

ges. Garlands of double sweet-scented jasmine blossoms, strung together as country girls in England string little daisy necklaces in spring, were also thrown around his neck. When the Bishop of Calcutta went to Ceylon, he found to his surprise that the natives had a triumphal arch, or rather a sort of tower, built of palm work, erected in honour of his arrival. He sent a description of it to his little grandchildren, and you will see a picture of it, made on the spot, in this Juvenile Presbyterian.

The thankfulness shown by these poor people for the teachers sent to them ought to encourage us to send them more.

### JOHNNIE ROSS'S MESSAGE.

#### AN ENCOURAGEMENT TO TRACT-GIVERS.

At a late meeting of nearly 400 distributors of the "Monthly Visitor" in Edinburgh, one of the speakers related the following encouraging incident:—

John Ross, a poor boy, died in Bishop's Close, Edinburgh, in 1836. From a brief memoir of him published at the time, he left behind him evidence, that from his earliest childhood he had been taught of God, and that at eight years of age he died in the Lord.

He was visited by a Christian lady, who every month left the "Monthly Visitor" at his mother's house. He took great delight in collecting and keeping the tracts, and in shewing them to any one who came to the house. He was anxious to pay for them, and had resolved that he would try to collect five shillings, to give to the Society. He was very poor, and died before his missionary plan was accomplished. He had got as far 1s. 2d., which was found in his missionary-box after his death.

One day, when near his end, he asked what day of the month it was. On being told it was the tenth, he said "That good lady who brings the tracts is not come. I would like to see her before I die. I know she is a child of God; she goes about to see and make bad people good. Thank her, mother, when I die, and tell her, I'll see her in heaven. My mind loves her for giving us the tracts. Tell her to continue to give the tracts, that wicked people may be made better, by them."

Little did that dying boy know how out of his mouth the Lord should "ordain strength" to his faithful servant. When the friend, one of the Directors, who narrated the incident,