

God's grace to become a Minister or Missionary we would have at once a goodly band of no fewer than 223 ready in a few years to take their places as sowers and reapers in the Lord's great field. Think of these things my young friends and never suppose that you are too little to *be* good, or to *do* good, to *be* Christ's, and to *live* and *labour* for Christ. You have no time to trifle. Your days on earth may be very few. Your superintendent tells me there has been considerable sickness in the city of late, and of course many have died and gone to give their account to God, and perhaps the greater number have been children and young people like yourselves. In this place there has been a great deal of sickness and very many deaths of late, and by far the greater part of those who have died have been little children and young people under 18 years of age; and if I had time I could tell of many no older than yourselves who rejoiced in death because they loved the Saviour. How pleasant it was to see little boys not five years old while in the greatest suffering delighting to repeat their little hymns of "Jesus the children's friend," and delighting in prayer and the thoughts of going to be with their papas and others who died and went to Jesus not very long before. I could tell you of young girls not eighteen years of age who died rejoicing in Christ their Saviour, and whose last appearance in church was at the Lord's table and the thanksgiving services. But to enter into details would make my letter far too long. I will only say from what I have seen during the last six months that it is possible for the very youngest of you to love the Lord Jesus Christ, and that true religion will make you happy in health and sickness, in life and at death. So do not think lightly of the lessons you are getting at the Sabbath School, but pray to God to give you grace fully to practice them.

I have again to thank you for remembering me and the work in which I am engaged. If I should ever have the privilege of sending you another such letter it will be from a much greater distance, and it will tell of very different scenes.

Your sincere friend,

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FREE CHURCH MISSIONS.

The intelligence of the Free Church Missions is in a high degree encouraging. In India a new mission has been commenced in earnest,—to the Gonds, an aboriginal hill tribe once powerful, and still numerous. A native Christian doctor has offered to connect himself with the mission as medical missionary. Female education, in connection with the Ladies' Society continues to progress. At Madras, a Tamil periodical for females, has appeared and is largely read. In Caffraria as well as in India, encouraging progress is reported as appears from the following letter from the Rev. Mr. Laing, at Burnhill.

"I have much pleasure in informing you that on Sabbath the 1st instant, I baptized eleven adults and seven children at this place. Two other adults were to have been baptized at the same time and place, but one of these was prevented by family circumstances from being present, and the other, living as she does at the distance of sixteen miles, from some misunderstanding, as to the time of the previous special examination, did not appear on that occasion, and therefore was not approved by the Session. A third candidate,