

THE MISSIONARY SEPARATED FROM HIS FAMILY.

The Rev. Mr. Judson, Baptist missionary in Burmah, is one of the oldest American missionaries now in the field, having laboured there nearly thirty-five years. His wife became very feeble, and on account of her health they sailed from Burmah for America in April, 1845, with three of their children, leaving three others behind, in the care of the mission family, the youngest only three and a half months old. When near the Isle of France, Mrs. Judson's health appeared so much improved, that it was decided that her husband should return to Burmah, and leave her to complete her voyage with her three children to this country. The lines below were written by Mrs. Judson, on board the ship at the time, addressed to her husband. Subsequently she grew worse, and died at St. Helena, where she was buried; and Mr. Judson came to America with the children, on a different course, and under very different circumstances from those anticipated in the lines:

We part on this green islet, love,
Thou for the eastern man—
I for the setting sun, love—
O, when to meet again?

My heart is sad for thee, love,
For lone thy way will be;
And oft thy tears will fall, love,
For thy children and for me.

The music of thy daughter's voice,
Thou'lt miss for many a year,
And the merry shout of thine elder boys
Thou'lt list in vain to hear.

When we knelt to see our Henry die,
And heard his last faint moan,
Each wiped the tear from other's eye,—
Now each must weep alone.

My tears fall fast for thee, love,
How can I say farewell!
But go! thy God be with thee, love,
Thy heart's deep grief to quell.

Yet my spirit clings to thine, love,
Thy soul remains with me,
And oft we'll hold communion sweet
O'er the dark and distant sea.

And who can paint our mutual joy,
When, all our wanderings o'er,
We both shall clasp our infants three,
At home on Burmah's shore.

But higher still shall raptures glow,
On yon celestial plain,
When the loved and the parted here below
Meet ne'er to part again.

Then gird thine armour on, love,
Nor faint thou by the way,
'Till the Boobh shall fall, and Burmah's sons
Shall own Messiah's sway.

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