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The first Missionary Meeting.

DEAR CHILDREN,—Can any of you tell where the first Missionary Meeting was held? Do you think it was in Canada, or in Scotland or England? We shall find it was held long before any one knew that there was such a country as America, and long before either of the great capitals, Edinburgh or London, were built. What would you think of the first Missionary meeting being held in Jerusalem 1800 years ago. We have two or three reports of it, one by Matthew, who, before he was called to be a Missionary, was a Tax-gatherer; another by Mark; and a third report by a very eminent physician, who wrote the first Missionary Record, called the Acts of the Apostles. From all these reports we have a pretty full account of this meeting, and can easily picture it to ourselves. First, we will look at their place of meeting. If any of you have ever been at a Missionary Meeting you probably went to some large Hall, or Church, well lighted and fitted up, where there was a platform for the speakers, and a chair for the president, and comfortable seats for the people who went to listen; but this meeting we are going to tell you of, was held neither in a Church nor Hall, but in a small upper room, probably in some retired and unobtrusive part of the town, and great care was taken to keep the doors fastened, in case those who met should be disturbed, and perhaps taken to prison. This was not a large meeting, there were eleven men, and probably a few women.