

them, the altar of which is preserved in the British Museum, is now completely covered in the sand drift."

In all probability these monuments were in some way connected with religion, and they bear testimony to the yearnings of the human heart (as great among the ancients as among ourselves) for the cultivation of those spiritual powers which men have always felt that they possessed. And we have those same spiritual longings; but how much nobler is the object which we have placed before us in our Lord Jesus Christ. He is the only monument that we need, and His name is yet to be great among all nations, and if He is firmly fixed in our own hearts, we will at once be anxious to make His name known to others.

"WANTED—A BOY."

66 **W**ANTED—a boy." How often we
These very common words may see.
Wanted—a boy to errands run,
Wanted for everything under the sun,
All that the men to-day can do
To-morrow the boys will be doing, too.
For the time is ever coming when
The boys must stand in the place of men.

Wanted—the world wants boys to-day,
And offers them all she has for pay:
Honour, wealth, position, fame,
A useful life and a deathless name.
Boys to shape the paths of men,
Boys to guide the plow and pen,
Boys to forward the tasks begun,
For the world's great work is never done.

The world is anxious to employ
Not just one, but every boy
Whose heart and brain will e'er be true
To work his hands shall find to do;
Honest, faithful, earnest, kind;
To good awake, to evil blind;
Heart of gold without alloy.
Wanted: the world wants such a boy.

—Selected.

THE MISSIONARY HAND.

GOOD use has been made of a recently published address on the "Missionary Hand." It means this. Look at your hand, with its natural division into five parts.

1. The little finger you may call *Give*. If missions are to go on we must give. But giving of our substance to God is the least we can do and not the whole and so we place *giving* on the little finger.

2. The next finger you may call *Read*, and it is a very important finger, for you will never be interested in missions unless you know something about them. If there is a book about missions in your Sunday school library, get it and read it, and try also to get a missionary magazine and read it regularly. You will then know what is being done in the missionary world.

Think of missions, too, when you read your Bible and you will see that a great many of the good men that we read about in it were true missionaries.

3. Then the middle finger you may call *Talk*. Give the information that you have gathered from books and papers to others; speak about the adventures that missionaries have had and the good work that they have done. In that way you will get somebody else interested and so the work will grow.

4. And then the finger next the thumb,—what of it? Why look at it and call it *Work*. The other three things were easy. It is easy to give,—at least for some people; it is easy to read; it is easy to talk;—but to work,—ah! that is not so easy. Ladies, as a rule, do a great deal of work for missions by sewing and collecting; but boys and men could find a great deal of work which they also might do. They might have a missionary box in their room and so get money to help the good cause. But whatever you do, do something. It is *work* which will do the good in the end.

5. Then comes the thumb. Have you ever thought how useful the thumb is? You could spare any one of the fingers more readily than the thumb. A hand is maimed indeed that has it not. The monkey's "hand" is very like ours, but it has no thumb and therefore it is not much use to him, except to hold him up as he swings among the branches of the trees. But our thumb makes the hand complete, one of the most wonderful works of God. And what shall we call it? We must call it the best of all, *Prayer*. Without prayer all the other missionary fingers are of little use. Say something to God about the missionaries when you pray. Whenever you say the Lord's prayer remember there is something missionary in it,—for you pray "Thy kingdom come." And as you can use the thumb with any of the other fingers, so use the missionary thumb with all the others. When you *give*, pray; when you *read*, pray; when you *talk*, pray; and when you *work*, pray.

Prayer will sanctify all: it will lift you up above the world, it will cause you to dwell in the presence of the Lord Himself whose is the work and for whose glory you should live.

JIM'S MATE.

A STORY OF THE CHILDREN'S COUNTRY HOLIDAYS.

SEE here, Andy, my ticket is for two weeks; a big orchard, the fellow said, and sheep, and cows, and things; milk by the bucket, old boy. I tell you what we'll do; we'll go halves; you jes' take my ticket, and 'low you are, Jim Benner, and see if you don't get shipped off right to the country. Now, le's say you been there a week; you ups and tells you ain't Jim Benner; what then?