

at my Bible class in the fore-castle in the evening.

P. S.—Since writing the above, we have arrived safely at Cape Town, having had a prosperous voyage thus far, in the good providence of God, and quickly met with a most cordial reception by the kind friends of the mission in this town, who are very solicitous that we remain here, at least, till after the Sabbath. There is a steamer just leaving for England, and I hasten to send a letter to Dr. Tidman, in answer to one I

have just received from him by the Rev. Mr. Thompson, of this town, and an account of our voyage to Africa—to my dear and never-to-be forgotten friends in N. S.; and will send further particulars (D. V.) before I leave Cape Town.

I may say that very important news is still being received from that indefatigable, scientific christian traveller of South Africa, Dr. Livingston.

I remain, dear sir,

Your's, in the Lord,

GEO. N. GORDON.

Other Missions.

From the New York Observer.

THE CHILDREN'S SHIP.

THE 'MORNING STAR' AND MICRONESIA.

A meeting was held in the Park-street church, Boston, Sabbath evening, Nov. 30th, on occasion of the departure of the Rev. Hiram Bingham, jr., and his wife, in the missionary packet 'Morning Star' for the Sandwich Islands and Micronesia. Besides the usual devotional exercises, conducted by Mr. Stone, Pastor of the church, and Dr. Pomeroy, the Instructions of the Prudential Committee were delivered to the Missionary and to Capt. Moore of the missionary packet, by Dr. Anderson; an address to Mr. Bingham, by his father, one of the first missionaries to the Sandwich Islands; and an address by Dr. Adams, of the Exeter-street church. The audience was very large, and the occasion one of unusual interest. The Instructions of the Prudential Committee will serve for a Report to the numerous youthful contributors for the building of the 'Morning Star,' which sailed on her errand of love on Tuesday, the second day in December. They were as follows:—

Dear Beloved Brother: In this vessel, called the 'Morning Star,' you are expected to embark to-morrow, with your chosen partner; your first designation being to Honolulu, on the Sandwich Islands; and your second, to some one of the many groups of coral Islands in the western Pacific, to which the name of *Micronesia* has been given.

Your honored father was one of the first to carry the Gospel to the Sandwich Islands; and he is present this

evening to give you the counsels of age and wisdom, in his paternal right and as a missionary of the olden times. Happy he, in having a son to go forth on such an errand, in whose qualifications for the service we will confide,—yea, happy though you be, as indeed you are, his *only son*. May you, dear young brother, live long enough to witness such results in Micronesia, as your father has been permitted to see at the Sandwich Islands.

Although our missionary brig is not of large dimensions, you will find far better accommodations in her, than your father and mother found, thirty-seven years ago, in the brig *Thaddeus*. There is every arrangement both for safety and for accommodation. Skillfully modelled, strongly and faithfully built, complete in her appointments, with an ample library for the mind and heart, and medicines enough to satisfy the most ardent believer in the healing art, and an excellent chronometer for finding the ship's longitude on the waste of waters,—all contributed by our youthful auxiliaries,—you may well anticipate a prosperous and happy voyage. We know not, indeed, what may be appointed for the vessel, or for you, in God's providence, when once upon the stormy sea, or when you are among the coral reefs and pagan savages of Micronesia; but it is, nevertheless, with superabounding hope and joy that we see you depart. And be assured, this little vessel is of the utmost importance to the mission in the western Pacific. It has been found, that we cannot yet rely, in that part of the world, on the facilities afforded by the commerce and business of the world.—