

OUR APRIL CATECHISM

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Question.—What is our Foreign Mission scheme?

Answer.—A plan or scheme for sending the Gospel to the heathen who know it not.

Q. What is "Gospel"?

A. It is a word made up of two English words, "good spell," or good news.

Q. What is this good news?

A. That God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish but have everlasting life.

Q. How did God give His Son?

A. We are guilty, and God gave His Son to "bare our sins in His own body on the tree." He took our place and died, instead of us and we may be forgiven.

Q. How does Christ's death save us?

A. By our trusting to what he has done, as the satisfaction for our guilt, and by giving up our hearts and lives to Him.

Q. Why do the heathen need to know this good news?

A. Because they are guilty and sinful.

Q. Is there any other way in which they can be saved from their sins?

A. No. "Neither is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men whereby we must be saved."

Q. How can Christ's atonement help them?

A. The news of it must be sent to them. "How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard; and how shall they hear without a preacher, and how shall they preach except they be sent."

Q. Is there any other reason than the need of the heathen why we should send them the Gospel?

A. Yes, there is the last command of Christ: "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Q. How can we obey that command?

A. Some of us can go to heathen lands, and others of us can send those who go, and provide them with food and clothing and other needful things when they are doing our work.

Q. What do we call those who go?

A. Missionaries, or "sent" ones; those who are "sent."

Q. Can those at home do real mission work?

A. Yes, though not "sent" ones, we can do Foreign Mission work.

Q. How can we do it?

A. If a missionary works for a day, teaching the heathen, and I work at home and give my day's wages to support him there, I am a sharer in his work as really as if I were beside him.

Q. What missionaries should we, who read the CHILDREN'S RECORD, support?

A. Those that we have sent out to the New Hebrides, Trinidad, India, China, and Formosa.

Q. Why should we support these rather than others?

A. Because we have sent them to do our work, and each one in our great church band owes it to them. They are our own special workers.

Q. How should I think of our missionaries?

A. I should think of them as *my* missionaries, as doing *my* work; and I should read their letters to find out how they are getting along with my work.

Q. What should I do for my workers in heathen lands, besides supporting them?

A. I should pray for them. My missionaries, who have gone to work for me in heathen lands, depend upon me not only to support them but to pray for them and their work.

A NEW VERSION.

"Sing a song of a sixpence;"

A pocket full of dimes;
Shall I spend them on myself,
To help me have good times?

Not while many girls and boys,
In far off heathen lands,
Have no chance to hear of Christ,
And learn the King's commands.

I think I'll give for missions
At least one dime in ten;
Then, if for funds you're lacking,
Just call on me again.—*Chil. Miss'y*