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**The First Missionary Voyage of Paul and Barnabas.**

DEAR YOUNG FRIENDS,

There are many reasons that should make you thankful to live in the present age. One of these is,—This is a Missionary age. Fifty years ago it was very different—then there were no Missionary meetings, no juvenile societies, no accounts of young converts in heathen lands, no Missionary boxes, or *Children's Records*. A few Christians were then beginning to feel it their duty to send the Gospel to the heathen—but we have lived to see the Missionary enterprise spreading the knowledge of the Lord in almost every quarter of the world. The Missionary spirit is not a new gift of God to his church, and it was only when that church was slumbering and sleeping that this duty was forgotten and neglected. It is one of the first principles of the religion of Christ, one of the earliest truths he taught, and as we told you in a former number, it was he who sent out the first Missionaries. He sent his twelve apostles and his seventy disciples to prepare his way before him, and as his last command, enjoined them to preach the Gospel to every creature. We shall endeavour to shew you that the early Christian church considered it one of their first duties to be a Missionary church, and so refer you to the annals of the first Missionary labours of