

trade. That it existed in Egypt they had the best opportunity of knowing, for hearing that boys were bought and sold as merchandise, they sent their man ashore at one of the villages stating that if they had any boys for sale they would be glad to see them. Without any delay a slave merchant brought four boys on board the ship and set forth with much detail their various advantages, and discoursed upon the benefits which would accrue to the purchaser who obtained such a desirable human article. The merchant then stated the price at which he was willing to part with them. Lord Aberdeen pointed to the British flag which was flying at the masthead and told the slave dealer that the four boys were slaves no longer, as wherever the British flag flew slavery ceased to exist. But in order not to create a hubbub he stated that he was willing to take charge of the boys and give the slave dealer a present almost equivalent to the price which he had asked. They took the children up to Assiout and handed them over to a mission to be baptized and brought up. Then a difficulty arose. The missionaries refused to baptize them



LADY ABERDEEN AND CHILD.



A FAMILY GROUP.

unless their parents or adopted parents would take the responsibility of presenting them for baptism. Lord and Lady Aberdeen, having put their hands to the plough, did not turn back, but at once adopted the four boys as their own children and they were all baptized and placed in good keeping. Three of them afterwards died of consumption. The remaining one grew up and became an earnest Christian and is at the present moment a missionary in the Soudan. These were not the only adopted children the young couple possessed when they came back to England from their honeymoon. They had no fewer than five adopted children. Four of them were left at Assiout, but one was brought with them to England. This was an Egyptian lad who had become a Christian, but who had been tortured into recanting. He had run away from his tormentors and was more or less at a loss, and did not know what to do. Lord and Lady Aberdeen therefore enabled him to leave the country undetected in the character of one of their servants. On arriving home they put him to college at Edinburgh, and he is now a missionary in China.

In addition to their adopted children they have had five children, four of whom are living. The second daughter died in infancy. Lord Haddo, the Hon. Dudley and Hon. Archie are the boys, while Lady Marjorie, who is only thirteen years old, is the only surviving daughter. Lady Marjorie has the distinction of being the youngest editor in the world, and her little monthly, *Wee Willie Winkie*, is an almost ideal specimen of what a child's paper should be. It is simple, natural, interesting, and I am glad to hear that it is likely to have an extended range of usefulness on the American continent. Lady Marjorie is an interesting child, somewhat tall for her age, but still a child at