

LETTER No. 2.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

You delight to receive every month your *Juvenile Missionary Magazine*, and to read accounts of *Juvenile Missionary Meetings*. I should like to tell you something of a *Juvenile Missionary Society*:— In November, 1834, a few young ladies, under the superintendence of their instructress, united in the formation of a little association to aid the various *Missionary societies* to which their friends belonged; viz. those of the London, the Baptist, and the Church of England. They chose a secretary, a depository, a treasurer, and collectors, and adopted several methods for raising money. This juvenile society has continued its operations ever since; and at present they support a little girl in a *Mission-school*, pay for the education of a boy's school at Benares, send annual subscriptions to the societies named, and make occasional efforts for any special objects, such as China, the *Missionary Ship*, &c. I wish you could see the interest and industry they display in preparing for their bazaar, which they hold every May in the garden; and I am sure many of you would be delighted could you attend their meeting, which they have every November. One young lady presides, and the others read remarks of their own, interspersed with accounts of *Missionary operations* in different parts of the world. In this they take very great pleasure, and it always proves a means of exciting their interest and increasing their zeal. The last was the tenth anniversary, when a *Jubilee hymn*, composed by their instructress, was sung, and the proceeds of the evening were given to the *Jubilee Fund*. Since the commencement of this little society, they have been able to devote rather more than £60 to the cause

of Missions. None of the youthful founders now remain in the school, but others fill their places. Some have become members of the Church of God on earth; others have joined the Church of the redeemed in heaven; and it is the earnest desire and prayer of those who foster this Missionary spirit in the minds of their young friends, that they may all in early life become the devoted and consistent disciples of Jesus, and, at last, meet in glory those who have been redeemed out of all nations, together with *you*, my young friends, who now peruse this account of a Juvenile Missionary Society.

LETTER NO. 3.

*Ducie Chapel Sabbath-school,
Manchester, Feb. 17, 1845.*

THE young people in our Sabbath-school have had a most interesting occupation in collecting for the "Jubilee Fund" of the "London Missionary Society." They have raised altogether upwards of £11.

One little boy, (whose father is a "Town Missionary"), on returning his card to the Secretary, accompanied it with the following simple lines:—

" I labour'd hard to fill my card,
I begg'd from father and from mother;
And now I guess, with such success,
I've got a Bible for my brother."

Should this find a corner in the Juvenile Missionary Magazine, it might be read with interest by many, and stimulate them to "Go and do likewise."

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

LETTER No. 4.

Islington, February 27th, 1845.

MY DEAR SIR,

I HOPE the efforts of our young friends through the country for the Jubilee will be successful. I have been indulging the hope that, as they raised £6000 for the Missionary Ship, they would try hard to raise £10,000 for the Jubilee. How are they getting on? What has been done towards it? We are all very anxious to know. The children of the school belonging to Union Chapel, Islington, raise £12 per annum, for the support of children under Mrs. Rice's care at Bangalore, Mrs. Rice having been a member of our church, and a teacher in the school. Writing to the pastor on this subject, she says, "I rejoice to know that the church over which, in the Providence of God, you have been called to preside, is a *Missionary Church*, and that your zeal has provoked very many. It affords me pleasure to hear, that the young persons connected with the church and congregation are so much interested in the Missionary cause, and exerting themselves to promote the extension of the Redeemer's kingdom in heathen lands. They cannot too early enlist their energies in this glorious cause. As a proof of their liberality I have to acknowledge the receipt of £12 raised by their exertions, for which I beg you will accept yourself, and convey to them, my warmest thanks. As I understand it is intended this sum shall be an annual contribution for the support of four children in the boarding school, I beg to propose, that half be devoted to the boys' school, which is very much in need of support, and the other half to the girls' school."

I am happy to say it is the intention of our young people to make this contribution annual, and thus sup-

port the four children as Mrs. Rice proposes. In addition to which they have raised £10 for the Jubilee Fund, and a few of our young friends have collected, by means of the cards, £20, making altogether £30; this has been received, but *we have not quite done*. Little sums are still coming in, and I do hope, before the Jubilee year closes, that our *young* people will have raised £50 at least, while the *congregation* has raised upwards of £300, and *we have not done yet*.

Yours very truly,

To Rev. J. J. Freeman.

T. LEWIS.

LETTER No. 5.

THE interesting account of the value of a half-penny, as related by Y. N., in the "Juvenile Missionary Magazine," No. 9, was read to us last Sunday evening by our respected master; and, while it created many smiles, it also excited much attention and thought. Observing this, Mr. D. proposed that each young gentleman should send one halfpenny to the London Missionary Society, hoping that such would eventually prove a blessing to some poor heathen. The general cry was, "Let it be a penny, Sir?" To this request Mr. D. acceded, forbidding more. The next day the pence and halfpence were collected, and for your judicious distribution we send the same.

Should this meet the eyes of any other school-boys, to them we would say, "Do likewise," and who knows the amount of spiritual good that may result, and what cause of thankfulness Y. N. may have for his or her hint in the cause of Missions?

SCHOOL-BOYS.