

enable you to shew kindness to others. God has lent you money that you might set apart a portion of it to send the bread of life to those who are actually perishing for want of it. Now, are there any boys or girls who, when they get a shilling or half-a-dollar, are ready to say, "Well, what a fine sum this is? How fortunate we are! We will now be able to get plenty of toys and sweetmeats." And so these young people spend all that they have in order to get some trifle which is pleasing to the eye, and sweet to the taste.

Surely you must admit that these are naughty, very naughty children. They are guilty of disobedience to the kindest of parents. God has given them money to spend in his service, and for his glory; and they squander it away on their own vile lusts. O what hard and stony hearts such children must have! How sad to die in such a state! If they do not get new hearts, they are altogether unfit to stand before the Great White Throne on which the Judge of the World shall sit. Justly may God say to them, "You are bad children, and have no right to call me Father. I gave to you the means of doing good to others, and yet you were self-h,—you kept your gold and silver to yourselves instead of employing it to send the Gospel to the ignorant and the perishing,—you have no love to your brethren, and how then can you say that you have love for Me. Depart from me, I know you not."

I am sure that none of the children who read the *Missionary Record* would like to hear words like these. None of you would like to see an angry frown on the face of your Judge. Beware, then, of a selfish spirit. Beware of thinking that you were sent into this world merely to amuse yourselves. Beware of spending your time and money on trifles, which can do no good either to yourselves or to others. However poor you may be, fix in your hearts that you *will lay by a part of the little which you have* for blessing the ignorant heathen and the unbelieving Jews with the glad-tidings of that eternal life which was purchased by the groans,