

but he believed that it was a loss of power to the denomination to which he belonged, which might have done greater things if it had not been foolish enough to bind itself to isolation, instead of working by that hearty co-operation which the Presbyterian form of government would have afforded."

We have reason to believe that Presbyterian principles are making marked progress among Evangelical dissenters in England. The *name* may be avoided but the *principles* are appreciated. We are thankful for so unequivocal a testimony from the mouth of such a man as Mr. Spurgeon.

CORRESPONDENCE.

For the Missionary Record.

TO THE CHILDREN OF THE CHURCH.

MY DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,—

"As cold water is to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." Such news you have received from the scene of our Foreign Mission operations. With all that has been distressing, and calamitous, and discouraging, in the recent history of our Mission, you are told that it has outgrown the capacity of your good ship, the *John Knox*, and "two disciples" come to you to say, the Lord has need of another, and would have you to supply it.

When children ministered to the Saviour, crying in the temple, and saying, "Hosanna to the son of David, the chief priests and scribes were sore displeased, and complained of them."

When children were brought to Jesus to receive his blessing, the disciples, of whom better things might have been expected, forbade them. Jesus said to the disciples, "Suffer little children and forbid them not to come unto me;" and to the scribes and chief priests he said, "Ye have ye never read, out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise?"

None who respect the Saviour's authority now refuse to allow children access to Jesus; and none venture to prohibit them from perfecting his praise.

Children are recognised as co-workers with God, and the special Mission assigned them, by common consent of the Churches, is to supply and maintain Missionary ships. Nobly have they responded to the call, and rejoiced in the ownership of vessels, freighted with the bread of life and messengers of mercy, ploughing oceans and seas in various directions. How cheering that the God of Missions is opening up regions beyond the reach of your first enterprise! How condescending in the Saviour, to come to you again for help against the mighty!

You know that the blessed Jesus is owner and proprietor of all things. But you know too, that for your sakes he became poor. He thus afforded his friends the pleasing privilege of ministering to him. He had no place where to lay his head, and Martha and other friends were delighted to entertain him.

He was weary and dusty,—for he wore sandals and not shoes—in the house of Simon the Pharisee, and the woman whose sins he had pardoned, "washed his feet with her tears, and did wipe them with the hairs of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment."

He wanted a guest chamber, and he sent Peter and John to prepare for the passer. They went to the good man of the house and told him the Master wanted accommodation; and he showed them a large upper room furnished, and they occupied and engaged it.

He wanted an ass to ride into Jerusalem, and told his servants to fetch one tied in a place specified; and when they loosed him, and the owners asked why? they said, the Lord hath need of him—and they let him go.