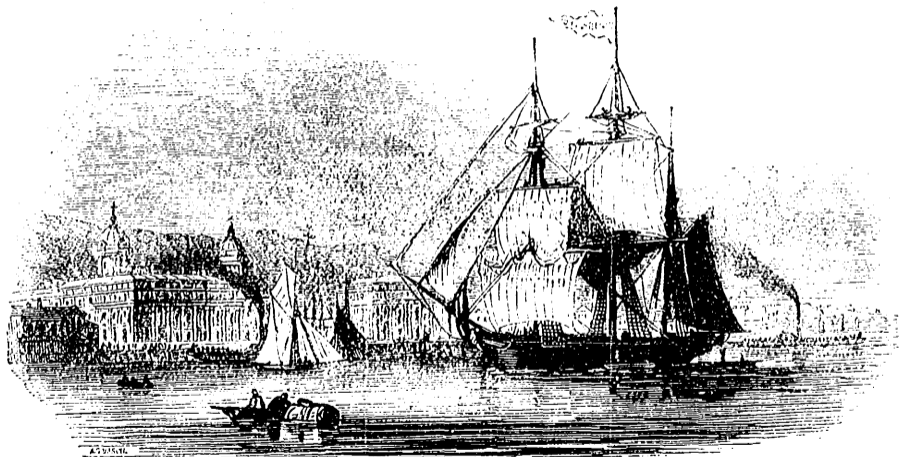


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THE JOHN WILLIAMS IN THE THAMES.

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THE EDITOR'S SALAM,

OR

Introductory Address.

TO THE YOUTHFUL FRIENDS OF CHRISTIAN MIS-
SIONS THROUGHOUT THE EMPIRE, ESPECIALLY TO
THOSE CONNECTED WITH THE LONDON MISSIONARY
SOCIETY.

BELOVED YOUNG FRIENDS,

IT is your privilege to live in a period of great interest. These are wonderful times; they are the most wonderful of any that have happened since Jesus Christ was on the earth. "Many prophets and kings have desired to see them." Perhaps the years that are yet to come may prove more wonderful still. Of this, however, we cannot be quite certain, though it seems to be very probable. If you are spared to live twenty or thirty years longer, you will, very probably, see many things respecting the state of the world and the spread of the Gospel, that will make you "tremble and rejoice." Many coun-

tries that are now without the Gospel may by that time possess it, and become as much changed as Tahiti and Rarotonga have been. Perhaps thousands of the very people in India and China, who *now* worship only idols, may by that time cease to worship them altogether, and pray only to the True and Living God. Multitudes who have not yet even heard the name of Jesus the Saviour may be brought to know and love him, as so many do in this favoured land of ours. In places where there is not a single school for children, we may hear of *many schools* well attended and very flourishing. Some that do *nothing* now to send abroad the Gospel may become very zealous in that delightful service. Some of *you* will perhaps be Missionaries yourselves, and *see* the very things about which you now only hear and read. And we may hope too that multitudes of the Jews, who do not at present believe that Jesus is the True Saviour, may lose their unbelief, and love him as the "Hope of Israel," and become zealous Missionaries in his service, just as Paul was after the grace of God changed his heart.

Now this New Magazine is made on purpose to keep telling you of what is being done in the world to spread the Gospel.—No doubt you wish to hear respecting Missionary Societies, and Bible Societies, and Tract Societies, and Schools, and the Missionary Ship, and the Heathen and Children abroad, and as to what *you* can do to promote *their* happiness and *their* salvation. The solemn fact which we should all keep before our minds is, that *there are yet above 600,000,000 of souls in the*

world not converted to Jesus Christ. If we are his disciples, we must do *all* we can towards their conversion.

There are a few things I wish to say to you about this New Magazine, in the present number of it, for this is the *first* number.

1st. There are already some other Magazines for young people. Now I do not wish you to set *them* aside in order to buy this. "The Missionary Repository" is very excellent, and is always worth your reading; and so is the "Children's Monthly Missionary Newspaper," which has been lately commenced; and "The Child's Missionary Magazine," and "The Church Missionary Juvenile Instructor," &c. But *this New Magazine*, which you are now reading, is so cheap, that you can purchase it *besides* any of those others, if you take them; and if you do *not* take them, that is the stronger reason why you should *buy this*.

2ndly. This is a time when almost every body of good sense loves to have a Magazine.

It is quite a treat to have the Magazines come so fresh every month. The furniture of a house is not complete without them. A library is not complete without them; a school-room is *very* defective without them. They tell us what is new, and striking, and interesting; they find out something new every month; they set people to think and to work; they show us what others are doing, and explain how *we* may do good ourselves. Every house where there are young people should have, at any rate, "*The Juvenile Missionary Magazine.*"

3rdly. This Magazine looks to young people to encourage it.

The friends of the young will write for it. Parents will love to see their families reading it, from little Annie, as soon as she can make out the words, up to Helen, the eldest, who has just left school. They should all have one apiece, and not merely one for a whole family. All the brothers and sisters should have their own copy.

4thly. All who read it should recommend it to their friends and acquaintances. I want the young people to take up the affair of this Magazine, *just as they did the Ship*. They can talk of it as their own Magazine, and greatly increase the number of purchasers, and not stop till at the lowest there are a Hundred Thousand Copies of it sold every month. We shall then make the Magazine better still, and give another engraving or two and sometimes more pages for the same money.

But, *5thly*, As nothing but the blessing of God can make our attempts useful and successful, we must pray for that. This Magazine will tell you by and by of children who have loved to pray, and grown up to be useful and happy, and lived to serve and honour the Saviour all their days.

Dear young friends, lift up your hearts in prayer to God, that He will bless the reading of this Magazine to you and to many, that it may lead you to love Missionaries more and to pity the Heathen more.

If it succeeds in doing this, it will give great delight to your sincere friend,

THE EDITOR.

THE NEW SHIP "JOHN WILLIAMS."

THE Frontispiece to the present number contains an exact representation of the New Missionary Ship, the "John Williams." How many thousand youthful hearts will respond at the very sight of the picture, and say, "That's the ship we helped to buy!" Yes, and how pleasant to think, that *not one* of all those thousands will *repent* having given or obtained a contribution towards it. What we lavish on ourselves often causes bitter reflection, but what we expend in the service of humanity and religion can be looked back on only with *delight*. Hundreds, also, will have *seen* the Ship by the time the Magazine is published, and their exclamation will have been, just like that used by Mr. Williams himself, as he drew near "The Camden" at the time she was about to sail from Gravesend, "Is n't she beautiful!" Would that every young person in the empire, who has contributed any amount, however small, towards buying the Ship, could see her! What a congregation they would make if all were assembled together! What a burst of joy it would be if all shouted together, "Beautiful!" And then how delightful if all were to pray with one heart and voice, "May God preserve the Ship wherever she sails, and smile on the labours of all the Missionaries that will ever sail in her!"

This is not the *first* ship the Missionary Society has had. The first of all was "The Duff," which was commanded by Captain James Wil-

son, and which sailed from England for the South Sea Islands, in August, 1796. There were twenty-nine Missionaries on board, some of whom were married, and had their families with them; they reached Tahiti (sometimes mis-spelt Otaheite) in March of the next year, where eighteen of them remained, and nearly all the others were left at Tongataboo. "The Duff" returned to England by way of Canton in 1798, and sailed again with nearly the same number of Missionaries in December of that year. This time the vessel was captured by a French privateer, called "The Buonaparte," commanded by Captain Carbonelle, in February, 1799, off South America.

From that period the Society has had no ship of its own. "The Messenger of Peace," that Mr. Williams built at Rarotonga, in 1827, was his own; and it was when the news of the loss of that little vessel reached England, that the Directors of the Missionary Society resolved on purchasing a ship entirely for the use of their Missions in the South Seas. A strong appeal was made on the subject to the Christian public, aided by the manly eloquence of Mr. Williams; rather more than £4000 was the sum raised, not, however, by any special effort of the *young*, but by all classes combined. "The Camden" was purchased and fitted out in 1838, at an expense of about £250 beyond the sum just named. She sailed from England in April, 1838.

Having been very usefully employed for five years, "The Camden" returned to England, and was found too small to answer all the purposes

required. It was then resolved to obtain a larger one, and for that purpose an appeal was made to the liberality and energy and missionary spirit of "*the Juvenile Friends of the Society.*" The appeal was most cheerfully responded to; £6237 has been paid to the Society's treasurer! With that sum the "*John Williams*" has been purchased and fitted out. The *exact* outlay is not yet ascertained, but it will be *about* the amount raised. The following are the particulars of the tonnage and measurement:—

Launched at Harwich, 20th March, 1844; 296 tons; 103 feet length; 24 feet 8 inches breadth; 16 feet depth in the hold; and has 10 state-rooms.

In the July number of the Magazine, we shall hope to give the account of her having sailed, together with the names of the new Missionaries who will proceed to their destination on board this new and beautiful vessel.

LAUNCHING OF THE NEW SHIP.

THOUSANDS of our young friends who contributed towards the purchase of the "*John Williams*" would have been delighted to see her "*launched*" at Harwich. The place, however, was too far away to admit of this; still there was a good company present, and the Rev. Mr. Hordle, an excellent minister at Harwich, sent an account of it to Mr. Arundel, and you will all be delighted with his letter. It is as follows:—

Harwich, March 21, 1844.

"Dear Sir,—It is with great pleasure I inform you that the New Missionary Ship 'was 'launched' from the ship-yard in

this town, yesterday, about noon, in the presence of a vast concourse of people, who had assembled to witness her going off. She entered on the bosom of the ocean, as our sailors here say, 'in fine style.' The religious part of the people felt a more than common interest in the launching of this fine vessel. Those of the young people in my congregation who are teachers of our Sabbath-schools met their little ones (the scholars) in the chapel in the forenoon, and from thence conducted them through the streets to the ship-yard. The morning proved very *wet* as well as *cold*, but their ardour was not to be repressed by rain and cold, and they soon arrived at the yard, and ascended to the spacious deck of the vessel. Here they were joined by the children and teachers of the Sabbath-school in connexion with the Wesleyan congregation in this town. Praise and prayer were offered, and the children sang with much energy several appropriate hymns selected for the occasion. A great number of persons were on the deck in addition to the children and teachers; and on their descending from the ship, she was launched into the deep, amid the loud huzzas of the numerous crowd congregated in the ship-yard. The children were conducted back again to the chapel, when each child was presented with a cake. In the afternoon, the teachers, with their minister, took tea together, in honour of the event, at the vestry-room of the chapel, when they were favoured with the company of that good man, *Capt. Morgan*. In the evening of the interesting day a large congregation assembled in the chapel, in addition to the children, when, after several hymns had been sung by the scholars and an address had been delivered, *Capt. Morgan* related some of the movements of 'The Camden' among the South Sea Islands, and, as an eye-witness, dwelt with much feeling on the circumstances connected with the lamented death of the never-to-be-forgotten John Williams and Mr. Harris, who fell as martyrs on the shores of Erromanga. The children at the evening meeting were regaled with plum-cakes and oranges, and returned to their homes delighted and highly gratified; and, I believe, to the latest hour of their lives, they will never forget the launching of the 'New Missionary Ship.' We all felt particularly gratified by *Capt. Morgan's* presence among us. This morning, about ten, the ship was taken in tow by a steamer, and passed out of the harbour. We looked, and looked, and looked again, and bade her farewell!—

"With much esteem, believe me, dear Sir, truly yours,

"WILLIAM HORDLE."