

DEPARTURE OF THE MISSIONARY SHIP 'JOHN WILLIAMS.'

We have told our young readers about the Morning Star, the Missionary ship of the American children, and have before now referred to the British children's ship, the John Williams. This fine vessel was built with the pence of the children of Britain, and last year returned for repairs, when at the call of the London Missicnary Society, the British children again collected the noble sum of £3,673 sterling for that purpose. The good ship was again refitted and sent on her mission of peace and good will to men. The following particulars about her are interesting. May not our children learn from such noble efforts as these in Britain and America, a good example. We hope they will not forget our little effort the Orphanage Libraries.

The 'John Williams' has again left London for the islands of the Pacific. This is her fourth voyage thither; and, as on former occasions, she is expected to be absent from this country four years. The young people connected with the Congregational churches have done nobly in again subscribing and collecting more than enough money for her repairs and outfit. An interesting farewell meeting for prayer and exhortation was held in the boardroom of the Mission House. Among those present were the Rev. John Barf, who for some years has labored in the Tahitian group, and after, recruiting his health, and that of his wife, has again gone out; and the Rev. Wilberforce Philip, (third son of the well-known African missionary,) who is just entering upon ministerial work, and who is to labor in Africa. The missionary ship, after calling at the Cape of Good Hope, will sail to Melbourne, will thence proceed to Hobart Town, and next to Sydney, and, on leaving Australia, will go to the Tahitian isles. Having visited the different islands of this group, the ship will proceed to Mangaia, Rarotonga, and Aitutaki, which are between 600 and 700 miles from Tahiti. The Rev. W. Wyatt Gill will there embark and proceed from Mangaia to Rarotonga, to reinforce that station; and the six islands of the Hervey group will continue to have the labors of Mr. Buzacott, who has already given thirty years' service; Mr. George Gill, twelve years' service; and Mr. Wyatt Gill, who has been