

its operations, to make it a year of more enlarged beneficence and more extensive usefulness than any that has preceded it, in the history of this noble society. In this extraordinary work, I am anxious that your co-operation should be secured; and when you read this letter, I would like you to ask your pastors and teachers and parents about it, and see if there is not some way in which you may help to carry on this great and important work. Ask them to tell you all about the Bible and the Bible Society, and the Jubilee, and the things that are to be done in the Jubilee year, and to help you to devise plans to earn something by your own exertions, to promote the great and good cause. Get them to explain the hard words in this letter, if there are any you do not understand,—for I have put in some on purpose that you may learn their meaning, and then know all about them,—when you must write them again.

And now I will tell you the plan I have taken to enlist the children within my reach, to give them regular instruction for their own improvement, and to get their help in this noble enterprise; and if there is anything in it that your ministers and parents approve, and you think you yourselves would like, then I shall be glad to have you associated with us, that we may "consider one another, to provoke unto love and to good works."

We have formed a "Juvenile Bible Jubilee and Benevolent Society." The objects of the Society are the instruction of the members and the securing of their aid in bible and benevolent operations.—The terms of membership are one penny per month. The meetings are to be monthly, when the contributions are to be paid, and a lecture delivered. Every member is considered a collector for the society, and authorized to solicit donations. Every alternate month's contributions are to be devoted to the Bible Jubilee fund, and the intermediate months to such scheme, for the improvement of members and others who may be within their reach, as shall be recommended at the previous monthly meeting. Our contributions for May have been devoted to an effort to procure for every family to which our members belong a copy of the "Child's Paper," published by the American Religious Tract Society, and we have already ordered fifty copies for that purpose. Some of your friends may prefer the "Sabbath School Visitor," published

by the Presbyterian Board of Publication, but the members of our society belong to different denominations, and we preferred, on that account, the one we have ordered. Both these papers are beautiful and instructive, and I would be glad if you all could get them, for you would read them, I think, both with pleasure and profit. The specimen that was submitted at our meeting was sent by a boy (who is away from home at school, to his little sister, telling her that when he was asked to subscribe for it he had no money, and sold his pen-knife in order to obtain it.

We propose to spend a month's contributions shortly, in the purchase of juvenile tracts, for circulation among the members and their neighbors. It is not intended that the members of our society shall depend upon indulgent parents to supply them always with the means of keeping up their membership. Some will save their pennies from money which they have been accustomed to spend in sweetmeats; others propose to give up indulgences to which they have been accustomed, that can less easily be spared.—One little girl has given up the use of butter, that she may have the money it would cost to devote to religious purposes. A little boy proposes to work in his father's garden, and by extra labor earn the sum he will require. Some were recommended to get a row of potatoes planted of their own, and to watch and weed and hoe, and sell them for this purpose; and I have no doubt that juvenile ingenuity will in many ways be exercised, and youthful self-denial practised, and personal improvement thus promoted, while efforts are made to promote the best interests of others.

Think, my dear young friends, of these things; and I pray God to direct you and those set over you in the Lord to such measures as he will bless for the promotion of your own immediate interests, and for the extension of the knowledge of his own glorious name, throughout the world.

I am very sincerely yours,

JAMES WADDELL.

*A Micronesian Chief's Plan of Learning to Read.*—On the island of Ascension, the chief who is next in office to the King, is called the Nanakin. The Nanakin of the tribe among whom the missionaries are, is a man of uncommon energy of character, and has more influence than the King himself. He is very kind to the mission-