

child," &c. Now, how many children like little James are there to be found in Sunday-schools, and what unspeakable pleasure would it afford their pious parents and teachers to know that *they* also were in the habit of praying secretly that God would bless *them*, and that He would keep and bless the Missionaries too!

What an example to every child is the conduct of James! When they go from home on a visit, let them not forget to pray; and let them not be content just to *say* their prayers, but to pray in earnest, and to pray for others also. If little James continues to go on so till he grows up to be a man, there is no doubt God will greatly bless him, and make him a great blessing too.

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MR. PRITCHARD, who lately returned to England from Tahiti, and of whom, no doubt, our young friends have all heard, has just published a book, called "The Missionary's Reward." It contains a great number of interesting accounts about the success of the Gospel in the islands of the Pacific. These will all be read with much interest by young persons; the 7th chapter especially, which contains an account of the schools, and the progress made by the children in those parts of the world. The following extract will illustrate, in some degree, the value of the Missionary's labours:—

"There are but few islands among those yet in a heathen state where ships dare venture to anchor, or even to send a boat on shore. When foreigners do attempt to have intercourse with them, it is always at the risk of life. They are not safe one moment. The

very time when the natives appear most friendly is the time to suspect them. They feign great friendship, to get the foreigners off their guard, that they may with the greater ease carry out their designs of plunder and death. But on those islands where they have received the Gospel, ships may go with perfect safety. If a captain is recommended to go to some island with which he is not acquainted, the first question that he usually asks is, 'Are there any Missionaries there?' If he is informed that Missionaries are there, he will go with the greatest confidence. The following is an extract from a letter written by a Swedish gentleman, who has made several voyages in the Pacific:—'In my former voyage I touched at one of the Navigator's Islands; but I found the people so fierce and hostile, that I feared to land, and was glad to make all sail from their shores. In the second instance, the same people received me with affection, traded with me fairly, and I felt my person and property secure in their hands. In the interval your Missionaries had settled there, and to their influence I was indebted both for my safety and success.'"

There is also a very beautiful Introduction to the book, written by the Rev. Mr. James, of Birmingham.

By all means let MR. PRITCHARD'S book have a place in "OUR OWN LIBRARY."

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### Intelligence from Abroad.

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#### SALEM CHAPEL, DEMERARA.

*(Extract of a Letter from REV. C. RATTRAY).*

"I HAVE NOW the pleasure of stating, that our new chapel at Mindenburg, near the river, is completed and dedicated to the worship of God

The opening services were held on the 26th of April. The weather was so unfavourable on the preceding day, that I hardly expected any of the brethren could be with us. They all arrived, however, towards the evening, and we had a very interesting, though not very numerous, meeting in the old chapel.

“The cost of the new chapel, including the ground, the erection of a bridge, labour in clearing, in short, just as it stood on the day of opening, has amounted to 3682 dollars, nearly 800% sterling. Of that sum, 1600 dollars remained unpaid, and our meeting on the evening of the 25th was, of course, intended to prepare the way for the collection at the opening on the following day.

“A good deal of interest was excited; but our collection amounted to only 311½ dollars, about 68% sterling.

“The wages of carpenters and labourers, paid once a fortnight, allowed no time to prepare for a large collection. Indeed, when I consider the circumstances of the people, I confess that my own expectations were exceeded by the liberality they evinced. Some who had no money (not having received their month's wages) put promissory notes into the plate. Some who earn eight or nine dollars a month promised one-and-a-quarter, two, and even four dollars. One, whose wages is not more than fifteen dollars, promised *twelve*; and all have redeemed their notes.

“One good old woman brought me her purse, containing six dollars (1*l.* 5*s.*), and a bit (4*d.*) for

her grandchild, saying, 'Massa, me fight hard for get that piece of ground, and me no able for put up one little house for shelter there yet; but never mind, please Father, I shall get that by-and-by: you must take this for the chapel—that all me have.' I mention these instances merely to shew you the willing-heartedness with which our opening collection was made. True, it is small, compared with some others; but I believe the liberality of the people generally equalled, and, in some cases, even exceeded, their ability.

"The chapel has been named 'Salem Chapel.' It forms a very pleasing object from the public road, and is generally admired for its neat and substantial appearance. The new station is a point from which we may expect to extend our labours among those who have hitherto been beyond our reach. I purpose to open a school there forthwith, and attend to it myself in the meantime; and one of our deacons, a very active man, may, I think, be very usefully employed in connexion with it. He is a very excellent man, and I hope he will be the means of doing much good by visiting the estates on the banks of the river from time to time. It was necessary to take up a station here; and we thought it desirable to make the building something more than a mere school-room, in the hope of collecting a congregation under the regular and stated preaching of the Gospel.

"May our expectations be abundantly realised. 'O Lord, we beseech Thee, send now prosperity!'"

FLETCHER'S SCHOOL, AT KAT RIVER,  
SOUTH AFRICA.

*(Extract of a Letter from REV. J. READ).*

THE school is still in a pleasing state, and contains about fifty children. You will be thankful to hear that upwards of twenty of the children, formerly in the school, were awakened to a knowledge of their state as sinners during the revival which we had three years ago, and they are now ornaments to our church. I am happy to say, that several of the children who are now in the school, and some of them very young, not more than nine or ten years of age, have for some time given us pleasing indications of piety. We had lately an examination of all the schools. It was bad weather, but we had about 400 children present. Very many read English and Dutch extremely well. Many had committed whole chapters to memory, and others selected passages. Some were pretty expert in arithmetic, some in grammar, some in geography and history. Among the children of Fletcher's School are some very interesting pupils. Wilson-ton, the out-station, where this school is situated, has always been the flower of our church. We have some excellent Christians there; in fact, there are but few of the inhabitants who are not members of the church, or, at any rate, inquirers and candidates. The great excitement we had in our church some time since has considerably abated. We have not more than from thirty to forty inquirers; among them are two interesting children, each about eleven years of age, and both have been in the class of inquirers for more than two years. On account

of their tender age we hesitated to admit them into the church; but their evident piety, deep humility, and consistent conduct, are such, we shall not dare to refuse them any longer. About fifty members were added to our church last year. Our Bushmen station is in a flourishing state. God is gathering in the outcasts, and we trust, that what has been begun in Africa is only the commencement of a still richer harvest.

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### Home Intelligence.

NORTH SHIELDS: *St. Andrew's Chapel Sabbath-School.*

SIR,—As the anniversary sermons of the London Missionary Society were to be preached in our chapel on Sunday, September 15th, a special Missionary service was held in the school in the afternoon, when Missionary addresses were delivered by several of the teachers and friends.

I embraced the opportunity of reading the article of your Correspondent A. C. R., ("Something more to be done," page 82, September Number), and informed the scholars that I should be glad to receive the names of as many as I could get to subscribe *a farthing a month* towards the expenses of the "John Williams." I attended the next Sunday, according to appointment, and had the pleasure of receiving the names of forty-one subscribers; and the second month the number was increased to fifty-nine, who subscribe from a farthing to twopence each monthly.

T. J.

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### POETRY.

#### RHYMES FOR CHILDREN.

LITTLE children, when you pray  
To God to keep you through the day;  
When you ask that He would take  
Your sins away for Jesu's sake;

When you thank Him for your friends  
 And the comforts that He sends ;  
 Do n't forget to breathe a prayer  
 For those who know not of His care.  
 Many little ones there are  
 O'er the sea, so very far,  
 Who never heard of God above,  
 Who do not know of Jesu's love:  
 Children who have never heard  
 From Christian friends this blessed word,  
 That " Gentle Jesus, meek and mild,"  
 Dearly loves a little child,  
 And bids them always come and pray  
 To Him to take their sins away:—  
 This Saviour they have never known,  
 And, therefore, kneel to wood and stone.  
 O children ! ask of Him to send  
 Some one to be the Heathens' friend ;  
 To guide them from destruction's road  
 Into the path that leads to God ;  
 That they may have their sins forgiven,  
 And when they die may go to Heaven ;  
 That they and you at last may stand  
 Within that happy, happy land !

A. MORTON.

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 POMARE IN TEARS.

*Air*—VESPER OF CALCUTTA.

WEEP, Tahiti ! fair and vernal,  
 Groaning 'neath the oppressor's rod ;  
 Clothe thy hills and vales in mourning ;  
 Hear it,—'t is the voice of God.  
 When He speaketh,  
 Cease from sin, and trust His word.

Weep, ye who were first to welcome  
 "Righteousness and peace and joy,"  
 Life eternal, bliss unbounded,  
 Where "none hurt—where none destroy."  
 Jesus reigneth;  
 Let all tongues His praise employ.

Weep, ye children of Tahiti!  
 Nursed in peace, from war estranged;  
 Weep, that on your shores the mighty  
 Have their hostile forces ranged;  
 And the aspect,  
 Once so lovely, now how changed!

Weep ye all, ye young and aged,  
 Who by faith behold the Cross;  
 Seek your refuge now in Jesus;  
 He can well repay your loss.  
 Grief shall vanish;  
 God will prosper His own cause.

Search the Sacred page for wisdom,  
 Patience, meekness, firmness, love;  
 Nor avenge by deeds of darkness;  
 Vengeance leave to God above.  
 At His word the tempest ceases,  
 Nor a billow dares to move.

He for whom you bear your standards  
 Binds His foes with mighty cords;  
 On His vesture, deep is graven,  
 "King of kings and Lord of lords!"  
 He must conquer,—  
 Shout with triumph Jesu's words.

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