

have been sent with the money from different places in England, Scotland, Wales, and Ireland. All these letters are written in the same spirit. They describe the readiness and joy with which the young have gone to work. — But it is impossible to publish them all, and it would be unfair to make a selection. We shall not, therefore, print any letters written in this country; but there are three from other parts of the world which must be given to our readers, because they show what an interest is felt in their ship by children thousands of miles away.

The first of these is from a Sunday-school of negro children at one of the Missionary stations in Demerara. The station is called Canal, No. 1; and the letter is written by the Missionary, the Rev. C. Rattray:—

"On the Sabbath before Christmas," writes Mr. R., "it was proposed to the children of our Sunday-schools, that they should become fellow-workers with the young people in the British Isles, by endeavouring to collect among themselves and their friends something towards the repairs of the Missionary Ship. They appeared delighted with the proposal; and on Christmas morning several boxes and bags were applied for by boys and girls who wished to become collectors. During the holidays, nineteen collectors were employed in collecting what would give the Sunday-school children at Canal, No. 1, Demerara, a right and title to a share, however small, of the good ship "John Williams." On the afternoon of January 3rd, there was a Juvenile Missionary Meeting held at Lust en Rust Chapel, when the collectors produced their boxes, and bags, and little baskets, which were found to contain 24 dollars 64 cents, (five guineas sterling)."

The next letter is from the Rev. Dr. Wilkes. Montreal, in Canada.

"Montreal, 11th February, 1856.

"MY DEAR SIR,—This will be handed to you by Mr. —, a respected member of my church, a teacher in our Sunday-school and a prosperous merchant.

"The principal design of introducing him to you, however, is to obtain for him, through you, access to the Missionary Ship "John Williams." We are desirous that he should visit that vessel for the following reason:—

"Just before the middle of December, at a Missionary meeting of our Sunday-school, I took occasion to describe some of the scenes in

the South Seas and some details of the voy-ages of the ship. It was mentioned that she was now lying in London Docks for repair; that the ordinary funds could not accomplish this; that the children had bought her, and had repaired her once; and that they were depended upon to do so again. The question was asked—Why not this school have some share in so good a work, though nearly 3,000 miles away? Why not Zion Church, S. S. Montreal, have an anchor, or a topmast, or a yard, or something else on board? The young people, under the guidance of superintendent and teachers, took up the matter as a Christian offering, and the result was handed to me on Saturday night in a cheque for £40 currency, or about £33 sterling. I have some additional money to send you, but cannot give attention to the matter to-day. You shall soon hear from me. But we are anxious that Mr. — should visit the ship, that he may describe it to the scholars on his return; and we are desirous also, if £33 will purchase any specific thing, to have that determined, that they may know they have placed an anchor or a something on board; and that what they have provided is usefully employed in the work of the Lord in the Pacific Ocean."

The last of these interesting letters for which we can find room, is from an excellent clergyman in the United States. The Rev. Richard Newton, pastor of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia. It is addressed to the Directors.

Philadelphia, January 22nd, 1856.

"GENTLEMEN,—Enclosed you will please find five pounds, or twenty-five dollars, from the Sunday-school children of St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, towards the repairs of the Missionary ship "John Williams." When this noble ship came home for repairs four or five years ago, we had the privilege of sending a similar amount for the purpose of putting a plank in her. Since then we have watched her movements with great interest. We all feel that we have a sort of ownership in her; and when we heard the "Letter from a Missionary of the South Seas to the owners of the "John Williams," published in your interesting Juvenile Missionary Magazine, we felt that this meant us, as well as the many hundred children in England who bought the ship, and we do not want to forfeit our ownership in so profitable a concern. And though we belong to another branch of the Church of Christ, and the wide ocean rolls between you and us, yet we feel our hearts very near to yours. We desire to love all who love our blessed Saviour, wherever they live, and whatever they are called; and we wish good luck, in the name of the Lord, to every proper effort to spread abroad the tidings of redeeming love in our ruined world.