

My letter is rather long, but I hope you are not quite tired of it.

Your affectionate friend,  
F. F.

N. B.—Any lady wishing to originate such a party, and meeting with difficulties, or desirous of further information as to the details of the plan, may apply to F. F., care of REV. J. J. FREEMAN, Blomfield Street, London. The following paper may be read with advantage on the same subject.

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### HINTS ON THE FORMATION OF JUVENILE WORKING-PARTIES.

DURING the last few years, the interest in the cause of Missions has extended itself even to children. It is right that it should. Nothing can be more sublime than the idea, and nothing more laborious than the work, of evangelising the world. Those who devote themselves to it need our utmost sympathy and aid. Even enthusiasm in this cause is not misplaced. That a future generation may do more to advance it, the *children* of the *present* should be trained—for their own, as well as for its sake—to work for it. Juvenile societies are good for this end, and their establishment is earnestly recommended, wherever practicable. Another means has also worked well in many places, viz. Children's Missionary Working-Meetings; the object of which is to make plain clothing for the children in the Missionary schools abroad. The design of the present paper is to promote their further increase. Regulations for

the conduct of such a meeting will easily suggest themselves. The following are, however, a few hints :—

A superintendent will be required. Her duty would be to keep a register of the children's names, and to interest them by Missionary stories and accounts, familiarly told. Any lady, or young lady, may undertake this post, who has, or is willing to cultivate the art of talking to children. Kindness and simplicity of manner, with a disposition to accommodate herself to childish habits of thought, will abundantly fit her for such an office. The children should also be permitted to sing simple hymns. A few assistants, according to the number of children in attendance, will be necessary to superintend their work, dispense the materials, &c. It is very desirable that children of *all classes* should be encouraged to attend. It is easy to regulate the intercourse between those of very different ranks ; and the advantage gained, in point of sympathy, zeal, and numbers, is great. The meetings should not be very long, and should, if possible, recur at regular periods. The materials may be purchased from the children's own contributions, or money may be collected from friends. Fancy articles may be made, to defray expenses by their sale. No one should be excluded on account of inability or unwillingness to contribute. A Juvenile Society, consisting of boys as well as girls, may, with advantage, be connected with the meetings. The latter should include the youngest who can work, and the oldest who will attend. The articles most

useful are plain frocks and loose round pinafores. The younger children may make bags, or do the plainer parts of the other work.

It may be well to add, that the above plans are *all* the result of experience. It is believed that they will work well, though they may require modification in particular localities.

It may be also mentioned, as encouragement, that the meetings have excited great interest. Children have flocked from a distance to attend them; and the young of all classes and denominations have met as sisters, to give their little efforts to the common cause. It is hoped that some kind friends will be induced to make the experiment. After all, children can do but little; but the advantage to themselves in the calling forth of their zeal and kindly sympathies is great. They are thus trained in the habit of working for others. May we not hope, that, when they are old, they will not depart from it? May God prosper the labours of those who may make the trial!

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## ALL OF US MISSIONARIES.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,

WILL you hear a word or two from a Missionary? Not from one whose face has been darkened by Africa's sun, or whose strength has been made weakness through India's heat. Not from one who has suffered thirst in the desert, or fever amidst the swamps. From one, indeed, who has never crossed the stormy sea; yet a Missionary.

My dear little readers, the word "Missionary" means "a person sent," sent on some particular errand; and thus we use it when speaking of those good men who are *sent* out to heathen lands to teach the inhabitants about Jesus Christ, the great Saviour of men. Ah! He was the great Missionary: "God *sent* His Son into the world." He freely came, too, and suffered many things, that we might have eternal life.

But there is a sense in which *you* are Missionaries, and I am a Missionary too. We are all sent into this world for a special purpose. What is it? That we may know and love God, and tell of Him to others. This is the motto of every Christian Missionary; and this must be ours too, if we would be happy while we live, and happy after we die. God has ordained it so, that there is no happiness on earth so great as that which springs from *trying to make others happy*. This is the source of the Missionary spirit. Did you ever try it? If not, begin at once. There are many ways without going over the ocean to the little black children. You may be a Missionary at home, doing good to all around you; a kind word here, a little errand of mercy there. Besides, there may be a silently-dropped tract or handbill, and a secret prayer for all who need, both near and afar off. Such as these are the duties of your mission.

But, perhaps, some of you say, to be a Missionary even of this kind is too much to expect from you.

Dear children, besides God's service, there is only one other,—that of Satan. To one you must

belong. In one you must be employed. Shall it be in learning more and more of sin every day, and teaching it by your example to others, and thus making greater the evil and misery already in the world? Oh! what a mission. Or shall it be, having submitted your hearts and minds to Him, who can purify and bless them, in trying to shew to your fellow-creatures where true happiness and a hope of eternal life may be found? Not one of you but may thus enter the Missionary field; feel the Missionary spirit, and become a "good Missionary of Jesus Christ." And if you engage in this service, what interest will you take in the spread of the knowledge of Jesus Christ among heathen millions who are perishing! How you would seek to do well the little that you can, to help so great a cause!

Dear children, pray at once that God may give you the true Missionary spirit.

*October 14th.*

Y. N.

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## A WORD ON BEHALF OF MISSIONS.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

THERE are two good reasons why Christian Missions should be supported: the first is, that the Lord Jesus Himself was the founder of them, for His parting injunction to His disciples was, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature;" and the second is, that, by obeying that injunction, we at once shew our respect for our Saviour's Divine authority, and our pity for the poor Heathen.

If there are pious and devoted men willing to resign their country and home, that souls may be brought out of darkness, and saved through the blood of the Lamb, is it not *a very little thing* that is asked of you to attend, as far as you can, to the bodily wants and comfort of these faithful men? They throw themselves into the most barren spots of the Lord's vineyard, and need our help. What can be thought of those who neglect this duty? Does not their indifference seem something akin to selfishness of heart? Let us guard against that, and pray against it too; and earnestly desire that "we may live not unto ourselves, but unto the Lord."

The Missionary work is attended with great expense. Missionaries must be provided with the means of support, and must be made as comfortable as circumstances will admit, though they desire but little; and many of them are so in love with the Lord's work, that, were their pecuniary resources to be withdrawn, they would still remain where they are, so long as there remained work for them to do. And, as to their bodily wants, their faith would enable them to say, "The Lord will provide."

And, no doubt, the Lord would provide in such cases, rather than suffer His work to fail; that He is *able* to do so, none would deny. You recollect how God provided sustenance for His servant Elijah when driven into solitude, and far from all *human* aid; and you recollect the instruments He employed to carry relief to the faithful prophet: "Ravens brought him bread and flesh

in the morning; and bread and flesh in the evening." Well, then, the Lord *has* provided for the temporal wants of His servants; and he will do so again, and in the same way, if He chooses. But would you, my dear young friends, desire that *ravens* should take *your* place in the Missionary work, and become, instead of you, the honoured agents of administering relief to the poor self-denying Missionaries? I pause here for a moment. Methinks I see your hearts beat with emotion and your cheeks redden with holy feeling, as I hear you exclaim, "No, no! we would not surrender such a privilege—the privilege of doing what we can for the Lord—whilst He deigns to accept our humble services."

But some of you, no doubt, are unable to do much; you have not much money, and, perhaps, you are often ashamed of the smallness of your gifts. I need not tell you that you have no reason to be ashamed. Shame is for those who, having received *much* from the Lord, return Him but *little*. Small as your gift may be, if given out of love to God, it is just as acceptable in His sight as if it were a hundredfold more than it is. You recollect the widow's offering: though but *two mites*, it won the notice and commendation of Christ:—"She hath given more than they all; for she hath given of her penury, but they of their abundance."

In conclusion, let me warn my dear young friends against self-righteousness. Whether you give little or much to the cause of Missions, remember that you have received all that you have from the Lord, and that He will require an ac-

count of the manner in which you have spent what He hath intrusted to your care. Here, then, is no room for boasting. If the Lord hath put it into your hearts to assist in His work, give Him all the glory; and, whilst you strive to do all the good you can, think not that your works are the procuring cause of your salvation, for then you will slight the precious blood of Christ, and be led to imagine that *you* can merit God's favour, and thus despise the only true doctrine, "Salvation through grace." Your affectionate friend,

*New-street.*

THOMAS S—.

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### DILIGENCE AND PRAYER.

THE Editor had lately a letter put into his hands, written by a friend in the country to a correspondent in town, in which she says, "M. continues, I trust, to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She had been anxiously looking forward to the Jubilee of the Missionary Society. If you had heard her on the Sabbath-day, when the Jubilee commenced, engaging in earnest prayer on its behalf, you would have been delighted. She has also done something towards the fund. She went herself and sold our Missionary apples, which realised ten shillings, and our grapes for nine more. And then, according to the suggestion in the Magazine, for each young person to raise five shillings, she got some fruit and sold it at a profit, and fully expects to make up that sum. This she has done of her own accord; and, what is better

than all, I believe that she has, each time of her going out on these errands with her basket, retired first to her room to implore the blessing of God. After going out once or twice, and being successful, she appeared much impressed with gratitude, and said to me, with tears in her eyes, 'What a privilege it is for me, in this humble way, to be permitted to do something towards carrying on God's great work in the world!'"



## THE MISSIONARY SHIP.

*To the Editor.*

SIR,—Having been much pleased to see a piece of music introduced in a Number of your valuable Juvenile Missionary Magazine, I have inclosed a simple little piece, which will, I trust, be deemed worthy a place in its pages. I have chosen for the subject the Missionary Ship. I have looked at children's voices in the composition of the music, and, I think, hardly a child in any Sunday-School will be found unable to sing it. The compass is only seven notes, and the principal part is about four or five notes. I have avoided a strictly *scientific* arrangement, and have chosen a pleasing air, rather than anything that might require more than children could easily perform.

C. S.

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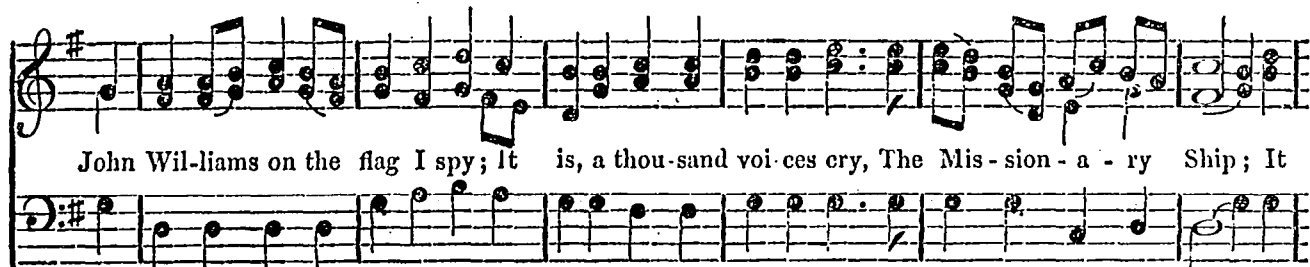
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What gal-lant ship is that I see So no-bly and so mer - ri - ly Doth o'er the wa-ter skip?



John Wil-liams on the flag I spy; It is, a thou-sand voi-ces cry, The Mis-sion - a - ry Ship; It