

THE "JOHN WILLIAMS" IN THE WEST  
INDIA DOCKS.

FROM Harwich, the Ship was brought up to London, to be "fitted out." She was taken to Mr. Tyndale's dock for that purpose, and then to the West India Export Dock, to receive her cargo. Two days have been allotted during the Missionary week for as many friends to go and see her as could find it convenient. They all appeared much delighted. Perhaps they did not all wish to *go to sea* in her; but if any one were going, he could hardly wish to have a nicer ship for the voyage. Many young friends will still go to see the "John Williams" as long as she remains in London; but it is hoped she will be "on her way" within a week after your reading this account of her.

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## A NEW FLAG FOR THE MISSIONARY SHIP.

SOME of the young ladies of Wycliffe Chapel, London, of which the Rev. Dr. Reed is the Minister, have very kindly presented a new and beautiful flag for the Ship, and which is now flying at the mast head. One of the deacons accompanied them to the Docks, that they might have the gratification of presenting it themselves. The flag bears on it the name of the Ship, and, as an emblem of peace, the dove carrying an olive branch. This is the same design or emblem

which was used on the flag of "The Camden," and a more suitable one there could not be.

*The Directors are very grateful to their young friends for this kind and acceptable present. They wish some other friends would kindly give a library or some useful books towards one, to be kept in the cabin for the use of the ship's company.*



### MEDAL OF THE NEW SHIP.

A BEAUTIFUL "Medal" of the "John Williams" has been prepared, which, it is thought, the young friends who have contributed towards the purchase will be anxious to possess.

It will present a very neat and exact cast of the Ship, taken from a drawing made by an eminent artist expressly for that purpose; and, on the reverse side, will be the tonnage and dimensions of the Ship, as given at page 9 of this Magazine. The price will be so low as to bring it within the reach of almost every family—"Threepence;" and it will form a very nice little object to put by in the "Juvenile Museum," which there should be in every house where there are young people. It is delightful to think that works of art can be executed so neatly at so small a price. It will be sold by Mr. Snow, and by Mr. Davis, at the Sunday School Union Dépôt, and a large allowance will be made to Sunday Schools.

THE ORIGIN OF THE LONDON MISSIONARY  
SOCIETY.

## CHILDREN,

YOUR Magazine begins in the same year as the *Jubilee* year of the Society. A very proper time, indeed, seeing you have begun this "acceptable year" by buying a new Missionary Ship. There was no Juvenile Magazine when the first Missionary Ship, "The Duff," was bought. Boys and girls did not collect money for "The Duff," and so no one then collected Missionary news for them. Even when that ship was taken by the French, nobody thought of employing children to raise money for another: so it was not the children's fault. I was a very little boy then; but I do think that I would have collected, had I been asked to do so. I was told, however, then, *when* and *where* and *how* the Missionary Society began, and all about Tahiti and Pomare, and I never forgot Missionary work afterwards, although there was no Juvenile Magazine to explain it to young folk. But, alas! though we did not forget it at school, we *gave* nothing to help it. Our pocket-money was spent on fruit, and marbles, and toys; for there were no good little books then for children, except the Catechisms. Still we did like to hear about Missionaries and the poor Heathen; and O! how we enjoyed the picture of "Mary and Martha," the Hottentots, who came from Africa! For we got a nice picture now and then, in the *big* Magazine, even in those days.

Well, as so little information and encouragement made many of us pretty good friends to the Society as we grew up, what *capital* friends to it you ought to be, now that you have a Magazine of your own, and may almost call the Ship your own! But, in order to be *steady* friends to this good cause, you must know all about the Society, when it was young and small, and thus weak; and ought not I to tell you as well as I can? Many, indeed, could tell you better; but, as I am spared, in life and health, to see the Jubilee year and the Juvenile Magazine, whilst many of my school-fellows have

Died without the sight,

you cannot wonder that I should try to show my gratitude, by telling you what was told to me when I was a little boy. Well, I was told then, and have found it to be quite true since, that, at the close of the last century, when bloody wars were raging in Europe, a number of holy men in England, Scotland, Wales, aye, and in *America* too, began to think or pray about the Heathen without knowing of each other at first. Each almost imagined that he was *alone* in pitying the Heathen. Two or three of these good men, however, wrote letters on the subject; and thus they all came to know each other's feelings, and were delighted to find that they felt alike. This encouraged them. They then began to *plan* as well as pray. Rowland Hill and Dr. Bogue, Matthew Wilks and Mr. Hardcastle, and such men, resolved to form a Missionary Society

for the world. Now, *where* did they meet, think you, for this great work? Not in a great room,—there was no Exeter Hall then. They met in Mr. Hardcastle's counting-house, just on the east side of *Old Swan Stairs*. The *house* has been pulled down, but the very *spot* where it stood is worth looking at, for there the Bible and Tract Societies also were begun! You have heard of *Runnymede*, where the MAGNA CHARTA of our liberties was signed; that is a sacred spot in Surrey. But there is no spot on the banks of the Thames so sacred as the "holy ground" where these noble societies were planned! I consider that room as next in glory to the "upper room," in Jerusalem, where the Apostles prayed and planned at Pentecost before they began their Missions. Yes, and the time is coming, and will soon be here, when Africans, Hindoos, and Chinese will go to visit that site where the Great Missionary Charter was signed, before they visit the Tower, St. Paul's, or Westminster Abbey.

You must not suppose, however, that there was no *difficulty* in forming our great Missionary Society at first. Why, there were seven *good* men afraid to begin. The fathers and founders wanted to *unite* all who loved the Saviour in one Society for spreading the Gospel. But how was this to be done, seeing they were *divided* into so many churches, and had never acted together before? I will tell you next month.

### THE FIRST PROTESTANT MISSIONARY MEETING EVER HELD AT ROME.

YES, Children, the very *first*, and your Magazine is one of the first to give an account of it! Protestants have often met privately at Rome on Sundays for worship, but never before for Missions, publicly or privately. This year, however, some *titled* and distinguished friends of Missions, who remembered how Paul acted at Rome "in his own hired house," (Acts, xxviii. 30), determined to imitate the Apostle so far as they could. Sir Culling Eardly Smith, Bart., (now the Treasurer of the London Missionary Society), opened his "house" for the meeting. The Earl of Gainsborough took the chair. Dr. Harris, Mr. Ellis, and the Dean of Ardagh, with others, were the speakers. It was a capital meeting, and a good collection was made.

What will the POPE say to this? What must the *Inquisition* think or feel? They were never so defied in Rome before. The time was when they would have burnt such daring heretics at once, or buried them alive in dark dungeons. Earl, Baronet, Dean, Doctor, and Ex-secretary would have been thrown alike into the same fire or prison a century ago. But now they are all safe! Why? Not because Popery itself has changed, but because it is unable or afraid to do as it once did! The worst the Pope can do to an Englishman is to order him *out* of Rome; and even that he should not be allowed to do. A

Protestant Minister or Missionary has as much right to preach in Rome as priests to say mass in London; and England ought to tell the Pope this plain truth. A beginning, however, is now made, and safely. Let us hope, therefore, that all Protestants who visit Rome this year will join in another Missionary meeting, and invite the Italians to attend it. For why should our Ministers be afraid to preach where Paul did? Like him, they should take no rest until they have "some fruit" at Rome also. Ask your parents or Minister, if this be not true.

ANTIPOPE.

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LITTLE EMMA'S CORNER.

*Emma.* Dear Mama, what a nice little book that is in your hand!

*Mama.* Yes, I think it is. Can you read what is on the cover?

*Emma.* No, I never saw such curious looking letters; they look as if they were all dancing!

*Mama.* Well, so they do; but they are called fancy letters, and are used where there are pictures, to make it all look beautiful together.

*Emma.* But what *are* the words?

*Mama.* "Juvenile Missionary Magazine." Do you understand that?

*Emma.* Not quite. Please tell me all about it, and then you shall be my dear Mama.

*Mama.* You know what. "Missionary" is. You remember seeing Mr. Moffat, the good man that told you about the lions in Africa.

*Emma.* Oh yes, I know; I was quite sorry when he left off talking. I wanted to hear more. A Missionary is a good man that goes abroad to tell the people about the Saviour and the way to go to Heaven.

*Mama.* Now here is another word, "Juvenile;" do you understand that?

*Emma.* "Juvenile." No, that's rather difficult.

*Mama.* There's your brother George just come into the room. He can tell you, because he learns Latin. George, tell Emma what "Juvenile" means.

*George.* Oh, it means "for young people." It comes from the Latin word "*juvenis*," which means "a young person."

*Emma.* Then why don't they call it a "Missionary Magazine for Young People?"

*George.* Because *one* word is better than using all the *three*; it is shorter, and it sounds nicer, and it is easily understood.

*Emma.* Well, but why must we have a *Latin* word, George? What is the Latin to us?

*George.* Why, the Latin people, called Romans, used to live in this country, and so we have a great deal of their language left among us. Besides, 't is a capital language, and I like to learn it. Good bye. I must go to my lesson.

*Mama.* Now here's one more word, "Magazine." Do you understand that?

*Emma.* I recollect Papa shewing me the powder magazine, one day, at Hounslow, as we rode by.

*Mama.* Well, my love, that's not the same thing as this. That's a place to keep gunpowder in; and gunpowder is very useful for some things, but very destructive for others. We must talk about that another time. This little book is called a "Magazine," because it is a collection of different pieces to please, and to inform, and to instruct the readers. It seems to be a French word, "*magazin*," which denotes a "store" or "warehouse."

*Emma.* Oh, I know now. There's the "Evangelical Magazine," that you always read, and the "Teacher's Magazine," that Mary Anna reads. And what's the "Witness?" Is that a Magazine too?"

*Mama.* Yes it is, and you know how fond your Papa is of it.

*Emma.* Well, I like the *look* of this little new book very much indeed. And now I must read it, and see all that there is inside. Will there be a new one every month?

*Mama.* Yes, always a fresh number on the first day of the month.

*Emma.* That will be delightful. I only wish it was *every week* instead.

*Mama.* Yes; but there are many children who could not afford a halfpenny *a week*, but *every body* can afford a halfpenny *a month*.

## OUR OWN LIBRARY.

Young people should have a library to call their *own*. It need not be very large, but it should be very select. We intend to mention every now and then a few books which we recommend their having. Some of them they can purchase for themselves, and others will be, no doubt, given them by kind parents, Ministers, and friends. They should lend to one another. All who lend should keep a list of "Books Lent;" and all who borrow should punctually return them. Solomon was a great lover of books, and an extensive author; he says, "The wicked borroweth, and payeth not again." Many sets of books have been spoiled by neglecting this admonition.

The books which we intend to name are such as are suited to young persons, and more especially such as relate to Missions and Sunday Schools; in a word, such as teach the young how to do good, how to live most happily, and how to please God.

The brightest and best example for all young persons to imitate is that of our gracious Saviour himself; so a book on that subject shall be the very first we will point out and recommend to our young friends to place in their "Own Library." It is written by the Rev. R. Philip, and is called "*The Holy Child Jesus, the best Example for Children.*" It is sold by Mr. Snow.

Parents who desire their children to be *good* children, and sources of real comfort to them-

selves, will do well to procure this little treatise, and give it their young ones. Mothers should *read it with them*, and accompany that reading with prayer. From so delightful a labour of love, blessed fruits would grow.



### HINTS ABOUT CHINA.

Now that everybody, even our good Queen, is talking about China, children also should know something about it. I hope the Queen will tell the young Prince and Princess, when they are a little older, how large China is, and how much it needs Bibles and Missionaries. In the meantime, as you are old enough to understand this, I will tell you. Now I prefer to begin by shewing you a specimen of the Chinese language; because I want you to *think* about the Chinese people. You would not, I know, shew the ALPHABET first to a Chinaman, if you wanted to make him think about Britain. Our *letters* mean nothing until they are made up into words. Nobody could tell, from the *shape* of our letters, whether English was a good or a bad language. The Chinese laugh at them as unmeaning scratches, just as you are ready to laugh at the queer symbols or signs of their language, in the specimen on the opposite page. You see no meaning in these *characters*; but each is a perfect picture to them, and speaks for itself. The words, Beginning, Word, God, Thing, Life, Light, Darkness, are pictured to a Chinaman in these strange signs; and he would