

Mrs. Russell looked puzzled. Not so her eldest boy. Johnny Russell was in the sixth standard at the parish school, and fond of reading, too. His mother's face lighted up with pride as he raised his eyes from the book he had been reading, and said: "I think I know, Miss. The Britons used to believe in the Druids' religion, and Christian missionaries came over to teach them Christianity. Some people think St. Paul himself came. And when a great many Britons had become Christians, there was a persecution, and St. Alban was martyred; but the Christians got to be more and more, until they were all over the land. I read all about it in our Parish Magazine last year."

"Quite right, Johnny," said Miss Langton. "Now, Mrs. Russell, don't you think that, if we owe our being Christians to missionaries long ago, we ought to help to send the Gospel to those who have never heard it? You know, our Lord's last command before He went up into heaven, was 'Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature.' Of course a good many of us would never be able to go, but we can help those who are able."

"Yes, Miss," said Mrs. Russell; "only there does seem to be so much need at home."

"I know there is," said Miss Langton; "but obeying one of our Lord's commands oughtn't to prevent our obeying another. I do believe, if we did our duty about sending the Gospel to the heathen, we should never be in want of money for any good object at home. 'There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth,' and I am sure you would not give less to the collections in church," she continued, "or suffer yourself, if you now and then remembered our Lord's command, and helped to let the poor heathen know about Him."

So it was settled that Mrs. Russell should have a missionary box. She protested that she feared there would be very little in it, not reckoning that even a penny a week amounts to four shillings and fourpence in the year. However, she did not forget the box. When Johnny left school and got a good place in one of the best firms in the town, Mrs. Russell was so thankful to God that she felt obliged to drop a thank-offering into it. After that, mercies seemed to be always coming. Her husband was made foreman at the works where he was employed. Little Jennie, the baby, got over teething quite safely. Rose, the eldest girl, found a situation as nursemaid in a good family, where she was very happy. The box taught Mrs. Russell to be thankful for these mercies. Her husband came to have the same feeling. When Miss Langton suggested that they should take in a missionary magazine, and read about the darkness of the poor heathen, and how the Gospel was brought to them, the Russells readily agreed. The read-

ing taught them more than they expected. It grew very interesting to watch, month by month, how the places they had read about were going on. It was not so very long afterwards that the time came for opening the missionary box. It had grown rather heavy in the meantime. I am not going to tell you how much there was in it. But I do know that "father" and "mother" wouldn't be without one now for anything, and thank God that it ever came into their home.—*The Church Monthly*.

RESULTS OF MISSIONS.

Mark the results which become established in pagan lands where Christian missions are accomplishing their work of evangelization.

Take any land you please, say, Africa. The native African is degraded, immoral, impure, debauched. Even in his pagan worship impurity is indulged, and the very language has lurking in it the obscene word and indecent thought. Make the African a Christian, and you make him pure, chaste, holy, moral, refined. What the missionary accomplishes as a Christian civilizer in Africa in making the people pure is the result everywhere else where the same holy Gospel is preached and believed. What a great result of Christian missions is purity!

Woman's elevation is another beneficent outcome of missions in foreign lands. Paganism crushes the daughter, sister, mother; Christianity lifts them up, clothes them with the true rights which are theirs, and gives them the chasteness, purity, and modesty, which are woman's beauty and woman's power.

The sacredness of human life is a sure result of Christian principles being adopted, even as the recklessness of life is a characteristic of non-Christian people. Missions in pagan lands secure for the natives the protection of their human life, as well as the possession of the eternal life in Christ.

Law is recognized and obeyed even in heathendom when the people are converted to Christianity. When the pagan becomes a Christian, he is immediately also a law-abiding citizen.

Medical missions, with their hospitals and dispensaries, are powerful agencies to remove barbarism and establish Christianity. "The medicine man" of the heathen, with all the superstition surrounding his deceptions, soon gives way to the Christian skilled physician and his cultured practice. The moral and beneficial results of our medical missions should commend the great work of missions to the thoughtful and philanthropic.

Education is not forgotten in the true working of our Christian missions. Schools are powerful levers in uplifting the people, removing