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A Word to the Young on the Claims of the Heathen.

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MY DEAR CHILDREN,—I am sure that all good children will regard it as a very happy thing to be fellow-workers with God, in sending the Gospel to the poor perishing heathen of distant lands. Do not suppose that the money which you have earned by labour, or received as a present, is your own. This is an error into which, alas! many old, as well as many young people too often fall. It is God's. God gave it to you, and therefore God has a right to require that you should lay it out for advancing his kingdom, and spreading abroad the knowledge of his Son. I will try to explain your duty in this matter by a simple example. Suppose that a little boy gets five shillings from his father to buy bread for a poor starving family, what would you think if he was to go and spend it on toys and sweetmeats? You would say, what a naughty boy! What a hard heart he must have. How cruel to glut himself with that which was given him for the good of others.

Now, my dear young friends, you have a Father in heaven, who has given to you a sum of money, to some a greater, and to others a smaller sum. And for what purpose has he dealt so bountifully with you? To