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A Missionary Boy.

It is Sabbath morning. John is going to the Sabbath school. He has a comfortable home. His father, who keeps a shoe shop, is a decent man. He has a mother, too, and a number of brothers and sisters. He was always a well behaved boy, but a little petted sometimes, and careless; and he had a great conceit of himself.

Last October he heard a sermon to the young. The Lord that night touched John's heart. Ever since, he has been a new boy. His father and mother and everybody notice it. He never gives a proud or cross word or look, and he is almost constantly reading his Bible. He is a great favorite with his sisters, and everybody else, he is so gentle and obliging.

Before, he used to be careless about his lessons; now, he is very diligent, and has been head of his class almost ever since. The Bible says that if we are Christ's we will not be slothful in business, but fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; and that whatsoever we do, we are to do with all our might.

He is greatly taken up about the Sabbath school. He says that, next to the church, it is the place where most of all he loves to go. He says

that there "the bread is broken down into little bits for the children," his teacher makes everything so plain.— John used to wonder what his teacher meant, when he prayed that the Holy Spirit would come and quicken all the dead souls in the school; now he understands it, and prays constantly for the same thing.

Every now and then boys are coming to John's class. The teacher wonders, and is glad. It was John that asked them. But he never tells. He is also a great friend to the missionary box. He seldom passes it without having something to say. Lately, a sixpence was found in it. The *treasurer* wondered, for there were few sixpences among the scholars. At last it turned out that it was John. His uncle had given him sixpence for copying out a long account; John had given it at once, without anybody knowing it, to the cause of Christ. He meets Robert, who went to the same day-school with him. He wants Robert to go with him to the Sabbath school. "It is just round the corner, and I am sure Mr. — will be glad to see you." Robert's father ran away from his mother, and soon after, his mother died; and now