

The idea of commencing such a society first occurred to some of the boys last fall as their father read a letter in the *Record*, from one of our foreign missionaries, advocating the organization of juvenile missionary societies. They, with the others, then determined to make an effort to carry out those suggestions; and I am of opinion that this attempt has been a decided success. They determined to accomplish their object by working, and not by talking, for without divalging the plan, they organized their society, formed bye-laws, established laws to which members must conform. All members are prohibited the use of intoxicating liquors; are forbidden to swear, to tell lies, to call each other nick-names, &c. The society meets weekly, and each meeting is opened by singing a psalm, by reading a chapter of God's word and reading a prayer. The treasurer then passes round the saving box, and each one, having laid by as God has prospered him since last meeting, now deposits his pennies in the box, there to be retained until the box is opened by command of the society. The little fellows are quite anxious to add to the amount in the box. Some time ago one of the boys, without any apparent just cause, deserted his *co-savers* and remained aloof for some time, but wishing again to return he made application for re-admission. They agreed to re-admit him, but insisted upon his putting a shilling into the box, by way of fine.

After opening the meeting in the usual manner, we proceeded to count the money in the bank, and to our astonishment, as well as gratification, we found that it amounted to the sum of twenty-two shillings (22s.) P. E. I. currency. The boys were very much pleased with the result of their experiment. While they had, in a measure, denied themselves to lighten the mission burden, the little portion which they had borne was not felt by them to be the weighty burden which oppresses those whose missionary desires are more languid, and whose warmest affection towards the heathen partakes of the nature of icicles.

As they entrusted the money to me, to be paid to our treasurer for the Foreign Mission, (which I have done) they felt much

more happy than they would have done had they spent those coppers and pennies in candy and toy trinkets; and how sweet to them is the consciousness of having done something for that Saviour who, when upon earth manifested his love to children, much sweeter and much more comforting it is than had they squandered their substance upon self. Self-denial may not be pleasant in its exercise, yet afterwards bears pleasant fruit, and the more it is practised the more pleasant it becomes. Though "the bud may have a bitter taste" yet "sweet will be the flower."

If all the children in the P. Church of the lower provinces, by exercising self-denial, were to do according to their several ability as these boys have done, how very much might be done for missionary purposes which now must be left undone. If the children were to improve those talents with which God has entrusted them, could not a great deal more be done for the heathen in our midst than is now being done by the whole church? Think of it boys and girls, —ponder it in your hearts,—put it in the shape of a question, *If, in the congregation of West St. Peter's, in the short period of eight months, six little boys, by saving their coppers and pennies for the spread of the gospel, accumulated twenty-two shillings, how much could not be done by the six hundreds of children in these large congregations throughout the lower provinces?* But while you think about it, and talk about it, do not rest here. Resolve, with God assisting you, that you will do something for your redeemer. "Work while it is called to-day," and "let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Christian parents, train your children to support missions by encouraging them to bear the yoke in their youth. This is the day when the collection for missions is to be taken up in your church, do not make your children porters in miniature, bearing the gifts of others to deposit in the contribution box. No! train them to store up their little treasures for the good of Christ's church, and to labor to procure money for mission-