



Ship "John Williams."

THE CHILDREN'S COLLECTION FOR THE REPAIRS AND OUTFIT OF THE "JOHN WILLIAMS."

We have been cheered and refreshed in perusing the Missionary papers that have reached us by the last mail, especially those of the London Missionary Society, the operations of which we have frequently alluded to. In our May number we copied an appeal that was made by that Society to the young for aid in the repairs and outfit of the "John Williams." It is gratifying to find that that appeal has been so liberally responded to, as we find by the following account, taken from the *Juvenile Missionary Magazine* for April, published by the London Missionary Society:—

When the appeal was made to the children of England once more to help the good work of spreading the Gospel amongst the heathen by collecting Three Thousand Pounds for repairing and outfitting the Missionary ship, there were some who shook their heads and expressed a doubt whether they could raise so large a sum; but upon this point the Directors of the London Mis-

sionary Society had no fears. They knew how much interested their young friends were in the ship they had bought, and they believed that all would be done by them that was needed to fit her for another voyage of mercy. Very soon after their appeal was published, this belief became a certainty; for applications for cards came in so fast, and there were so many letters expressing the desire of the young to give and get money towards the object, that it was impossible to doubt their success. Now, according to present appearances, these hopes will be more than realized. Already (March 18th) £2700 have been received, and there is a good deal more coming at the end of the month; so that it seems certain that above £3,000 will be raised. Is not this a cheering fact? Will it not rejoice the hearts of the collectors and their friends, and may we not hope that hundreds who have begun in this way to help forward the great work of sending the Gospel to the heathen will, from this time to the end of their lives, continue to help it?

We might fill many numbers of our Magazine with interesting letters which