

from, might be blessed to others. When asked, why he had not been in the habit of making companions of other boys, he said that young people were very apt to be led into sin by company, and on that account he had avoided it.

My little readers, are you sometimes tempted to go with bad boys and girls? If so, think of how John Adam acted, and resist the temptation. I do not say, keep no company, but choose good children as your comrades; and if you cannot find these, like him, have none at all.

Here we close for this month. We shall give the closing scene of our late young friend's life in our next—and, in the meantime, hope that our young readers will imitate John Adam's example—"search the scriptures" for themselves, and learn from God's own word the truth concerning Jesus.

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—*Day-Star*.

MISSIONARY SHIP "JOHN WILLIAMS."

Perhaps some of our readers remember the collection made, now more than five years ago, for the missionary ship the "John Williams." Perhaps they remember the cards, with the picture of a ship at the top, by means of which the collection was made.—The ship has weathered many a blast since then; and we are glad to hear she has again reached the shores of England, bringing some of the South Sea missionaries back for a time to their native land.

Return of the "John Williams."—Our young readers, who gave or collected money to buy the "John Williams," will be pleased to hear that *their* ship has again safely reached England. She left the Society Islands on the 14th February, and entered the Thames on the 30th of May. Her voyage was very short and very pleasant, and there is much reason why you should thank the God of the seas, in whose service this good ship has

been so usefully employed, for her safety during her many dangerous trips amongst the Islands, and her long voyages to and from that distant part of the globe. Four missionaries have arrived in her—Messrs. Darling and Johnson from Tahiti, and Messrs. Harbutt and Buchanan, and no less than fifteen children. As it was then the "John Williams" came to England three years ago, so it is now—she has brought a quantity of cocoa-nut oil and arrow-root, which the Christian natives have subscribed to the Society. The quantity, however, is not so large as it would have been but for the French in Tahiti, and the war in Samoa. Still, it is a valuable proof of the gratitude of those who have received the gospel from our hands, and also of their desire to send the same gospel to the untaught heathen.—*Juvenile Missionary Magazine.*

DEAR CHILDREN,—The vast importance of keeping in mind the *golden rule* prompts me often to repeat it. And to help all children to remember it the poet has put it into verse.

"Be ye to others kind and true,
As you'd have others be to you;
And neither do nor say to men,
Whate'er ye would not take again."

This important rule, recorded in Mat. vii. 12, if universally obeyed would put an end to wars and all contention. Then lawyers and warriors might be employed in cultivating the soil, or some other useful occupation.

To aid you in keeping the above rule in mind, I will invite you to think of a short sentence; but a very important one,

"*Thou God seest me.*"

I do earnestly wish all children and adults to keep the above in mind; also, to remember what St. Paul said to one who was about to kill himself "*Do thyself no harm.*" This I would say to all who are in the habit of using strong drink, or reading bad books.

That all may cease to do evil and learn to do well is the prayer of

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