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**The Life of the Rev. John Campbell.**

DEAR CHILDREN,—Africa is the name given to a large portion of the world in which we live. Millions of immortal souls live and die in Africa, but there are very few Christians there, and very few missionaries. Africa is very dark indeed, it is the region at present of the shadow of death. Here and there is a missionary station, and in the South of Africa are some very interesting missions, about which we wish to give you some information, and the best way we think of doing so is by first giving a plain and short account of the life of Mr. Campbell, one of the first British missionaries to that part of the world.

Little John Campbell was born in Edinburgh, March 1766. When he was two years old, his father died, and when he was six years old, his dear mother died, and he was left a poor little orphan boy. But God had heard the prayers of his dear father and mother, and when they were gone to Heaven, a kind aunt and uncle took him and his two brothers under their care, and brought them up in the fear of God.

John was very fond of travelling when he was quite a little boy, and when he was a very old man, he wrote an account of his early journeys. The first he ever had was in a stage-coach for about two miles. He felt quite sure that the houses and trees were running past him, and that he was sitting still on his mother's lap. "As for the horses dragging us," he says, "I never thought of that, as I did not see them." The first time he went by himself, was from his mother's house to his uncle's. He had to pass