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The Boy who became a Missionary.

In a small town in France there lived, a few years ago, a little boy with his parents. He was very fond of reading, and among the books that fell into his hands, was one which had a picture of two children kneeling in prayer among the bushes in a wilderness. These children had been converted from heathenism, and were offering thanks to God who had brought them to know and love the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour. This picture made a deep impression upon the little boy, whose heart had been already drawn towards God and heavenly things. He often turned to it and looked upon it, and thought about the children who had thus been saved out of heathen darkness. He thought, too, what a mercy it was for them to have been taught by Missionaries, and to have had the Gospel preached to them. So much was he moved by these thoughts that he would often say: "O that I could see the children of the heathen turning from dumb idols to praise and serve God, with my own eyes!" This desire grew stronger and stronger and his prayers became more earnest as he grew in years. At length God granted the long-

cherished desire of his heart. He was called to study for the ministry, and became a Missionary of the cross. He has often since then seen the heathen turning to God, and has been the means of bringing many, both young and old, to believe in Christ as their Redeemer, this Missionary is still alive, and one of the most useful of the Paris Missionary Society's agents. He has long been a faithful labourer in the vineyard of the Lord in the midst of South Africa, has passed through many dangers in preaching the gospel of the Son of God, and has furnished many interesting accounts of the people among whom he labours, and which have appeared in this Magazine. His Station amongst the heathen is more than six hundred miles from the Cape of Good Hope, in the interior of the country. There he lives almost alone.

But when the love of souls leads the servants of Christ into these solitary spots, He whose word they obey goes with them, and helps them in their work, and makes them cheerful and happy, so that they do not repent the choice they have made, but are thankful to be where he has sent them.

Still it is often a great trial of faith